



# Botanical Brew

## Garden taps new collaborative beer

**ATLANTA (March 20, 2019)** – Fountains aren't the only thing flowing at the Atlanta Botanical Garden this spring. The Garden also is debuting its own custom beer in a new partnership with Atlanta brewery Wild Heaven Beer.

Named "Garden Beer," the brew's ingredients include Makrut lime leaves harvested from lime trees in the Garden's Fuqua Conservatory, along with hints of hibiscus and lemongrass. The ingredients were developed with the expertise of Jason Paolini, executive chef of the Garden's Longleaf restaurant; Amanda Bennett, Manager of Display Gardens; and Wild Heaven Beer Brewmaster Eric Johnson.

Garden Beer will be available this spring at Longleaf and at cash bars at Cocktails in the Garden, concerts and other Garden events. It will be unveiled during a special Garden Party Thursday, March 21 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. (details at [atlantabg.org](http://atlantabg.org)).

"It is truly an honor to collaborate with one of our favorite Atlanta attractions, and I can't think of a better brewer for it than my partner Eric, who is a renowned horticulturist in his own right," said Nick Purdy, President of Wild Heaven.

Sabina Carr, the Garden's Vice President, Marketing, said that this will be the first in a series of beers over the upcoming years that will capitalize on the popularity of beer gardens in public gardens around the country. "We see this as our first step in developing what will be a new amenity for our guests who want to relax outside in a beautiful setting with a beverage and all the fixings of a classic beer garden like hot pretzels, kielbasas and more," she said.

The mission of the Atlanta Botanical Garden is to develop and maintain plant collections for display, education, research, conservation and enjoyment. The Garden, located at 1345 Piedmont Ave. NE, is open November through March from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and from April through October from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$21.95 adults, \$18.95 children 3-12, free to children under 3 and Garden members (sales tax not included). For more information visit [atlantabg.org](http://atlantabg.org) or phone 404-876-5859.

Wild Heaven Beer is a Georgia brewery founded by lifelong Georgians. Our beers are designed in the great tradition of European brewing with a distinctly American creative flair. Wild Heaven's beers are distributed in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and South Carolina. The Wild Heaven Taproom in Avondale Estates, GA is open Wednesday-Sunday and later in 2019, Wild Heaven is opening a new experimental brewery, taproom, restaurant and event space in Atlanta's West End neighborhood on the Atlanta Beltline.

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