



Alice's Wonderland Returns

Popular living-plant sculpture exhibit encores at the Garden in May

ATLANTA (April 17, 2024) – She's b-a-a-a-c-c-k-k-k! Alice – aka the namesake of *Alice in Wonderland* – returns to the Atlanta Botanical Garden this spring with all of her best friends from previous exhibitions of giant living-plant sculptures.

Alice's Wonderland Returns, presented May 11 – September 15, features seven installations of 38 of the topiary-like mosaiculture pieces throughout the Garden.

"Ever since we featured Alice a few years ago, there's rarely a week that goes by that a guest doesn't ask when we're bringing her back to the Garden," said Mary Pat Matheson, the Garden's President & CEO. "She is just that incredibly popular!"

Alice and company first debuted at the Garden in 2019's *Imaginary Worlds: Alice's Wonderland*. The exhibition was so well received it returned in 2020 along with several new sculptures for a revival called *Alice's Wonderland Reimagined*.

The sculptures are created through the centuries-old art of mosaiculture in which steel forms are covered in fabric, filled with soil and planted with thousands of living plants to form a colorful carpet.

For the spring show, look for a towering Alice to twirl in Howell Fountain, the giant White Rabbit to hold court in the Skyline Garden pond and a colorful chess set to marvel at in the Skyline Garden's Event Lawn. In addition, the enormous Queen of Hearts will dominate one edge of the Great Lawn, three giant Storybooks will greet guests after passing through the Visitor Center, and the ever-popular Cheshire Cat will keep an eye on it all from its perch in Alston Overlook.

New this spring will be the addition of Singing Flowers along the Flower Walk, blooming to recorded music as guests pass by.

For a different experience, guests may enjoy the sculptures dramatically lit at night during extended hours until 9 p.m. And on Thursdays the Garden takes on a party atmosphere during Cocktails in Wonderland, featuring specialty cocktails from cash bars, scavenger hunts, live music, discovery stations and yard games from 5 – 9 p.m.

The Garden first introduced audiences to the sculptures in 2013 when it presented the United States' first major exhibition of mosaiculture produced by Mosaiculture International of Montreal, a nonprofit organization that has staged enormously popular displays of its work and sculpture competitions around the world.

The exhibition is sponsored with support from The Isdell Family Foundation and Primrose Schools.

For more information, visit atlantabg.org.

The mission of the Atlanta Botanical Garden is to develop and maintain plant collections for display, education, research, conservation and enjoyment. The Garden is located at 1345 Piedmont Ave. NE. For information, visit atlantabg.org or phone 404-876-5859.

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