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Garden Feast
Benefiting the Botanical Garden’s education programs and global plant collections

While we will not be able to feast together at the Garden this year, we look forward to celebrating this annual tradition with you online. This year’s event is co-chaired by Carla McKay and Sarah Ryan.

This past year has made us long for travel, so we invite you to travel the world in 55 acres at the Garden. Our event starts with an immersive exploration of the Garden’s global collections via a new drone video with narration from Curator Ryan Guillou.

Keynote speaker Abby Meyer is executive director of Botanic Gardens Conservation International - US, based at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. Meyer will deepen our understanding of the critical role botanical gardens play in conserving global biodiversity.

Benefiting the Garden’s education programs and global plant collections, which feature more than 8,000 kinds of plants, this special event will include some musical surprises from San Francisco Symphony and an exciting announcement about this year’s Flower Piano event.

With schools closed during the pandemic, the Garden has proudly served as an essential outdoor classroom for thousands of children through Bean Sprouts Family Days, summer camp, and after-school programs. Garden Feast support will keep educational programs free and underwrite scholarships to our tuition-based programs. Now, more than ever, families need the Garden.

“With record-breaking visitation this year, the Garden is fulfilling an essential need for people, especially children, to connect with nature and each other for their well-being,” says Stephanie Linder, Executive Director at the Garden. “We are thrilled to be joined by keynote speaker and partner Abby Meyer of Botanical Gardens Conservation International. I also want to express my deep appreciation for event Co-Chairs Carla McKay and Sarah Ryan and the entire event committee for their dedication to the Garden and our programs."

San Francisco Botanical Garden would like to thank Garden Feast media sponsor San Francisco Chronicle and the generous sponsors and attendees.

WHAT:
Garden Feast – San Francisco Botanical Garden’s annual event in support of the Garden and its youth education programs
**WHEN:**
Wednesday, May 19, 2021

**TIME:**
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM PDT

**WHERE:**
Online

**TICKETS:**
Give what you can $1-$999
Sponsorship levels $1,000-$25,000 (contact Christopher Minnes at 415-661-1316 ext. 312 or cminnes@sfbg.org for more info)

**INFO/TICKETS:**
sfbg.org/gardenfeast, 415-661-1316 ext. 312

**About San Francisco Botanical Garden**

San Francisco Botanical Garden connects people to plants, the planet, and each other. A living museum within Golden Gate Park, San Francisco Botanical Garden offers 55 acres of beautiful gardens displaying more than 8,000 different kinds of plants from around the world, including many that are rare and endangered. Established in 1940, San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park is a public/private partnership between San Francisco Botanical Garden Society and the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

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