



Enchanted Garden Community Art Installation - Artist Invitation

Dear Artists,

We are thrilled to invite you to participate in a magical outdoor exhibition at Columbus Botanical Garden: *Our Enchanted Garden*. From Monday, July 7th through Sunday, September 2nd, 2025, we will feature a captivating display of Fairy Doors and Creature Homes, inspired by Georgia's native flora and the enchanting charms of a magical summer.

We are seeking talented local artists and designers to create one of 25 elfin structures to be displayed within our garden. Each structure will contribute to an immersive experience, celebrating the beauty of nature and sparking wonder in visitors of all ages.

This installation has a fun and whimsical twist for the artists as well. Once committing to being a part of this installation you will be randomly assigned and provided a small wooden structure to use as part of your display and a Georgia native flower to be used as inspiration.

Key Details:

- **Exhibition Dates:** Monday July 7th – Sunday, September 2nd, 2025
- **Design Inspiration:** Fairy Doors and Creature Homes inspired by Georgia Native Plants
- **Location:** Columbus Botanical Garden, JoAnn Holt Walking Trail
- **Application Deadline:** May 18th, 2025

We encourage you to incorporate sustainable materials in your design to minimize environmental impact and enhance educational opportunities around resource conservation. The "Enchanted Garden" theme offers a unique opportunity to creatively blend your work into the landscape, creating an unforgettable experience for visitors. Attached you will find all requirements for the creation of your final structures.

Interested in participating? Please reach out to Tabby at trobinson@columbusbotanicalgarden.org for more information on how to commit to being an artist for the exhibition.

We can't wait to see how your creativity brings the magic of nature to life!

Kindly,
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2025 Enchanted Garden Fairy Doors and Creature Homes

July 7th - September 2nd, 2025

Columbus Botanical Garden

The Columbus Botanical Garden (CBG) opened in 1999 located approximately six miles northeast of downtown Columbus, Georgia. Over the last 25 years, the garden has expanded to 40 acres, with 4 acres currently developed and plans for further growth. CBG offers a variety of educational initiatives for both children and adults that provide interactive learning experiences throughout the year; these include monthly children's programs, lunch and learns, art exhibits and seasonal weekend and evening programs and classes.

"Our Enchanted Garden" Summer Programs Introduction

From Monday, July 7th – through Monday, September 2nd 2025, Columbus Botanical Garden is excited to display a delightful outdoor exhibition of *Our Enchanted Garden*. This show will feature Fairy Doors and Creature Homes inspired by nature and the captivating details of a magic filled summer. Local artists will be invited to participate and create one of 25 elfin structures that will be featured along our walking trail. Together, they will form a display to celebrate the magic of nature and enchanting visitors of all ages and encouraging them to explore and delight in the landscape. We hope that the "Enchanted Garden" theme will uniquely inspire each designer to conceptualize a design that beautifully blends into the natural surroundings of the Columbus Botanical Garden's JoAnn Holt Walking Trail. To ensure that the project has a minimal environmental impact and will offer additional interpretive and educational opportunities related to resource conservation, we strongly encourage artists and designers to fabricate their structures using as many sustainable products as possible.

Key Exhibition Theme

This exhibition blends the magic of nature with the vital role of native plants, inviting visitors to explore a mystical world of art intertwined with ecological preservation and sustainable beauty.

Art and Installation Guidelines

Educating current and future stewards of the earth's care is a core part of our mission at the Columbus Botanical Garden and is a key component of everything we do. Adherence to the construction and development guidelines for the fairy doors and creature home installation is integral.

- Fairy Doors or Creature Homes must be original and suitable for outdoor display in adverse weather conditions (high winds, rain, heat, etc).
- Standard hot glue should not be used. All glue /adhesives must be suitable to withstand outdoor conditions, such as Epoxy, Polyurethane, or Silicone.
- All finished Fairy Doors and Creature Homes must be sealed.
- Fairy Doors and Creature homes must be designed with a base no smaller than 3"x 8" and no larger than 24"x24". Height should not exceed 2.5 feet.
- Artists are encouraged to construct Fairy Doors or Creature Homes using as many sustainable materials as possible.
- Artists are encouraged to design Fairy Doors and Creature Homes that integrate into the natural environment.
- Fairy Doors and Creature Homes must be appropriate for viewing by visitors of all ages.
- The artist is responsible for delivering the fairy door or creature home to Columbus Botanical Garden between June 24th and July 3rd, 2025.
- After the conclusion of the display, Artists may pick up their fairy door or creature

home between September 3rd - 7th, 2025. If not picked up during that week, displays will be removed.

- The Gardens are fenced and locked nightly, CBG is not responsible for damage to the structures due to weather, vandalism, theft, or visitor misuse.
- Our Enchanted Garden display will be accessible to the public daily during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., from July 7th - September 2nd
- Columbus Botanical Garden reserves the right to photograph and reproduce images of the fairy doors or creature homes for marketing and educational materials.
- The Garden will promote the exhibit with planned events, Columbus Botanical Garden's website, social media, newsletters and other media sources.

Artist slots are filled on a first come, first committed basis. Once you indicate interest, a commitment form will be sent to you. Once completed and received by CBG your spot will be held in the exhibition.

Exhibit Schedule

March 28th, 2025 - Artist invitations are sent out

May 18th, 2025 (or when slots are filled, whichever comes first) - Artist invitation closes

June 24th - July 3rd, 2025 - Fairy door and creature home installation

July 7th - September 2nd, 2025 - Our Enchanted Garden Summer Installation is open

September 3rd - 7th, 2025 - Artist pick up their installation piece if desired

September 8th, 2025 - Remaining homes will be removed and no longer able to be retrieved.