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Celebrate Spring with Art in Bloom DC at Anderson House

February 16, 2023, Washington — Back by popular demand, Art in Bloom DC returns for its third annual exhibition at Anderson House this spring, from March 27 to March 30, 2023. Following in the footsteps of the Boston Museum of Art and the San Francisco-based De Young Museum, Art in Bloom is a prestigious exhibition that celebrates both fine art and fine floral design through the display of flower arrangements as interpretations of artwork at historic Anderson House. Completed in 1905, Anderson House was the home of American diplomat Larz Anderson and his wife, author and philanthropist Isabel Anderson, for more than thirty years. This National Historic Landmark has been the headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati since 1938 and opened its doors as a museum in 1939.

Art in Bloom provides a unique opportunity in the nation's capital to stroll through the museum at your own pace, viewing interpretations of specific artworks, furnishings, and architectural details rendered in a floral medium by some of Washington's most creative and innovative floral designers. In addition to 30 individual floral designers, this year's exhibition



also includes representatives of the National Cathedral Flower Guild and the Daughters of the American Revolution—all showcasing their floral prowess. Their inspiration includes 17th-century Flemish tapestries, Buddhist sculpture, an Italian alabaster fireplace, and an 18th-century American cannon used during the Revolutionary War.

The exhibition will be free and open for viewing on Monday, March 27 from 12 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday, March 28 through Thursday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our expert museum docents will be on hand to discuss the history of Anderson House, the collections, and the Society of the Cincinnati and its American Revolution Institute. Guests will also have special access to the garden, which is not normally open to the public.

A festive evening reception will cap off the first day of Art in Bloom DC on Monday, March 27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Guests will have the unique opportunity to explore the installations, mingle with the floral designers, and enjoy delicious bites from Spilled Milk Catering. Tickets (\$35 public, \$25 Society members and ARI Associates) can be purchased at <https://www.americanrevolutioninstitute.org/event/art-in-bloom-dc-2023/>.

During the four-day exhibition, there will also be special ticketed demonstrations from floral designers Atelier Ashley Flowers, HBO's Full Bloom Finalist Sarah Khan Event Styling, La Fleur Du Jour, and BLK FLWR MRKT. Registrations are required for these hour-long demonstrations. Tickets can be reserved at <https://www.americanrevolutioninstitute.org/event/art-in-bloom-dc-2023/>.

Anderson House is the exclusive venue for Art in Bloom DC 2023. The event is co-produced by the Institute, Margo Fischer of Bright Occasions, and Ashley Greer of Atelier Ashley Flowers.

About the American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati

The American Revolution Institute promotes understanding and appreciation of the American Revolution. Created by the Society of the Cincinnati, one of the nation's oldest cultural organizations, the Institute supports advanced study, presents exhibitions and other public programs, advocates preservation, and provides resources to teachers and students to enrich understanding of our War for Independence and the principles of the men and women who secured the liberty of the American people.

Visiting the American Revolution Institute

The Institute's headquarters are located at Anderson House—2118 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20008. The museum, offering tours of the mansion and our special exhibition *Affairs of State: 118 Years of Diplomacy and Entertaining at Anderson House*, is regularly open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.americanrevolutioninstitute.org or call 202.785.2040.

About Art in Bloom DC

Since 1976, when the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, hosted the original Art in Bloom exhibit, local florists and garden clubs have created floral arrangements to correspond with museums' art collections. Art in Bloom DC was founded in 2021 to showcase the immense floral talent of the Washington, D.C., area while highlighting the exquisite art and architecture of Anderson House. For more information, visit <https://www.artinbloomdc.com/> and connect on Instagram at @artinbloomdc.

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