

Rare “Corpse Flower” Titan Arum Preparing to Bloom at UNCC Botanical Gardens



This unusual phenomenon is expected to draw thousands of visitors over a 2 day period to the McMillan Greenhouse and UNCC Botanical Gardens, where admission is always free. The Titan (which has yet to be named) has emerged from the soil, and is taking the shape of a flower, hopefully to bloom for the first time in its life in late April or early May. The last time the Gardens saw a corpse flower was in 2015 when the collection’s other Titan, “Odie,” bloomed. Visitors to the Greenhouse can see the emerged plant in its young form now, and watch it progress to its full height (up to 10 feet tall!) throughout the month. Besides the plant’s extraordinary height, it is also known for its strong stench. The scent of the flower in full bloom has been compared to burnt or rotting flesh, which is where the nickname of “Corpse Flower” comes from. Titans normally open in the evening and the intense odor only lasts for 12 hours. The bloom will stay open (with a much lighter odor) for only 1-2 days. The growing plant will be on view at the Gardens’ Annual Spring Plant Sale, April 13-14 from 9am-3pm. A live webcam showing the plant’s progress will be available as we get closer to the big event.

For more information about Titan Arum, click [here](#). For more information about the UNCC Botanical Gardens, click [here](#). To keep up with this Titan’s progress, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Parking note for visitors: Parking on campus is available on the weekdays in the specially marked Greenhouse spots across from the Greenhouse, with a tag from the parking office, or there is paid parking in the East Deck 1. Weekend parking is available in any unmarked spot on campus.

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2018 Titan Arum at UNCC Botanical Gardens

WHO: UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens

WHAT: Rare Corpse Flower Growing- Expected to Bloom Soon!

WHEN: Now through Late April or Early May 2018

WHERE: UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens, McMillan Greenhouse 9090 Craver Road, Charlotte, NC 28262

COST: No cost, admission to the Gardens and Greenhouse is always free.

RSVP: No RSVP needed.

WEBSITE: <https://gardens.uncc.edu/gardens-and-greenhouse/titan-arum/>

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