UNC CHARLOTTE
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Botanical Gardens

Bigleaf Magnolia
Art and Garden Festival

Call to Artists!

2020 Garden Art Post Exhibit, Contest & Silent Auction

We are seeking submissions of Garden Art Posts as part of our annual Bigleaf Magnolia Art and Garden Festival to be held in May 2020.

Would you like to display your art in our beautiful gardens amidst trees and flowers? Imagine walking through a forested trail and coming upon a vibrant art post nestled among the ferns or beneath a bigleaf magnolia tree. We would love to showcase your whimsical, beautiful, playful, colorful, creative, and/or innovative art along trails in the Van Landingham Glen, a woodland garden that is reminiscent of the mountains. Use your creative spirit and love of nature and gardens to help support our education and art programming!

Entry form: https://gardens.uncc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2020/03/2020-BL-art-post-entry-form-only-1.pdf

Art Post Guidelines:

Foundation:

All Garden Art Posts must **begin** as 4" x 4" x 6' ground contact pressure treated posts. These can be purchased by the artist for under $7 at the following stores:

Lowes: https://www.lowes.com/pd/Severe-Weather-Common-4-in-x-4-in-x-6-ft-Actual-3-5-in-x-3-5-in-x-6-ft-2-Treated-Lumber/4560704

Home Depot:
https://www.homedepot.com/p/4-in-x-4-in-x-6-ft-2-Ground-Contact-Pressure-Treated-Timber-288741/301913683

The post does not need to be used in its entirety. It may be carved, cut, embellished, or altered as you see fit. However, the bottom 4" of the post must be intact and unaltered for installation underground. It may still be painted but keep in mind this portion will not be visible once installed.

Decoration and embellishments:

Artists may select any media(um) for their Posts, with the following stipulations:

Media should NOT be chosen which could be potentially dangerous to wildlife, plants, or water resources.

Media SHOULD be selected which can withstand weather and animal exposure typical of outdoor gardens. If paints or adhesives are used, they should be weather-resistant and/or the final Post should be weather treated.

Final Posts can be of any shape, but must be able to be reasonably lifted and transported on foot by an average person. Our garden and landscape staff will be installing them, so please be mindful of the weight and size of your finished product. If you can't carry it, neither can we!

While planning your design, keep in mind our mission: "To inspire a love for plants and nature through programming, classes, and botanical displays."

To see some examples of Posts you can refer to last year's winners: here.

Submissions:

- Each participant may submit up to 3 entries
- All entries are considered donations and will be auctioned off during the Bigleaf Magnolia Art and Garden Festival; any proceeds will be retained by UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens for Art and Education programming.
- Entries, along with completed forms, may be delivered in person from 9 am - 4 pm April 27 – May 1, 2020 to:

  McMillan Greenhouse
  9090 Craver Road
  Charlotte, NC 28262
  Directions available at: https://gardens.uncc.edu/visiting-the-gardens/directions-and-parking/

Entry Fees:

- There are no entry fees. Thank you for your submission!

Judging:

- Submissions will be judged by UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens staff and Art Department Faculty.
- Any artist who does not follow the guidelines listed above may be automatically disqualified.
- Judges have a right to disqualify any entry for any reason, including, but not limited to lack of appropriateness and quality.
- The Judges' decision is final.

Three Prizes!

- Best of Show
    - Winner receives a UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens Family Membership (a$60 value)*
    - Winner receives a $100 commission to create a Garden Art Post to be displayed at UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens for a minimum of one year
    - Winner's work, website, and artist bio will be linked on our website
- Best Painted Post
    - Winner receives a one-year individual membership to the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens (a $45 value)*
    - Winner's work, website, and artist bio will be linked on our website
- Best Post of alternate medium(a)
    - Winner receives a one-year individual membership to the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens (a $45 value)*
    - Winner's work, website, and artist bio will be linked on our website

Schedule and Use of Garden Art Posts:

- Posts must be delivered **no later than** 4 pm on Friday, May 1, 2020.
- Posts will be judged and installed by May 15, 2020.
- Posts will be accompanied by artists' information so that visitors can learn more about you and your art.
- Posts will be on view from May 15 – June 15, 2020.
- An opening reception for the Posts and the silent auction kick-off will be held the evening of Friday, May 15, 2020 from 6-8 pm in the UNC Charlotte Rowe Galleries.
- The silent auction will close at 4 pm on Monday, June 15, 2020.
- Posts will uninstalled and available for pick-up by auction winners on Friday, June 19 from 9 - 4 pm, or by appointment.
- Upon submission of a Post, it becomes the property of UNCC BG. Credited images of Posts may be used for promotions and marketing.

For questions, please email Amy Tipton, Assistant Director, UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens AmyTipton@uncc.edu

Disclaimer: We love our gardens and work hard to keep them beautiful for our visitors. Please keep in mind that while we appreciate the beauty in both nature and art, we are unable to control the elements, critters or people that visit. UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens is not responsible for any damage or theft to any piece that has been submitted either before or after installation.