

Experience a magical evening at the U.S. National Arboretum  
against the backdrop of the historic Capitol Columns!

## 26th ANNUAL DINNER UNDER THE STARS

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

5:30 - 8:30 PM Cocktails & Tented Dinner

**THE U.S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM**

In the meadow against the backdrop of the U.S. Capitol Columns

### CO-HOSTS

Chandler Goule & Anne MacMillan

### TABLES AND TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Tables seat 8-12 people. For more information on how you can host your friends  
& colleagues or put a table together, contact:

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# TABLE SPONSORSHIPS

**Thank you!** Your tax-deductible donation provides critical support to Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA), a 501(c)(3) private partner of the U.S. National Arboretum (USNA), allowing us to support of the mission of the U.S. National Arboretum and the local community. **Your donation also supports our award-winning Washington Youth Garden education programs for underserved youth** — we're celebrating the WYG 50th anniversary!

Capitol Hill and Administration VIPs will be invited. We look forward to working with you on seating. Please pledge your table now — payment may be made later.

## **\$50,000 — SCARLET OAK**

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Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*): Official tree symbol of the District of Columbia. Beautiful native oak with gorgeous "scarlet" fall color. One of several species native to the National Arboretum and part of the National Oak Collection.

### **Premium table(s) for 20 guests with VIPs**

- Premium visibility: Logo on invitation/program/signage; name on donor wall, remarks, other
- Invitations to exclusive events throughout the year
- Opportunity to partner with FONA on a tailored event, custom tour, or activity
- Opportunity to host a corporate dinner/event at Arboretum (discount on space rental)

## **\$15,000 — AMERICAN ELM**

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American elm (*Ulmus americana*): National Arboretum scientists have been involved in elm breeding, genetics, taxonomy, and conservation for over seven decades, releasing dutch elm disease tolerant selections as well as novel hybrids.

### **Premium table for total of 10 guests including VIPs**

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## **\$25,000 — DAWN REDWOOD**

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Dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*): Iconic example of the value of plant exploration and conservation. Has gone from living fossil to important landscape tree in a geological blink of an eye! Notable collection by the Gotelli Collection at the National Arboretum.

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## **\$10,000 — LACEBARK PINE**

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Lacebark pine (*Pinus bungeana*): A noble pine from northern China, long cultivated, and reintroduced to American horticulture by USDA plant explorer Frank N. Meyer, whose original collections now reside at the National Arboretum. Lacebark pine is featured at the Arboretum in the Morrison Garden, our first dedicated garden planted in memory of Meyer who died while collecting in China for David Fairchild.

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# SPONSORSHIPS CONTINUED

## \$5,500 — RED MAPLE

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Red maple (*Acer rubrum*): One of our nation's most popular native trees, Red maples are found from forests to landscapes, with notable fall color and urban toughness. The USNA released a number of selections from its tree breeding program that are now standard in the nursery trade.

### Table for total of 8 guests including 1 VIP

- Recognition: Name on invitation, program, signage, donor wall, other materials
- Invitations to exclusive events throughout the year

## \$3,000 — FLOWERING CHERRY

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Flowering Cherry (*Prunus* spp.): Collectively, the USDA and USNA have championed the use of flowering cherries for over a century. Although dominated by Japanese selections, species and hybrids originate from China, Korea, and Japan and, now, breeding programs in the U.S., like our very own.

### Table for 8 guests

- Recognition: Name on invitation, program, signage, donor wall, other materials
- Invitations to exclusive events throughout the year

## \$1,200 — FLOWERING DOGWOOD

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Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus* sp.): Flowering dogwoods comprise one of the earliest collections at the USNA dedicated to displaying the breadth and diversity of our native flowering dogwood (*C. florida*), its close relatives, and the shrubbier members of a highly ornamental genus.

### Two premium tickets

- Recognition: Name on signage, donor wall, other materials
- Invitations to exclusive events throughout the year

## \$350 — SINGLE TICKET

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Recognition:

- Name listed in FONA's end-of-year report

## REGRETS DONATIONS

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Always appreciated!

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# YOUR BENEFITS

Join us for the Dinner and enjoy many benefits:

## People

FONA's community is comprised of a strong network of political, business, and social leaders who share a passion for the Arboretum and its mission. Enjoy mixing and mingling with friends, colleagues, and influential VIPs at the Dinner in a unique setting just two miles north of the Capitol.

## Visibility

Promote your brand and engage your colleagues, clients, and friends at Dinner Under the Stars and other FONA events and activities throughout the year.

## Community Support

Your support enhances FONA's youth education programs, funds horticultural interns, expands public outreach and education, and so much more.

## Enjoy the Great Outdoors in our Nation's Capital

Nestled along the Anacostia River, the Arboretum's 446 acres and its horticultural collections are available for you to enjoy and explore. Take advantage of all it has to offer, including joining FONA for forest bathing walks, garden tours, receptions, and more.



Thank you for your support!

We look forward to celebrating the  
26<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Under the Stars with you!

The dinner portion of your contribution is \$75 per person, leaving the balance tax-deductible according to federal tax laws.  
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