

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM'S
30th Annual
DINNER UNDER THE STARS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

THE U.S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM

Cocktails and a seated, tented dinner in the
Ellipse Meadow against the backdrop of the U.S. Capitol Columns

CO-HOSTS

Martha Van Dale | Chandler Goule | Jennifer Hatcher | Anne MacMillan

TICKETS AND TABLES NOW AVAILABLE

Host your friends and colleagues or put together a table at the event.
Space is limited! To pledge your table sponsorship, contact us at dinner@fona.org.

SUPPORTING THE U.S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM

When you attend Dinner Under the Stars, your tax-deductible donation supports
Friends of the National Arboretum's (FONA) work at the U.S. National Arboretum (USNA).

As the primary 501(c)(3) private partner of the National Arboretum, FONA helps the Arboretum fulfill its
research and education mission and funds critical operations. **Thank you for supporting this important work!**



Photos by [Josh Peterson](#)



TABLE SPONSORSHIPS

The dinner portion of your contribution is \$150 per person, leaving the balance tax-deductible according to federal tax laws. Capitol Hill and Administration VIPs will be invited to this event. We look forward to working with you on seating.

A limited number of tables and tickets are available for this event. **Pledge your table now to secure your spot at this event and maximize your sponsorship visibility.** Tax-deductible regrets donations are always appreciated. To purchase tables or tickets, email us at dinner@fona.org.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	SCARLET OAK \$50,000	DAWN REDWOOD \$25,000	AMERICAN ELM \$15,000	LACEBARK PINE \$10,000	RED MAPLE \$7,500	FLOWERING CHERRY \$5,000	CAMELLIA \$1,500	SINGLE TICKET \$500
EVENT BENEFITS								
Tickets to event	20	20	10	10	8	8	2	1
Group seated together at a table	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Capitol Hill & Administration VIPs seated at the table	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Logo on event invitation, signage, and website	✓	✓	✓					
Name on event email invitation, signage, and website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Verbal recognition during event program	✓	✓	✓					
Recognition in a <i>FONA Field Notes</i> e-newsletter (17,000+ subscribers)	✓	✓						
Recognition in a FONA social media post (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn)	✓	✓						
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS								
Private guided tour of an Arboretum collection*	Up to 20 people	Up to 20 people	Up to 20 people					
Invitations to exclusive FONA events throughout the year	✓	✓						
Discounted rate for a corporate event rental at the Arboretum*	✓	✓						
Complementary guided tram tour of the Arboretum for up to 35 people*	✓							

*Based on a mutually agreed upon date and time. Blackout dates may occur.

SUPPORTING THE U.S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM

The U.S. National Arboretum spans 451 acres in Northeast Washington, D.C. Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, it serves as a horticultural research facility and a public green space. The Arboretum manages living collections of woody plants and research fields for breeding plants. It also has a seed bank and one of the world's most comprehensive preserved plant specimen libraries.

The National Arboretum benefits each of us, our community, and the nation through horticultural research and plant conservation.

As the Arboretum's primary nonprofit partner, Friends of the National Arboretum supports and celebrates the science, beauty, and community impact of the U.S. National Arboretum through education, engagement, and access to nature.

By attending Dinner Under the Stars, you are directly supporting FONA's work at the U.S. National Arboretum. **Your partnership makes it all possible.**



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