

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

27th ANNUAL DINNER UNDER THE STARS

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

5:30 - 9:00 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 the mission of the U.S. National Arboretum and the local community. **Your donation also supports our award-winning education programs, many of which take place at Washington Youth Garden on the grounds of the USNA.** The dinner portion of your contribution is \$75 per person, leaving the balance tax-deductible according to federal tax laws.

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

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 including VIPs

- Premium visibility: Logo on invitation/signage; name on donor wall, remarks, other materials
- 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)

\$25,000 — DAWN REDWOOD

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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\$15,000 — AMERICAN ELM

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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\$10,000 — LACEBARK PINE

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

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 signage, donor wall, other materials
- Invitations to exclusive events throughout the year

\$3,500 — FLOWERING CHERRY

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 signage, donor wall, other materials
- Invitations to exclusive events throughout the year

\$1,200 — FLOWERING DOGWOOD

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

Recognition:

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

REGRETS DONATIONS

Tax-deductible donations are 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 engagement, and so much more.

Enjoy the Great Outdoors in our Nation's Capital

Nestled along the Anacostia River, the Arboretum's 451 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, virtual talks and more.



Thank you for your support!

We look forward to celebrating the
27th Annual Dinner Under the Stars with you!

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