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NC Botanical Garden hosts 28th *Sculpture in the Garden* exhibit

Chapel Hill, NC – The North Carolina Botanical Garden (NCBG) will host its 28th *Sculpture in the Garden*, an outdoor exhibition of works by North Carolina artists, September 18 - December 11.

Thirty installations of original artwork will grace the Garden's outdoor environment, featuring an assortment of materials including steel, concrete, wood, marble and more. The Garden is pleased to exhibit works by several new sculptors this year, in addition to welcoming back many longtime favorite artists. Visit the exhibit multiple times to see how nature's changing backdrop brings new perspectives to each piece throughout the season.

A Preview Party on Saturday, September 17, 4:30-6:30 p.m., gives ticket holders an opportunity to enjoy the gardens, view the sculptures and meet the artists. Guests can also vote for the People's Choice award, make early purchases and enjoy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets cost \$25 and are available at ncbg.unc.edu.

Homegrown, a stickwork sculpture created in 2014 by renowned artist Patrick Dougherty, continues to delight visitors as they roam through its passageways and look out its windows. Constructed on-site using saplings harvested locally, the sculpture will continue to entertain visitors through December 2016.

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The NCBG, part of the University of North Carolina, is a 1,000-acre assemblage of display gardens and natural areas. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2016, the Garden is nationally known as a center for the study, display, interpretation and conservation of plants. Through its educational, recreational, therapeutic horticulture and research programs, it extends opportunities for connection with nature to people of all abilities and backgrounds. The Garden is open seven days a week and admission is free. Information at <http://ncbg.unc.edu>.

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