

## San Diego Botanic Garden Celebrates Love, Friendship, and Plants with *Plants & Romance* Evenings on Weekend before Valentine's Day

**Encinitas, Calif. - (January 25, 2022)** – <u>San Diego Botanic Garden</u> invites visitors to take part in a lovely mid-February evening experience, *Plants & Romance*, with their Valentines, family, and friends. The Garden will open its doors from 5:30 to 8 pm on two nights – Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12 – for the special event.



Throughout the evening, stroll through California Gardenscapes, lit with thousands of twinkle lights, and enjoy the magic of the Garden at night. Relax around the outdoor fire pits in our amphitheater while listening to a classical guitarist. Inside the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory, all visitors can sample free chocolate while learning about cacao and the process of making chocolate. Masks are required in all indoor spaces, including the conservatory.

*Plants & Romance* activities are designed for adult audiences; children are welcome but must be supervised at all times. Please note that the play areas of our children's gardens will not be open during the event.

Advanced purchase of timed-entry tickets is required. Prices for entrance to this evening Valentine's experience range from \$18-22 for adults and \$10-14 for youth (ages 3 - 17). Children under three years of age are free and do not require a ticket. No daytime tickets, guest passes, or free entry for members permitted.

The Garden is also offering a limited number of *Sweet and Sparkling Souvenir Packages*, sold separately from tickets and available as an upgrade. Each package includes the following treats:

- 2 champagne flutes with SDBG logo
- 2 glasses of sparkling wine\* or non-alcoholic sparkling juice



- 1 box of chocolates from Chuao Chocolatier
- 1 air plant to take home

Packages are available for advance purchase at discounted price of \$50 through Monday, January 31. Packages will be available for advance purchase at \$60 until Monday, February 7.

For more information and to purchase tickets and upgrade packages, please visit the Garden's website at <u>https://sdbgarden.org/plants-romance.htm</u>.

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Established in 1970, San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG) is a 37-acre urban oasis located in Encinitas, California, just north of San Diego. The Garden's four miles of trails display nearly 5,300 plant species and varieties, including 300 plants for which SDBG is the only garden maintaining a population. SDBG has 15 gardens that represent different regions of the world, 12 demonstration gardens, and the largest public bamboo collection in North America. It also has three children's gardens, including its flagship, one-acre Hamilton Children's Garden, the largest kids' garden on the west coast.