

PNC Presents Art in Bloom 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

Days, Hours, and Tickets

What are this year's dates and available time slots?

Wednesday, March 16, 10 am–5 pm (doors close 6:30 pm)

Thursday, March 17, 10 am–5 pm (doors close 6:30 pm)

Friday, March 18, noon–8 pm (doors close 9:30 pm)

Saturday, March 19, 10 am–8 pm (doors close at 9:30 pm)

Sunday, March 20, 10 am–5 pm (doors close 6:30 pm)

Are there accessible hours?

Tickets are available for visitors with accessibility needs for Friday, March 18, 11 am, and Saturday, March 19, 9 am.

How much is a ticket?

Single tickets are \$30 for members and \$33 for nonmembers (plus taxes and fees); free for children 6 and under. Capacity is limited for a more enjoyable experience. All Art in Bloom–related events, such as demonstrations, are ticketed separately.

Is there a group discount?

Art in Bloom is the Museum's annual fundraiser, and we do not offer a group discount. If you are purchasing tickets for a large party, it's best to do this by phone. Call our visitor experience team 10 am–5 pm, Wednesday through Sunday, (919) 715-5923.

Does my ticket get me into both West and East buildings?

Yes. Art in Bloom takes place in West Building. Admission to East Building is free. The special exhibitions open in East at this time are *PARTICIPATE: Activate the Senses*, *The Altered Environment*, and *Container/Contained: Phil Freelon Design Strategies for Telling African American Stories*.

How many floral arrangements are there? How are you ensuring that the flowers will look as fresh on the last day as on the first?

Art in Bloom 2022 features 43 installations. Art in Bloom designers are required to refresh their arrangements daily, with a major refresh on Friday to replace flowers as needed.

What if I arrive before or after my ticket time?

Please arrive as close to your ticket time as possible. If you miss your ticket time, we will do our best to let you in if the building is not at capacity. We cannot guarantee that you will not have to wait in line.

Will I only be able to spend a certain amount of time in the galleries?

Your time is not limited in the galleries. However, re-entry is not permitted once you have exited the building.

Please visit Sip Coffee Bar and Café, Garden Grill Lounge, and the Museum Store after you have been through Art in Bloom.

How long does it take to see all the flowers?

We estimate it will take a little less than an hour to see everything, but you are free to go at your own pace.

I have a ticket for the last time slot of the day. When does the Museum close?

The Museum closes 90 minutes after the last ticketed entry. Please arrive as close to your entry time as possible so you can have the full experience.

Will my ticket get me in as often as I'd like?

Your ticket is valid for one visit, on the stated date and time only.

Visitor Safety**How will you keep me safe?**

Visitor capacity for Art in Bloom is controlled by a timed-ticket system. Tickets are timed 30 minutes apart, and we will work to ensure that you will be admitted into the building at your reserved time. Additional health and safety measures include:

- Frequent deep cleaning of the Museum and high-touch areas, including doors and restrooms.
- Hand-sanitizing stations throughout galleries and restrooms.
- Visitors are encouraged to **Know Your Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash**, as outlined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

WEAR a mask over your nose and mouth.

WAIT six feet apart. Avoid close contact.

WASH your hands or use hand sanitizer.

If experiencing symptoms of illness, visitors are asked to postpone their visit.

Is a mask required for entry?

The NCMA follows the safety guidelines recommended by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Visitors are required to wear masks at this time unless actively eating or drinking.

Is proof of vaccination required for entry?

Some Art in Bloom events require proof of vaccination for entry. The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and the North Carolina Museum of Art require studio and film and lecture program participants ages 13 and up to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 NAAT or PCR test result; test results must be within 72 hours of the event. Please plan to have one of these items in hand upon entry for Museum personnel if you are participating in a class in Studio 1 or attending an event in the SECU Auditorium.

Parking, Dining, and Retail

Where do I park?

Visitor parking is free and available in the Blue Ridge lots, on the right after entering the Museum drive. Overflow parking is behind West Building, on the left after entering the Museum drive.

Visitor drop-off is located between West and East buildings and can be reached by turning left after entering the Museum drive and following the signs. Accessible parking spaces are located in the Plaza and behind West Building.

Will there be satellite parking or golf cart service from the parking lots?

There is no satellite parking. Visitors are encouraged to carpool and to utilize visitor drop-off, located between West and East buildings. There will not be golf cart shuttle service this year.

Will there be food and drink available for purchase? What's on the menu? Can I picnic in the Park?

Sip Coffee Bar and Café, located in West Building, serves a floral-inspired selection of coffee, tea, and cold drinks, as well as pastries and food items during Art in Bloom hours. Limited seating.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, 10 am–5 pm

Friday, noon–8 pm

Saturday, 10 am–8 pm

Garden Grill Lounge, located in West Building, serves garden-inspired fare, floral-themed cocktails and mocktails, cold drinks, wine, and beer. Limited seating.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, 11 am–5 pm

Friday, noon–8 pm

Saturday, 11 am–8 pm

East Café, located in East Building on Level C, serves hot entrées, fresh salads, desserts, coffee, wine, beer, and more. Purchases can be enjoyed indoors or on the patio.

Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am–5 pm

The Art in Bloom Tent serves a selection of pastries, coffee, frozen treats, snacks, wine, beer, and cold drinks. It is located inside the entrance to the Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., Theater in the Museum Park.

Open Saturday, 11 am–4 pm, weather permitting

Picnicking in the Museum Park is allowed.

Can we make a dining reservation?

All dining options are first come, first served; no reservations are accepted.

Programs, Events, and Tours

Will there be an opening party?

Yes, the Global Garden Opening Reception takes place Wednesday, March 16, at 7 pm. Tickets are required. We expect the event to sell out quickly.

Will Art in Bloom be virtual or have a virtual option?

Visitors may view the pedestals in person only. Additional in-person and virtual events are available separately.

Are there floral designs for any works in the Museum Park?

There are no floral designs for works of art in the Park.

Are there tours of artwork in the Museum Park on any of these days?

Museum Park tours will resume in April. There are none scheduled during Art in Bloom.

General Questions

What is the check-in process?

After you have parked your car and arrived at West Building, you will join the queue for admission. Please have your ticket accessible at your designated time. You will enter the Museum through the front door and access the pedestals immediately. There is no admission to West Building without a ticket.

Where are the restrooms?

Restrooms are located in the lobby area and further into the building in the Rodin Gallery.

What can I bring inside the Museum? Are lockers available?

Lockers are available. Large packages and bags, briefcases, backpacks, and luggage are not allowed in the buildings at this time. Any object that may pose a hazard to artwork or visitors is also prohibited. These include but are not limited to umbrellas, food and drink, backpacks,

lasers, gum, and knives. No firearms are allowed on Museum property. Flowers are not permitted to be brought in by visitors.

Strollers are welcome in the Museum; however, their use may be restricted near fragile art or in busy galleries.

Only service dogs and service miniature horses are permitted in the Museum.

Is gallery seating available?

Limited seating is available in the galleries, entry, and lobby areas of West Building.

Can I reserve a wheelchair?

Wheelchairs are available for checkout in West and East buildings on a first-come, first served basis and will be disinfected before and after each use. They cannot be reserved.

What if I want to visit the Museum and/or Park but not see Art in Bloom during this time?

No tickets are required to visit the Park but please be advised that parking may be extremely limited. Art in Bloom tickets are required to enter West Building. If you would like to visit the Museum's art collection on view in that building, we advise you to come at a different time.