

PNC presents Art in Bloom 2023
Frequently Asked Questions

Days, Hours, and Tickets

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

Wednesday, March 15, 9:30 am–4 pm (doors close 5:30 pm)

Thursday, March 16, 9:30 am–5 pm (doors close 6:30 pm)

Friday, March 17, 11 am–8 pm (doors close 9:30 pm)

Saturday, March 18, 9:30 am–8 pm (doors close at 9:30 pm)

Sunday, March 19, 9:30 am–5 pm (doors close 6:30 pm)

Are there accessible hours?

Tickets are available for visitors with accessibility needs on Friday, March 17, at 10 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 group discounts. 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 free special exhibition open in East at this time is *Michael Richards: Are You Down?*

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.

How long does it take to see all the flowers?

We estimate that it takes 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.

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 Gipson 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?

Picnicking in the Museum Park is allowed.

NCMA Café

West Building

Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, 9:30 am–5 pm

Friday, 10:30 am–8 pm

Saturday, 9:30 am–8 pm

Classic British tea menu and champagne and canapés menu featuring an artful collection of savories, tea sandwiches, floral-inspired cocktails, and exquisite pastries. By reservation only.

Art in Bloom Cart

West Building, front courtyard, weather permitting

Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday 9:30 am–4 pm

Friday and Saturday, 10:30 am–4 pm

Coffee and hot drinks, pastries, frozen treats.

East Café

East Building, Level C

Wednesday–Sunday, 10 am–4 pm

Floral-inspired barista-crafted coffee beverages, sandwiches, salads, made-to-order items from the grill, cold drinks, wine, and beer. Indoor and patio seating.

How can I make a dining reservation at NCMA Café?

Please make reservations online at [Catering Works](#) or [NCMA Dine](#). The link will be available soon.

What kinds of shopping opportunities will there be?

The Museum Store in West Building opens at 9:30 am on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday and at 11 am on Friday during Art in Bloom.

We are excited to welcome you back for another traditional retail experience featuring classic floral-inspired gifts such as candles, puzzles, scarves, and artwork, as well as a selection of artful merchandise

from new artists and artisans. Enjoy this opportunity to take a memento from Art in Bloom 2023 home with you. Please contact help@ncartmuseum.org with any questions or needs.

Programs, Events, and Tours

Will there be an opening party?

Yes, the Art in Bloom Designer Opening Reception takes place Wednesday, March 15, from 7 to 9 pm. Tickets are required. We expect the event to sell out quickly.

Will Art in Bloom have a virtual option?

Visitors may view the pedestals in person only. The Mindful Museum Virtual Slow Art Appreciation Art in Bloom Edition focuses on one work of art and its floral counterpart and is available as a separate event.

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 are scheduled on Friday and Saturday mornings during Art in Bloom. Please register using the [events calendar](#).

General Questions

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 2023 features 39 installations in West Building. Art in Bloom designers are required to refresh their arrangements daily, with a major refresh on Friday to replace flowers as needed.

What is the check-in process?

After you have parked your car and arrived at West Building, 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 off the Rodin Court.

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.

Can I bring or wear flowers into the Museum?

Flowers may not be carried or worn into the Museum. All the floral arrangements have been inspected by our conservation team in order to prevent pests from getting to the art. We are unable to do this for every guest and ask that you leave your floral accessories at home.

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 art collection on view in that building, we advise you to come at a different time.