



North Carolina Museum of Art

Art in Bloom 2024, Presented by PNC Frequently Asked Questions

Days, Hours, and Tickets

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

Wednesday, March 13, 10 am–3 pm (doors close 4:30 pm)

Thursday, March 14, 10 am–5 pm (doors close 6:30 pm)

Friday, March 15, 11 am–7 pm (doors close 8:30 pm)

Saturday, March 16, 10 am–7 pm (doors close at 8:30 pm)

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

Are there sensory-friendly hours?

Tickets are available for visitors with autism spectrum disorder, those with sensory sensitivities, and anyone who would benefit from being able to view the content in a less crowded, quieter environment on Saturday, March 16, 9–10 am.

How much is a ticket?

Single tickets are \$40 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. Ticket price includes taxes and fees and admission to the exhibition *To Take Shape and Meaning: Form and Design in Contemporary American Indian Art* during Art in Bloom, March 13–17

Free admission 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.

Why did prices increase?

Art in Bloom 2024 features more large installations to enhance your experience, and your ticket includes admission to the special exhibition *To Take Shape and Meaning* in East Building. As our largest annual fundraiser, Art in Bloom raises critical funds necessary to support exhibitions and programming across the state. Beginning this year Art in Bloom and other fundraising event tickets include taxes and fees built in so you know what to expect at check out.

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 Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am–5 pm, at (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 exhibitions open in East at this time are *Layered Legacies: Quilts from the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts* and *From Alpha to Creation: Religion in the Deep South*. The special exhibition *To Take Shape and Meaning: Form and Design in Contemporary American Indian Art* is ticketed and included in your Art in Bloom ticket price.

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.

Art of Tea in Bloom (East Building, East Café)

Wednesday–Sunday, March 13–17, 10 am–3:30 pm

- This afternoon tea experience features a fixed price menu including savory canapés, finger sandwiches, and floral-inspired pâtisserie. Premium teas or coffee is included. Floral-inspired cocktails are available for purchase. [By prepaid reservation only](#). Reservations close Friday, March 1.

Garden Grill and Lounge (West Building)

- Coffee drinks and pastry available upon West Building opening; grill service from 11 am to one hour prior to West Building closing
- Floral-inspired soups, sandwiches, salads, snacks, and desserts, trendy cocktails, barista-crafted beverages, and soft drinks
- Counter-style service, no reservations required; seating available on first come, first served basis

Exhibition Café (East Building, Level C, SECU Distance Learning Center)

10 am–4 pm daily

- Grab-and-go items, barista-crafted coffee beverages, and drinks
- No reservations required; limited seating

Gelato and Popcorn Cart (Gipson Plaza, weather permitting; relocated to Garden Grill during inclement weather)

11 am–4 pm daily

What kinds of shopping opportunities will there be?

The Museum Store in West Building opens at 10 am on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday and at 11 am on Friday during Art in Bloom.

The Museum Store celebrates established and emerging local artists and artisans. Enjoy favorites, including a limited collection of candles, jewelry, and glass creations. This year's offerings also feature an array of floral and botanical book titles and small keepsakes like stickers, magnets, and coffee mugs.

Please contact help@ncartmuseum.org with any questions or needs.

Programs, Events, and Tours

Will there be an opening party?

Yes, the Avant Garden Designer Reception takes place Wednesday, March 13, 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.

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 galleries or Museum Park on any of these days?

Museum Park tours take place on Friday, March 15, and Saturday, March 16, at 10:30 am. Please register using the [events calendar](#). Indoor gallery tours are suspended during Art in Bloom.

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 2024 features 41 installations, including 10 large installations inspired by the decades 1920–2020. 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.