



ACE

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EXPOSITION

New Fall Event at the Garden

September 25 – 27

While no one ever wants to say goodbye to summer, this year the Chicago Botanic Garden will be doing so in a spectacular way. Just as the season draws to a close, the Garden is honored to host the American Craft Exposition (ACE) for the first time. ACE 2015 will take place during the last weekend of September, featuring a variety of award-winning work from more than 160 leading U.S. artists.

Presented by the Auxiliary of NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore), this juried exposition and sale of fine crafts—now in its 31st year—gives guests the chance to meet some of the country’s top artists in a wide variety of media, including jewelry, ceramics, metal, furniture, glass, wood, mixed media, and much more. In keeping with ACE’s commitment to fostering the next generation of artists, a selection of emerging artists will be highlighting their work as well.

“Partnering with the Auxiliary of NorthShore makes so much sense,” said Harriet Resnick, vice president of visitor experience and business development at the Garden. “Their mission of health and wellness dovetails with the Garden’s own mission to cultivate the power of plants to sustain and enrich life. We are confident that our venue will set the stage for a fabulous ACE. And with ACE being the premier arts show in the country, it is true to the Garden’s own high standards.”

The volunteer committee that presents ACE works year-round to bring patrons a memorable experience. The 2015 co-chairs, Debbie Kerr and Liz Dauten, are thrilled to be partnering with the Garden. “We are so excited to showcase the artists’ work in such an idyllic setting,” said Dauten. “Patrons will enjoy meeting the artists behind the

beautiful work and purchasing unique luxury items while supporting critical ovarian cancer research at NorthShore, a vitally important cause in the community.” Proceeds from this event support ovarian cancer prevention research at NorthShore University HealthSystem.

ACE 2015 will debut at the Garden on Thursday, September 24, with a benefit preview party from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets for the preview cost \$175. The show runs Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, September 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance for a three-day pass, and members receive a \$2 discount. Both options include one day of parking for one vehicle at the Garden.

Ticket and parking packages are available in advance only. One three-day pass is \$30 and two passes are \$45; both include a one-day parking pass for one vehicle. To purchase tickets to the benefit preview, visit americancraftexpo.org or call (224) 364-7270. Visit chicagobotanic.org/craft for expo tickets or get them at the Visitor Center at the Garden.

Throughout the event, all are welcome to stroll the magnificent grounds of the Chicago Botanic Garden and enjoy the incredible collage of emerging fall colors—the burgundy, gold, and garnet of the Garden’s autumn palette.