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Celebrate Spring Among the Cherry Blossoms at the Garden on March 19

Memphis Botanic Garden (MBG) is pleased to announce the return of the Cherry Blossom Picnic at the Garden on March 19 from 10 am-4 pm. This annual event encourages attendees to celebrate spring among the *sakura* (cherry blossoms) in MBG's Japanese Garden with asian-inspired food trucks, a guided tour of the Japanese Garden, and traditional Japanese crafts and games. All among the beautiful backdrop of blooming cherry trees only the Garden can offer!

Attendees can enjoy family friendly activities including creating kimono dolls and koi windsocks and learning shodo name writing and origami. The event also features performances by 901 Taiko, a tea ceremony demonstration, and guided tours of the Japanese Garden from Horticulturist Robin Howell. Plus KandiKakes and More, King of Bamboo, Memphis Mojo Cafe, Mr.Casas Japanese & Mexican Food, Rice Burner, Sekisui, and Soi Number 9 will be on-site for a picnic lunch. A signature cocktail and other spring spirits we'll be available from our cash bar.

The Cherry Blossom Picnic is the perfect way to celebrate spring with learning opportunities, hands-on activities, and more. The event is free with Garden admission.

This event is in partnership with Japan Outreach Initiative, the University of Memphis, and the University of Memphis Japanese Culture Club.

Visit membg.org/events/cherry-blossom-picnic for more information.

The Memphis Botanic Garden is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to being an exemplary center for horticulture and environmental enrichment. Serving over 40,000 school-aged children annually, and hosting 225,000 visitors each year, Memphis Botanic Garden strives to enhance lives by connecting people with nature, increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment.