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Celebrate Spring Among the Cherry Blossoms at the Garden on March 18

Memphis, TN – Memphis Botanic Garden (MBG) is pleased to announce the return of the Cherry Blossom Picnic at the Garden on March 18 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, guided tours of the Japanese Garden, and traditional Japanese crafts and games—all among the beautiful backdrop of blooming cherry trees at the Garden.

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 koto performance from Maika Yamaoka, a tea ceremony demonstration, and guided tours of the Japanese Garden from Horticulturist Robin Howell. Plus Mr. Casas Japanese & Mexican Food, Rice Burner, StickEm, Poke Paradise, and Sekisui 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. No reservations are required.

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

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 260,000 visitors each year, Memphis Botanic Garden strives to enhance lives by connecting people with nature, increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment.

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