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Raise a Paddle for the Birds and Bees at Adkins Arboretum's Dazzling Magic in the Meadow Gala

Al fresco dining, crisp fall air and a moonrise over golden meadow grasses are promised when Adkins Arboretum hosts the seventh annual **Magic in the Meadow gala**. Tickets are now available for this dazzling gala event on Sat., Sept. 27. Proceeds benefit the Arboretum's education programs that promote the conservation and preservation of the Chesapeake Bay region's native landscapes.

As twilight falls, guests will enjoy live music by Annapolis-based Unified Jazz Ensemble along with wine, cocktails and spectacular fresh fare by Magnolia Caterers, all served under a grand tent in the meadow surrounded by the Arboretum's 400 acres of majestic gardens, wetlands, forest and streams.



Photo by Ann Rohlfing

The evening's exciting live auctions will offer incredible travel experiences, including trips to Tuscany, Provence and Vancouver, local experiences, vacation and dining packages and much more. During the "Best of Live" raffle, one name will be drawn to receive the winner's choice of 12 unique live auction items. Tickets are \$100, and only 100 tickets will be sold.

New this year, guests will be invited to raise their paddles for the birds and bees. Donations will underwrite pollinator conservation programs for all ages, enabling the Arboretum to teach the

importance of protecting habitat for these critical pollinators that are responsible for the survival of edible and flowering plants.

Recognizing the Arboretum's important conservation mission, 19 regional and national sponsors have lent their support to Magic in the Meadow and the Arboretum's year-round education programming through the Arboretum's Corporate Partners Program. Lead sponsors are Unity Landscape Design/Build, CNB, Dover Rent All Tents & Events, and Magnolia Caterers.

Tickets for Magic in the Meadow are \$150 per person (\$75 tax deductible) and may be reserved at magicinthemeadow.org or by calling 410.634.2847, ext. 0. Contact Leah Reynolds at lreynolds@adkinsarboretum.org or 410.634.2847, ext. 33 for information about table sponsorship opportunities.

The Arboretum's 2014 Corporate Partners are Unity Landscape Design/Build, CNB, Dover Rent All Tents & Events, Magnolia Caterers & Event Planning, Accounting Strategies Group, Joanne Shipley Graphic Design, Lake|Flato Architects, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, PNC, Avon Dixon Insurance Agency, Babikow Greenhouses, Clear Ridge Nursery, Davis Bowen & Friedel, Inc., Delmarva Business Network, Spy Publications, Tanglewood Conservatories, Tidewater Times, Tidewater Trader and Tri Gas & Oil.

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*Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its **Campaign to Build a Green Legacy**, it will build the **W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum** and a "green" entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.*

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