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# NEW SEASON IS BLOOMING AT ANN NORTON

A DIVERSE AND IMAGINATIVE LINEUP SPOTLIGHTING ANN NORTON'S LIFE AND CAREER

**B**uilding on the momentum of last year's exciting season with strategic exhibitions and partnerships, new board members and new administrative leadership, Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens (ANSG) has announced its 2017-2018 season of events and exhibitions as an intentional love letter to its namesake — Ann Weaver Norton.

The downtown West Palm Beach sanctuary for art, history and environment lovers will host four main exhibitions this season starting with Ann Weaver Norton: Gateways to Modernism.

Ann Weaver Norton (American, 1895-1982)  
Cock model 1936, cast 1937  
Brass.  
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1932 Cord L-29 Cabriolet Patrick Erzen C2016.  
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on display now through November 26th; Gordon Cleary: *New Order "Visitors"* from December 9th through February 4, 2018; Celebrating Boaz Vavala (1951-2017), from January 13th through April 29, 2018 and *Rebelle, A New Eden: Laura Woodward and the Creation of Palm Beach*, from February 10th through May 23, 2018.

The special events open to the public at ANSG will be: *Sculpture in Motion - The Art of Pre-and Post-War Automobile Innovation* on November 18th, the annual *Easter Egg Hunt* on March 31, 2018, *Fifth Annual Gardens Conservancy's Evening in the Gardens* on April 6, 2018 and the *Second Annual Earth Day Celebration: A Partnership for Art, Science and the Natural World* on April 22, 2018.

"We are thrilled to announce our 2017-2018 event and exhibition lineup," said Dr. Roger Ward, President and CEO of Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. "Our mission is to create exhibitions which either

illuminate or reflect some feature of Ann Weaver Norton's life and career, and to produce imaginative, exciting programs which will educate and delight audiences of all ages. This year's exhibitions will promote one or more aspects of the new identity we mean to forge for the ANSG — as the local 'meeting place' of art, science and history, with the preservation of both indigenous and rare species of semi-tropical vegetation."

The historic Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, Inc., a recognized 501(c)(3) organization, established in 1977 by Ann Weaver Norton (1905-1982) to preserve the Historically Registered house and surrounding gardens in West Palm Beach, where the artist lived from 1948 until 1982. The rare palm and sculpture gardens, exhibition galleries and artist's studio offer visitors a unique opportunity to experience the sculptor's holistic vision in its intended setting.

"With solid support from our Gardens Conservancy stewards in the business community, the ANSG Board



**ABOVE:** Laura Woodward [1834-1926] *Royal Palmsiana*. PHOTO COLLECTION OF EDWARD AND DEBORAH POLLACK; **BELOW:** Boaz Vavala (1951-2017) *Yobah with Dog*, 2001. PHOTO COURTESY OF BOAZ VAVALA STUDIO

and staff is enthusiastic and dedicated to advancing Ann Norton's vision for the Gardens as a dynamic community resource," said Frances Fisher, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "We received corporate support from EPL to create an ANSG Field Guide. This much needed and anticipated piece will be developed to enhance our visitor experience by sharing the ANSG's history and the story of the Gardens' rare plants, trees and monumental sculptures.

In addition, we were honored to receive a grant from PNC to present *Art and Healthy Hearts in the Gardens*. As part of their Arts Alive funding and Grow-Up Great initiative, PNC is supporting *Art and Healthy Hearts in the Gardens'* programming which will be tied in to each of the season's exhibitions, and offers a unique opportunity for approximately 500 of the neediest students in Palm Beach County for whom a visit to the Gardens would not otherwise be possible. Partnerships and programs like these.



and the one forged with Palm Beach *Modern + Contemporary* last season, have elevated our profile as a unique and attractive community partner. We look forward to celebrating an exciting season filled with distinctive exhibitions, exceptional programming, creative projects and strategic partnerships."

Located at 2051 S. Flagler Drive in the historic El Cid neighborhood of West Palm Beach, the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens are open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Normal admission is free for members, \$15 for non-member adults, \$10 for seniors (age 65 and older), \$7 for students, and children under five are free. Special event pricing will vary. Gallery and garden exhibition talks are available on Wednesdays at 11am and Sundays at 2pm. The Gardens are also available for private events and are closed on major holidays. For more information, visit [www.ansg.org](http://www.ansg.org) or call 561.832.5328.