

Take A Stroll Down Memory Lane

AT THE 10TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

Which you could go back in time? Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens (ANSO) is preparing to transport visitors through the decades for its milestone 10th Annual Festival of Trees. Presented by leading private aviation firm **Sentient Jet**, the annual holiday tradition takes off on December 2nd and lands on December 14th. Visitors will unwind the magic of design with more than 25 professionally decorated trees that have been sponsored by area patrons and businesses. Interior designers, artists and florists volunteer their services and work together to interpret an annual theme, cleverly decorate the trees and carry the storyline through vignettes staged around each tree.

This year's theme, **Celebrating Design through the Decades**, will illuminate the importance of design throughout history and the great context it brings for the culture and temperament of the times. To expand on the theme of this year's Festival of Trees, Palm Beach-based **Hidden Lutz Gallery** is curating an exhibition in the ANSO Gallery entitled **Eye on Photography: A Survey of Contemporary Themes**. The **Hidden Lutz Gallery** will present a collection of photos that focuses on artfully captured moments of design through the ages. Opening on November 9th and running through December 28th, the iconic imagery complements the Festival of Trees theme, and the eccentric, yet chic styles of the decorated trees.

"We are delighted to kick off our season with this incredible exhibition with **Hidden Lutz Gallery**," said **Frances Fisher**, President of the ANSO Board of Trustees. "It represents an intended departure from the typical of exhibitions the Gardens has hosted in the past and we are grateful to **Sally Soter** and the Gardens' art committee for their work in securing it. Not only does it tie into our Festival of Trees theme this year, it also raises the bar for the exhibitions we are planning for the season ahead. As an acclaimed artist in her own right, Ann Norton would have been so pleased to know that her home was a venue for artists, art lovers and collectors to gather. It is an honor to brighten the spotlight on that piece of her history this season."

Each room of the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens Gallery will feature different decades of photography. Artists include **Berenice Abbott**, **Clive Aronowitz**, **John Dugdale**, **Elkott Ervitt**, **Robert Fisher**, **Mossimo Lenti**, **Michael Nassapa**, **Robin Plötzer** and **Ell Wit**. **Hidden Lutz** has put together the collection with the Festival of Trees in mind and with the intention to amaze visitors.

"We are thrilled to be working with the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens to curate this high-caliber exhibition in their beautiful venue," said **Jodi Lutz**. "Eye on Photography represents a fresh approach to the Gardens' exhibition schedule and is reflective of the types of future exhibitions they plan to host. We hope this is the beginning of a long-term partnership in which visitors will experience a new take on the Gardens when they visit this exhibit as part of the Festival of Trees theme this year."

According to Lutz, when visitors walk into the first room of the exhibit,

they will see modern fashion, design and style of the 1960s and 70s. The next room will have a timeless, sophisticated feel where you won't be able to tell if the pictures were taken in the 1800s or yesterday. The last room will feature American architecture and humanism of the 1940s and 50s.

"Each room will have its own feel," said Lutz. "But they will all tie together to make one cohesive story of design. I think when it's all put together, people will walk in and think, 'wow!'"

Opening night reception to **Eye on Photography: A Survey of Contemporary Themes** on November 9th, from 6pm to 8pm, is free for members and \$15 for non-member adults. To RSVP for the opening night reception please call 561.832.5328. Regular Gallery visitation is Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 4pm, and is free for members, \$10 for non-member adults, \$8 for seniors (age 65 and older), \$7 for students and children under five are free. The exhibition will have extended hours during the Festival of Trees. For more information visit www.anso.org or call 561.832.5328.



"Eye on Photography" - Photographer Clive Aronowitz
Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY DURING THIS YEAR'S MILESTONE FESTIVAL OF TREES

The holiday festival kicks off with its elegant Gala Evening in the Gardens on Friday, December 2nd from 7pm to 10pm. The Children's Gala, taking place on Sunday, December 11th from 5pm to 7pm, includes a night of mini-merriment with child-friendly refreshments and tasty treats. The Community Days take place Saturday, December 3rd through Saturday, December 10th and then again on Monday, December 2nd through Wednesday, December 14th from 6pm to 8:30pm. Visitors will delight in the magic of the trees each evening while exploring the tropical winter wonderland. Delicious fare from **EnKa** restaurant will be available for purchase, and an array of entertainment will surround the artistically decorated trees.

To set the mood, choral, instrumental, dancing and theatrical performances are offered daily by more than 20 local school and community groups. Gala performances include **Berk Middle School of the Arts Dance Department**, **Palm Beach Atlantic University Dance Ensemble** and **Palm Beach Atlantic University Preparatory Spring Department**. A dazzling light and music show illuminates two of Ann Norton's monumental sculptures and reflects into one of the venue's ponds. For those who are looking to embrace the magic of December, the Festival of Trees is an enchanting way to get into the holiday spirit. This year's 10th Annual Festival of Trees' Honorary Chair is **K.C. Pickett**. Co-Chairs are **Sarah Benitz** and **Regan Rupp** and the Design Chair is **Jennifer Gurgues**.

"A Gardens Conservancy initiative, the Festival of Trees is Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens' most important fundraising event of the year," continued Fisher, who is also the Gardens Conservancy founding member. "The monies raised help support conservation of Ann



10th Annual Festival of Trees Designers

Norton's art, historic home, the rare palm and tropical gardens as well as educational programs, exhibitions and general operating expenses. Its value to Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens and the community is evident by the growing number of members and visitors who come to enjoy the event each year."

The 10th Annual Festival of Trees designers include **Gail Barba**, **Natalie Barrett**, **Sarah Benitz**, **Rodger G. Chew**, **Kevin Clark**, **Margaret Costello**, **Mona DeBoyes**, **Timothy DeJoy**, **Cosky Donaldson**, **Susan Fagan**, **Jennifer Gurgues**, **Melissa and Noe Guerns**, **Jennifer Guffy**, **Margaret Kaywell**, **Miriam Kiski**, **Rhonda Klein**, **Isolde Kossler**, **Debra Miele**, **Stephan Moore**, **Havenside Pomeroy**, **Maggie Peris**, **Jessiah Pulhones**, **Alan Reyes**, **Scott Robertson**, **Juan Seligman**, **Katherine Shearman**, **Jule Sila Beaumont**, **Melody Smith**, **Catherine Stewart** and **Angela Wood**.

In addition to the presenting sponsor, **Sentient Jet**, a longtime presence in the community whose top-fall destination is Palm Beach, sponsors to date include **BX Specialty Christmas Trees**, **Cafe Sagori**, **Christina's Catering**, **Cultural Council of Palm Beach County**, **Escolle Foundation**, **EnKa**, **E.R. Bradley's Salon**, **Gardens Conservancy**, **Grato**, **Five More Girl & Garden**, **Hidden Lutz Gallery**, **Johnson's Custom Cakes**, **Krystal Zooley Photography**, **Palm Beach Grill**, **Serenity Garden Tea House & Cafe**, **Table 26**, **The Gentlemen of the Garden** and **Whole Foods**. Media sponsors include **Palm Beach Illustrated**, **Florida Weekly** newspapers, **Palm Beach Post**, **WPTV 55.5** and **Kool 105.5**.

During Festival of Trees, the Gardens offers extended hours and dates with special ticket prices. The opening night Gala for the 10th Annual Festival of Trees on December 2nd is \$150 for non-members and \$135 for members. The Children's Gala on December 11th is \$40 per person for both adults and children (children must be accompanied by an adult). Community Days tickets are \$15 for members and seniors; \$20 for non-member adults (if purchased before November 15th) and \$8 for children. Tickets purchased after November 15th will increase to \$25 for adults. To purchase tickets visit www.anso.org/festivaloftrees or call 561.832.5328. For more information email FestivalofTrees@anso.org

ABOUT ANN NORTON SCULPTURE GARDENS

The historic Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, Inc. is a nonprofit

organization established in 1977 by the prominent sculptor Ann Weaver Norton (1905-1982). Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is located at 2051 South Flagler Drive. The 2-acre sanctuary is comprised of rare palm and sculpture gardens, Ann Norton's historic home, exhibition galleries and Norton's own Wyeth-designed artist studio. Open to the public Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm and closed on major holidays, the Gardens are also available for private events.

ABOUT THE GARDENS CONSERVANCY AT ANN NORTON SCULPTURE GARDENS

A multi-category membership and stewardship program, the Gardens Conservancy supports the preservation and restoration of Ann Norton's art and archives, her home and studio, and horticultural initiatives. Of particular interest, the Conservancy is engaged in projects that raise awareness of Ann Norton's art and gardens through ongoing cultural and horticultural education via school and community enrichment programs and partnerships. Annual Gardens Conservancy membership is available starting at a \$500 donation, and donors receive complimentary admission to the Gardens, art openings, an invitation to the Conservancy's annual event, and discounted tickets to special events.

ABOUT SENTIENT JET

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