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**New exhibit *Celebrating New American Gardens* opens at U.S. Botanic Garden**

**Washington, D.C.** – The U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) presents a new exhibit *Celebrating New American Gardens* from January 31 through October 15, 2019. The exhibit showcases 21 gardens from across the United States that have created new gardens or renovated a garden within the last five years. Photos, drawings, landscape designs, and project descriptions share the story of each new garden. Louisville’s own **Waterfront Botanical Gardens** is featured in the exhibit.

Public gardens across America are engaging, inviting, and dynamic. Gardens are living creations, as they display seasonal changes along with a constant ebb and flow. These new gardens showcase new plant collections, create spaces for people to connect with nature, and foster sustainability.

“Gardens are always changing – with the seasons, with emerging gardening trends, and with their communities. We are excited to feature these new gardens and showcase the diversity and beauty of modern garden projects,” said Saharah Moon Chapotin, U.S. Botanic Garden executive director.

“We are excited to represent Louisville in this display with renderings of the future Waterfront Botanical Gardens, opening this October,” says Kasey Maier, President of Waterfront Botanical Gardens.

Gardens with projects featured in the exhibit are:

- Adkins Arboretum, Maryland
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York
- Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Massachusetts
- Chicago Botanic Garden, Illinois
- Denver Botanic Gardens, Colorado
- Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, Michigan
- Green Bay Botanical Garden, Wisconsin
- The Grotto Gardens at the Dayton VA Medical Center, Ohio
- Longwood Gardens, Pennsylvania
- Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Florida
• New Orleans Botanical Garden, Louisiana
• Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Pennsylvania
• Portland Japanese Garden, Oregon
• Reiman Gardens, Iowa
• San Diego Zoo, California
• San Diego Zoo Safari Park, California
• State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Georgia
• Tohono Chul, Arizona
• Tulsa Botanic Garden, Oklahoma
• United States Botanic Garden, District of Columbia
• **Waterfront Botanical Gardens, Kentucky**

Throughout the exhibit run, the USBG will offer programs, workshops, lectures, and tours related to the exhibit. Visit [www.USBG.gov/NewAmericanGardens](http://www.USBG.gov/NewAmericanGardens) to learn more about the exhibit and associated programs.

The U.S. Botanic Garden is open to the public, free of charge, every day of the year from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Conservatory is located at 100 Maryland Ave. SW, on the southwest side of the U.S. Capitol. Visitors are encouraged to use Metrobus and Metrorail. More information is available at [www.USBG.gov](http://www.USBG.gov)

**About the U.S. Botanic Garden**
The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America. The Garden informs visitors about the importance and fundamental value and diversity of plants, as well as their aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic and ecological significance. With over a million visitors annually, the USBG strives to demonstrate and promote sustainable practices. The U.S. Botanic Garden is a living plant museum accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. [www.USBG.gov](http://www.USBG.gov)