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University Museums' 9th Annual Brunnier in Bloom

Opening Event and Weekend Showcase

Ames, IA – University Museum's 9th annual *Brunnier in Bloom* will be happening March 24th through the 26th this year in the Brunnier Art Museum, located on the second floor of the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center. This highly anticipated annual event is a great way to celebrate spring, community and innovative design as Central Iowa florists, garden clubs, artists, and students are challenged to create arrangements inspired by art from the current exhibitions.

All of the activities during this flower-filled weekend are free and open to the public.

To kick things off and be the first to hear the judges reveal this year's winners, come for opening night during *Flowers After Hours* on **March 24th**, **from 6-8pm in the Brunnier Art Museum, 295 Scheman Bldg., Iowa State Center**. This year's judges include: Kate Gregory, ISU Senior Vice President for University Services, Rob Wallace, artist and Associate Professor of Botany, and Frankie Parrott. The Amateur Excellence Judge is Vicki Lage. At this event, enjoy live music by Dang Felton and Michaela Thompson, light refreshments, and a cash bar. You will also have the chance to mingle with the floral artists to meet the brains behind all the beauty. There will be a chance for visitors to vote for the People's Choice award and participate in a raffle to win prizes throughout the entire weekend. All proceeds support University Museums' educational programming.

If you can't make the opening night, the weekend showcase will take place **Saturday, March 25th and Sunday, March 26th from 11 am – 4pm in the Brunnier Art Museum, 295 Scheman Bldg., Iowa State Center**. Children's crafts will be available on Saturday and Sunday. A presentation titled *Designing Your Home Landscape* will be presented by Chris Strawhacker, ISU Landscape Architect, on Saturday at 2 pm.



Each visitor will also receive one half-off admission pass to Reiman Gardens for the same weekend.

Brunner in Bloom 2017 is organized by University Museums. Raffle prizes generously donated by Ames Vinyl Grind, Dan the Fish Publishing, Raygun, Reiman Gardens, and many more!

Free parking is available north and south of the Scheman Building.

Be social at Facebook page Brunnier in Bloom or use Twitter hashtag #BrunnierInBloom @ISU_Museums.

Admission and Hours

The **Brunnier Art Museum** is located on the second floor of the Scheman Building. Admission is free, however there is a suggested donation of \$3 per visitor. The Brunnier Art Museum's regular public hours are as follows: Tuesday through Friday from 11:00am to 4:00pm, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The Brunnier Art Museum is closed on Mondays and University holidays. Parking available north and south of the Scheman Bldg. in the Iowa State Center lots. **SPECIAL EXTENDED HOURS for Brunnier in Bloom include Saturday and Sunday, March 25-26, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

Media Information

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