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State Botanical Garden of Georgia

at the University of Georgia

Photography Policy

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia is a living laboratory, a horticultural research center, and a part of The University of Georgia's Public Service and Outreach Division. It is also a very, very beautiful place.

Please help us keep the State Botanical Garden of Georgia looking lovely and growing healthily for the next visitor. Both photographers and subjects must stay on walkways or on grass at all times.

- Please do not pose, walk on, or cut through our planting beds. This includes any area covered with pine straw, even if no plants are visible at the time.
- Photographers are asked to register at the Information Desk in the Visitor Center if on premises Tues-Sat 9:00-4:30 and Sunday 11:30-4:30.
- Glitter or other such decoration are forbidden.
- Do not step on or move any plant labels.
- Photographers and subjects are also asked to respect all UGA property by not climbing onto fences, trees, or other structures for photo poses.
- Photography sessions must not impede access, movement or interfere with the public enjoyment of the facility. This would include but not be limited to: blocking walkways, appropriating garden areas or gazebos, or the use of props such as animals, furniture etc
- The Garden's name/address may NOT be used in any advertising for professional services.

Any use of the photographs for publication will be subject to approval by the University of Georgia's public relations department, with a request submitted at least one month before the engagement.

Photographers working with brides, bridal parties, and other guests who rent a facility at the SBG for a function may coordinate a photo shoot with the renters, if desired, in advance of the event. Renters may use the photographer of their choice for the duration of the rental period specified in their rental contract.

We want you to have positive memories associated with your photos taken at the Garden - but the Garden is maintained for University and general public use. We reserve the right to limit use of the facilities by photographers based on Garden events and previous rental arrangements. We ask that professional photographers not advertise the State Botanical Garden of Georgia as a location for a photo shoot.

Thank you for recognizing the Garden as a perfect setting for great photography, and thank you for your consideration in helping keep it protected and appreciated for years to come.