



# CHEEKWOOD IN BLOOM

March 18-April 23, 2017

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Warmer weather and longer days mean abundant sunshine, heralding the change in seasons and gifting both Nashville area residents and visitors the opportunity to appreciate the wonders of nature in a truly tangible way – by taking in the jaw-dropping view of over 100,000 breathtaking tulips! Nowhere is sharing in the beauty of Spring and the enriching experiences of friends and family an easier task than at Cheekwood, a local keystone that continues to shine as a beacon of Tennessee history and horticulture.

## rooted in family

Cheekwood sits nestled amid the lushness of Nashville's rolling hills. As a landmark renowned for its distinctive beauty, historical significance and excellence in art and horticulture, the renowned grounds were voted among the 10 Best Public Gardens in the U.S. by readers of USA Today Travel. Spanning 55 total acres with over 175,000 annual visitors, the horticultural destination is home to not only expansive gardens and a 30,000-square-foot art museum, but a menagerie of events

and public programs that add to the already-rich fabric of the local community.

Though it may seem as if it's always existed, the history of Cheekwood began with just 100 acres of woods purchased by the Cheek family. As one of Nashville's earliest entrepreneurial families, the Cheeks' original legacy began in the wholesale grocery and coffee businesses and grew to include Nashville's own prestigious Maxwell House Hotel. Through the sale of the coffee business, the original 100 acres was purchased, the estate built, and later passed down to patriarch Christopher Cheek's granddaughter Huldah who offered it as a site for a public botanical garden and art museum in the 1950s. Legions of clubs, societies and civic groups came together to turn the grounds into the gem it is today, among them the Nashville Museum of Art. In 1960, Huldah Cheek Sharp's incredible gift then became one to the rest of the world.

## adventure at every turn

Upholding its reputation as "one of the finest examples of an American Country Place Era estate in the nation", Cheekwood built upon

the original Cheek gardens' pools, fountains, statuary, extensive boxwood plantings and expansive views of the lush Tennessee hills. Now, the grounds encompass a Japanese garden, herb garden, two perennial gardens, a color garden, water garden, seasons garden and an award-winning wildflower garden, each showcasing a specialized plant grouping or garden style. Nowhere is the vibrant nature of spring more present than the color-splashed Robertson Ellis Color Garden, and the Carell Woodland Sculpture Trail, a distinctive experience melding art and nature inextricably, features contemporary sculpture by internationally acclaimed artists mingling with reclaimed. Additionally, Cheekwood's famous Dogwood collection features 14 species and 23 cultivated varieties of flowering Dogwood, and its size and diversity merited its newly announced North American Plant Collection Consortium (NAPCC) Member Status.

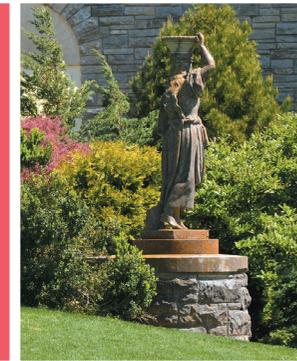
## bring on the blooms

Seasonal festivals highlight some of the best aspects Cheekwood has to offer, and From



**150,000 BLOOMING BULBS**  
Weekend Activities including crafts, live music, bunnies, tours & more

**SPRING ART HOP  
ON APRIL 15**  
Member Monday on April 3



March 18th to April 23rd, visitors can witness over 100,000 tulips create a palette of color no computer-generated imagery could ever reproduce during Cheekwood in Bloom. Cascades of incredible hues envelop the grounds in this spring seasonal festival, incorporating not only the incredible variance of the tulip species itself, but also snowdrops, crocuses, hyacinths, daffodils, magnolias, redbuds and dogwoods for a total of 150,000 blooming bulbs on display. Unforgettable sights unfold with each step throughout the grounds, offering experiences and education that transcend age groups and provide guests an up-close-and-personal example of not just nature's capabilities, but the incredible end result of countless hours put in by dedicated staff.

The Cheekwood in Bloom festival also encompasses six weekends of family activities including crafts, live musical entertainment, adorable bunnies, tours and more, including the popular Spring Art Hop on April 15th. Featuring massive Easter egg hunts, face painting, performances and plenty of other activities, it's one of the biggest family events held at Cheekwood every year and always a hit

with kids and parents alike. Cheekwood members have their day in the sun too on Member Monday April 3rd, with plenty of special activities, presentations and more that treat members to an exclusive adventure of their own.

## enjoy a tour

Members aren't the only ones to get the perks at Cheekwood. Free public tours of the gardens, Museum of Art and temporary exhibits are offered on Saturdays and Sundays for individuals and families. Bask in the beauty of Cheekwood's botanical gardens and level IV arboretum, encompassing seasonal gardens splashed with color plus historic plant and tree collections. Tour availability varies by season. Tours depart from Visitor Services and are not generally held during inclement weather.

For groups of 15 or more such as community organizations, clubs and church groups, Cheekwood provides group tour options for an affordable fee of \$16 per person for self-guided tours and \$22 per person for docent-led tours through options such as Cheekwood Highlights, Garden Reflections, Temporary

Exhibitions or the Carell Woodland Sculpture Trail.

Are you an educator considering creating an impressive educational experience for your students? Cheekwood offers free admission for school students and teachers, with tour selections like the historic Cheek Mansion, botanical gardens and both temporary and permanent art exhibitions. Both guided and self-guided tours are available, and tours are specifically designed to promote engagement, discussion and discovery—ideal for inspiring young minds!

Whether you're a burgeoning botanist, an artist inspired by the wonders of nature, a family in search of fun or an avid appreciator of history, Cheekwood holds the promise of the perfect day indoors and out. Continuing its tradition of creativity, stewardship, preservation, education, community enhancing and excellence, this historic landmark brings new meaning to the definition of awe-inspiring with every season and this year's lineup portends to be no different. Don't miss it!