



## **Passport Through Park Your Ticket to Paradise** *Inaugural Gala Mixes Native Plants With Global Cuisine & Entertainment*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-May 18, 2021**-Savor the sweet aroma of native plant collections while drinking in creative culinary plates and unique wines from around the world during the Inaugural Passport Through the Botanic Park on Saturday, June 19.

“As we all know, a centerpiece is an important element to any event, but when your centerpiece is a renowned botanic park, the event will be something spectacular,” commented Executive Director Jennifer MacNeil. “With community support, we hope this inaugural event grows into something truly unique and one that blooms every season for years to come.”

Passport Through the Botanic Park, presented by Alpine Bank, invites adventures/travelers to explore stations throughout the gardens that pair flora facts with delightful food and wine, including the event’s signature specialty drink, Bubbles & Blooms. Menu items look to include Colorado beef sliders, Argentinian beef & veggie empanadas and Dolmades.

The magical evening sounds of the park are accented by live performances from local classical musicians like John Sant’ Ambrogio (American Cello), Steve Boynton (Solo Guitar), Belinda Rossi (Flute), a duet by Teresa Steffen Greenlee (Violin) & Elissa Greene (Cello) and flute trio of Katherine Knapp, Sophie Flam and Asher Komor.



Explore more through an online silent auction featuring Rocky Mountain experiences, fun home and garden themes, food and drink and more! The online auction opens June 10 at 7am with nearly 100 items and packages and closes June 20 at 12pm.

**Passports** (event registration) are currently [available online](#) for members (anyone who has contributed at least \$40/individual or \$60/family since April 2020) and will open for non-members on May 22. The June 19 event runs from 5pm to 7pm. If the weather does not cooperate, an alternative date is set for June 27.

Once a sprawling horse pasture, the six-acre Yampa River Botanic Park is now home to more than 60 unique gardens, thousands of plant species, animals, and hosts special events of all shapes and sizes. An innovative experiment in private/public partnerships, the Botanic Park is free and open to the public from dawn to dusk, through October 31.

For ongoing updates on the Park’s various summer programs and events, visit [yrbp.org](http://yrbp.org), or find us on Facebook at [Yampa River Botanic Park](#).

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