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**CHEEKWOOD IN BLOOM TO OPEN WITH NEW BRACKEN FOUNDATION
CHILDREN'S GARDEN**

Annual Springtime Festival to Feature More Than 150,000 Blooms

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Thousands of visitors from near and far are expected to flock to Cheekwood to experience more than 150,000 blooming bulbs during [Cheekwood in Bloom](#), the estate and garden's annual springtime festival. Running March 7 – April 5, *Cheekwood in Bloom* will open alongside the highly anticipated new Bracken Foundation Children's Garden at Cheekwood. The openings signify a landmark year for the institution as it celebrates 60 years as a public organization.

"Cheekwood in Bloom is one of the most magical times to be at Cheekwood, as tulips, daffodils and flowering trees spread color all throughout the gardens," said Peter Grimaldi, vice president of gardens and facilities at Cheekwood. "And with the addition of our new world-class Children's Garden, we can't wait to welcome the community to come and enjoy the spring weather in one of Nashville's most beautiful settings."

The new two-acre [Bracken Foundation Children's Garden](#) blends art with nature through an interactive and educational outdoor experience that celebrates Cheekwood's legacy and identity through play and discovery. Designed with families in mind, visitors can explore private garden rooms, secret nooks, hidden spaces and water features, including a Turtle Pond, Wishing Well, Art Studio, Living Library, Labyrinth, Adventure Walk, and Little Woods designed especially for toddlers with a Tea House, Story Tree, Fairy Garden and more.

With the addition of the new garden, Cheekwood's popular *Tuesdays for Tots* program will transition into a new five-day-a-week program. *TOTS!* will offer unique and engaging crafts for toddlers every Tuesday - Sunday between 10am - 12pm. *TOTS!* is included with Cheekwood membership or general admission.

Cheekwood in Bloom returns with many visitor favorites such as the Beer Garden with live music on the weekends, art and garden workshops, wellness activities, plein air painting and more.

Typically closed on Mondays, Cheekwood will be open 7 days a week during *Cheekwood in Bloom*.

More information surrounding *Cheekwood in Bloom* and the Bracken Foundation Children's Garden can be found at www.cheekwood.org.

Cheekwood in Bloom is presented by HCA Healthcare, and *TOTS!* is presented by PNC Bank.

About Cheekwood

Cheekwood is considered one of the finest American Country Place Era estates in the nation. Formerly the family home of Mabel and Leslie Cheek, the extraordinary 1930s estate, with its Georgian mansion and 55 acres of cultivated gardens and expansive vistas, today serves the public as a botanical garden, arboretum, and museum with historic rooms and art galleries, showcasing works from its 7,000 piece permanent collection as well as traveling exhibitions. The property includes 12 distinct gardens and a mile-long woodland trail featuring modern and contemporary outdoor sculpture.

Cheekwood is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, and is a USA Today Top 10 Botanical Garden. Cheekwood is located just 8 miles southwest of downtown Nashville at 1200 Forrest Park Drive. Daily hours of operation: Tuesday through Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. For further information, call 615-356-8000 or visit cheekwood.org.

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