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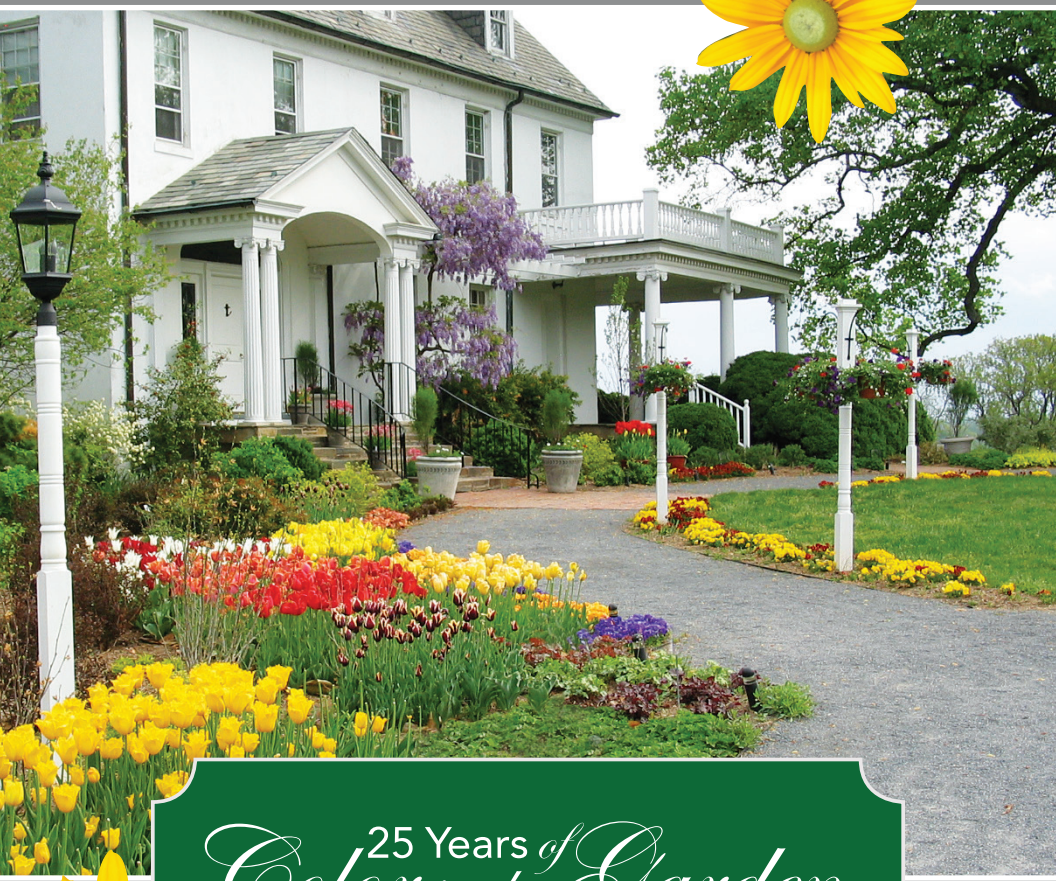

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Thank you for joining us this evening.

September 22, 2018

Good Evening!

Welcome to the 25th American Horticultural Society Gala at River Farm, "25 Years of Color in the Garden." What a great privilege for me to be the Honorary Chair.

Growing up in southern West Virginia on a farm, I learned all too fast the importance of respecting the land and what springs to life from it. I have been fortunate enough to enjoy the historical beauty of River Farm not only as a guest but a provider of services as well.

Early on in my career as a beauty bridal expert, way before the hit show, *Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta*, River Farm was a sought after location by many brides for their special day. I have had the pleasure of joining in the celebration of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and baby showers in this lovely historic home.

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Cheers!

Monte Durham

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To Our 2018 Gala Guests,

Welcome to the American Horticultural Society's 25th Annual Gala. We thank you for coming and hope that you have a wonderful and memorable time tonight.

Our theme for this year's Gala, "25 Years of Color in the Garden," encourages us to reflect on the natural world around us and to take a moment to appreciate the richness that gardens — in all their diversity — bring to our lives. Tonight we raise our glasses to the many tangible and intangible benefits that gardens provide, whether they are beautiful havens that refresh our eyes and souls, or bountiful grounds that nourish our bodies. We encourage you to stroll around River Farm this evening and enjoy the colors in the garden.

This evening we celebrate the art and science of horticulture, which is the focus of the American Horticultural Society, and the importance of River Farm and places like it. As the national headquarters of the Society and a place that traces its history to colonial Virginia, River Farm reflects and supports our vision of "making America a nation of gardeners, a land of gardens." It symbolizes not only the historical place of gardening in America but also serves as one bright star in a constellation of American gardens that advance gardening today and into the future. Working together, we can make the Society's vision a reality and ensure that this great treasure will continue to be a place of beauty, inspiration, and education for generations to come.

We are so pleased to have you as our guest at River Farm. We appreciate your generosity in supporting the Society and wish you a wonderful evening.

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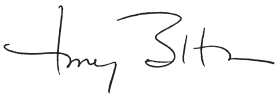

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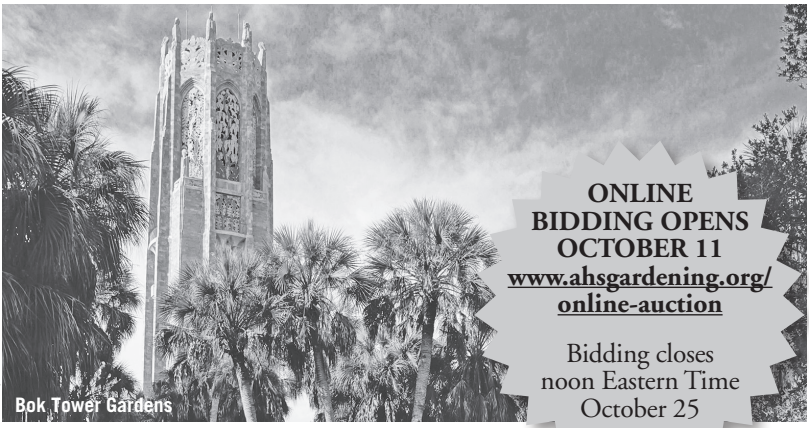

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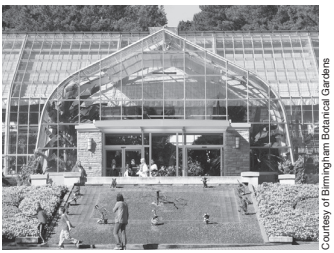

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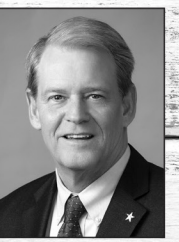
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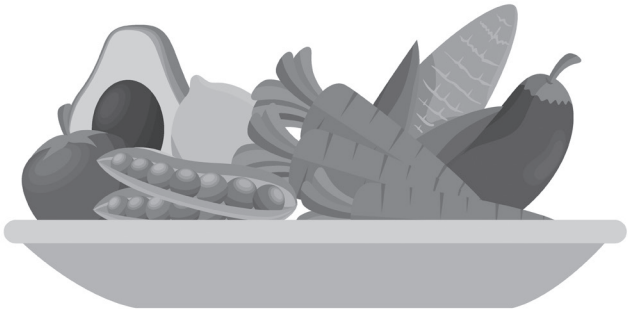

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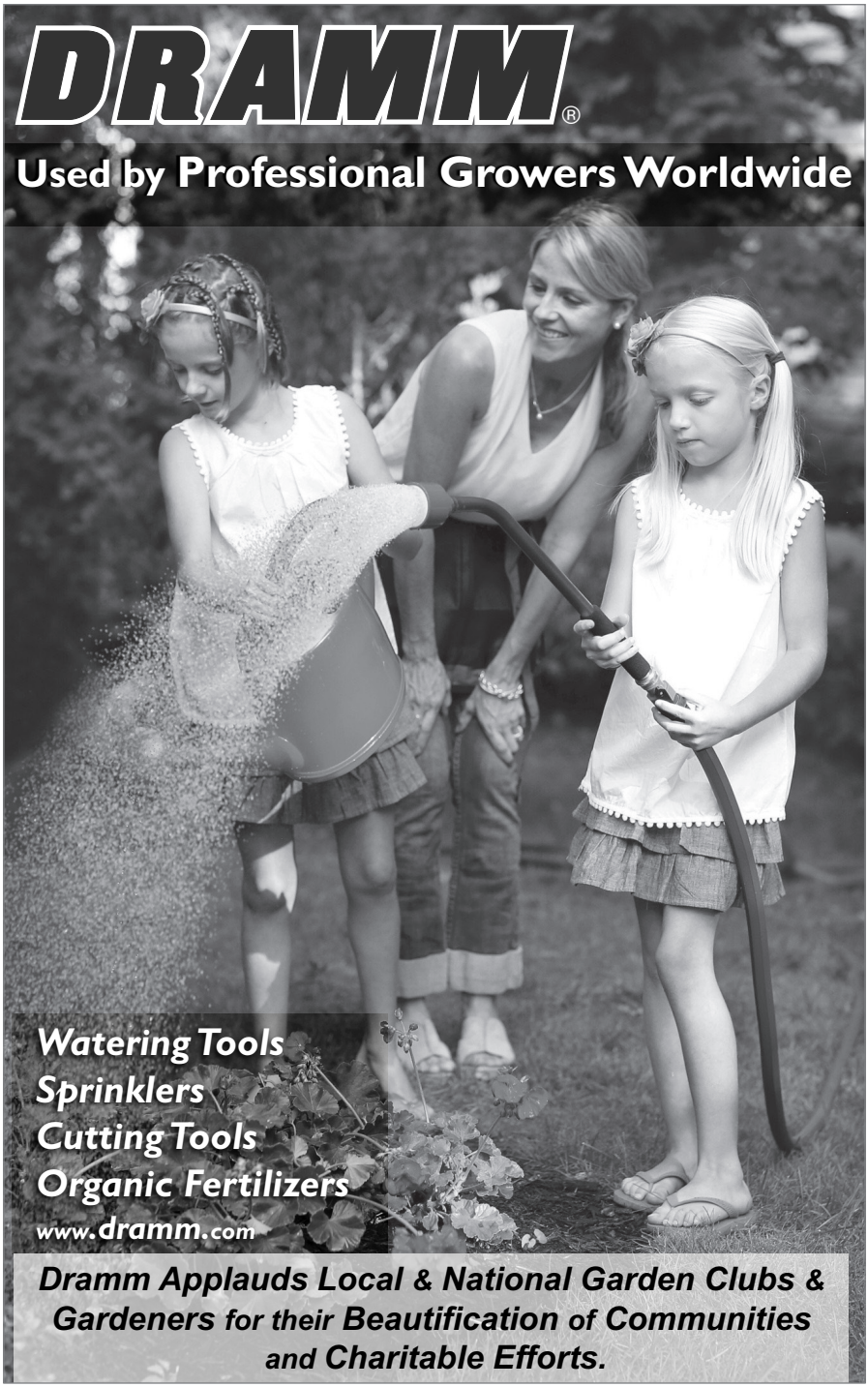

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