



## HEURICH HOUSE MUSEUM

THE BREWMASTER'S CASTLE

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### **Heurich House Museum to host Frühlingsfest, a spring garden festival, this April**

Heurich House Museum will hold a garden festival, Frühlingsfest, on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 from 12 pm – 4 pm, partnering with local artisans and businesses to celebrate the spring season. Enjoy an afternoon of beer, German sausages, art, gardening, crafts, and museum tours, inspired by a traditional German festival.

Guests have the option to purchase festival tickets during the event, which can be used towards activities, refreshments, and food. Visitors can explore their artistic side with succulent-planting classes, guided by Cody Alexander of Urban Jungle, and botanical-drawing classes, led by Eva Colander of Printed Wild. Port City Brewery will tap a cask of their Tartan Ale and Element Shrub will craft non-alcoholic drinks. Garden District will fire up their grill and serve German sausages throughout the afternoon.

Festival guests can plant a perennial in our new Native Plant Butterfly Garden, guided by gardener and artist Kellie Cox, and assisted by Love & Carrots, and play a variety of garden games, including a traditional maypole. The garden's antique archway, adorned by a floral installation by Sidra Forman, will overlook a small market full of products created by local artisans.

The event will feature a mini-exhibition of Kellie Cox's botanical-inspired paintings and guests can explore the museum on a special tour, focusing on the flora & fauna themed decorative elements found throughout the first floor.

Frühlingsfest, translated as 'Spring Festival', is known as 'Oktoberfest's little sister' in Germany. It celebrates the end of a cold winter and beginning of spring, and typically occurs from mid-April to the beginning of May. Stuttgart and Munich have some of the largest Frühlingsfests in Germany, and now the Heurich House is revitalizing the age-old tradition in Washington, DC!

**About Heurich House Museum:** The Heurich House Museum preserves the legacy of Christian Heurich and enriches the cultural life of Washington, DC. The mansion was built from 1892-4 by German immigrant, local brewer, and philanthropist Christian Heurich (1842-1945). Recognized as Washington, D.C.'s most successful brewer, he ran the Chr. Heurich Brewing Co. until his death at 102. The mansion is notable for its technological innovations, original interiors, and rich archival collection of one of the most important local families. The museum, located at 1307 New Hampshire Avenue in Dupont Circle, is open for regular public events and public tours Thursday through Saturday at 11:30 am, 1:00 and 2:30 pm. Private tours and event rentals are also available. For more information, visit [heurichhouse.org](http://heurichhouse.org) or call 202-429-1894.