"A Place to Exist" by Liz Flores. Photo courtesy of The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

Outdoor Exhibit, "Flight of Butterflies" Connects Guests with Nature this Spring

ATLANTA, GA — Feb. 17, 2026 — Fernbank's new outdoor exhibit, "Flight of Butterflies" soars into Fernbank Museum from March 14 – June 7, 2026. Located along the nature trails in WildWoods, this exhibit showcases a rainbow of 25 large butterfly sculptures created by diverse artists to highlight the connection between humans and nature.

Each art installation stands over seven feet tall and is designed as a testament to the artists' connection with nature, embodying themes of metamorphosis and evolution with the hope of inspiring others to be a champion of nature. Using the butterfly as a symbol of freedom and beauty, this exhibition unites guests of all ages through a shared sense of wonder. Inspirations for these works include migration patterns, the importance of community wellness and impact, and the vibrant eastern tiger swallowtail and the regal fritillary—two commonly seen and often-threatened butterfly species.

Additionally, "Flight of Butterflies" will include a photo opportunity with large monarch butterfly wings as part of the vibrant outdoor exhibit.

"This exhibit highlights survival challenges and inspiring conservation stories for butterflies," said Sarah Arnold, Director of Education. "In Georgia, and across the eastern United States, we monitor the Monarch butterfly and build pollinator gardens for the same reason. These butterflies have a massive impact on their ecosystems, and the more awareness we can bring to them, the better."

On view March 14 – June 7, 2026, "Flight of Butterflies" leaves guests with a lasting appreciation for colorful artistry

and a reminder that nature always has a story to tell.

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TICKETS

General admission tickets include three floors of exhibits in the natural history museum, choice of one giant screen film, and 75 acres of nature explorations in Fernbank Forest and WildWoods, including the Flight of Butterflies exhibit. Fernbank After Dark, WildWoods: AGLOW and other Museum Nights events are available at a separate ticket price. Fernbank is located at 767 Clifton Road NE in Atlanta, minutes from midtown Atlanta and downtown Decatur.

General admission tickets are $25.95 for adults, $24.95 for seniors, $23.95 for children ages 3-12, free for children ages 2 and younger, and free for Fernbank Members. These prices are for tickets purchased online at FernbankMuseum.org. Tickets not purchased in advance are offered onsite, if available, at a higher price. More information is available at FernbankMuseum.org.

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About Fernbank

Fernbank is one of the most popular and iconic cultural destinations in Atlanta. Known as Atlanta's Science and Nature Experience, Fernbank invites guests to discover a World of Wow through an expansive natural history museum, 4-story giant screen theater, and 75-acres of nature adventures in WildWoods and Fernbank Forest. One of the oldest not-for-profit conservation organizations in the country, Fernbank was founded in 1939 to preserve Fernbank Forest, the largest urban, old growth, Piedmont forest in the United States. The museum and giant screen theater opened as "a school in the woods for nature studies" on Oct. 5, 1992, and is today known for its giant dinosaurs, hands-on STEAM* programming, immersive experiences, and year-round nature exploration. Visit FernbankMuseum.org and follow @fernbankmuseum on Facebook, Instagram, X, YouTube and TikTok for more information.

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