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Botanical Community,

Visit Boise and the Boise community want to let you know that we are looking forward to welcoming the Botanical Community this summer for your *July Botany Annual Convention*. Just as Botany Conferences are known as the friendliest scientific conferences around, Boise is also known for being a friendly city with excellent service. The city of Boise is booming, and welcoming. Boise has been a refugee resettlement community since 1975 and is #14 in US News' Safest Places to Live in America. We are so excited for you and your group to enjoy our beautiful city, our creative culture and diverse culinary scene.

Boise is an up-and-coming city where many cultures come together. From our Minority and Women owned hospitality businesses, such as, Indulge Boise and Sunshine & Spice Bakery, to our 2023 James Beard semifinalists representing the city's diverse culinary scene: Kibrom's Ethiopian & Eritrean Food, KIN, and Ansot's, which is rooted in Boise's Basque Block. Boise has one of the largest Basque communities, per capita, in the United States. One of the many downtown restaurants that gives back is KIN. KIN supports a number of causes, focusing primarily on issues of food insecurity, social and racial justice, arts, and sustainability. Each month, they feature a non-profit by sharing its mission and creating an original cocktail whose proceeds go to the featured organization.

We also invite you to walk to the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial, located downtown along the Boise River Greenbelt, which is the only one in the United States and one of the few places in the world where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is on permanent, public display in its entirety. The Wassmuth Center for Human Rights is also building a two-story education center that will be adjacent to the Anne Frank Memorial and completed by spring of 2024. "In the Center's work to foster a climate and culture of upstanders who embrace respect, compassion, equality and justice for all," states retired Executive Director Dan Prinzing. We are happy to hear that the Botanical Society of America is partnering with the Wassmuth Center on a volunteer project while here.

We encourage you to join us in Boise this July, explore, be curious, be seen, and experience our welcoming community.

Warmest regards,

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