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This Gray Atlanta Cemetery Will Turn Into A Golden Sea Of Blooming Daffodils This Month

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A warm front has come through Georgia this week and spring has been on our minds. This means flowers will begin to bloom, fruit farms will be having U-pick events and outdoor activities will become way more fun. This popular event in

Atlanta this month includes exploring the outdoors and seeing beautiful, colorful flowers that will make you feel like spring has sprung.

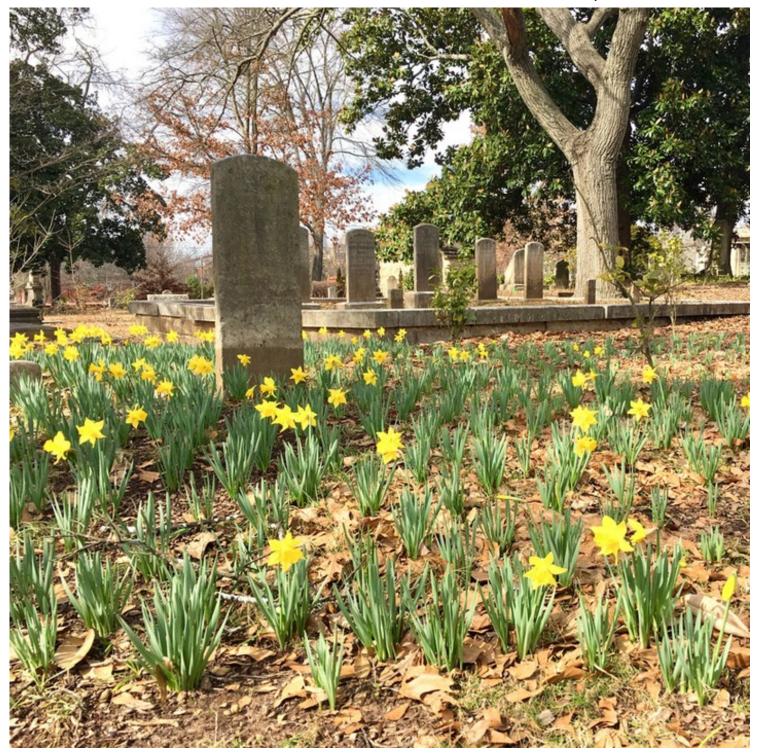
<u>Oakland Cemetery</u> is legendary in Atlanta. Over 700,000 people are buried here including Margaret Mitchell, Bobby Jones, former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson and other famous Georgians. Not to mention, the cemetery is always free to visit.

Every year thousands of daffodils occupy this spot and even though it is a little creepy, the flowers make this place beautiful. Annual Daffodil Day is February 29 and you can't miss it. The event is free and all of the activities are too, even the guided tours through the gardens.

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Spring won't officially start until around mid-March, but that's not stopping these yellow flowers from popping up everywhere. These are popular flowers in the South and they will just make you instantly happy when you see them.

Not only will you be able to explore the cemetery to see all of the flowers, but you can get some tips on how to grow daffodils yourself if you can't imagine your house without them.

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There will be other flowers in bloom during this time as well, so you'll see all kinds of flower and greenery displays that make perfect photo opportunities.

All the activities and things to see are free at this event, but if you want to purchase one of the plants that will be for sale, you can. All proceeds will benefit the Historic Oakland Foundation's gardens team.

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As I (@cfphotoimages) conclude this week's #instagramtakover, there's a couple of parting words, I'd like to convey. First, if it weren't for the gracious volunteers and dedicated staff, Atlanta citizens and visitors would never experience the splendor that's Oakland Cemetery.

We are so fortunate to have this physical, tangible asset in the heart of our city that pre-dates the Civil War, which continues to serve as a time capsule of Atlanta's history. I encourage everyone; photographer or not to visit, learn and experience the many layers that make Oakland Cemetery a true southern treasure. Consider becoming a volunteer or member of the Historic Oakland Foundation to ensure it's continued preservation and restoration efforts for current and future generations. For myself, I acknowledge that Oakland has been gracious to me and reveals more of itself with each visit as if cultivating a personal relationship. Throughout my 2013 photo project, it became an obsession with often time making 2 or 3 visits to the cemetery in one week. Simply put, the experience has taught me that Oakland is much more about the celebration of life than of death.

These images are a few of my other personal favorites from the project.

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This event will go on from 10:00 a.m. and go until 3:00 p.m. and it will be very easy to stay from beginning to end with all there is to see here. If you can't make it for this event, you'll be able to see the flowers in bloom all during spring and summer.

Even though there is an event, this is still a place of rest for many people's loved ones, so make sure you are respectful while you are at the event.

Oakland Cemetery Daffodil Day

Price: Free

When: February 29

Address: 248 Oakland Ave. SE, Atlanta, GA,

Why You Need To Go: This free event takes place in an eerie cemetery, but you'll be able to see hundreds of daffodils.

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