

## WICKED PLANTS THE EXHIBIT

Inspired by author Amy Stewart's best-selling book "Wicked Plants: The Weed that Killed Lincoln's Mother and other Botanical Atrocities," this fun-filled, family-friendly traveling exhibit gives visitors a safe, hands-on experience with some of the world's most diabolical botanicals. Thought-provoking and educational, *Wicked Plants* showcases plants associated with a myriad of health effects, including pain, addiction, obesity, allergies, cognitive impairment and even death!

Two- and three-dimensional interactives fill a Victorian-era ramshackle home, where visitors travel from room to room and learn about various poisonous plants that may be lurking in their homes and backyards. History, medicine, science, legend and lore are brought together to present a treasure trove of bloodcurdling botany that will entertain, alarm and enlighten.



### EXHIBIT DETAILS

- **SIZE:** 2,500 - 4,500 square feet; optional living collection for outdoors or greenhouse. Height requirement is 10 feet.
- **VENUE PERIOD:** 12 weeks
- **AUDIENCE:** Adults, families and school groups
- **SECURITY:** Standard
- **SHIPPING:** One-way inbound, paid by host venue.
- **SUPPORT:** Exhibit technician oversees installation and takedown. Promotional and educational materials available. Speaking engagement and book signing opportunity with author Amy Stewart included in rental fee.
- **RENTAL FEE:** \$65,000
- **APPROPRIATE FOR:** Natural history museums, science centers, botanical and zoological gardens.

*"The N.C. Arboretum did a wonderful job creating the Wicked Plants exhibition. In addition to producing a very creepy environment that kids love, they have presented some light-hearted, easy-to-understand content that makes it fun and easy for families to enjoy learning about plant evolution. It's a fun exhibit!"*

*-- Florida Museum of Natural History*

# EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS

**YOUR LAST SUPPER** — Supper served in the dining room could be one's last. Here visitors will learn from vampires, settlers and scientists that even the most mundane foods can be poisonous under certain circumstances.

**WARNING SIGNALS** — Many plants and animals contain evolved warning signals that are used as defense mechanisms to warn other creatures. Upon entering the foyer, visitors will interact with a Victorian cabinet that demonstrates how plants, animals, insects and humans defend themselves with bad odors, annoying noises, weaponry and bold patterns.



**STINKY STATIONS** — Inside the bathroom, visitors will discover that plants don't always smell sweet when they take a whiff of the five sniffing stations. From skunk to rotting meat to wet dog, these plants demonstrate the power of pungency in deterring predators.



**HOW DID BELLA DIE?** — A crime scene in the potions laboratory teaches that things aren't always what they seem, especially in the plant world of survival. Visitors will search for clues throughout the room to solve the mysterious death of the home's last remaining occupant.

## SAMPLE FLOOR PLAN



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