

Corpse flower to bloom at the Botanics



The Botanics will be the place to go as the *Amorphophallus titanum* (titan arum), one of the world's biggest and smelliest blooms, is about to flower for the second time in two years.

The bud, which is being measured by Botanics staff at 1pm each day, now stands at 179 cms.

A spokesperson said : "Excitement has been growing at the Garden since it was confirmed that the bud is a flower and not a leaf. A group of staff and volunteers, dubbed the 'titan army', are on permanent standby for the flowering. They will be on hand to assist visitors and share information about the plant."

The garden will be open late on the first night of flowering. Details will come out soon!

The photograph (courtesy of RBGE) shows the plant when it flowered in 2015. Will the new flower this year be bigger than that – you will have to get down there to see (take a clothes peg...)

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