

## Promoting a Lasting Partnership Between Azerbaijan and America

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## Azerbaijan America Alliance Celebrates Azerbaijani Holiday on the National Mall

Flower Day activities will be held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 12 to 4pm in front of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

**Washington, D.C. – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 –** On Sunday, the Azerbaijan America Alliance is organizing a cultural festival on the National Mall to celebrate Flower Day, an Azerbaijani national holiday.

In the spirit of hope and new life, children are a major focus of the holiday. Flower Day is a bright and joyous day in Azerbaijan. The Azerbaijan America Alliance seeks to share the celebration of Flower Day with Americans, and especially American schoolchildren.

The Flower Day occasion will include a number of family-friendly activities, which will be both enjoyable and educational. Over 80 students from the greater Washington, DC Metropolitan area have submitted artwork that will be displayed at the event on Sunday. In addition to other hands-on arts and crafts activities, the festival will include live dance performances and video presentations about Azerbaijan and the significance of this holiday for the Azeri people. The Flower Day celebration will begin with a welcome address from the Alliance's Chairman, Congressman Dan Burton, and will conclude with the presentation of two large pieces of art that will be created during the course of the event by local artists. The Flower Day festival will be an excellent opportunity for students and their families to celebrate the arrival of spring while learning about Azeri culture!

The Azerbaijan America Alliance is a non-partisan, non-profit organization providing critical information about the people, culture, society, industry, history, and current events of the Azeri people. Its mission is to foster and strengthen relations between the people of Azerbaijan and the United States. Through academic discussion, cultural programming, and political discourse, the Alliance aims to promote and advance a lasting partnership between the two nations' citizens.

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