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Every time Independence Day rolls around, it makes me think of how grateful I am to be living in the United States. And every year I say it - I love this country for all it's given my family and I. It's not perfect, but it certainly has potential. This year, we've had the chance to explore a couple new cities and states, some National Parks, and we re-visited some favorites. Some of those rolling landscapes are images I'll never forget - a reminder that we might live in one country, but that country - the landscape, the customs, the big town and the little cities - are all vastly different as the people who inhabit it.

This week, I give thanks for this great country and all she's given us. I give thanks for all the people in it, as different as they may be. I pray for her to continue growing and getting better, and to continue providing opportunities for those who inhabit her and those who come looking for a better life.

Around Town

At *Dragons and Mythical Creatures*, Fairchild Gardens will come alive with the presence of sixteen magnificent mythical beings, now through September 4. Use the code **DRAGONS20** for 20% off adult tickets.
