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Autumn at the Arboretum Fall Festival
Returns with the theme, “The Adventures in Neverland”

DALLAS, Texas (Fall 2018) – Thousands of pumpkins, gourds and squashes are sprouting in the Texas Panhandle this summer, soon making their way to Dallas for Autumn at the Arboretum, a national fall festival, presented by Rogers-O’Brien Construction. Named one of “the best pumpkin picking experiences in the country” by Trip Advisor and “One of The World’s 15 Most Breathtaking Gardens” by Architectural Digest, the Dallas Arboretum’s festival highlights “The Adventures in Neverland,” featuring scenes from the beloved book, Peter and Wendy, September 22 to November 21.

For the 13th year, Autumn at the Arboretum, named one of the “Best Fall Festivals” by Country Living Magazine, includes the nationally-acclaimed Pumpkin Village featuring pumpkin houses and creative displays incorporating more than 90,000 pumpkins, gourds, squash, cornstalks and a hay bale maze.

“Known for amazing and creative displays, our 50-member horticulture team is creating an amazing Pumpkin Village display where more than 250,000 people will visit during Autumn at the Arboretum,” said Dave Forehand, Dallas Arboretum’s vice president of gardens.

Themed “The Adventures in Neverland,” the Pumpkin Village takes guests on a journey through Neverland in the Pecan Grove. The Pumpkin Village begins in London at the house of the Darlings where Wendy and her brothers are dreaming of pirates and fairies. Other major stops include the Lost Boys hideout where Peter, Wendy and the Lost Boys talk about never growing up. A pirate ship sails the seas of gourds and pumpkins in Pecan Grove where Captain Hook keeps his eye to the sky as his never-ending hunt for Peter continues. Tick-Tock, the Crocodile, waits patiently among the pumpkins for another opportunity to attack. A visit to Neverland would not be complete without a stop by Tinker Bell’s home where she does all of her tinkering.

For Autumn at the Arboretum photos and press kit, click here.

Daily & Seasonal Programming for the Main Garden:

Oktoberfest Garden
Daily, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Café on the Green
The menu at Café on the Green features various bratwursts, carved pastrami sandwiches, warm apple strudel, black forest cake and Oktoberfest beers.

Mommy and Me Mondays & Tiny Tot Tuesdays
Every Monday & Tuesday through November 20, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pecan Grove
Sponsored by Kimberly-Clark, children’s activities include face painting by A Fresh Perspective, Kindermusik at Noon, story time, Country Critters Petting Zoo, and appearances by the Dallas Zoo’s Animal Adventures at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, September 24, Tuesday, October 9 and Sunday, October 28.

Harvest Tea
Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

DeGolyer House
Fall into the autumn season with Harvest Tea service. Served in the historic DeGolyer House, guests can indulge in a seated, three-course high tea experience, while taking in the changing colors of the 66-acre garden. Tea prices begin at $49 per person and include parking and admission. Add champagne service for $59 per seat. To book a reservation, visit www.dallasarboretum.org or contact Tea Sales at 214-515-6511.

Walt Disney’s Peter Pan Movie (1952)
Daily, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Virginia and Algur Meadows Orientation Theater
Revisit the beloved characters, Wendy, Tiger Lily, Smee & Captain Hook from the Peter Pan movie showing continuously throughout the festival.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration
September 22, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Join the Dallas Arboretum for the Hispanic Heritage Celebration beginning with a Quinceañera fashion show in Rosine Hall at 10 a.m. Adriana Lopez, host of Telemundo’s daily show, Acceso Total, is the emcee for the fashion show. Celebrate the beauty and tradition of the gorgeous full dresses as they parade down the Paseo at 11 a.m. to Mariachi Aguilas de UNT. Adding to the festive atmosphere are performances by Ballet Folklorico Hispano de Dallas and Spanish guitarist, Daniel Rodriguez. Vendors
on-site that day include Empanada Cookhouse, Topo Chico, Tamales Over Texas, who will be doing a demonstration and sale, Rock and Roll Tacos Food Truck, La Princesa Paletas, and more. Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/quinceanera for more information.

Hoffman Family Gift Store Events:
Tasting with Bentley's BBQ
September 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Guests are welcome to sample barbecue, and products are available for purchase in the gift store.

Meet the Artist: Jeff Krause of Round Top
September 30, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Guests are welcome to meet artist Jeff Krause and purchase some of his art.

North Texas Gourd Association Demonstrations
Every Thursday beginning September 27-November 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Paseo by Pecan Grove
Watch the North Texas Gourd Association create incredible items such as jewelry, decorative accessories and gourds. Items will also be available for sale.

Live Music Every Weekend
Featuring Dallas' Best Wedding Party Bands
Saturday & Sunday, September 22-November 18, 2-4 p.m.
Martin Rutchik Concert Stage & Lawn
September 22: Monkey Love Band
September 23: In10City Band
September 29: Jordan Coffing Jazz Quartet
September 30: OffWorld
October 6: Reinventing Jude
October 7: Audio Cannon
October 13: The Undulating Band
October 20: Inversion Band
October 21: The Redwine Band
October 27: One Fret Off
October 28: Royal Dukes Band
November 3: No Limits Band

The Memory Garden Project for those facing Memory Loss
Sponsored by Edith Royal of the Darrell K Royal Research Fund
October 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
$5/per session/per participant, caregivers receive free admission
Thanks to a special grant, the Arboretum provides "Memory Café Experience" at a reduced rate. The program includes a series of four consecutive Fridays in October for those with early and middle-stage dementia or Alzheimer's and one caregiver. A special screening will be held on September 28. To sign up, contact Mayra Salazar at 214.515.6518 or email msalazar@dallasarboretum.org with the name of the participant and the caregiver.

Columbus Day Weekend
October 6-8
Bring the family for face painting and a petting zoo each day in the garden. Enjoy live music and free wine samplings. Listen to the talented Eddie Coker, sponsored by DallasChild, perform on Columbus Day. Discover tasty vendors while enjoying the fall weather.

Saturday, October 6
Checkered Past Winery, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., A Tasteful Place
Lake Highlands Brewery, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., A Tasteful Place
Face Painters & Petting Zoo, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pecan Grove
One Frett Off Band, 2-4 p.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

Sunday, October 7
Checkered Past Winery, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., A Tasteful Place
Pegasus City Brewery, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., A Tasteful Place
Face Painters & Petting Zoo, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pecan Grove
Audio Cannon, 2-4 p.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

Monday, October 8
ElCentro Cooking Demonstration, 11 a.m.-Noon, A Tasteful Place
Face Painters & Petting Zoo, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Pecan Grove
Eddie Coker, sponsored by DallasChild, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn
Bubble Performer, Noon & 1 p.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

Flower Power: A Meditative Walk in the Garden
October 12 – Level 1 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
October 19 – Level 2 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Level 1 is a prerequisite to Level 2)
$45, Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/autumn to register.
Join Patricia Dedman Nail, owner of 6D Design and clinical psychotherapist, in the Jonsson Color Garden for a transformational healing process called "Flower Power." In this session, Patricia helps guests use meditation techniques instead of medication. These processes can be learned and repeated and will teach mindfulness to help people slow down and smell the flowers.

Window to the Wild Bird Flight Show
October 13 & November 17, 10:30 a.m.
Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn
The birds are back! They were so popular earlier this year that Window to the Wild returns for a 45-minute outdoor education flight training show. At the end of the show, people can stay to meet and greet the birds and their trainers.

Dueling Karaoke
Presented by Leslie Ann Bass
October 14, Noon-3 p.m.
Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn
Join in on the fall fun for group Karaoke with songs that bring down the house, like B-52’s “Love Shack” and “NSYNC’s “Bye, Bye, Bye.” Groups can pre-register for this event at www.dallasarboretum.org. Each group will compete against one another to win a 2019 subscription to the Cool Thursday Concert Series.

Family Fun Weekend
October 27-28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Pecan Grove
Sponsored by Amegy Bank
Don’t miss the annual Halloween blowout weekend with trick-or-treating throughout the garden, live music, face painting, a petting zoo and live appearances from “The Adventures in Neverland” characters. The Dallas Zoo’s Animal Adventures arrive on Sunday, October 28 at 11:15 a.m. Come and get pictures made with Peter, Tinker Bell and Captain Hook all weekend long. Complimentary photos are provided by the Volunteer Advisory Board from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday only, and donations are appreciated.

Veterans Day Weekend
November 10-11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Live Music on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn
November 10, 2-4 p.m.: Reckless Angels
November 11, 11 a.m.: Carswell Air Force Base Choir
November 11, 2-4 p.m.: New Ground Band
All active duty and retired military personnel receive complimentary admission all weekend (with valid military ID). Bring a blanket, lawn chair, picnic basket and beverage of choice to enjoy the fall weather and live music all weekend.

Daily and Seasonal Programming for A Tasteful Place:
Seasonal Tastings
Daily, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Try three different samples featuring a hero vegetable, fruit or herb from the garden. Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/recipes for all recipes.

El Centro College Cooks
Presented by El Centro College
Cooking demonstrations every Monday, 11 a.m.-Noon
Free with paid garden admission
Participate in this popular demonstration cooking class, taught by Chef Alison Mati from the college’s nationally-recognized culinary school. Two new recipes are demonstrated each month.

September recipes feature glazed turnips and fava & snap bean salad.

October recipes feature bok choy & molasses pickled garlic and roasted beef & orange salad.

November recipes feature grilled broccolini with Cotjia cheese and lemon & Swiss chard with pine nuts & garlic.

Chef-Tastic Series
11 a.m.-Noon, Free with paid garden admission
Join some of Dallas’ renowned chefs as they demonstrate how to make one of their signature dishes using seasonal vegetables growing in the garden, with a small taste for attendees to try at the end. Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/demos to register.

September 26: Chef Mark Guatetara, Asador
October 3: Chef Sonny Pache, Ocean Prime
October 17: Chef James Johnson, Pappa Bros Steakhouse
October 24: Chef Graham Dodds, The Statler
November 7: Chef Tony Street, Y.O. Ranch Steakhouse
November 14: Chef Ben Leath with Harlowe MXX

National Coffee Day Celebration
September 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tastings and products for sale

Healthy Eating Series
Presented by UT Southwestern Medical School
October 4 & 18, November 1, 11 a.m.-Noon
Free with paid garden admission
Experts from UT Southwestern Medical School discuss the latest research on healthy eating followed by a food sampling.

October 4: Jo Ann Carson - “Calming the Stormy Seas of the Fats We Choose”
October 18: Alicia Gilmore - “An update to Recommendations for Fighting and Prevention Cancer” (A discussion of new guidelines released from the American Institute of Cancer Research.)
November 1: Kathleen Eustace- “Nutrition for a Happy Gut”

Thyme with Friends: Author and Cook, Kay Goodman
October 10, 11 a.m.-Noon
Free with paid garden admission
Join Kay Goodman, author and local cook, as she demonstrates how to make a winter spice poached pear and arugula salad, a recipe from her newest cookbook that supports the North Texas Food Bank.

National Pumpkin Pie Day Demonstration
Presented by Humble Pie
October 12, 11 a.m.-Noon
Free with paid garden admission
Chefs of White Rock Lake's very own pie shop, Humble Pie, demonstrate how they make their acclaimed pumpkin pie. Pies are available for purchase after demonstration.

Garden to Table Dinner
Presented by Wolfgang Puck Catering
November 4, 6-8 p.m., $160 per person
Enjoy a four-course meal and a selection of wine. The menu includes passed hors d’oeuvres, roasted cauliflower cream soup, beef short rib with a semolina puree, mustard demi, crispy Brussel leaves and parmesan churros. The evening ends with a dessert of sticky toffee pudding with Verjus pears and brown figs. Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/specialevents to register.

- To sign up for free demonstrations that require registration, visit www.dallasarboretum.org/demos or www.dallasarboretum.org/training.
- To see all fall programming for A Tasteful Place, visit www.dallasarboretum.org/atatsefulplace

**2018 programming for A Tasteful Place is supported by Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District.

Rory Meyers Children’s Adventure Garden Fall Programming:
Children’s Adventure Garden Birthday Weekend, September 21-23
September 21, 5:30 p.m., Exploration Center Plaza
Join Mary Brinegar, president of the Dallas Arboretum, and Children’s Adventure Garden founders for a celebratory birthday cake cutting and candle blow out. Cake and refreshments will be available to guests during this event (first come, first served; pre-registration is required). Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/childrensgarden for details and registration. Children’s Adventure Garden is free on these three days with paid general admission.

Birthday Celebration: The Adventures in Neverland
September 21-23
The Children’s Adventure Garden is excited to celebrate its 5th birthday, with over 150 interactive science games and 17 galleries for which it has become nationally acclaimed for. As part of the celebration to tie into "The Adventures in Neverland” theme, the weekend includes adventures fitting for pirates, fairies and those who never want to grow up. Activities include Lost Boys Games, making fairy dust and shadow drawings and a scavenger hunt for lucky pirate treasure. Don’t forget to sign the giant birthday card in the entry plaza. Children’s Adventure Garden admission is free on these three days with paid general admission or membership.

Johnny Appleseed Weekend
September 29 & 30
Puppet Show: The Story of Johnny Appleseed
10 & 10:30 a.m., The Glade
Johnny Appleseed loved apples, trees and being a good friend. Learn about the story under a sea of Magnolia trees.
Life Cycle of an Apple Tree
Noon, Incredible Edible Garden
Learn about the life cycle of an apple tree and what makes them so delicious!
Testing Your Tastebuds: Johnny Applesauce
4 p.m., Incredible Edible Garden
Learn about the benefits of phytonutrients from these delicious delights.

Monarch Madness Month
October 1-October 22
Monarch Tagging
Weekends, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Come and learn about the Monarch’s life cycle, migration, and how to tag these insects for research.
Creativity Corner: Monarch Metamorphosis
Weekends 2-4 p.m.
Stop by the Creativity Corner for more Monarch fun and create a craft.
Monarchs on the Move
Weekdays, Noon
Learn when, how and why monarchs travel during the winter.

National Chemistry Week
October 22-26
Alka-Seltzer Rockets
Moody Oasis, Noon
What makes things go POP!? Explore the science behind air pressure and have an explosive time!
Galaxy in a Jar
Twinkle, twinkle, little star—let's put a galaxy into a jar! These beautiful creations are sure to delight.

Exploration Center, 3:30 p.m.

**Halloween Week**
October 27-31

**Sticker Treating, Throughout the Garden, All Day**
Wear costumes and discover the spooky-side of nature. Only the best ghouls and ghosts can collect all of the Children's Adventure Garden stickers.

**Creativity Corner: Creepy Creations**
Entry Plaza, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Create a Halloween-themed craft.

**Nature's Superheroes Games**
The Moody Oasis, Noon
Learn about some of nature's greatest super heroes.

**Haunted Halloween Chemistry Demonstration**
The Glade, 2-2:30 p.m.
Things that pop, glow and fizzle fill the haunted Halloween demonstration of creepy chemistry.

**Spooky Maze Scavenger Hunt**
Enter the maze, but don't get lost in the haze. Around each corner might be a scare, but it's all fun for the Halloween affair.

**Trick-or-Treating in the Children's Adventure Garden**
October 27 & 28
Select Galleries of the Children's Adventure Garden, 6-9 p.m.
Price: $10 per person, $8 for Members
Spooky fun and adventure await! Dress in costume to tour the Halloween maze, partake in glowing programs and enjoy a special Halloween lab.

**Animal Adventures with the Dallas Zoo**
November 12, 11:15 a.m., Entry Plaza
The Dallas Zoo is bringing a few of their favorite friends for an animal encounter in the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. Stop by for a wild adventure with interesting critters.


**Discounts:**

**Football Fun Under the Sun Rivalry Weekend Discounts:**
Wear college gear and get $5 off parking. Entering through the ticket booth, guests may predict the winner of the game by placing a ticket into the college of choice’s cup. Guests can also bring pre-carved pumpkin with a team’s logo on it and receive $2 off of main gate admission. **Offer is only valid for dates listed below**

**Game Dates:**
September 28-30  Southwest Classic: Texas A&M versus Arkansas (AT&T Stadium)
State Fair Classic: Grambling versus Prairie View (Cotton Bowl)
October 5-7  Red River Showdown: Texas versus Oklahoma (Cotton Bowl)

**BOGO Wednesdays**
September 26 through November 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Buy one, get one admission every Wednesday. Offer excludes Wednesday, October 31.

**C. C. Young Senior Thursdays**
September 27 through November 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Seniors 65 and older get in for $11 general garden admission on Thursdays and receive a 20 percent discount in the Hoffman Family Gift Store. Discount available at ticket booth only.

**$2 State Fair Discount**
September 29-November 21
Present ticket stub for $2 off general admission.

**Tom Thumb $1 off General Garden Admission**
September 22-November 21
Tom Thumb offers $1 off general garden admission tickets, available at area Tom Thumb locations.

**Group Ticket Discount:**
Guests receive a reduced price for general garden daytime admission and Cool Thursday Concerts when 10 or more tickets, or 12 Days of Christmas at Night admission, when 15 or more tickets are purchased in one transaction. Tickets must be purchased in advance and must be redeemed as a group on date specified. For more information regarding discounted tickets for groups 10 or larger, contact groupsales@dallasarboretum.org or 214-515-6520.

**12 Days of Christmas at Night Exhibit (Nov. 14 - Dec. 30) Special Discounts:**
Purchase discounted tickets to the family's favorite holiday tradition, The 12 Days of Christmas and "The Artistry of the Nativity" in the DeGolyer House, early to secure a spot to see 500,000 lights and 12 elaborate 25-foot Victorian-style gazebos
throughout our nighttime landscape. “The Artistry of the Nativity” is only open for evening viewings on Wednesday nights, but open during daytime hours every weekday.

**Purchase discounted tickets between Sept 28 - Oct 19:** $10 per ticket for children, adults and seniors for evening entrance on Wednesdays and Thursdays only of the 12 Days at Night festival. *(This offer excludes dates: November 18 - 25 & December 19 - 23).*

**Speakers Bureau:**
For those wanting to have a representative come to their club or organization to share about Autumn at the Arboretum or another topic, contact the Dallas Arboretum speakers bureau at speakers@dallasarboretum.org. There is no charge for the speakers bureau, but donations are accepted.

**Sponsors:**
In addition to presenting sponsor Rogers-O’Brien Construction, others include Amegy Bank, C. C. Young, DallasChild, Doyle & Associates, Full Color, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Macy’s, Mutual of Omaha, Texas Instruments, Park Place, Tom Thumb and True North Advisors. Additional media sponsors include Telemundo 39.

**About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:**
The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218. The Dallas Arboretum is also the home of the internationally acclaimed Rory Meyers Children’s Adventure Garden. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Dallas Morning News is the principal partner of the Dallas Arboretum. The Arboretum is supported, in part, by funds from the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. WFAA is an official media sponsor for the Dallas Arboretum. For more information, call 214.515.6500 or visit www.dallasarboretum.org.

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