



**DALLAS ARBORETUM**  
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**Dallas Arboretum Hosted Plant Trials Field Day and Shared Winners of Trial Gardens**

**DALLAS, Texas, July 2, 2018** – Internationally known as one of the premier places to test plants for extreme weather conditions, especially high heat and humidity, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden held its annual Plant Trials Field Day on June 27 where more than 300 industry professionals attended. Thousands of plants are tested annually including bulbs, perennials, shrubs, trees, groundcovers and vegetables.

Jenny Wegley, Dallas Arboretum vice president of horticulture, welcomed guests and introduced the various speakers. She shared results of the Trial Gardens' All American Selections for vegetables as the garden is one of the few places testing various vegetables as part of a national vegetable trial. These vegetables that has been trialed are then transplanted and used in A Tasteful Place (ATP), a 3.5-acre garden dedicated to growing, harvesting and preparing fresh vegetables, herbs and fruits in a healthful manner. ATP opened in October 2017 and has been well received in the community as a resource for the new and seasoned gardener.

Wegley also shared unique landscaping plants, showed how they used plants throughout the seasons in creative displays, and announced the annual and perennial winners that received FlameProof® or Arboretum Approved awards– for plants that have thrived and outperformed others. FlameProof is awarded only to plants that survived extreme conditions in the Texas summer. Arboretum Approved is awarded to plants that scored the highest in its class and are the best of its kind during that season. (For a complete list, see attachment).

For more information on Dallas Arboretum's Trial Program by visiting the plant trials website: [www.dallasplanttrials.org](http://www.dallasplanttrials.org).

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**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. It is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Regular general admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for children 2-12 and free for Arboretum members and children two and under. See website for special discounts. There is an additional cost of \$3 per person for entrance into the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. On-site parking is \$15; pre-purchased online parking is \$9. *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](http://www.dallasarboretum.org).

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