



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**Dallas Arboretum Offers Special \$2 Admission
for August Dollar Days**

An Additional \$2 for Admittance to the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden

Dallas, Texas (August 2018) - The drawn out sun-drenched days of summer bring in August Dollar Days, named "One of the World's 15 Most Breathtaking Gardens" by *Architectural Digest*, the garden is offering \$2 general garden admission, \$5 for parking, and \$2 admission into the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden for the month of August. Summer programming for the Children's Adventure Garden features the theme Summer Hunt for Cool Critters that correlate with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics).

The many floral beds are bursting with ageratum, impatiens, lobelias, petunias, cleome, begonias, salvia, marigolds and zinnias during the summer. As it heats up, caladiums, lantana, pride of Barbados, variegated tapioca, elephant ears and coleus are added to the gardens.

Mark Wolf, Dallas Arboretum board chairman, said, "We look forward to record attendance this August, and with general garden admission being \$2 per person, everyone can come enjoy the beautiful gardens at an affordable price."

Dollar Days food includes \$1 sodas, juice and frozen pops, \$2 root beer floats and hotdogs, and \$4 brownie sundaes. Enjoy the shade of the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn while listening to some playlists by Dallas' favorite music personalities such as DJ Jennifer Miller, DJ Cruz, evening host on KISSFM, Preston Jones, one of DFW's top music critics, Michael "Grubes" Gruber, official DJ of the Dallas Stars, Jody Dean, host of The

Morning Team on 98.7 KLUV and Donovan Lewis, co-host of The Norm and D Invasion on KTCK 1310 AM/96.7 FM, The Ticket Sports Radio.

Presented by Reliant, Wind Sculptures in Motion: The Kinetic Art of Lyman Whitaker, due to its popularity, will now be on display throughout the gardens through August 31. Each piece of Whitaker's artwork is organic in nature and responds to the changing currents of the wind, which provides its special movement. Whitaker hand-produces these innovative sculptures with a high degree of mechanical integrity and his copper wind spinners are mesmerizing juxtaposed with the beautiful gardens.

August Dollar Day tickets are available for purchase only at the gate. Parking is available for a discounted \$5 per vehicle. For more information on August Dollar Days and other daily activities, call 214.515.6500 or visit www.dallasarboretum.org. For a full list of summer programming for the Children's Adventure Garden, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/named-gardens-features/the-rory-meyers-childrens-adventure-garden/childrens-garden-activities>.

August programming includes:

A Tasteful Place:

Seasonal Tastings - Every Day

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Ruthie Pack's Tasting Plaza, A Tasteful Place

Try three different samples featuring seasonal items from the garden. Free with paid garden admission.

Tasting Demos with Chef Isabel

Every Wednesday through August 29, 1 p.m., Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Chef Isabel will demonstrate how to make the delicious daily tastings served every week.

Learn to Grow

August 3 and 17, 2018, 11 a.m.-Noon, A Tasteful Place

Enjoy a talk featuring Master Gardeners, Arboretum Horticulture Staff, and more - each week features a different focus.

August 3 - Insects in your Garden, Friend or Foe? | Speaker: Megan Proska, Dallas Arboretum Horticulture Manager

August 17 - Native and Adapted Plants, the Easiest Plants to Grow in North Texas, Speaker: Kevin Burns, Dallas County Master Gardener

El Centro College Cooking Connection

Presented by the Food & Hospitality Institute at El Centro College

Mondays in August, 11 a.m., Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Participate in a demonstration cooking class, taught by Chef instructors with assistance from students who attend El Centro College's nationally-recognized culinary institute. This session is designed to refine kitchen skills and showcase seasonal produce found in A Tasteful Place. Free to garden guests, thanks to El Centro College, a part of Dallas County Community College District. Check the website regularly for weekly topics.

August Menu:

Roasted Eggplant with Romesco Sauce and Roasted Butternut Squash Soup

Just a Taste: Enjoy a demonstration by local food vendors. Guests may purchase the product at the end of the demonstration.

Schorlemer Haus

August 1 and October 2, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Schorlemer Haus demonstrates interesting and delicious uses of their mustard. They will also be selling their product.

C&J Farms, Texas Artisan Seasonings

August 7, Noon-3 p.m., Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Come sample and purchase some of C&J Farms' distinct and preservative-free seasonings.

White Rock Granola

August 9 & 23, Noon-3 p.m., Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Guests can come and sample and purchase granola from White Rock Granola.

Rakkatan Tea

August 8 and 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Rakkatan Tea will be demonstrating ways to create different teas, as well as selling some of their amazing products.

Frozen Fridays

Snowbaby

August 17, 1-2 p.m. (Demo), 2 -3 p.m. (Sale) Paseo across from the Pecan Grove

Snowbaby's desserts are thinly shaved ice sheets, layered like the airy texture of freshly fallen snow. The "snow" is topped with fresh fruits & treats, then drizzled with sweetened condensed milk. It's creamy and delectable like an ice cream, but doesn't feel as heavy and filling.

Steel City Pops

August 24, 11a.m.-Noon (Demo), 12-2 p.m. (Sale), Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Steel City Pops is joined by Herman Marshall Whiskey and Berkshire Farms as they discuss the Maple Bacon Bourbon pop and the quality local ingredients that go into it.

Cooking For Two- or Just You! Cindy Kleckner, RDN, LD, FAND

August 10, 11 a.m.-noon, Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

What do singles, couples, newlyweds, roommates and "empty nesters" have in common? Like many households today, they're made up of onesies and twosomes. Life can be complicated, but meals don't have to be. Registered dietitian, Cindy Kleckner, will provide tips on shopping and meal solutions for fast, simple, delicious and nutritious vegetable meals that will work terrifically for two or just one person. Free with paid garden admission. Registration is required. Visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/named-gardens-features/a-tasteful-place/tasting-events-in-a-tasteful-place> for more information.

Paid Cooking Classes For Your Enjoyment:

Stirring the Pot Before Tying the Knot-with Cindy Kleckner, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

August 4, 1-3 p.m., \$65, Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Guests and soon-to-be brides learn to cook recipes that get everyone interacting, laughing and sipping on some bubbly! This hands-on, small group learning and eating experience is the perfect activity to transform a kitchen coward to a real gourmand. More information and registration, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/named-gardens-features/a-tasteful-place/cooking-events-a-tasteful-place>

Gather: Garden To Table Cooking Class: Hearty Seasonal Salads

Emily Weeks, Owner, Zen and Spice Nutrition

Dixya Bhattaral, Owner, Food, Pleasure and Health

August 5, 1-3 p.m., \$65, Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Nothing tastes better than a refreshing salad in the middle of the blazing heat of summer. Guests learn the art of how to create a well-composed salad inspired from seasonal and local ingredients and play around with thoughtful pops of color and bursts of flavors and textures. After this class, guests will feel confident in making a punchy vinaigrette or a creamy herb buttermilk dressing. Tasting following the class. More information, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/named-gardens-features/a-tasteful-place>.

"Over The Top" Tapas

August 19, 2-4 p.m., \$150 per couple, Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

"Over The Top" Tapas, by Gil's Elegant Catering, is an exciting class that teaches guests how to create super flavorful small bites. Guests will learn to extract flavors from Spanish cuisine through a hands-on, instructional cooking class. Small tasting to follow the cooking class. Visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/named-gardens-features/a-tasteful-place/cooking-events-a-tasteful-place> to register.

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

Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden: Open Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Special Activities:

Little Adventurers Activities

Weekdays in August, 10 a.m., First Adventure

Bring little adventurers for a hands-on experience with science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Each day of the week will include new stories, songs, crafts and so much more.

OmniGlobe Presentation: Shakin' and Quakin' in my Boots!

August 1 - 31

Weekdays in August, 2:30 p.m., Exploration Center

Weekends in August, 11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., Exploration Center

Earthquakes, volcanoes, and mountains often appear in the same places. Come to the Omni Globe Theater to see how plate tectonics explains this activity.

Puppet Show: Marvelous Metamorphosis

Weekends in August, 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., The Glade

Come to The Glade for an adventure with Olivia to find out what she'll be when she grows up! This interactive puppet show teaches children about metamorphosis.

Wild Water Weekends

Weekends in August, 12 p.m., Texas Native Wetlands

Our Texas Native Wetlands are home to many wondrous creatures including frogs, turtles and fish. Examine a sample of our pond water and discover the hidden treasure lurking inside.

Plant Lab Schedule: (Every day, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., & 3 p.m., Exploration Center)

Lenses of Light

July 30- August 5

The energy that comes from the sun provides warmth and light which gives life to this special planet. That light also provides the beautiful colors seen in the world. In the Crazy Colorful Garden lab, discover the how light bends and moves to make the beautiful blue sky and the gorgeous green plants.

Strawberry DNA

August 6 - August 12

DNA is in all living things, including food that's consumed. Come extract DNA from fruit and learn why it is important for a scientist to study DNA.

Elephant Toothpaste

August 13- August 19

This chemical reaction is bubbling with excitement! Take part in this classic experiment to create Elephant Toothpaste.

Cabbage Juice Chemistry

August 20 - August 31

Red cabbage can be used for more than just dinner, it's also an excellent pH indicator! Learn to use cabbage juice to determine the pH of a mystery liquid.

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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