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What's New in the Garden: Blooming Chrysanthemums and New Koi Fish From Hilton Anatole

DALLAS, Texas (October 8, 2015) – As Autumn at the Arboretum continues, the garden is abloom with 3,000 of fall's favorite flower, *Chrysanthemums*, expected to bloom for just 14 – 21 more days. Though mums the word throughout the 66-acre garden, the garden's newest addition is swimming over from the Hilton Anatole Hotel. Due to renovations, the Hilton Anatole will no longer have its koi pond, so approximately 50 of the koi fish will find a new home at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

Due to the arrival of the new fish, the Arboretum will have Fish Feeding Fridays for children located in the Lay Family Garden, where the existing koi pond can be found. Guests can join the Arboretum's Horticulture staff in feeding the garden's newest aquatic friends on Fridays at 1 p.m.

Dallas Arboretum's Director of Horticulture, Jenny Wegley, said, "We are happy to adopt some of the Anatole's koi fish. Part of our mission is to provide opportunities for education, and receiving more koi fish has inspired new programming, which will be educational." She added, "It's an exciting time to be in the garden as the true signs of fall are here with the mums blooming as well."

A spectacular show of color unfolds with the *Chrysanthemums* in the beginning stages of bloom amongst the 75,000 pumpkins, gourds and squash throughout the garden. The mums are predicted to bloom for the next 14 – 21 days, creating an urgency to get to the Arboretum to see them in bloom.

Autumn at the Arboretum is one of the "Best Fall Festivals to Celebrate the Season" according to *Country Living* and ushers in the cooler weather to the garden. The highlight of the festival is the nationally acclaimed Pumpkin Village, which highlights a Texas theme this year with an Old Texas Town made out of four pumpkin houses. There are enough pumpkins to fill Texas Stadium, and there are enough ears of corn to reach the top of Reunion Tower and back down again.

For more information on Autumn at the Arboretum, please visit <u>www.dallasarboretum.org</u>.

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 <u>www.dallasarboretum.org</u>.

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