



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Dallas Arboretum Shares Five Floral Gift Ideas for Valentine's Day

DALLAS, Texas, January, 2019 – With Valentine's Day around the corner, flowers get top billing right behind candy during this season, and the Dallas Arboretum has breathtaking flowers along with only \$5 admission through February 22. For those wanting to propose, it's also noted as one of the ["5 Most Popular Places to Pop the Big Q in the Big D."](#) by *Dallas Observer*.

Dave Forehand, Dallas Arboretum's vice president of gardens, said, "There's nothing more romantic than flowers, and the Dallas Arboretum has thousands of them. The Arboretum is also equipped with everything you'll need to give your special someone the very best Valentine's Day. "

Five Great Gift Ideas for Valentine's Day:

Picnic at the Arboretum – Praised as one of the perfect places to picnic in Dallas by *Guidelive*, the Arboretum boasts a breathtaking view of the Dallas skyline and White Rock Lake, perfect for an afternoon rendezvous. Guests are invited to pack a homemade lunch and stay hydrated with any beverage of your choice, or pick up some tasty bites at Café on the Green. The picnics don't stop there as Dallas Blooms, the largest floral festival in the Southwest, presented by IBERIABANK, kicks off on February 23 and runs through April 7. With over 500,000 blooms bursting with color, the spring festival features an extraordinary, larger-than-life, picnic scene topiary, comprised of a stunning 40'x40' picnic blanket, a vase of flowers, a giant picnic ant, weekly screenings of the best picnic scenes in film, and appearances by some of the hottest party bands in Dallas every weekend. For more information, visit www.dallasarboretum.org/blooms.

Blooming Beds – A wonderful gift for a loved one is to give the gift of flowers all year long with the unique gift of a Blooming Bed. Each honoree receives approximately 10 linear feet of a flowering bed in the garden marked with a 3"x 5" plaque. Blooming Beds of Color are \$675 for a full year of seasonal plantings. Blooming Beds of Bulbs are \$400 for a seasonal planting during the internationally acclaimed Dallas Blooms festival. Each gift comes with a special reception in the springtime. For more information, visit <https://www.dallasarboretum.org/support-volunteer/special-giving-opportunities/blooming-beds>.

Cooking Classes – Food and love go hand-in-hand and A Tasteful Place has exciting cooking classes planned for guests to enjoy. On February 9, from 1-3 p.m., enjoy a lovely wine tasting class led by Times Ten Wine Cellars. Guests can enjoy six wine tastings (three red and three white), and three different cheeses, dried fruit, crackers and a fig spread. Full bottles will be available for purchase after the event and attendees also receive a crystal wine glass to take home after the tasting. The class fee is \$65 per person and includes admission to the garden. To purchase tickets, visit www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses.

Enjoy “A Wonderful World of French Pastries” cooking class on February 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Lorie Fangio, teaching chef and owner of A Taste of Paris culinary trips. Attendees can learn how to prepare classic French recipes like raspberry eclairs stuffed with pastry cream and dense, versatile and delectable chocolate. There’s no better way to celebrate love with someone special. The class costs \$60 per person. Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses to register.

Cool Thursdays Concert Series – For the music lovers, give them concert tickets or the series so that they can dance the night away with Dallas’ favorite Thursday night concerts returning March 28, with single tickets going on sale February 15. Sponsored by Wells Fargo, Cool Thursdays Concerts are Dallas’ only concert series overlooking the picturesque White Rock Lake on the award-winning Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn. To see the concert lineup and purchase tickets, visit www.dallasarboretum.org/cool-thursdays-concert-series.

Lunch or Seated Tea at Restaurant DeGolyer – For those looking for something more elegant for their loved one, treat them to lunch or seated three-course tea amid the festive settings on the beautiful DeGolyer House Loggia. The Arboretum offers an elegant, three-course Friendship Tea served January 5 - February 22 for those 13 and older to celebrate Valentine’s Day with friends or a special someone. Friendship Tea is \$39 per person, or \$49 with champagne. Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/dining/seated-teas to make reservations.

About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **February 1-February 22, general garden admission is \$5. The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden is closed through February 22 for preventative maintenance.** On-site

parking is \$15, or \$9 if purchased in advance online. **General admission is \$17 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65 and older, \$12 for children 2-12 during the Dallas Blooms Festival (Feb.23-April 7), and free for Arboretum members and children under two.** 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.

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