



DALLAS ARBORETUM  
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**The Dallas Arboretum Extends \$5 Admission  
Through February 22 for Daffodil Days**

**DALLAS, Texas, January 21, 2019** – To encourage even more people to enjoy the gardens during the winter months, the Dallas Arboretum is extending \$5 general admission through February 22. Come see these beautiful floral 'trumpets' announcing the beginning of spring, and watch as the beauty of the garden begins to unfold. Parking is \$15 or \$9 if purchased [online](#) in advance. The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden is closed for preventative maintenance through February 22.

Dave Forehand, Dallas Arboretum's vice president of gardens, said, "We've had plenty of cold weather, which is great for helping the bulbs get ready for Dallas Blooms that opens later in February. People can get a behind-the-scenes look, and watch the beauty of the garden unfold, as our creative Horticulture team prepares for this springtime festival. You don't want to miss visiting our new garden, A Tasteful Place. All winter vegetables and herbs are looking great and will be ready to harvest soon. There are tastings every day, along with exciting culinary classes and demonstrations throughout the week."

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden hosts its first Groundhog Day celebration on Saturday, February 2, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., in its newest garden, A Tasteful Place. Those interested in joining the festivities and shadow-watching are welcome to attend the event for free with paid garden admission, and there will be breakfast items available for purchase. After the sun rises at approximately 7:22 a.m., Colleen Coyle, WFAA Channel 8 meteorologist and emcee, and Robin Carreker, Dallas Arboretum Public Events board chair, will release Arboretum Annie to see if she sees her shadow. After that, guests are welcome to take selfies with the famous groundhog, make groundhog crafts and watch the iconic "Groundhog Day" movie with Bill Murray.

Dallas Blooms, which is the Southwest's largest spring floral festival, returns with the theme "Life's A Picnic", beginning February 23 through April 7, featuring more than 500,000 spring blooming bulbs, thousands of azaleas, and hundreds of cherry blossom trees with the festival, presented by IBERIABANK.

Forehand said, "February is a beautiful time at the Arboretum, and the quality of the garden and landscape design shows off well year-round. With warming temperatures later in the month, guests can get a sneak-peek at the glory of [Dallas Blooms](#)."

Guests are encouraged to bring picnics, or those looking for something more elegant, enjoy a seated three-course tea amid the festive settings on the beautiful DeGolyer House Loggia. The Arboretum offers an elegant, three-course Friendship Tea served through February 22 for those 13 and older to celebrate with friends or someone special. Friendship Tea is \$39 per person, or \$49 with champagne. Reservations for seated tea are required and can be made by calling 214.515.6511, or visit [www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/dining/seated-teas](http://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. 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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