



DALLAS ARBORETUM
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Summer at the Arboretum Highlights “Celebrate the Children” Featuring Bronze Sculptures by Gary Lee Price

Presented by Reliant, Runs Now Through October 15

DALLAS, Texas, Summer 2019 – The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden invites locals and visitors to spend summer at one of “The Best Places to See Stunning Blooms Across the South,” according to *Southern Living*. With the ever-changing explosions of color, a shaded Pecan Grove perfect for picnicking, live music and family friendly activities every weekend, Summer at the Arboretum creates a memorable experience for all ages.

Now through October 15, a highlight of Summer at the Arboretum is “Celebrate the Children,” an art exhibition designed and created by Gary Lee Price, displayed throughout the gardens. Ranging from two feet to seven feet, these beautiful, handcrafted bronze sculptures of children create the perfect photo opportunity for visitors. The exhibition is presented by [Reliant](#).

“Reliant is honored to once again bring an inspiring and unique art installation to the Dallas Arboretum that people of all ages can enjoy,” said Andrea Russell, vice president and general manager, Reliant. “Summer at the Arboretum has so much to offer, and we are excited to see the Dallas community come out to enjoy this world-class garden in the midst of our busy urban landscape.”

All of Price’s sculptures on display are available for purchase, along with smaller versions in The Hoffman Family Gift Store. The Dallas Arboretum receives a portion of the sale.

The “Celebrate the Children” exhibit, presented by Reliant, is also supported in part by The Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District. For more information, visit dallasarboretum.org.

Click [here](#) for the “Celebrate the Children” press kit.

Visit our website for times and a detailed list of activities.

Summer at the Arboretum Activities:

Memorial Day Weekend

May 25-27

Free with paid garden admission

Active & retired military and first responders receive free admission (with valid ID)

Enjoy \$2 hot dogs and root beer floats, complimentary face painters and a petting zoo.

Enjoy craft beer samples from noon-3 p.m. at A Tasteful Place and live music every day at the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

Saturday, May 25- The Red Wine Band performs from 2-4 p.m.

Sunday, May 26- Enjoy a performance by Downtown Fever, an Emerald City Party Band from 2-4 p.m.

Monday, May 27- Enjoy a performance by K3 Sisters Band from noon to 2 p.m.

Matinee Movie Monday

12:30 p.m., Rosine Hall

July 8- *The Secret Life of Pets*

June 17 & July 22- *Mary Poppins Returns*

June 24 & July 15- *Sing*

July 1- *Ralph Breaks the Internet*

July 29- *Surprise film*

Bring a picnic blanket for an indoor picnic during the movie. Dress up as a favorite movie character to be entered into a giveaway for the best costume each week.

Tuesday Tunes

Every Tuesday through July 30

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Val Late Garden

Acoustic duo, Cool Side of Easy, brings their melodies and harmonies to the garden throughout the summer.

Nature Walk Bingo Weekends

Every Saturday and Sunday, June 1-July 28

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pick up a BINGO card from the information booth and snap selfies in the highlighted gardens for that weekend and find the hidden gem. Participate **every weekend** and be entered for a grand prize- a pair of Cool Thursday 2020 Concert Season Tickets.

Family Fun Fridays

Every Friday beginning May 31 through July 26

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pecan Grove

Enjoy family time in the garden with activities for the little ones including *Country Critters* petting zoo and *A Fresh Perspective* face painting

Family Fun Games

Every Sunday through July 28, Noon

Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

The young and young-at-heart are invited to participate in a hula hoop contest, hop scotch, Ring-Around the Rosie, Duck, Duck, Goose, a cake walk and more.

Father's Day

June 15 & 16

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dads get a free iced tea at the Lula Mae Slaughter Dining Terrace. Family pictures will be offered on site for donations which would be greatly appreciated. Classic Chassis Car Club Dallas displays more than 20 classic cars Saturday and Sunday. Sample craft beer at A Tasteful Place. Enjoy live music at the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

Free Beer Samples, A Tasteful Place, Noon to 3 p.m.

Franconia Brewing, **June 15, Barbara and Bob Bigham Overlook**

Armadillo Ale Works, **June 16, Barbara and Bob Bigham Overlook**

June 15 - The Vinyl Stripes: Rockabilly Surf Music Band performs from 2-4 p.m.

June 16 - The Blandelles entertain audiences with oldies rock and roll covers from 2-4 p.m.

Rick's Smokehouse BBQ food truck, June 15 & June 16

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Main Entrance (Gate 1), parking lot left of main ticket booth

Guests can purchase barbecue from Rick's Smokehouse BBQ all weekend.

Just Encased food truck, June 16

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Main Entrance (Gate 1), parking lot left of main ticket booth

Guests can purchase craft sausages from Just Encased food truck.

Fourth of July Weekend(s)

Enjoy \$2 hot dogs and root beer floats, complimentary beer samples at A Tasteful Place, live music at the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn, and some of Dallas' best food trucks both weekends.

June 29 - From noon to 3 p.m., enjoy free beer samples from Franconia Brewing Company, at the Barbara and Bob Bigham Overlook at A Tasteful Place.

June 30 - Winner of the Excellence for Military Concert Bands, the 36th Infantry Division Band performs from noon to 2 p.m. From Noon to 3 p.m., enjoy free beer samples from Old Town Brewhouse at the Barbara and Bob Bigham Overlook at A Tasteful Place.

July 4 - Window to the Wild bird show returns at 10:30 a.m. at the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn followed by a performance by the Rushmore Band from 2-4 p.m. Enjoy free beer samples from 3 Nations Brewery at the Barbara and Bob Bigham Overlook at A Tasteful Place from noon to 3 p.m.

July 6 - Enjoy a performance by Moving Colors from 2-4 p.m.

July 7 - Enjoy a performance by The Powell Brothers from 2-4 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.dallasarboretum.org/events-activities/summer-at-the-arboretum/>

Christmas in July

July 25 Pecan Grove

Enjoy photos with Santa, Christmas carolers, and holiday music throughout the garden all day. Get a sneak preview of the Holiday Village Exhibit, debuting in November 2019. Cool off from the summer's heat and enjoy a week-long festival full of snow with edible Christmas trees in the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden!

A Tasteful Place

Throughout the summer, enjoy free cooking demonstrations with paid admission, as well as interactive paid cooking classes. Celebrate the summer with two elegant garden to table dinners, overlooking the Dallas skyline at sunset. Guests can enjoy daily free samples from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit the website for a full event calendar. To learn more or register for cooking classes and special events, visit www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses.

Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden

The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden offers many more exciting opportunities for kids to learn and explore with daily plant labs, as well as holiday themed crafts and events. To learn more, and see a detailed schedule of events and times, visit www.dallasarboretum.org/events-activities/calendar/?tags=childrens-garden.

Discounts:

BOGO Wednesdays*

Every Wednesday (*excludes August), 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Buy one, get one admission every Wednesday.

CC Young Senior Living Thursdays

Every Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Seniors 65 and older get in for \$11 general garden admission on Thursdays and receive a 20 percent discount in the Hoffman Family Gift Store.

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 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. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, and \$10 for children 2-12 and free for Arboretum members and children under two. 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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