



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 2019)** - The drawn out sun-drenched days of summer bring in August Dollar Days. Named one of the "50 destinations everyone wants to visit in the U.S. this summer," by *Business Insider*, the Dallas Arboretum offers \$2 general garden admission, \$5 for parking, and \$2 admission into the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden for the month of August. The many floral beds are bursting with impatiens, lobelias, begonias, salvia, marigolds, zinnias, caladiums, lantana, cannas, vinca and pentas.

Alan Walne, 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. 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](#) and supported by the Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District.

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](http://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 for the Main Garden includes:**

**Matinee Movie Monday**

**Mondays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Rosine Hall**

**Free with paid garden admission**

Enjoy a family friendly feature film in Rosine Hall on select Monday mornings throughout the summer. Bring a picnic blanket for an indoor picnic during the movie. Popcorn, drinks, and candy are available to purchase at the Terrace Café.

**August 5**-Ralph Breaks the Internet

**August 12**-The Secret Life of Pets

**August 19**-Mary Poppins Returns

**August 26**-Sing

**Cold Drinks on Tuesdays**

**Tuesdays in August, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Three Sisters Lagoon Overlook -A Tasteful Place**

**Free with paid garden admission**

Every Tuesday, while enjoying the beautiful gardens, cool down from the Texas heat with a refreshing drink from one of many vendors including ReJuv Juice, SoCo Ginger Beer and more. Visit [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org) for an up-to-date list of Tuesday vendors.

**Artful Thursdays**

**Thursdays in August, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pecan Grove**

**Free with paid garden admission**

The garden turns into inspiration and an artist's studio for local artists in this weekly series Artful Thursday, thanks to a collaboration with the Creative Arts Center of Dallas. Come watch a rotation of local artists execute their arts live in the garden and get inspiration from our natural scenery. Feel free to approach them and ask them questions or just observe and watch their creations come to life!

**Window to the Wild Bird Show**

**August 15, 10:30 a.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn**

**Free with paid garden admission**

Guests can enjoy watching unique birds fly over the concert stage and interact with their trainers.

**Bluemen Bus Flower Sale**

**August 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn**

Guests can purchase a variety of fresh flowers while visiting the garden.

**Frozen Fridays Series**

**Fridays in August, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**

Come out each Friday, watch a demonstration and purchase some fantastic frozen treats.

**August 2**-Yelibelly Chocolates  
**August 9**-Mr. Sugar Rush  
**August 16**-Pop Star Popsicles  
**August 23**-Steel City Pops

**August Programming for A Tasteful Place:**

To register for cooking classes and special events, visit

<https://www.dallasarboretum.org/events-activities/cooking-demos-events/>

**Seasonal Tastings - Every Day**

**10 a.m.-4 p.m., Ruthie Pack's Tasting Plaza**

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

**Learn to Grow**

**11 a.m.-Noon, Sewell Board Room**

**Free with paid garden admission**

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

**August 9** - Garden Photography - Upgrade Your Skills

**August 23** - The Best Herbs for North Texas - How to grow, harvest and use them

**El Centro College Cooking Connection**

**Presented by the Food & Hospitality Institute at El Centro College**

**Mondays in August 5-26, 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.

**August Menu:**

**Sweet Bell Peppers and Onion Salad and Sesame Seed Brittle**

**Seasonal Tasting Demonstrations with Chef Isabel Snetsinger**

**August 7 & 14, 11 a.m.-Noon, Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**

**Free with paid garden admission**

Throughout the summer, Chef Isabel Snetsinger, resident chef of the samples from Gil's Elegant Catering, demonstrates her weekly tastings and other ways to prepare the same recipe.

**DEMONSTRATION COOKING: Chef-tastic Cooking Series**

**11am-Noon, Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**

**Free with paid garden admission**

Enjoy a demonstration from renowned chefs and restaurants as they take center stage in the demonstration kitchen. Small samples available after demonstration.

**August 1:** Hello Dumpling

**August 3:** Kalachandji's

**August 8:** Empire Baking

**August 15:** Stir the Kettle

**August 22:** Dot's Hop House & Cocktail Courtyard

**August 29:** Café Momentum

### **National Day Celebration Series**

Enjoy a new series called “National Day Celebration Series,” where guests can watch a cooking demonstration by local restaurants and chefs while enjoying unique and tasty products.

### **National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day –Full Circle Bakery**

**August 4, 11 a.m.-Noon, Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**

**Free with paid garden admission**

Guests can celebrate with a free demonstration by Full Circle Bakery and enjoy complimentary chocolate chip cookie samples.

### **National Waffle Day- Jonathon's Oak Cliff**

**August 24, 11 a.m.-Noon, Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**

**Free with paid garden admission**

Guests can watch a waffle demonstration and enjoy complimentary samples.

### **How-To Cooking Demonstration:**

**Presented by Cindy Cunningham and Bernadette Latson, retired UT Southwestern Nutrition Faculty**

**August 6, 11 a.m.-Noon**

**The Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**

**Free with paid garden admission**

Join Cindy Cunningham and Bernadette Latson for a “how-to” cooking demonstration. Learn tips and tricks about basic kitchen skills to get ready for family gatherings.

### **Budget-Friendly Meals Cooking Series**

**Presented by Chef Carol Pock**

**August 13, 11 a.m.-Noon, Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**

**Free with paid garden admission**

Learn tips and tricks for meal prepping and how to cook budget-friendly, family meals that last the entire week with Chef Carol Pock. This session focuses on a 12-point list of smart tips for eating well on a light budget. Come learn about and sample a variety of smart pantry and freezer foods with beans, frozen fruits and leftovers. A not to be missed series for a sizzling summer!

### **Custom Café Cooking Demonstration**

**Wednesday, August 28, 11 a.m.-Noon, Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**  
**Free with paid garden admission**

Guests can enjoy a free demonstration by Custom Café Foods, which specializes in quick and easy-to-prepare dry mixes of gourmet soups, quick breads, specialty dips and more.

**Pegasus City Brewery Beer Samples**  
**August 31, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Three Sisters Lagoon Overlook**  
**Free with paid garden admission**

Guests can enjoy complimentary beer samples from Pegasus City Brewery.

**Girls Day Out with a Pressed Flower Class**  
**Presented by Andrea Castaneda, Pressed Flowers**  
**August 10, 1-3 p.m., Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**  
**\$80**

Get the girls together and enjoy a fun afternoon with wine and flowers. Create timeless pieces of art utilizing beautiful flowers. Andrea Castaneda, from Pressed Flowers, teaches attendees how to create one-of-a-kind, elegant pieces of art.

**Summer Soup, Salad and Sweets**  
**Presented by Chef Carol Pock**  
**August 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**  
**\$55**

Round out the summer, with a cool summer menu featuring colorful veggies in Gazpacho Soup. Enjoy the bright flavors of a colorful Jicama and orange confetti salad tossed with a salty and sweet dressing. Learn to create a zesty meatless, garlic-avocado sandwich and mini chocolate bread pudding cups covered with a chocolate sauce. All classes come with a recipe cookbook.

**Sourdough Bread Class with Kuluntu Bakery**  
**August 17, 1-3 p.m., Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**  
**\$75**

Learn the process of baking loaves of wholesome sourdough bread with a glass of wine. Participants receive a bread making starter kit with the basic supplies for baking their own loaf of sourdough bread at home.

**Ruibal's Floral Class**  
**August 25, 1-3 p.m., Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion**  
**\$70**

Join Ruibals Plants of Texas and learn how to create a unique, "Texas weather-approved" piece of art.

**The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden**

## **Smokey Bear's 75th Birthday with Sparky the Fire Dog**

Celebrate a lovable bear who teaches the essentials of wildfire prevention. The party continues with the Dallas Fire Department stopping by Friday and Saturday from 11am-1pm with a familiar friend; Sparky the Fire Dog.

### **Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 9-11**

**10 a.m.-2 p.m.** - Creativity Corner: Smokey the Bear (Entry Plaza)

**10-10:30 a.m.** - Puppet Show: Marvelous Metamorphosis (The Glade)

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**11 a.m.-1 p.m.** - Dallas Fire Department and Sparky the Fire Dog (Exploration Center)

(Dallas Fire Department visits on **Friday and Saturday only**)

**11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.** - Plant Lab: Strawberry DNA (Plant Lab)

**11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.** - OmniGlobe Presentation: Hurricanes, Tsunamis, and Typhoons (Exploration Center)

**4-4:30 p.m.** - Fun with Bernoulli (Exploration Center Plaza)

### **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 \$2 for the month of August and an additional \$2 admission for the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden for the month of August. Free admission for Arboretum members and children under two. On-site parking is \$5. 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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