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Celebrate Columbus Day Weekend at the Dallas Arboretum
Saturday, October 12-Monday, October 14

DALLAS, Texas, 2019 – The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden invites the community to celebrate Columbus Day weekend with many activities including live music and performances featuring Six of the Matter and The Dallas Tap Dazzlers, and a children's concert with family-favorite Eddie Coker, sponsored by DFWChild and Musgrove Law, on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn. Enjoy complimentary wine tastings with Crazy Beautiful Wines all weekend long at A Tasteful Place. Face painting by A Fresh Perspective and Country Critters Petting Zoo are in Pecan Grove the entire weekend from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Explore the nationally acclaimed Pumpkin Village at Autumn at the Arboretum, sponsored by Rogers-O'Brien Construction, themed "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," featuring a Great Pumpkin topiary and character topiaries such as Linus, Lucy, Charlie and more. Autumn at the Arboretum features pumpkin houses and creative displays incorporating more than 90,000 pumpkins, gourds, squash, cornstalks and a hay bale maze.

Guests can enjoy the annual Eddie Coker concert, sponsored by DFWChild and Musgrove Law, on Columbus Day and enjoy a picnic on the lawn.

"We invite you to bring a picnic and make a full day for you and your families to enjoy the garden during Columbus Day Weekend," said Mary Brinegar, president and CEO of the Dallas Arboretum.

Columbus Day Weekend Activities - October 12-14
**All activities listed are free with paid garden admission
**Saturday, October 12**
-Tai Chi Class, 9:30 a.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage & Lawn
-Chef-tastic- Fresh From the Garden, 11 a.m.-Noon, A Tasteful Place
-Crazy Beautiful Wines, Noon-3 p.m., Three Sisters Lagoon Overlook
-Denton County Brewing Co., Noon-3 p.m, Three Sisters Lagoon Overlook
-Face Painters & Petting Zoo, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pecan Grove
-Six of the Matter band, 2-4 p.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

**Sunday, October 13**
-Crazy Beautiful Wines, Noon-3 p.m., Three Sisters Lagoon Overlook
-Chef-tastic- The Jelly Queens, 11 a.m. Noon, A Tasteful Place
-Botolino Gelato Artigianale, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Val Late Garden
-Face Painters & Petting Zoo, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pecan Grove
-The Dallas Tap Dazzlers, 1 p.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

**Monday, October 14**
-Crazy Beautiful Wines, Noon-3 p.m., Three Sisters Lagoon Overlook
-El Centro College Cooks Demonstration, 11 a.m.-Noon, A Tasteful Place
-Full Circle Bakery Cookie Demonstration, 1 p.m., A Tasteful Place
-Face Painters & Petting Zoo, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Pecan Grove
-Eddie Coker, sponsored by DFWChild and Musgrove Law, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

**Rory Meyers Children’s Adventure Garden**

**Monarch Tagging**
**October 12 & October 13**
Come to the Monarch waystation, and explore the magnificence of Monarch Butterfly migration. Greet these amazing insects as they make their way through a long journey down to Mexico. Don’t miss out on Monarch tagging, **every weekend from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Help track this important species, and learn how to protect and preserve them.

**Discounts**
**$2 State Fair Discount:**
**September 28-October 31**
Present ticket stub for $2 off general admission.

**Tom Thumb $1 off General Garden Admission:**
**September 21-October 31**
Tom Thumb offers $1 off general garden admission tickets, available at area Tom Thumb locations.
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 and is also the home of the internationally acclaimed Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. The garden 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 www.dallasarboretum.org.

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