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Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Dallas Arboretum with Flowers, Festivities and Five Dollar Admission

DALLAS, Texas, January 24, 2020 – With Valentine's Day around the corner, flowers get top billing right behind candy during this season. At the Dallas Arboretum, visitors can enjoy breathtaking flowers, live music, garden to table dinners, cooking classes or an elegant tea. Now through February 28, admission is only \$5 to the main garden.

Food and love go hand-in-hand, and A Tasteful Place has exciting cooking classes planned for guests to enjoy:

- February 9, 3-5 p.m.: Gather friends or a great group of girls and celebrate friendship with the **Galentine's Pressed Flower Class**. This unique floral class is presented by Designs by Andrea and teaches attendees how to work with beautiful pressed flowers to achieve a personalized one-of-kind work of art.
- February 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Make plans to attend the **Galentine's Day Garden to Table Dinner** with gal pals. The dinner features a three-course menu inspired by the most beloved rom-coms and includes champagne pairings with every course.
- February 14, 1 p.m.: Don't miss the **Window to the Wild Bird Show**, a 45-minute outdoor education flight training show, at the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn. At the end of the show, come meet the birds and their trainers. This show is free with paid garden admission.

To learn more and register to attend any of these events, visit <u>https://www.dallasarboretum.org/events-activities/winter-activities/</u>.

From now through Feb. 28, the Dallas Arboretum also offers an elegant, three-course Friendship Tea for those 13 and older. Prices are \$39 per person for traditional tea and \$49 per person for champagne served with tea. Price includes parking and admission to the garden. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 214.515.6511 or purchased online at https://www.dallasarboretum.org/event/friendship-tea/.

While exploring the Arboretum, surprise someone special on Valentine's Day 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. Up to six participants are invited to a garden reception for the recipient held during Dallas Blooms, the largest floral festival in the Southwest taking place February 29 to April 12. Blooming Beds of Color are \$675 for a full year of seasonal plantings. Blooming Beds of Bulbs are \$400 for a seasonal planting during Dallas Blooms. For more information,

visit <u>http://www.dallasarboretum.org/support-volunteer/special-giving-opportunities/blooming-beds</u>.

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 that you and your loved ones can enjoy again and again, along with plenty to do. In fact, the garden was just named "The 6 Best Places in Dallas for a (Public) First Kiss," according *D Magazine*.

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. 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. Admission to the Main Garden is \$5 through February 28. On-site daytime parking is \$15; pre-purchased online parking is \$10. The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden is closed for weatherization and preventive maintenance and will reopen on February 29. *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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