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Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden Debuts Seward Johnson's "Celebrating the Familiar" Exhibit From June 22-July 31

Advance Ticket Reservation Required

DALLAS, Texas, June 4, 2020 – The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden announces its Summer of Sculpture festival featuring Seward Johnson's "Celebrating the Familiar" exhibit, a collection of 25 life-size cast bronze sculptures throughout the garden, from June 22 to July 31.

Advance online timed tickets are now required for entry to the Arboretum by calling 214-515-6615 or visiting the website at <https://www.dallasarboretum.org/> Face masks are highly encouraged in the garden, but they are required in restrooms and indoor facilities. For more information about garden procedures during this time, please see the **Know Before You Go FAQ** [here](#).

Johnson's sculptures of people performing familiar tasks in an ordinary life were meant to celebrate the great value in ordinary tasks. These include gardening, fishing, reading and talking. Creating the fine details of people's poses, gestures and expressions are the defining elements of his work. The exhibit is supported in part by the Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District. (See below for Johnson's complete collection).

A sampling of the collection:

- *Crossing Paths* features two women sitting on a bench talking.
- *Who's in Charge* highlights the joy of a son and his father as he rides on his shoulders.
- *My World* shows a seated child intensely reading a book.
- *Gotcha!* features a gardener trimming bushes.

- *Inner World, Outer World* includes a man sitting on a bench reading the newspaper that *The Dallas Morning News* specifically designed for this exhibit.
- *Down to Earth* is a statue of a woman on her hands and knees gardening.

Alan Walne, Dallas Arboretum board chairman, said, “We invite the community and visitors to see these remarkable statues that are placed throughout our garden filled with summer plants and flowers. We have said, ‘Let nature nurture you,’ and we’re ready to welcome you back.”

The Dallas Arboretum has created a one-mile path and other leisurely walking paths around the garden to make it easier to tour while social distancing. Guests can also enjoy respite in the Pecan Grove, the Jonsson Color Garden, on the Camp House Lawn and the lawn of the Lay Family Garden. Window food service is available at the Terrace Café presented by Gil’s Elegant Catering and includes a selection of soups, salads, sandwiches, snacks, drinks and adult beverages.

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 Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., through the end of June, then 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in July and August. On Tuesdays, the garden closes at 5 p.m. For members on Thursdays, the garden is open until 8 p.m. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for children 2-12, and free for Arboretum members and children under two. On-site parking is \$15 or \$10. *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, Channel 8 is an official media sponsor for the Dallas Arboretum.

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