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The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden invites families to celebrate Mother's Day with brunch, seated tea, or a packed-from-home picnic in one of the most beautiful gardens in America. The first 100 mothers to enter through the gate on May 12 and May 13 will receive a complimentary rose. All guests are welcome to stroll through the gardens awash with color, and experience Wind Sculptures in Motion: The Kinetic Art of Lyman Whitaker, presented by Reliant, on display through July 31.

Each piece of the 140 pieces of Whitaker's artwork is organic in nature and responds to the changing currents of the wind, which provides its special movement. Whitaker hand-produces these innovative sculptures with a high degree of mechanical integrity and quality craftsmanship. The sculptures range in height from five to 27 feet and are arranged artfully in groupings throughout the garden for viewing.

May is the perfect time to see dozens of varieties of spring blooming plants such as impatiens, petunias, salvias, marigolds, African daisies, begonias and zinnias. Mary Brinegar, president of the Dallas Arboretum, said, "We invite families to celebrate Mother's Day weekend at one of the most treasured and beautiful locations where memories have been made and fondly remembered."

Blooming Bed of Color-A Gift to Show Love All Year

Honor Mom or someone special for a full year with a Blooming Bed of Color. A sign noting the gift remains in the garden for twelve months, making it a wonderful gift for Mom. Blooming Beds recognition provides honorees with approximately 10 linear feet of spectacular flowers in the garden for a year, marked with a special sign recognizing the donor and the honoree. Contributions are tax deductible up to the full extent allowed by law. For more information on the Blooming Beds program, contact the Development Office at 214.515.6546 or development@dallasarboretum.org

Garden Tea: Daily through September 21-Elegant and Refined

Served inside the historic DeGolyer House, indulge in a seated, three-course high tea experience while taking in the changing colors of the 66-acre garden. Seating is available daily at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. by reservation, only for those 13 years and older. Tea prices begin at \$49 per person and include garden parking and admission. Rejoice in the warm weather ahead by adding champagne service for \$59 per seat. To book a reservation, please book online at www.dallasarboretum.org or contact Tea Sales at 214-515-6511.

Hoffman Family Gift Store-Buy Mom Something to Remember Your Visit Gift ideas for Mom include floral printed jackets and tops, one-of-a-kind jewelry handcrafted by area artisans, home décor, birdbaths, wind chimes and more.

Mother's Day Weekend Activities at the Arboretum:

Main Garden

Complimentary Rose -Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.

Let the Arboretum treat the first 100 mothers that enter the gate to a free rose (first come, first served basis).

A Tasteful Place

Sample three free recipes featuring seasonal vegetables at Ruthie Pack's Tasting Plaza

Chef-Tastic! Chef Ana Quinones, Oddfellows, Saturday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Enjoy a demonstration from Chef Ana Quinones in the demo kitchen at A Tasteful Place, as she creates special dishes featuring seasonal vegetables from the garden. Registration is required. Free for paid garden guests.

Farm to Fork Series with Greer Farms, Sunday, 12 to 2 p.m., \$65

Join Chef Eva Greer and learn how to make roasted new potatoes, spring green beans, pork scallopini with capers and lemon, and lavender crème brulee in this hands-on cooking class. Register here.

Live Entertainment-Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring a picnic and enjoy live music on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, find a spot in the Jonsson Color Garden and enjoy harpist, Merry Miller performing on the DeGolyer Pergola.

Face Painting and Petting Zoo, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pecan Grove

Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden:

June 16 & 17

Creativity Corner: Mother's Day Style, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Entry Plaza

Sponsored by Neiman Marcus

Use natural objects as stamps to create a beautiful Mother's day card (while supplies last).

Little Adventurers Activities, 10 a.m., First Adventure

Little adventurers can enjoy a hands-on experience featuring new stories, songs, crafts and so much more.

Plant Lab: Cleaning Water, 11 a.m. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Exploration Center

In this lab, guests will learn how natural filtering systems, like wetland, filter "foul" water and make it clean and healthy.

The Three Little Pigs with the Dallas Opera, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Saturday Only), The Glade

This children's opera tells the classic tale with an emphasis on the importance of reading and harnessing a love for learning as the "three piggies" do their best to keep "Wolfgang Bigbad" at bay.

OmniGlobe Presentation: Super Continents, 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Exploration Center

Watch an exploration of the ancient Earth and discover a new world of plate tectonics that make Earth's landforms special.

Baby Animals, 12:30 p.m., Habitats

Did the apple not fall too far from the tree? Children can explore characteristics of organisms that are inherited and learned.

Animal Moms, 4 p.m., Habitats

Learn about the best moms in the animal kingdom.

About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at <u>8525 Garland Road</u>, <u>Dallas</u>, <u>Texas 75218</u>. 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, \$10 for children 2-12 and free for Arboretum members and children under two. There is an additional cost of \$3 per person for entrance into the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. On-site parking is \$15; prepurchased online parking is \$8. *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 <u>www.dallasarboretum.org</u>.

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