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**"PLANT" AHEAD FOR DALLAS ARBORETUM'S
ANNUAL PLANT SALE AND SEMINAR ON PLANTS FOR NORTH TEXAS
Friday, May 6-Plant Seminar and Members Only Preview Sale
&
Saturday, May 7-Plant Sale Open to the Public**

DALLAS-The Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road, will hold its 8th annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 7. This very popular event is the only plant sale the Dallas Arboretum has and is a major resource for those rare and one-of-a-kind plants. Saturday, May 7 is open to the public and free of charge in the Arboretum parking lot behind Rosine Hall from 8:00am to 3:00pm. The sale is a first come first serve basis with a limited number of plants. The exclusive Members Only Plant Preview Sale on Friday, May 6 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm is only for Arboretum Members and those attending the "Lone Star Greats" Plant Seminar, which is sponsored by Ernst & Young.

"Lone Star Greats: Tough Texas Plants," will be presented by the Arboretum's Senior Director of Gardens, Jimmy Turner, on Friday, May 6 from 4:00-5:30pm. Here, Turner will share his expert knowledge on which plants are "must-haves" and which will fare best in North Texas based on results of the Arboretum's Plant Trial Program. Turner awards only the best and toughest plants with the Arboretum's coveted "Flame-Proof" designation, all of which are able to withstand scorching summer temperatures. After the seminar, all participants can attend the Members Only Preview Sale from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. This is a great value at \$22.50 for Arboretum members and \$25 for non-members. Reservations are necessary as the class has sold out in previous years. Reservations can be made online at www.dallasarboretum.org or 214-515-6540. Become a member and receive the discount by contacting Alyssa Sivess at 214-515-6547 or asivess@dallasarboretum.org.

The Plant Sale has items starting at \$2 and the Dallas Arboretum's Horticulture staff will be on site to help with your selections. All shoppers are strongly encouraged to bring their own wagons to ensure the transport of their purchases to their vehicles. With over 23,000 plants for sale, including perennials, succulents and summer annuals, amateur gardeners and seasoned horticulturists alike will have the difficult task of deciding which plants they fancy the most. A list of the plants being sold can be found at <http://www.dallasplanttrials.org/Plant%20Sale/Sale%20List.htm>.

The Plant Sale is the perfect opportunity to bring some of the beauty of the Dallas Arboretum home to your own garden to mesmerize friends and neighbors. "There is one chance a year to buy the neat and the rare, as well as the tried and true," said Jimmy Turner, "and even though we buy a lot, there is never enough!"

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, TX, 75218.

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