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Dallas Arboretum Announces Gift from Nancy Rutchik for a New Garden

DALLAS – The Dallas Arboretum announced today the ground breaking for the new signature garden, The Nancy Rutchik Red Maple Rill, will be held on March 8, 2011. The Rill, a beautifully landscaped brook, will complete the original master plan design for the concert lawn and stage that was commissioned and funded by Mrs. Rutchik in honor of her late husband Martin Rutchik. The Red Maple Rill construction was a gift by Mrs. Rutchik individually.

"I am so honored to have this Garden my name. The Arboretum has become a true asset to the city through the tireless efforts of its employees and volunteers. Dallas has been a great city for my entire family and now this beautiful Garden will be shared with them, our friends and the millions of visitors to the Arboretum for years to come", stated Mrs. Rutchik.

Designed by Rowland Jackson of Newman, Jackson, Bieberstein, and construction services by The Beck Group, the main design elements of the new 2 acre garden are a new entry off the

Paseo and a large gathering plaza that overlooks a re-circulating creek with numerous waterfalls that terminate at the base of the hill in a large pond. A series of paved walk ways connect all the spaces and gardens. This area will be one of the most charming on the Arboretum grounds, with a stone bridge that will cross the stream about half way down the hill connecting the concert lawn to the Magnolia Allee. The most impressive feature is a fabulous collection of over 80 varieties of 200 signature Japanese Maples planted up and down the new stream with an understory planting beneath the canopy. An especially large weeping Japanese maple nearly 100 years in age will be anchoring the center of the garden area named for Mrs. Rutchik.

"The completion of Red Maple Rill will increase the Dallas Arboretum's collection of Acer species and cultivars to over 120 varieties. Not only will this garden be a beautiful serene oasis along the Paseo de Flores, but also will be a horticulturally important garden with its impressive collection of Maple species and cultivars. The garden staff will be elevating new varieties and selections for their adaptability and beauty for Texas landscapes, said Jimmy Turner, Senior Director of Gardens".

The projected construction completion and ribbon cutting will take place during Autumn at the Arboretum 2011.

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road in Dallas, Texas. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 am until 5 pm. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65 and older, \$8 for children 3-12 and admission is free for Arboretum members and children 2 and under. On-site parking is \$7. The Arboretum is wheelchair accessible and the tram service sponsored by Stryker Orthopedics is available for the mobility impaired. Facilities are available for group tours, is available for the mobility impaired. Facilities are available for group tours, business meetings, parties and luncheons. For more information, visit the Arboretum's website at www.dallasarboretum.org or call 214-515-6500.

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