



DALLAS ARBORETUM  
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**The Dallas Arboretum and Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden Add Accolades  
as Garden Celebrates Holiday at the Arboretum**

**DALLAS, Texas (December 1, 2015)** – The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden has many reasons to celebrate including three new accolades it recently received. The first is from *Southern Living* magazine naming the garden as one of “The South’s Best Holiday Experiences” because of the new outdoor exhibit, The 12 Days of Christmas, added last year, along with the DeGolyer House lavishly decorated for the holidays with a seasonal exhibition. Second, the Rory Meyers Children’s Adventure Garden received one of the prestigious international Thea Awards, given out by the Themed Entertainment Association (TEA). The third award is from *DallasChild* magazine being named “Best for Families: Dining and Destinations” and “Best Place to Get Outdoors.”

“We are honored to be recognized for the hard work that our staff and volunteers have put into these new exhibitions and gardens to make the Dallas Arboretum a destination for locals and visitors,” said Mary Brinegar, president and CEO of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. “The Rory Meyers Children’s Adventure Garden joins an illustrious list of museums and exhibits that have also been recognized by TEA, such as the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, One World Observatory in New York, the Fountain of Dreams in China, among others.”

Holiday at the Arboretum includes The 12 Days of Christmas, The Artistry of Nativity, Santa and reindeer weekends, holiday tea and special events. New this year is the addition of 500,000 lights throughout the garden, trimming the architecture of the historic homes and lighting the canopies overhead—including a 30-foot-tall tree at the center of property. In addition, there are plenty of activities and hands-on learning for the young and young-at-heart at the eight-acre scientific Rory Meyers Children’s Adventure Garden.

Sponsors for Holiday at the Arboretum include Iberia Bank and Dallas Public Improvement District. The 12 Days sponsors include the following:

Day 1: Partridge in a Pear Tree  
*Sponsored by Jeanne R. Johnson*

Day 2: Two Turtle Doves  
*Sponsored by a Friend of the Dallas Arboretum*

Day 3: Three French Hens  
*Sponsored by Faye C. Briggs*

Day 4: Four Calling Birds  
*Sponsored by a Friend of the Dallas Arboretum*

Day 5: Five Golden Rings  
*In honor of Great Grandparents Dolph and Evelyn Bosley and their 5 Gold Rings*

Day 6: Six Geese A-Laying  
*Sponsored by Marilyn R. Corrigan*

Day 7: Seven Swans A-Swimming  
*Sponsored by Tom and Phyllis McCasland*

Day 8: Eight Maids-A-Milking  
*Sponsored by Kathy and Gene Bishop*

Day 9: Nine Ladies Dancing  
*In Honor of Chloe Simone Shea. Given by Holly & Tom Mayer, Maile and Charles Shea*

Day 10: Ten Lords A-Leaping  
*Sponsored by The Margot A. and Carl J. Johnson Foundation*

Day 11: Eleven Pipers Piping  
*Sponsored by a Friend of the Dallas Arboretum*

Day 12: Twelve Drummers Drumming  
*Sponsored by Myron K. Martin*

For The 12 Days of Christmas lit for daytime and nighttime viewing, 12 elaborate 25-foot-tall Victorian gazebos displayed in the 66-acre-garden are filled with the charming costumed characters, whimsical animals and winter scenes made famous by the beloved Christmas carol. Each gazebo is encased in glass and extravagantly decorated on all sides to provide a dramatic, three-dimensional experience that adds to its “music box” quality, depicting the old English carol from the Victorian era.

In the historic DeGolyer House, which celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, The Artistry of the Nativity exhibition returns on Nov. 27 with 300 crèches representing cultures around the world. In addition to the Dr. and Mrs. Ray Harrington Collection, which the Arboretum owns, the George Dvorsky collection returns. Dvorsky’s long career on

Broadway and a lifetime spent traveling has allowed him to amass a collection of unique and collectible crèches from around the globe. The DeGolyer House is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with guided tours, and on Wednesday evenings during the holiday season, it is open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. In special celebration, Restaurant DeGolyer will be open for reservation-only dinners on these Wednesday evenings.

For more information on Holiday at the Arboretum or any of the events, call 214.515.6500 or visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/>.

**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. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for children 3-12 and free for Arboretum members and children two and under. There is an additional cost of \$3 per person for entrance into the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. On-site parking is \$15. *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.

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