



**DALLAS ARBORETUM**  
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**April Showers Bring May Flowers at the Dallas Arboretum**

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden celebrates the month of May with National Public Garden Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day events and Gary Lee Price's Great Contributors Bronze Statue Exhibit in the main garden and Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. Come see why the month of May has the most vibrant and colorful spring blooming displays of the year.

Tour the garden and experience Gary Lee Price's Great Contributors Bronze Statues Exhibit, now through November 27. The Great Contributors exhibit is a part of Gary Lee Price's renowned art collection. A fellow of the National Sculpture Society, Price has been recognized worldwide for his bold uplifting work celebrating the human spirit. The life-size bronze statues placed throughout the garden include Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Claude Monet, Albert Einstein, William Shakespeare, Mark Twain and the Wright Brothers.

The month of May is the perfect time to see the Rose Mary Haggard Rose Garden at its finest. More than 250 large flowering hybrid tea rose bushes are within this garden, which is accented by rose covered arches and seat walls to enjoy their fragrance and beauty.

Mary Brinegar, president and CEO of the Dallas Arboretum, said, " We invite families to make memories in May at the Dallas Arboretum as it's one of the most beautiful places where many moments have been shared and fondly remembered."

**National Public Gardens Day: Friday, May 6, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

For all guests with paid garden admission, the Dallas Arboretum hosts complimentary walking garden tours conducted by one of the Arboretum's tour guides throughout the day. Tour groups are limited in size, and space may fill up.

Share your photos with us on Twitter @dallasarboretum or Facebook and tag #NationalPublicGardensDay and #DallasArboretum for a chance to win a Family (4) Pack of General Admission Tickets for a Wednesday Nature Nights.

**Mother's Day Weekend: Saturday & Sunday: May 7- 8, Sponsored by Mary Kay**

**Ivey Photography: Saturday & Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.**

Family Portraits for Mother's Day are available for purchase from Chris Ivey.

**Live Music: Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Come enjoy live music at the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage & Lawn.

**Mother's Day: Sunday, May 8**

Let Mom know how special she is by treating her to a special brunch served in her honor. Be sure to take time to walk the gardens and smell the roses (and begonias, geraniums and more) after brunch. Admission and parking are included.

Adults: \$68, Children ages 5-12: \$30, Children 4 and under are free. Reservations required. Call 214-515-6511.

**Merry Miller: Sunday, May 8**

Come enjoy Harpist Merry Miller perform at the Entry Plaza from noon to 4 p.m.

**Memorial Day Activities: Friday, May 27-Monday, May 30**

Celebrate Memorial Day weekend at the Dallas Arboretum.

- **Friday-Monday, May 27-30**
  - Petting Zoo and Face Painting in Pecan Grove \* Daily \* 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
  - Kindermusik \* 12-12:30 p.m.
  - \$2 hot dogs and root beer floats
- **Saturday, May 28**
  - Twice Upon a Time Storytellers Gene & Peggy Helmick-Richardson as they bring to life Abraham Lincoln, one of the Great Contributors in Gary Lee Price's Bronze Statue exhibit.
- **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 27- 29**
  - Joel Cross \* 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \* Vale Late Garden
- **Monday, May 30**
  - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. - Eddie Coker at the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn, sponsored by *DallasChild*.
  - Petting zoo in Pecan Grove \* Face painting on Concert Lawn \* 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Complimentary Admission** all four days for all active and retired military personnel and first responders with valid photo ID at the ticket booth.

### **Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden:**

In the **Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden**, there are plenty of activities for the young and young-at-heart including daily labs, talks and more. Check website for daily events.

- **Craft Kids Workshop**

May 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. -The Moody Oasis

Join us for a FREE kids' workshop, brought you by Home Depot, where your little crafts-kid will practice their tooling techniques. All ages are welcome! First come, first serve and while supplies last.

### **Nature Nights: Wednesday evenings, now through October 19**

The garden extends its hours to 8 p.m. every Wednesday. Families and friends can get buy one get one free admission, limited to one purchase per person, and enjoy a night out during the week.

### **Garden Tea: Now through September 16**

From now through September 16, Garden tea at the historic DeGolyer Estate is another place to make memories. Price includes general garden admission. Garden tea is available to guests 13 years old or older. To make reservations, please contact 214-515-6511 or [teas@dallasarboretum.org](mailto:teas@dallasarboretum.org).

### **Discounts:**

BOGO Wednesdays, which are buy one get one free general admission and include Nature Nights. Available at ticket booth, with a limit of one purchase per person. Senior Thursdays offer discounted admission of \$11 for seniors 65 and older and a 20% discount in the Hoffman Family Gift Store.

### **About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:**

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens 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; pre-purchased 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.

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