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**Dallas Arboretum Announces New Exhibit,
Wind Sculptures in Motion: The Kinetic Art of Lyman Whitaker**

Outdoor garden display runs April 15 to July 31

DALLAS, Texas, Summer 2018 – The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden announces the arrival of its new spring/summer exhibit, *Wind Sculptures in Motion: The Kinetic Art of Lyman Whitaker*. Presented by Reliant, this special exhibit will be on display throughout the gardens April 15 through July 31.

J. Mark Wolf, Dallas Arboretum board chairman, said, “Whitaker is the most recognized creator of kinetic art in the world and takes his inspiration from nature, thus his copper wind sculptures will be a mesmerizing juxtaposition with the natural backdrop of the Dallas Arboretum. It will also be the first time for the Arboretum to display this type of innovative art throughout the 66-acre garden.”

Each piece of Whitaker's artwork is organic in nature and responds to the changing currents of the wind, which provides each sculpture's movement. Whitaker hand-produces innovative sculptures with a high degree of mechanical integrity and quality craftsmanship. The sculptures range in height from 5 to 27 feet, and 122 sculptures will be arranged artfully in groupings throughout the garden for viewing.

Whitaker said, “Gardens are a perfect venue for my pieces. Since they are derivative of plant forms, they feel at home among the plants. Gardens are also an excellent place for people to fulfill their need to be in nature, and I am certain that my sculptures will

dramatically enhance that connection to nature by capturing the movements of air that surround us all.”

Whitaker has been a practicing sculptor for more than 50 years. For the past 30 years, he has focused on creating wind sculptures inspired by the following elements:

- Desert Flame: In his hikes through the arid areas of the Southwest, Whitaker has always been inspired by this flower, hence the title.
- Tulip: He has loved tulips since he was a boy, as they’re among the first flowers to bloom in spring. Further, the Queen of Denmark owns a Tulip Sculpture.
- Double Spinner: Windmills, sunflowers and imagination.
- Double Helix: He has always found the simple beauty of a Double Helix in science fascinating, and so he decided to interpret it as contemporary sculpture.
- Double Helix Sail: Inspired by the hull of a boat, especially sailboats.
- Agave: Like the Desert Flame, this sculpture was also inspired by hikes in the desert.
- Twister Oval: This is a contemporary design that came from sheer imagination alone, and is simply a sculpture unto itself.

As a master in the kinetic sculpture discipline, Whitaker’s art is known around the world. His work is represented at fine art galleries and in private collections throughout the U.S. and abroad.

During the exhibition, the Dallas Arboretum has planned special events that complement this display. Check the website for the latest schedule.

The Kinetic Art of Lyman Whitaker is supported in part by Dave Perry-Miller Real Estate.

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. On-site parking is \$15 or \$9, if purchased in advance online. 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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