



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**Celebrate Valentine's Day with Festivities, Fun and Flowers
At The Dallas Arboretum**

With Valentine's Day around the corner, flowers get top billing right behind candy during this season, and the Dallas Arboretum has breathtaking flowers, thrilling festivities and was named one of ["The 6 Best Places in Dallas for a \(Public\) First Kiss."](#) according *D Magazine*.

Enjoy a romantic day in the garden with \$5 admission (valid at ticket booth only), and join Chef Lydia Gonzalez with Café Savorista at 11 a.m. for a Latin cooking demonstration and tasting in the Test Pavilion at A Tasteful Place (free with paid garden admission). From 12 to 3 p.m., delight in music by Corey Breedlove playing live on the lawn at A Tasteful Place and stop by Ruthie Pack's Tasting Plaza and sample three free delightful dishes made from vegetables growing in the garden.

The 2017 remake of *Beauty and the Beast* is premiering on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn at 6:30 p.m., and parking is complimentary after 5 p.m. on February 14 only. The garden is staying open until 9 p.m., encouraging guests to pack a picnic or purchase dinner from the food trucks, Bellatrino Brick Oven Pizza and Rick's Smokehouse BBQ that evening.

Surprise someone special on Valentine's Day with the unique gift of a Blooming Bed. Each honoree receives approximately 10 linear feet of a flowering bed in the garden, marked with a 3"x 5" plaque. Up to six participants are invited to a garden reception for the recipient held during Dallas Blooms, the largest floral festival in the southwest. Blooming Beds of Color are \$675 for a full year of seasonal plantings. Blooming Beds of Bulbs are

\$400 for a seasonal planting during our internationally acclaimed Dallas Blooms festival. For more information, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/support-volunteer/special-giving-opportunities/blooming-beds>.

The Arboretum also offers an elegant, three-course Friendship Tea, served January 8 - February 24 for those 13 and older. Prices are \$39 per person for traditional tea and \$49 per person for champagne tea and include parking and admission to the garden. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 214.515.6511 or purchased online at www.dallasarboretum.org.

Dave Forehand, Dallas Arboretum's vice president of gardens, said, "There's nothing more romantic than flowers, and the Dallas Arboretum has thousands of them. It's also the perfect back drop to get close to someone special and enjoy an outdoor movie experience on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn."

The Arboretum horticulture staff is getting ready for Dallas Blooms, one of "America's best spring floral festivals," according to *USA Today* 10Best, which opens on February 24 and runs through April 8 with the theme *A World of Flowers*, showcasing an explosion of color with more than 500,000 spring-blooming blossoms and dazzling layers of landscape at every turn. Dallas Blooms features 100 varieties of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, pansies, violas, poppies and thousands of other spring-blooming annuals and perennials. The finale of this spring celebration is the mass flowering of the garden's collection of 3,000 azaleas that bloom during the end of April. A special thanks to IBERIABANK, the Dallas Blooms presenting sponsor. Throughout Dallas Blooms, there are many activities, special concerts and events to celebrate spring's welcome. More information can be found at 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. **Admission to the Main Garden \$5 through February 23, and offer is only valid at ticket booth. Parking is complimentary after 5 p.m. on February 14, 2018 only. On-site daytime parking is \$15; pre-purchased online parking is \$9. The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden is closed for weatherization and preventive maintenance and will reopen on February 24.** *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. For more information, call 214.515.6500 or visit www.dallasarboretum.org.