



**DALLAS ARBORETUM**  
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**Dallas Arboretum Announces Daily Activities for ZimSculpt, an Exhibition of Contemporary Stone Sculptures from Zimbabwe**

**DALLAS, Texas, Spring 2017** – The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden presents international blockbuster exhibit ZimSculpt, an exhibition of contemporary stone sculptures that appears for the first time in the southern U.S. More than 100 exquisite Zimbabwean modern sculptures are artfully displayed throughout the garden from April 15 to July 31.

Known as Shona sculpture, these contemporary pieces are carved from various types of serpentine and semi-precious stone, often weighing tons, and can be as large as seven feet tall. As part of the exhibit, guests are welcome to watch artists and sculptors Passmore Mupindiko and Aron Kapembeza demonstrate their artistry carving statues daily in The Marketplace, which is located in Dallas Arboretum's Pecan Grove.

Visitors may purchase any of the sculptures on display in the garden, as well as the ones created by the onsite artists in The Marketplace. The Marketplace will be open to guests seven days a week, and on Wednesday evenings, selling sculptures of all sizes. Commissioned pieces can be ordered and made onsite by the artists.

ZimSculpt is supported in part by Dave Perry-Miller, Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District and Neiman Marcus.

**Daily and Weekend Activities in the Garden include the following:**

**ZimSculpt Photo Exhibit**

**Saturday, April 15 – July 31, all day**

Photographs are on display representing life in Zimbabwe in Rosine Hall Vestibule.

**Guided ZimSculpt Garden Tours**

**Thursdays, April 20 – July 27, 10–11 a.m.**

**Saturday & Sunday, April 22 – July 30, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.**

A ZimSculpt team member leads a guided tour of the sculptures throughout the gardens. Tours begin in the Entry Plaza and end in Pecan Grove.

**ZimSculpt Marketplace**

**April 15- July 31, Daily**

ZimSculpt artists are onsite sculpting new pieces available for purchase in The Marketplace, located in the Pecan Grove.

**ZimSculpt Picnic Music**

**Saturday & Sunday, April 15 – July 30, all day**

*(Exclusions 5/27, 5/28, 6/10, 6/24, 7/1, 7/2)*

African-inspired music is played on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn for those looking to enjoy a picnic on the concert lawn.

**African Safari Weekend**

**Birding with the Trinity River Audubon Society**

**Saturday & Sunday, May 6-7, 9-11 a.m., throughout the garden**

Trinity River Audubon Center is onsite teaching garden guests how to identify birds throughout the gardens and giving tips and tricks for getting the best view.

**Wildlife Photography**

**Saturday & Sunday, May 6-7, 11 a.m., throughout the garden**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 8-9, 9 a.m.**

Wildlife Photographer Chris Jackson will be on property teaching garden guests the best way to take pictures of wildlife in the garden.

**Bandan Koro – African Drum and Dance Ensemble**

**Saturday & Sunday, May 20-21, 11 a.m.**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 22-23, 11 a.m.**

Enjoy an African drum and dance performance on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

**Africa Day Celebration**

**Saturday & Sunday, May 20-21, 2-3 p.m.**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 22-23, 10-11 a.m., 1-2 p.m.**

Located in The Marketplace, the ZimSculpt team speaks with garden guests about how they celebrate Africa Day in Zimbabwe.

### **Heroes Day Celebration**

**Saturday & Sunday, May 27-28, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.**

While usually celebrated in August, Heroes Day is similar to the United States' Memorial Day. This day is dedicated to heroes who have made large sacrifices for the betterment of their country. Celebrate this African holiday through choir performances from local churches in the Entry Plaza.

### **Zimbabwe's Most Popular Plants**

**Saturday & Sunday, June 3-4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Although worlds apart, there are some striking similarities in the plants that can be grown both in Dallas and in Zimbabwe. In the Pecan Grove, the Dallas County Master Gardeners talk about these similarities. There are also demonstrations and discussions about Zimbabwe's national flower, the Fire Lily.

### **Dallas Children's Theater Performance - "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters"**

**Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.**

Watch a live performance of "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter's," the Zimbabwean tale of "Cinderella" on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

### **African Music Fest**

**Saturday, June 24, 12 to 1 p.m.**

**Kupira Marimba - High energy family-friendly festival music**

Best known for their lively, family-friendly performances, Kupira Marimba performs on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

**Saturday & Sunday, June 24-25, 11 a.m.**

**Bandan Koro - African Drum and Dance Ensemble**

Enjoy an African drum and dance performance on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

### **ZimSculpt - Photography in Nature: Africa**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 8-9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-2 p.m.**

Join the ZimSculpt team in Rosine Hall for a description of life in Zimbabwe through photography.

### **A Study of Zimbabwe Horticulture**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 15- 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The Dallas County Master Gardeners are in the Pecan Grove to discuss plants of African origins that can be successfully grown in Dallas, along with container planting, and discussions about Zimbabwe's National Flower, the Fire Lily.

### **Africa Day Celebration**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 22-23, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.**

While this holiday is usually celebrated in August, Africa Day is celebrated in the gardens through talks hosted by the ZimSculpt team. Talks about what this holiday means to the people of Africa and how it is celebrated in Zimbabwe are given in Rosine Hall.

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

### **Storytelling with Bernadette Nason: African Delights**

**Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.**

Bernadette Nason is a multiple award-winning storyteller, writer, and actress. Currently living in Austin, Bernadette travels the country presenting to schools, libraries, conferences and festivals, and regularly performs in one-woman shows and regional theatrical productions.

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### **African Animal Adventures with the Dallas Zoo**

**Saturday, June 17, 11-11:30 a.m.**

Join the Animal Adventures team from the Dallas Zoo as we get up close with animals from the great continent of Africa.

### **Mask Making with the DMA**

**Saturday & Sunday, June 24 & 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Masks are more than disguises! African cultures use masks to bring deities, ancestors, and heroes to life in ceremonies and performances that celebrate life and teach moral lessons. Create your own mask with the Dallas Museum of Art's Teen Advisory Council, and put your own culture on display! What do you want the world to know about you?

### **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; 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. For more information, call 214.515.6500 or visit [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org).

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