



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**Dallas Arboretum's Historic DeGolyer House Hosts Festive Holiday Tea Service
Beginning November 27**

DALLAS, Texas (Holiday 2015) – The Dallas Arboretum's tradition of serving elegant and festive Holiday Tea in the lavishly decorated DeGolyer House continues this year. The formal three-course service is offered at Restaurant DeGolyer, and it is prepared and presented by Gil's Elegant Catering. Holiday Tea is served daily from November 27 through January 3 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for ages 13 and older.

In addition to tea, visitors can enjoy the lavishly decorated DeGolyer House featuring The Artistry of the Nativity exhibit, showcasing more than 300 crèches from around the world. Along with the 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.

Prices for the Holiday Tea range from \$47-\$57 and include parking, admission to the garden and access to the most enchanting holiday experience in the southwest, The 12 Days of Christmas outdoor exhibit. Restaurant DeGolyer Manager Louis Mendes describes the Arboretum as "...one of the most beautiful places in Dallas, probably in most of the world."

The holiday tea menu features delectable delights inspired by the recipes of James Sparks, the executive chef at Gil's. Holiday Tea service begins with Roasted Chestnut soup garnished with a cheese wafer followed by a second course of tea sandwiches such as smoked salmon pinwheels, tarragon flavored egg salad, creamed cucumber, chicken salad and herbed cream cheese on Belgian endive. The third course of sweet treats includes pecan tarts, chocolate espresso truffle, assorted scones with strawberry jam and clotted cream and assorted holiday decorated delights. The three seasonal tea options are apple spice, peach cinnamon hibiscus and Darjeeling.

DeGolyer server R. W. Nelson, affectionately known as Nelson, has been at the Arboretum for 12 years. He says, "I have certain couples, families and friends who have been coming for many years and it's nice to see them enjoy their holiday tradition here."

General Manager Mendes adds, “People who come to tea each year look forward to being served by Nelson because he makes everyone feel special. Plus, we have heard guests say our seated teas rival many high-end places around the globe. The highest compliment I have heard is that our teas are on the same level as the iconic Afternoon Tea at The Savoy Hotel in London.”

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 214.515.6511 or purchased online at www.dallasarboretum.org. For questions please email teas@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. *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.

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