



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**Dallas Arboretum Presents Summer at the Arboretum, Featuring Gary Lee Price's
Great Contributors Bronze Statues Exhibit, May 27 – July 31**

DALLAS, Texas (Spring 2016) - On May 27, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden kicks off [Summer at the Arboretum](#). 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 and uplifting work celebrating the human spirit. The life-size bronze sculptures are placed throughout the garden, and include Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Claude Monet, Albert Einstein, William Shakespeare, Mark Twain and the Wright Brothers.

Dave Forehand, VP of gardens, added, "In the gardens, the beds are bursting with plants full of blooms like ageratum, impatiens, petunias, cleome, begonias, salvia, marigolds and zinnias. As the temperatures warm, caladiums, sunpatiens, lantana, pride of Barbados, variegated tapioca, elephant ears, coleus will be added to the gardens."

Summer activities include the following:

Nature Nights: Wednesday Evenings, through October 19

The garden extends its hours to 8 p.m. each Wednesday for families and friends to enjoy a night out where you can get two tickets for the price of one (general admission).

Great Contributors Tour: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m. Ginsburg Plaza

A docent-led tour through the gardens while visiting each Great Contributor along the way. Learn facts about the history, art and culture of the contributors. Great photo opportunities abound as guests are invited to sit on the bench with their favorite Great Contributor.

What's new with Plant Trials?

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 10 a.m.

With Vice President of Gardens, Dave Forehand.

In the Garden with Dave: Fridays at 10 a.m.

Various gardens

Join the Vice President of Gardens every Friday for a special tour featuring the most beloved areas of the garden.

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Dallas County Master Gardeners: Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Various gardens

DCMG partners with the Arboretum Horticulture staff to share the secrets of the ever-changing floral displays. Staff is available to answer questions at rotating locations throughout the garden

Memorial Day Weekend: Friday, May 27-Monday, May 30

Celebrate Memorial Day weekend at the Dallas Arboretum.

- **Friday, May 27 – Sunday, May 29** - Families can enjoy music of Joel Cross from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a petting zoo and face painting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pecan Grove, and Kindermusik from 12 to 12:30 p.m. \$2 hot dogs and root beer floats will also be available.
- **Saturday, May 28 at 11 a.m.** - Twice Upon a Time Storytellers Gene & Peggy Helmick-Richardson bring to life Abraham Lincoln, one of the Great Contributors in Gary Lee Price's Bronze Statues Exhibit.
- **Monday, May 30** - Eddie Coker Children's Concerts at the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. sponsored by *DallasChild*. Free with paid garden admission. Children's activities include face painting, and a petting zoo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Pecan Grove, \$2 hot dogs, root beer floats and patriotic music Friday through Monday.
- **Complimentary Admission** all four days for all active and retired military personnel and first responders with valid photo ID at the ticket booth.

Family Fun Fridays: June 3 - July 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Activities include face painting, a petting zoo, silhouette artist Micki Triggs and music for the little ones in the shady Pecan Grove – then cool off in Toad Corners!

Garden Gigs: 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday Evenings in July - \$10 admission (nonmembers) \$8 admission (members). Food Trucks onsite. Free parking included. Full-grounds musical events featuring local musicians.

Fourth of July Celebration

Thursday, June 30 - Dallas Winds Patriotic Concert

Gates 6 p.m. Concert 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

The Dallas Winds is the leading professional civilian wind band in the United States. Comprised of 50 woodwind, brass and percussion players, the band performs an eclectic blend of musical styles ranging from Bach to Bernstein and Sousa to Strauss. Separate tickets, which are between \$10 and \$27, are required and available online. Sponsored by World Ventures.

Fourth of July Weekend: Friday, July 1 - Monday, July 4

Continuing the celebration of our nation's independence in true red, white and blue style, active and retired members of our esteemed armed services will receive free admission on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and everyone can enjoy patriotic music and flags throughout the garden.

Junior Players: July 23, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Enjoy a presentation by the talented Juniors Players on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn as they perform excerpts from The Taming of the Shrew.

August Dollar Days: August 1-31, Presented by Alfa Romeo Fiat Dallas

The dog days of summer bring in Dollar Days in August at the Arboretum. Throughout the entire month, visitors can enjoy general admission for only \$1. Guests can also enjoy \$1 admission for entrance into our exciting eight - acre Children's Adventure Garden. Parking is \$5 for the entire month of August (no other discounts included).

Labor Day Weekend: Friday, September 2 - Monday, September 5

Ease out of your vacation rhythm and enjoy the last sigh of summer at the Dallas Arboretum. We have cool grass for sun-kissed toes, long shadows for catnaps and plenty of last adventures to be had in the Children's Adventure Garden. Enjoy complimentary live music in the garden while your family savors the final days of summertime.

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.

May 21: Crafty Kids' Workshop, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

May 22: Beekeeper Visit, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

May 22: Wonderful Wetlands Adventures with John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

June 18: TECH Truck, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

June 25: Sustainability Day in the Children's Adventure Garden

Young Contributors Series:

- June 4 & 5: Sybil Ludington
- June 11 & 12: Elinor Smith
- July 9 & 10: Pablo Picasso
- July 16 & 17: Louis Braille

Women Contributors Series:

- August 6 & 7: Juliette Gordon Low
- August 13 & 14: Jane Goodall
- August 20 & 21: Susan B. Anthony

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 percent 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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