



DALLAS ARBORETUM  
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**It's a Three-Peat for the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden and its  
Leaders on November 13**

**DALLAS, Texas (November 17, 2014)** – On November 13, three prestigious awards were presented to the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden and two of its leaders.

The Dallas Arboretum received the prestigious Dallas Regional Chamber's Blueprint Award in the Community Catalyst category for its economic impact to the region. In 2012 and 2013, the Garden contributed more than \$340 million to the local economy, according to a study conducted by SMU.

Brian Shivers, Dallas Arboretum chairman of the board and business leader, received the Obelisk Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Business Committee for the Arts for his service to the Garden.

Mary Brinegar, president of the Dallas Arboretum said, "What an honor it is to receive the Chamber's prestigious Blueprint Award the same day that Brian Shivers receives the Obelisk Award. The Business Committee for the Arts, which doesn't often give out a lifetime achievement award, was impressed with the number of ways Brian has dedicated himself to us, the many ways he has served, and what he's done as chairman. It is such an honor to him and his commitment and leadership."

Finally, Brinegar received an SMU Distinguished Alumni Award—the highest honor the university bestows upon its graduates—for her outstanding contributions to the Garden and her involvement in the community. In her 18-year career, she has led the Garden's leadership, fundraising and enhancements, including the opening of the \$62 million Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden in 2013.

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**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 \$10. *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 about the Dallas Arboretum, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/>.