



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Spend Summer at the Dallas Arboretum, May 26 - July 31

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden invites locals and visitors to spend summer at one of the top "15 Breathtaking Botanical Gardens in the World," according to Architectural Digest. With the ever-changing explosions of colorful blooms, ZimSculpt, a world renowned exhibition of Zimbabwean stone sculptures, a shaded Pecan Grove perfect for picnicking, live music and family friendly activities every weekend, Summer at the Arboretum creates an unforgettable experience for all ages.

More than 100,000 guests have visited ZimSculpt, featuring live sculpting demonstrations daily by Zimbabwean sculptors and artists-in-residence, Aron Kapembeza and Passmore Mupindiko.

Dave Forehand, Dallas Arboretum's vice president of gardens, said, "Art and nature go hand-in-hand with this amazing ZimSculpt display. Don't miss this unique opportunity to see modern Zimbabwean art set among the breathtaking floral back drop of the gardens, here through July 31."

He 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, and coleus will be added to the gardens."

Arboretum After Hours On Wednesdays: through October 25

Every Wednesday, the garden extends its hours to 8 p.m. for families and friends to enjoy a night out. Tickets are buy one, get one free (general admission, only valid at the ticket booth.)

Memorial Day Weekend: May 26-29

Saturday through Monday, \$2 hot dogs and root beer floats (with a limit of 6 per person), will be available for purchase at the Lula Mae Slaughter Dining Terrace, located behind Rosine Hall.

The Arboretum offers free admission all four days of Memorial Day Weekend for active duty members, veterans of the U.S. military and first responders with a valid photo I.D.

Live Music by Eric Michael Czechowski, May 26, 10am-2pm
Pack a picnic, stake out a space on the lawn and enjoy the sounds of acoustic singer/songwriter, Eric Michael Czechowski. Eric is a renowned composer, having written music for shows including *Oprah*, CBS's *Guiding Light* and *As the World Turns*.

Dueling Hearts Bluegrass Band, Saturday & Sunday, May 27-28, 11am-2pm
Enjoy the uplifting combination of acoustic, bluegrass and gospel music by Dueling Hearts Bluegrass Band, deep from the heart of Central Texas.

Eddie Coker in Concert, May 29, 11am & 2pm
Sponsored by *DallasChild* Magazine
Eddie Coker, performs on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn. Children's activities in Pecan Grove include face painting and a petting zoo from 10am-2pm.

Blooms & Beer

May 29, 11am -3pm

Sample a variety of local craft beers, while listening to live music. Tastings are \$5 per person, behind Jonsson Color Garden, 21 and older only. Tickets can be purchased in person or online at www.dallasarboretum.org/summer.

Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden Activities:

Memorial Day Craft Corner: The Red Poppy, 9am, Moody Oasis

Help fill the Children's Adventure Garden with red poppies, the national flower for remembrance. For a full list of Children's Adventure Garden Memorial Day activities, visit www.dallasarboretum.org/childrensactivities.

Family Fun Fridays: June 2- July 28, 10am-2pm

Bring the family to the Pecan Grove for a critter-filled petting zoo, incredibly artistic face painting and lively music, every Friday through the end of July.

Something in Common: Growing Plants of Zimbabwe and Texas

June 3-4, 10am-2pm (come and go workshop)

Learn how to successfully grow heat-resistant plants that thrive equally well in these worlds-apart locations from the Dallas County Master Gardeners.

Summer Camps at the Arboretum

June 5- August 11

Registration Now Open

These camps provide children ages 4 years to entering 7th grade with hands-on explorations in nature, science and art to spark imagination and inspire environmental stewardship. Register [online](#).

Dallas Children's Theater Presents *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*

June 10, 10am

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

Father's Day Weekend, June 17-18, 11am-4pm

Come to Barbeque and Brews and enjoy BBQ paired with local beers at Café on the Green, challenge family to a trivia contest, and answer questions about BBQ and Father's Day.

Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden:

Craft Corner: Superhero Dads Edition

9am-12pm, Entry Plaza

Show Dad how awesome he is by making him a superhero mask.

Creepy Crawly Sculptures with the Nasher Sculpture Center

11am-1pm, Moody Oasis

Create a sculpture using simple shapes inspired by your favorite insect.

African Animal Adventures with the Dallas Zoo

11am, Entry Plaza

Join the Dallas Zoo team and get up close with animals from Africa.

African Music Fest: June 24-25

Performance by Bandan Koro

June 24, 10 am

Move to the beat of African drum and dance ensemble on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

Performance by Kupira Marimba

June 24, 12pm

Listen to high-energy, family friendly music on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

Performance by Bandan Koro

June 25, 11am & 1pm

Move to the beat of African drum and dance ensemble on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden:

Mask Making with the DMA

June 24-25, 10am - 2pm

Create a mask with the Dallas Museum of Art's Teen Advisory Council.

Garden Gigs: July 14-28

Friday evenings, 7:30-9:30pm

Discover hidden gems-music by local musicians, adventurous choices from food trucks and off-the-beaten path spots in the garden. Admission \$10 (non-members), \$8 (members) and includes free parking.

July 14: Jonathan Fox, Zach Coffey, Becky Middleton

July 21: David Tribble, John Lefler & Camille, Micah Peacock

July 28: Kate Minor, Shayne Green, TBD

Red, White & the Blues--July Fourth Weekend: July 1-4

July 1-4, 11am-2pm

Pack and picnic, bring the family and celebrate Independence Day. Various blues bands will perform throughout the weekend to provide a cool, relaxing backdrop.

July 1: Linny Nance Network

July 2: Buddy Whittington Band

July 3: Linny Nance Network

July 4: Rob Holbert Group

Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden:

Craft Corner: The Stars and Stripes

9-11am, Entry Plaza

Stop by the Craft Corner table and create a fun, patriotic craft using colors of the American flag.

Click [here](#) for a full list of summer programs for The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden.

A Study of Zimbabwe (Horti)Culture

July 15-16, 10am-2pm (come and go workshop)

Pecan Grove

Dallas County Master Gardeners share their knowledge of plants with African origins that can be successfully grown in Dallas.

Performance by Bandan Koro

July 22, 10am

Move to the beat of African drum and dance ensemble on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

Performance by Kupira Marimba

July 22, 12pm

Listen to high-energy, family friendly music from Kupira Marimba on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

Performance by Zimbabwe Choir, Lover's Lane United Methodist Church

July 22, 2-3:30pm

Enjoy the inspiring voices of the Lover's Lane United Methodist Church Zimbabwe Choir located at the DeGolyer Pergola.

Performance by Bandan Koro

July 23, 11am

Move to the beat of African drum and dance ensemble on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

August Dollar Days: August 1-31

9am-5pm

Round up the whole family and come to the Arboretum for \$1 main garden admission per person for the month of August.

Discounts:

BOGO Wednesdays, which are buy one get one free general admission and include Nature Nights, are 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.

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