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**Internationally Acclaimed Autumn at the Arboretum Fall Festival Returns
with 90,000 Pumpkins, Gourds and Squash**

DALLAS, Texas (Fall 2016) – More than 90,000 pumpkins are sprouting in the Texas Panhandle this month, on their way to being featured in this year’s Autumn at the Arboretum national fall festival, made possible by Alliance Data and Texas Instruments. Named one of “America’s Best Pumpkin Festivals” by *Fodor’s Travel* and “One of the World’s 15 Most Breathtaking Gardens” by *Architectural Digest*, this year’s event at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden will highlight the “Art of the Pumpkin,” September 17 to November 23.

For the 11th year, Autumn at the Arboretum will include the popular one-acre Pumpkin Village in the Pecan Grove, featuring artful arrangements of tens of thousands of pumpkins, gourds, squash, bales of hay and cornstalks. They will be used together to create pumpkin houses that represent naturally occurring patterns in nature to mirror the “Art of the Pumpkin” theme. Cinderella’s Pumpkin Carriage will also return, courtesy of Baylor Scott & White Medical Center at White Rock, set amidst the garden’s remaining summer flowers, as well as 150,000 fall blooms like chrysanthemums, ornamental grasses, copper plants and firebush, and will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The popular Haybale Maze will also return with the [Tom Thumb Pumpkin Patch](#) offering pumpkins for purchase, and the Great Pumpkin Search.

“We’ll be featuring 30 different types of pumpkins from Floydada, the Pumpkin Capital of Texas this year,” said **Dave Forehand**, vice president of gardens for the Dallas Arboretum. “Last year, a quarter of a million people came to Autumn at the Arboretum, which takes 50 members of our horticulture team a full three weeks to build. As our pumpkins continue growing in West Texas, we’re designing yet another fabulous display for this year.”

The Arboretum will also feature this year's selfie hit, The Great Contributors exhibit by Sculptor Gary Lee Price – eight life-size bronze statues set through November 27. In addition to pictures throughout the fall garden, guests can grab selfies with **Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Claude Monet, Albert Einstein, William Shakespeare, Mark Twain** or the **Wright Brothers**. Guests are also welcome to stop by the Pecan Grove to visit our newest addition to Gary Lee Price's Bronze Statues Exhibit, **Delbert the Dragon and his book club**, encouraging children's literacy.

Click the link below to see how beautiful the Arboretum is during Autumn...

www.dallasarboretum.org/videos

A myriad of activities take place throughout the garden on weekdays and weekends during Autumn at the Arboretum, including:

Cool Thursdays Concerts

September 1 - October 27

Dallas' premier outdoor concert series presented by Wells Fargo, returns this fall with Paisley Craze, a 60s Music Anthology Band, on September 1 and runs through October 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. All concerts include some of DFW's favorite food trucks. To purchase tickets, visit the [Cool Thursdays Concerts page](#).

Roald Dahl Weekends

Saturdays and Sundays in September, All Day

The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden is celebrating Roald Dahl's 100th Birthday with phizz-whizzing, gloriumptious activities throughout the month of September. Explore this world-renowned author's stories including *James and the Giant Peach*, *Charley and the Chocolate Factory*, and *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and learn how Dahl gathered much of his inspiration from nature.

Tour des Fleurs

September 17

The 11th Annual Tour des Fleurs, presented by W. B. Carrell Memorial Clinic, kicks off the opening of Autumn at the Arboretum on Saturday, September 17. The 20K race begins at 7 a.m. and the 10K race begins at 7:40 a.m. around the beautiful White Rock Lake. The races are followed by a post-race celebration touted by runners as "Dallas' best after race party." Visit www.tourdesfleurs.com for information and registration.

Kimberly-Clark Mommy & Me Mondays and Tiny Tot Tuesdays

September 19 - November 22, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Children's activities in the Pecan Grove include storytime with Delbert the Dragon and his book club, a petting zoo, face-painting and Kindermusik. A guest silhouette artist will also be present, and guests are welcome to purchase silhouette.

Nature Nights

Wednesday Extended Hours through October 19

Bask in the magic of the Arboretum after dark. Take advantage of the "Golden Hour" of sunlight for your photography as the garden extends its hours to 8 p.m., and offers buy one get one free admission, which is limited to one purchase per person.

Shakespeare Dallas

Saturday, September 24

Join us for *The Tempest*, a story of shipwreck and magic by William Shakespeare in the garden with performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the DeGolyer Pergola.

Garden Melodies

Daily, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Enjoy live classical music at the DeGolyer Restaurant in the Dann Talley Kincheloe Courtyard.

Easy Listening - Autumn Ambiance

Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Martin Rutchik Concert Stage & Lawn and Val Late Garden .

Sculpture/Garden Tours

Great Contributors Tour, Tuesdays, September 20 - November 15, 10 a.m.

Beginning at the Ginsburg Plaza, take a behind the scenes tour through the gardens, visiting the statues of each Great Contributor.

Sculpture Tours, Thursdays

September 22 - November 17, 10 a.m.

Beginning at the Ginsburg Plaza, enjoy a docent-led tour through the gardens stopping at several of our beautiful sculptures, and learn the history of how it became part of the Dallas Arboretum.

Historic Tours at DeGolyer

Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sundays, 12 - 4 p.m.

Enjoy a tour through the historic DeGolyer House, built in 1940. The DeGolyer House is a Spanish Colonial Revival-style home listed on the National Register of Historic Places and provides 10,000 square feet of entertaining space.

Ask a Master Gardener

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Look for the blue vests available in various gardens, with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Dallas County Master Gardeners to answer any questions you might have about ours or your own garden.

In the Garden with Dave Forehand

Fridays, 1 p.m.

Join the Vice President of Gardens every Friday in various gardens for a special discussion of some of the most beloved areas of the garden.

Book Readings with Delbert the Dragon

Saturdays, 11 a.m. through November 27

Join us for special storytime with Gary Lee Price's newest bronze statue, Delbert the Dragon. Published authors and special guests will be joining him for readings in the Pecan Grove.

Oktoberfest Beer Garten, 11 a.m. - 3 p. m., Daily

Celebrate autumn with mittagessen (that's lunch, in German) at Café on the Green, serving a traditional German menu until Thanksgiving. Don't miss the chance to try our new autumn beer, brewed exclusively for the Dallas Arboretum, debuting September 17.

Harvest Tea at Restaurant DeGolyer

Weekdays, September 19 - November 23, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Tea service begins with a demitasse of seasonal soup, followed by a second course of assorted tea sandwiches and a third course of sweet treats. Price includes general garden admission, and reservations are required and available to guests 13 and older. Cost of \$49 per person and \$59 per person for champagne tea. Contact 214.515.6511 or teas@dallasarboretum.org.

Monarch Migration Month at the Dallas Arboretum

Fridays in October, 3 p.m.

Destined for the warmer climates of Mexico, the monarchs' annual overwintering takes them on a 3,000-mile journey deep in the heart of Texas. Intentional salvia is planted in the main gardens, used to attract these regal and recognizable pollinators on their journey south. Join us for discussions about pollinators, the monarch migration path and the importance of tagging in the Jonsson Color Garden.

Monarchs on the Move

Weekdays, October 3 - 27, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

The [Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden](#), a Certified Monarch Waystation, will host monarchs this fall with various activities planned for the Moody Oasis, the rooftop garden in filled with plants that attract pollinators and butterflies. Learn when, how, and why they

travel so far. We partner with the Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge and the Texas Discovery Gardens for this attraction, and will have a face-painter painting various butterfly faces on children.

The Artistry of Autumn

Saturday and Sunday, October 1 - 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join us in the garden for a celebration of art with artists throughout the garden for you to view while they create art in nature.

Columbus Day Weekend Festivities

Friday, October 7

Come enjoy a walking tour with Sculptor Gary Lee Price and learn about his inspiration for creating the Great Contributors statues placed throughout the garden.

9:15 a.m. – Walking tour with Gary – pre-scheduled group tours

11 a.m. – Walking tour with Gary – open to public

2 p.m. – Walking tour with Gary – pre-scheduled group tours

For more information or to purchase tickets and guided tours, please call 214-515-6520 or email groupsales@dallasarboretum.org.

Saturday & Sunday

October 8-9, 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy a lecture with Gary Lee Price, followed by a walking tour of the Great Contributors. Complimentary seats are available for the first 100 guests. Enjoy live group sculpting in the Pecan Grove. Group Sculpting sessions at **1:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.**

Saturday

October 8, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Come enjoy The Que Pastas musical performance in the Entry Plaza of the Children's Adventure Garden. The Que Pastas have been described as a modern day version of "The Wiggles" and are a kindie (kid + indie = kindie) band based in Austin. Formed around the core of songwriter Gene Davis and multi-instrumentalist Simon Flory, the Que Pastas play 100 + shows a year for events that range to major festivals to small libraries.

Columbus Day Eddie Coker Children's Concert

Monday, October 10, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

The popular Eddie Coker, sponsored by *DallasChild*, returns for a children's concert and picnic on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage & Lawn. Children's activities include face-painting, Kindermusik and a petting zoo.

Pumpkin Painting

Oct. 15 - 16, 22 - 23, and 29 - 30, 1 - 2 p.m.

Stop by the Pecan Grove to enjoy the Art of the Pumpkin. Free pumpkins will be available, while supplies last, for guests to decorate at a painting table in a wide range of colors.

Family Fun Weekend,

Saturday, October 29 - Sunday, October 30

Come enjoy trick or treating in the Pumpkin Village. Additionally, families can enjoy face-painting, Kindermusik and a petting zoo in the Pecan Grove from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring their own trick or treating bags.

Sticker Treating

Friday, October 28 – Sunday, October 30, All Day

Wear your costumes to the Children's Adventure Garden and meet our staff to discover the spooky-side of nature. Only the best ghouls and ghosts can collect all of the stickers.

Special Plant Lab: Monster Molecule Mist

October 22-31, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Cook up your own monster molecule mist in the Exploration Center Plant Lab to make a putrid potion of magical matter that shifts from a solid into a gas (leveraging the chemical "magic" of dry ice).

Spooky Maze Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, October 29 – Monday, October 21, 4 p.m.

Enter the maze if you dare, because around each corner, there might be a scare. Don't get lost in the haze as you make your way through the maze...in the Amazing Secret Garden.

Saturday, October 29, Mr. Nano's The Weird, The Wacky and The Wild! 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Mr. Nano returns for a spooky demonstration of creepy Chemistry in the Children's Adventure Garden Entry Plaza.

Fall Adult Programs - September- November

Learn how to make a beautiful succulent pumpkin, create a working hydroponic growing system, or take a great photo with your mobile device. Classes include horticulture, landscape and floral design, photography, art, wine tastings more. Class styles vary from demonstration and lecture to hands-on formats.

New! Wine & Film with the Cogills, A Great Pairing

Wednesday, September 28, 6:30 p.m.

Join Emmy award-winning journalist, Gary Cogill and wine writer and educator, Hayley Hamilton Cogill for a delightful evening celebrating great movies and pairing with great wines.

New! Sustainable Style in partnership with Perennial Plant Association

Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Join top horticulture experts from around the country as they share innovative ways to create a beautiful landscape that requires less input and gives you a great outcome! Speakers include: Kelly Norris, Author and Director of Horticulture at Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden; Lloyd Traven, Owner Peace Tree Farm; Andrea Delong-Amaya, Director of Horticulture at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

New! Autumn Harvest Dinner in the Garden

Sunday, October 16, 6 p.m.

In partnership with the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association

Celebrate autumn in the garden as you enjoy six courses prepared by six noted, award-winning Dallas chefs. Set amid the garden during one of the most spectacular times of year. You will enjoy seasonal, craft cocktails and delectable fall dishes prepared as you watch. Limited tickets available.

For more information and reservations, visit the Education page at www.dallasarboretum.org.

Discounts:

BOGO Wednesdays

September 21 - November 23

Buy one get one free general admission, which includes Nature Nights (through October 19), is available at the ticket booth, with a limit of one purchase per person.

C.C. Young Senior Thursdays

September 22 - November 17

General admission tickets purchased on-site only on Thursdays are \$11 for those 65 and older, who can also enjoy a 20 percent discount at the Hoffman Family Gift Store.

Tom Thumb \$1 off General Garden Admission

Tom Thumb offers \$1 off general garden admission tickets available at area Tom Thumb locations.

Speakers Bureau:

For those wanting to have a representative come to their club or organization to share about Autumn at the Arboretum or another topic, contact the Dallas Arboretum speakers bureau at speakers@dallasarboretum.org.

Sponsors:

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For more information on all Autumn at the Arboretum events, call 214.515.6615 or visit the [Autumn at the Arboretum page](#).

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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