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# Holiday at the Arboretum, Featuring 12 Days of Christmas and "The Artistry of the Nativity" in The DeGolyer House

November 9-December 31

**DALLAS – Winter 2018** – It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! From November 9 to December 31, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden welcomes the community to enjoy Holiday at the Arboretum, presented by Reliant. Stroll through the garden and see the Victorian-style gazebos come to life, featuring each scene from the traditional carol, *The 12 Days of Christmas*. Each gazebo features movement to depict the different beloved characters such as the Three French Hens, Twelve Drummers Drumming and Seven Swans a Swimming, to name a few.

The garden will reopen for extended hours Wednesday through Sunday from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy more than 500,000 lights throughout the Arboretum, trimming the historic homes and featuring a 30-foot-tall spruce tree in the center of the property. The DeGolyer House features "The Artistry of the Nativity." The house is open daily during garden daytime hours and on Wednesday nights.

The exhibition in the historic DeGolyer House returns with "The Artistry of the Nativity," with 500 crèches from over 50 countries representing so many cultures from around the world. In addition to the Ray Harrington and the Joe Christian collections, which the Arboretum owns, the private collections of Joyce and Larry Lacerte, Lydia and Dan Novakov, and a life-size crèche from Mary and Mike Terry, will also be on display. This is a unique opportunity to see these crèches as they have never been on public display before. Each of the 500 crèches are made out of unique materials including cork, Waterford crystal, horns, seeds, corn husk, glass, adobe, paper-mache, wood and coconut shells. In addition to

the crèches, every room in the DeGolyer House will be elaborately decorated in holiday décor.

Click here for Holiday at the Arboretum Press Kit.

## **Daily & Seasonal Programming for the Main Garden:**

The 12 Days of Christmas

Daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**November 9-December 31** 

Adult: \$15, Seniors (65 or older): \$12, Children (2-12 years): \$10

Enjoy elaborately decorated Victorian-style gazebos on display every day during the holiday festival.

The 12 Days of Christmas at Night featuring 500,000 lights

Wednesday-Sunday, 6-9 p.m.

**November 14-December 30** 

Adults: \$20, Seniors (65 or older): \$15 Children (2-12 years): \$10

The garden will be open late five nights a week for a special, lighted night-time experience. In special celebration, **Restaurant DeGolyer** will be open for reservation-only dinners on **November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 20, 21, 27 & 28** at **7 p.m.** 

The DeGolyer House "The Artistry of the Nativity"

Daily, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., November 24-December 31

Wednesday evenings 6-9 p.m., November 29-December 30

Visit the historic DeGolyer House this holiday season to view magnificent nativity collections on public display for the first time throughout the elaborately decorated house.

#### **Holiday Drinks & Serious Eats**

Café on the Green

Daily, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Enjoy special holiday drinks including pumpkin lattes, frosted mints, mulled wine and Mexican hot chocolate. Holiday treats include pumpkin bars and holiday paninis. Warm up with a bowl of soup in a Sourdough bread bowl. Café on the Green is a perfect place to listen to holiday tunes and enjoy the stunning, 30 foot Christmas tree.

#### **Holiday Tea**

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

Bring family and friends together and create an annual tradition with holiday tea at Restaurant DeGolyer, lavishly decorated for the season. Reservations required. Call 214-515-6511. Ages 13 and up are permitted in the tea room.

Veterans Day Weekend -

November 10-12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

All active duty and retired military personnel receive complimentary admission all weekend (with valid military ID). Bring a blanket, lawn chair, picnic basket and beverage of choice while taking in the best views of Dallas on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn, and listening to Reckless Angels perform on Saturday from 2-4 p.m. On Veteran's Day, the Carswell Air Force Base Choir perform at 11a.m. on the concert stage and the 1st Cavalry Division Band from Fort Hood perform at 2 p.m. On Monday, the celebration continues with a performance by the Dallas Police Department Choir at 2:30 p.m.

#### Live Music on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

Pack a picnic and a beverage of choice and enjoy live music every Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. featuring the best of Dallas' wedding and party bands.

November 10	Reckless Angels
November 11	Fort Hood Choir
November 17	The Jam Wows!
November 18	Dan Quinn Band
November 24	Monkey Love Band
November 25	In10City Band

#### **Daily Live Holiday Music**

November 14 -December 30, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### Val Late Garden

Pack a picnic to cozy up on a blanket and listen to beautiful holiday music performances by local singers and songwriters. Enjoy some egg nog as you hum to familiar songs like *Jingle Bells*.

### Holiday Music and Sweets Wednesday-Sunday evenings, 6-9 p.m. November 14-December 30 Café on the Green

Enjoy warm holiday-inspired drinks, food and desserts while listening to holiday tunes from local choirs and musicians. Menu items include: warm chestnut soup, potato and leek soup, roasted tomato soup, all-beef Chicago hot dogs, grilled cheese sandwiches, 12 Days of Christmas- themed warm cookies, mulled wine, hot mulled apple cider, Belgian hot chocolate, hazelnut and cinnamon coffee, local artisan micro brews, imported and domestic beers, and a selection of red and white wine and champagne.

#### **Visits with Santa**

## Wednesday evenings, 6-9 p.m., November 14-December 19 Saturday & Sunday, 12-4 p.m., November 25-December 24

Santa is back in the garden this year in the perfect holiday setting--Crape Myrtle Allee, resplendent with twinkling lights. Share Christmas wishes with the jolly old man and take a photo to commemorate the occasion. The Dallas Arboretum Volunteer Advisory Board will be taking pictures of the memorable moments for donations, and guests are welcome to take the photo home.

#### **Santa Letter Writing**

Wednesday-Sunday evenings, 6-9 p.m.

**November 14-December 30** 

#### **Ann Stuart Courtyard**

Calling all good children on Santa's *nice* list. Write Santa a letter to tell him wishes for this holiday season. Drop off the letter in the beautifully crafted mailbox, and it will make its way to the North Pole.

#### **Elves Workshop**

Wednesday-Sunday evenings, 6-9 p.m.

**November 14-December 30** 

#### **Ann Stuart Courtyard**

Children, come join the elves of Santa's Workshop while they take a break from making toys. Create a Santa hat or decorate a reindeer using candy canes. Toss a "snowball", pin the nose on the snowman, or make a holiday hat or card to give to someone.

#### **Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest**

Every Thursday evening, 6-8 p.m.

November 15-December 30

#### Virginia and Algur Meadows Orientation Theater

On Thursday nights, guests are encouraged to wear a favorite ugly or tacky Christmas sweater. Stop by the orientation theater when entering the garden to show off the sweater and check-in for a chance to win two Cool Thursdays Concert tickets.

#### Live Music provided by local choirs and ensembles

November 16	Frankston High School Band, 7 p.m. & 8 p.m.	
November 28	Seagoville High School Choir, 7-8 p.m.	
November 29	White Rock United Methodist Church Choir, 7-8 p.m.	
November 30	Wilshire Baptist Community Choir, 7-8 p.m.	
December 1	Texas Pride Music Festival, 10 a.m3 p.m.	
December 2	Swing Anoba Jazz Ensemble, 12-2 p.m.	
	White Rock United Methodist Church Choir, 7-8 p.m.	
December 5	White Rock Montessori Choir, 7 p.m.	
December 6	Asterois Chamber Music, 7-9 p.m.	
December 7	St. Paul Choir, 7-7:30 p.m.	
	Salvation Army Texas Divisional Brass Ensemble 7:30-8:30pm	
December 9	First United Methodist Cedar Hill Choir, 7-8 p.m.	
December 12	Dan D. Rogers Elementary School, 7 p.m.	
December 13	Dallas Police Department Choir, 7-9 p.m.	
December 14	Mesquite Children's Choir, 7-7:30 p.m.	
	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School	
	Wild Tones Acapella Group, 7:30-8:30 p.m.	
December 16	Sachse High School Choir, 7-9 p.m.	
December 21	St. Paul Choir, 7-7:30 p.m.	
	The Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe Choir 7:30-9pm	

\*\*\*See website for additional holiday singer/songwriter performances nightly **6-9 p.m.** 

#### 12 Days of Holiday Beer

### 11am-2pm, dates listed below

#### Val Late Garden

12 different breweries will join the Arboretum on 12 different dates for holiday festivities. Enjoy tasting holiday and seasonal beers with local breweries.

November 17	Peticolas Brewing
November 18	Steam Theory Brewing
November 24	Celestial Beerworks
November 25	White Rock Ale House
December 1	Lakewood Brewing Co.
December 2	Deep Ellum Brewing Co.
December 8	Austin East Ciders
December 9	Bishop Cider Company
December 15	Community Beer Company
December 16	Pegasus City Brewery
December 22	Texas Ale Project
December 23	On Rotation

## Window to the Wild Bird Flight Show November 17, 10:30 a.m.

## Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

#### Free with paid garden admission

Join Window to the Wild for a 45-minute outdoor education flight training show. At the end of the show, come to the stage to meet the birds and trainers, ask questions and take pictures.

## Outdoor Movie, "The Polar Express"

November 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

Nothing brings back holiday memories quite like the movie, "The Polar Express". Guests can take a ride on the joyful train and explore the mysteries of the North Pole all the way up to Santa's front door. Bring a friend, bundle up and enjoy one of the holidays most beloved movies.

#### **Reliant Santa Hats**

November 29, December 5, 13, 14, 23, 6-9 p.m.

#### Available at main ticket booth only

Get festive with a Santa hat, given to guests who enter the garden on select nights. These hats light up and make the perfect picture opportunity while enjoying the 12 Days of Christmas exhibit at night.

## **Lake Highlands Wranglers Performance**

December 2, 2 p.m.

#### **Entry Plaza**

Watch the local Wranglers dance and perform to some holiday tunes.

#### Pride of Texas Music Festival December 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ionsson Color Garden and Café on the Green

Hear all the holiday classics as Dallas metroplex students perform songs of the season. Ensembles perform at Jonsson Color Garden and choirs perform in front of the 30-foot Christmas tree.

Wine & Movies: A Perfect Pairing With Hayley and Gary Cogill January 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$75

Emmy-award winning journalist and producer, Gary Cogill, and sommelier and founder of Dallas Uncorked, Hayley Hamilton Cogill, lead guests through an interactive and tasty experience, discussing top movies of the year. Gary speaks to a movie palette and lists five of his picks for "Best of 2018", while Hayley appeals to the taste palette with wines to match.

## **Daily and Seasonal Programming for A Tasteful Place:**

#### **Seasonal Tastings**

Every day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Try three free different samples featuring a hero vegetable, fruit or herb from the garden. Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/recipes for past, current and future recipes.

### DEMONSTRATION COOKING: El Centro College Cooks Every Monday, 11 a.m.-Noon Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Participate in this popular cooking demonstration, taught by Chef Jordan Swim from the college's nationally recognized culinary school. Two new recipes are demonstrated each month.

**November's menu** features Grilled Broccolini with Cotjia Cheese & Lemon and Swiss Chard with Pine Nuts & Garlic.

**December's menu** features Cumin Roasted Cauliflower and Bitter Green Salad with Blue Cheese

#### **Vendor Demonstrations and Sale**

Popular vendors will demonstrate products throughout the holiday festival. Sample or purchase popular items from vendors including Pajama Sweets, Rakkasan Tea, Chocolate Bags, Steel City Pops, Pop Star and many others. Check the website regularly for a complete list of upcoming vendors in the garden.

**DEMONSTRATION COOKING: Holiday Pies Presented by Humble Pie** 

#### November 9 & December 14, 11 a.m.-Noon

#### Free with paid garden admission

Humble Pie celebrates the holiday season by demonstrating how to make fan-favorite holiday pies. Samples are available after the demonstration, and pies are available for purchase.

## INTERACTIVE COOKING: Farm to Fork Series: Butter Up with Butternut Squash Presented by Greer Farms

#### November 11, 1-3 p.m., \$65

Learn to create crispy butternut fritters with creamy chipotle dipping sauce, butternut squash with chicken and spinach lasagna roll ups, and butternut squash harvest mousse with brandy snaps. Visit <a href="https://www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses">www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses</a> to register.

#### **DEMONSTRATION COOKING: Chef-tastic Cooking Series**

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-Noon

#### Free with paid garden admission

Enjoy a demonstration from local chefs. They will demonstrate how to make one of their signature dishes using seasonal vegetables growing in the garden, with a small taste for attendees to try.

**November 14** Chef Jon Thompson is the Executive Chef at Zaytinya in Frisco, Texas

**December 5** Giuliano Matarese, Millie Lire

**December 19** Jared Estes, Water Grill

#### **INTERACTIVE CLASS: Succulents and Pumpkin Class**

**Presented by Ruibals** 

#### November 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$55

Join Ruibals for a hands-on class to create a one-of-a-kind pumpkin and succulent centerpiece for a Thanksgiving-themed table. The class price includes a large pumpkin, five succulents, decorative supplies, and admission into the garden with parking. Visit <a href="https://www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses">www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses</a> to register.

## HANDS-ON COOKING: Sushi & Dumpling Class Presented by Tastebuds Kitchen

#### November 18, 1-3 p.m., \$65

Learn the basics of creating fresh and delicious Uramaki, Maki and Temaki rolls that look great and taste even better. Master the gentle art of preparing and folding signature dumplings with an oh-so-good honey soy dipping sauce. BYOB. Visit <a href="https://www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses">www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses</a> to register.

### **HANDS-ON COOKING: Yeli Belly Chocolate Class**

#### December 2, 1-3 p.m., \$65

Get your hands on cacao here! This hands on chocolate class introduces flavor-infused chocolate ganache and rolling truffles. Each student gets an opportunity to sample a variety

of chocolate, experiment with different flavors and take home a box of their own handmade chocolates! Visit <a href="https://www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses">www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses</a> to register.

## HANDS-ON COOKING: Chef Zach Townsend Chocolate Class December 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$55

Nothing pairs better than champagne and chocolate. Sip on a glass of champagne while watching one of Dallas' premier chocolatiers, Zach Townsend, teach guests the secrets of truffles. The class begins with participants sampling a selection of fine chocolates while the chocolatier discusses the origins of chocolate and how chocolate is made. After the tasting, guests don aprons for a fun lesson and demonstration creating sumptuous chocolate ganache as a center for classic French Truffles. Participants will also hand roll dark chocolate truffles and take them home in individual boxes to enjoy, along with a copy of the recipes. Visit <a href="https://www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses">www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses</a> to register.

## HANDS-ON COOKING: Cooking with Wine Class (gluten-free menu) Hosted by Tastebuds Kitchen December 9, 1-3 p.m., \$65

Join us as we cook some of our favorite dishes in this delicious, gluten-free menu that just so happens to include wine. Learn to make perfectly baked Salmon En Papillote with seasonal vegetables, Bacon & Leek Risotto, and Red Wine Poached Pears with hand whipped cream. Perfect for a special date night or an evening out with friends! Gluten-free & BYOB. Visit <a href="https://www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses">www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses</a> to register.

## HANDS-ON COOKING: Holiday Brunch Class Presented by Lorie Fangio December 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$65

Lorie Fangio, teaching chef and owner of A Taste of Paris™ culinary trips leads a mouthwatering holiday brunch workshop. Brunching is a wonderful way to entertain over the holiday season. Become armed with amazing recipes to serve visiting family and friends through the holidays and beyond. Visit <a href="www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses">www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses</a> to register.

## INTERACTIVE COOKING: Young Chef's Class Presented by Young Chefs Academy of Frisco December 22, 1-2:30 p.m., Adults \$15, Children \$10

Create a fun, memorable afternoon in an interactive adult/child cooking class making homemade gifts for the holiday

kitchen. Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses to register.

INTERACTIVE COOKING: Over the Top Tapas Couples Class Presented by Gil's Elegant Catering December 29, 3-6 p.m., \$150 "Over The Top" Tapas is an exciting class that teaches students to create flavorful tapas. Learn to extract and impact the flavors of Spanish cuisine through hands on learning. This class was brought back by popular

demand. Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses to register.

\*\*2018 programming for A Tasteful Place is supported by Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District.

#### Holiday Activities for the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden

**Animal Adventures with the Dallas Zoo** (Appropriate for all ages) **November 12, 11:15 a.m.–Noon** 

The Dallas Zoo is bringing a few of their favorite friends for an animal encounter in the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. Stop by for a wild adventure with interesting critters.

**TECH Truck** (Appropriate for Ages 5 and up)

November 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Moody Oasis

Tinker, Engineer, Create, Hack! Join the TECH Truck staff from the Perot Museum in the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden for a hands-on experience.

#### **Thanksgiving Weekend** (All ages can participate!)

#### November 22-25, Throughout the Children's Adventure Garden

Make the Children's Adventure Garden part of your family tradition and get outside. Join us Thanksgiving Weekend for Thanksgiving-themed activities, crafts, and more.

ALL DAY: Creative Corner: Turkey Time, Exploration Center, Sponsored by Neiman Marcus

10 a.m.: Little Adventurers Activities, First Adventure

**11a.m., 1 & 3 p.m.:** Plant Lab: Colorful Canopy (*ages 6 and up*), Exploration Center **11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.**: OmniGlobe Presentation: Thanksgiving Traditions, Exploration Center

**Noon:** Making the Mayflower: The Physics of Floating, Pure Energy

4 p.m.: Rockin' Art!, Incredible Edible

## Holiday Hunt for Santa's Helpers (All ages can participate!)

**November 24-December 24** 

#### Throughout the Children's Adventure Garden

Help look for Santa's helpers, like a frog on a log, a deer right here, a fox in the rocks, a squirrel on a whirl, an owl on a trowel, or a bobcat in a hat. Take a picture with four (4) of Santa's helpers and bring them to the Exploration Center to redeem a prize.

Letter-Writing to Santa (Appropriate for Ages 5 and up)
Mondays-Fridays Only, All Day
November 26-December 24
Exploration Center

Come to the letter-writing workshop to write a letter to Santa. Special paper, pens, stickers; everything you would need to catch Santa's attention is provided. Some of Santa's helpers may stop by with some inside tips.

**Creative Corner: Oh What Fun!** (All ages can participate!)

**Sponsored by Neiman Marcus** 

Saturdays and Sundays Only, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

December 1-25

**Exploration Center** 

Stop by the Exploration Center and create a holiday craft to take home.

**Plant Lab: Let It Snow** (Appropriate for ages 6 and up)

December 3-23, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

**Exploration Center** 

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow... in the Plant Lab this December! Explore the wonders of melting, snowflakes, and endothermic reactions.

**Plant Lab Extravaganza (**Appropriate for ages 6 and up)

December 24-30, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

#### **Exploration Center**

December 24 – Strawberry DNA

December 26 - Elephant's Toothpaste

December 27 – Monster Molecule Mist

December 28 - Starchy Night

December 29 – How Sweet It Is

December 30 - Let It Snow

## Creative Corner: New Year's Wishes Sponsored by Neiman Marcus

December 27-31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### **Exploration Center**

As the new year sneaks closer, warm up in the Exploration Center and create a wishing wand. Using plant parts and other natural objects, decorate wands to take home and bring joy to those around. Frolic through the garden, using a wishing wand to wish New Year's good luck to everyone.

#### **Discounts:**

**BOGO Wednesdays\*** 

**Every Wednesday through December 26** 

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Buy one, get one admission every Wednesday.

#### **C. C. Young Senior Thursdays**

**Every Thursday through December 27** 

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Seniors 65 and older get in for \$11 general garden admission on Thursdays and receive a 20 percent discount in the Hoffman Family Gift Store. Discount available at ticket booth only.

## <u>Holiday at the Arboretum Featuring The 12 Days of Christmas Sponsors:</u>

November 9-December 31, 2018

Presenting Sponsor: Reliant

Day 1: Partridge in a Pear Tree Sponsored by Jeanne R. Johnson

Day 2: Two Turtle Doves Sponsored by a Friend of the Dallas Arboretum

Day 3: Three French Hens Sponsored by Faye C. Briggs

Day 4: Four Calling Birds Sponsored by a Friend of the Dallas Arboretum

Day 5: Five Golden Rings In honor of Great Grandparents Dolph and Evelyn Bosley and their 5 Gold Rings

Day 6: Six Geese A-Laying
In honor of Marilyn R. Corrigan and Catherine A Corrigan

Day 7: Seven Swans A-Swimming Sponsored by Phyllis and Tom McCasland

Day 8: Eight Maids-A-Milking Sponsored by Kathy and Gene Bishop

Day 9: Nine Ladies Dancing
In Honor of Chloe Simone Shea. Given by Holly & Tom Mayer, Maile and Charles Shea

Day 10: Ten Lords A-Leaping Sponsored by The Margot A. and Carl J. Johnson Foundation

Day 11: Eleven Pipers Piping Sponsored by a Friend of the Dallas Arboretum

Day 12: Twelve Drummers Drumming Sponsored by Myron K. Martin

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. It 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.

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