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Region IV Texas Nursery & Landscape Association Provides Endowment to Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

The northeast Region of the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association (TNLA Region IV) is providing an endowment to the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens to develop a landscape bed at the northwest end of the Jonsson Color Garden. This bed was designed by TNLA Region IV members using WaterWise techniques for the purpose of demonstrating how to combine a beautiful landscape with water conservation.

TNLA Region IV members worked with the Dallas Arboretum to develop a comprehensive list of attractive plants for the bed that thrive in the northeast Texas landscape. The installation of this bed, called the TNLA Northeast Region WaterWise Display, began on July 28th with excavation of the bed and the addition of soil amendments to prepare the bed for planting. On July 30 through August 1st, irrigation professionals affiliated with the Dallas Irrigation Association will complete the installation of a new, water-efficient irrigation system.

The bed installation begins with proper soil preparation with the removal of old soil and the addition of amendments, such as expanded shale and compost. Once the bed is ready, the latest in irrigation equipment that helps to conserve water and provide moisture to the

growing areas in the most efficient manner will be installed. Following the irrigation installation, the selected trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals will be planted. Mulch will be added to help preserve moisture. Seven information kiosks will be installed along the walkway of the bed to inform visitors of the aspects of design, preparation, plant selection, irrigation, installation, turf and management of a sustainable landscape. “Education is the primary goal for our region and this endowment is a wonderful opportunity to create and maintain a beautiful display and to provide valuable information about WaterWise gardening”, said Rebecca Stanczak, Chairperson for Region IV.

According to Jimmy Turner, the Director of Research for the Arboretum, "The Dallas Arboretum is excited to partner with Region IV of the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association to bring this important educational tool and display to our garden. The Waterwise display will allow home gardeners to see that "low water" doesn't mean "no color", with once a week waterings you can still have an incredible landscape year round!”

The public is invited to visit the Arboretum during the stages of installation of the bed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and visit with local Certified Professionals from TNLA Region IV who will be on hand to answer questions. With the completion of the bed preparation and the installation of the irrigation system, the schedule is as follows:

August 2nd and 3rd – Trees delivered and planted

August 7th – Plant placement to prepare for planting

August 8th through 10th – Planting of shrubs and perennials

August 13th through 15th – Planting of annuals & dressing the bed with cedar mulch

The Texas Nursery & Landscape Association is a trade association representing all aspects of the Green Industry in Texas. In addition to education, certification, governmental affairs, and industry promotion, TNLA presents the Nursery/Landscape

Expo, held alternately in Houston, San Antonio and Dallas, Texas in August. TNLA is one of the three largest agricultural entities in Texas and an industry whose Texas economic impact exceeds \$9 billion annually. Region IV is the northeast Texas chapter representing Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hill, Hunt, Kaufman and Rockwall counties.

The Dallas Arboretum exists to build and maintain a public botanic garden and arboretum which promotes the art, enjoyment, and knowledge of horticulture, while providing opportunities for education and research. The Arboretum is committed to excellence, good management and fiscal responsibility. The Arboretum is a city owned property, privately maintained by The Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Society, a non-profit organization. The Dallas Arboretum is recognized as one of the top display gardens in the nation and is proud to add this new display to their gardens.