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Annual Spring Native Plant Sale – Including Heirloom Plants
With a New Twist
CERAMIC ARTS & DEMONSTRATIONS
featuring artists from the Clay Club of Texas A&M University-Commerce

Plant Sale Hours

Members Only: Friday, April 17th, 4-7PM (memberships will be available as well)
Open to Public: Saturday, April 18th, 9AM-5PM & Sunday, April 19th, 1PM-5PM

Each year for the past 20 years, veteran and novice gardeners alike have anticipated this rare opportunity to purchase plants from a huge selection of hard-to-find herbs, native and well-adapted plants like Dutchmans Pipe Vine, Butterfly Weed Varieties and Texas Mountain Laurel Silver Peso. This year, the heard will also sell heirloom plants—cultivars that were commonly grown in earlier periods, but which are not commonly used in modern agriculture. This collection of plants will provide some of the best plants for north central Texas gardens and an opportunity to obtain many rare plants. Visit www.heardmuseum.org for plant list and more details.

Shop ceramics featuring pottery from numerous artists and craftsmen. See live demonstrations on the potters wheel throughout Saturday & Sunday! What a perfect time to buy a beautiful and affordable one-of-a-kind pot for your new plants!

While you are at the Heard for the Plant Sale, be sure to experience the new exhibit, *Treasures from the Earth: Diamonds, Gold & Dinos*, opening April 3rd. This exhibit features an exotic collection of diamonds, gems, precious metals, rare minerals, pearls and fossils. Many of these specimens are on loan from exclusive collectors and some have never been exhibited in public. *Treasures from the Earth* will also showcase our newly renovated indoor exhibit space!

No matter what your family's interests are, the Heard Museum has something for everyone including our *Animals of the World* exhibit featuring non-native mammals as well as our collection of native Texas reptiles and amphibians. Enjoy the beauty of the native plant garden, a 289-acre wildlife sanctuary with more than seven miles of nature trails as well as the beautiful Heard ropes course. Summer camp registration is also going on now. Visit the Heard Museum for more fun education and exploration!

PICTURES



Pottery by John Hill



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