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Monarchs and Margaritas, the premier gala benefiting the Dunwoody Nature Center, will be returning with all new surprises this year to the South Terraces Atrium in Perimeter Center on Saturday, March 29, 2014. This year's event will feature dinner by Eclipse di Luna, entertainment from Francisco Vidal, signature cocktails, the exquisite desserts and coffees of Café Intermezzo, and an unparalleled array of auction items.

Event Chair Jany Brown and her committee have been collecting auction items for several months, "This year we will be featuring several unique items at our live auction," said Brown. "We have been extremely fortunate

for the support we have received from throughout the metro area." Of particular note, Brown mentioned a one-of-a-kind commissioned canvas painting from famed artist Steve Penley, a week's vacation in a two bedroom, two bath apartment in Paris, and a hand crafted dollhouse – a replica of Dunwoody's iconic farm house.

Looking for a special gift for that special someone (or yourself)? Then you won't want to miss out on unique opportunities to score some great deals: a four course dinner with wine pairings at South City Kitchen, an Apple iPad Mini, a Big Green Egg, and the Nature Center's own Dr. David Dalrymple will once again be on hand to auction off a special hand-crafted artistic wooden bowl. This winter weather getting you down? Then set your sights on some great travel packages like two (2) roundtrip airline tickets anywhere in the U.S. from Southwest Airlines, four (4) one-day Disney World Park Hopper passes, and several beach and mountain vacation homes. For those who want to enjoy a unique experience closer to home, how about a private wine tasting for 12, season tickets to the Alliance Theatre, or an after-hours private hike at the Nature Center topped off with s'mores and a warm fire.

Situated on a lush, wooded 25-acre site complete with a peaceful lake and green surroundings, The Atrium at South Terraces offers a soaring sunlit atrium with a reflecting pool and fountains. Once inside guests will be amazed by the striking architecture with white, geometric forms. Whether guests want to take part in the excitement of the auctions or just enjoy the delicious food, beautiful surroundings, and the "See and be seen" crowd, there is something for everyone at this year's event to support the Nature Center. To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, visit the event website at www.monarchsandmargaritas.org.

About the Dunwoody Nature Center

Located on a 22 acre parcel of Dunwoody Park, the Nature Center offers hiking trails, picnic areas, and wonderful Wildcat Creek. Last year at the Nature Center, over 13,000 visitors participated in classes, camps, and other family events. Incorporated in 1992 by community volunteers as a 501(c)(3), the Dunwoody Nature Center is currently the only organized service arm that provides environmental education throughout the city of Dunwoody and our surrounding communities. Last year's Monarchs & Margaritas event helped to raise over \$30,000 for the Nature Center - money which was reinvested back into the community through free and discounted events such as the summer concert series, Friday Night Hikes, field trip scholarships; and in making much needed improvements to the park grounds and facilities. For more information about the Nature Center, visit www.dunwoodynature.org.

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