

## GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEAST TEXAS



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Girl Scouts from troop 490 show off the roses they gathered at the recent Dallas Rose Show.

# Girl Scouts volunteer at Dallas Rose Show

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Fifth graders of Girl Scout Troop 490, most whom attend Mary Immaculate Catholic School, participated in the annual Dallas Rose Show hosted by the Dallas Rose Society at the Farmers Branch Senior Center Oct. 20-21.

To gather flowers for the show, the girls pruned roses at the National Earthkind Rose Trial and Display Gardens in Farmers Branch. These rose gardens are home to the nation's largest test garden for EarthKind roses, which are blooms fit enough to survive chemically free with minimal water.

"The scouts are active volunteers at the rose gardens, taking turns throughout the year to help weed and prune, so it was really so much fun picking the roses," said Girl Scout leader Jamie Griffin. "At no other time can a girl go crazy picking so many beautiful flowers."

They then worked with florist Toni Bifano-Field of Antoinette's Garden to



Emilie Della Maestra of Addison (left) and Nikki Smith of Carrollton (second from right) arrange as florist Toni Bifano-Field looks on.

arrange the flowers in decorative containers they created from recycled soup cans, before delivering the arrangements to the Senior Center for the rose show. Following the show, the girls donated their arrangements to a local senior living community.

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## DALLAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Parish's Gloria Snyder honored for contributions to education

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Former Parish Episcopal head of school Gloria Snyder was honored Nov. 8 with nine other community leaders for her contributions to education at the Dallas Historical Society's 2011 Excellence in Community Service awards luncheon.

The Dallas Historical Society recognized Snyder, who served as head of school for 29 years, for her role in growing the school from 221 students ranging from pre-kindergarten to sixth grade to a 50-acre campus accommodating 1,200 students through 12th grade.

"Each year we look forward to this fantastic opportunity to honor some of Dallas' brightest civic, cultural and community leaders," said historical society director Jack Bunning.

The 10 community leaders were selected for making "significant contributions to the quality of life in Dallas and the surrounding area." Past recipients include Ebby Halliday and Stanley Marcus.

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Gloria Snyder, Parish Episcopal's former head of school, was honored by the Dallas Historical Society at a Nov. 8 luncheon.

## THE NUTCRACKER

# Frisco resident to dance as Clara in Chamberlain performance

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Frisco resident Sarah Grace Houston is an eighth-grader at Prince of Peace who hopes to become a dancer one day, and teach dance to others, too.

"I would love to be a principal dancer, and then start my own dance studio," she said.

Her drive and talent have earned her the role of Clara in the Chamberlain Performing Arts' production of *The Nutcracker*, returning Nov. 25-27 to the Charles W. Eisemann Center in Richardson.

Chamberlain's annual production of *The Nutcracker* is one of the first of the season. This year, New York City Ballet principal dancers Wendy Whelan and Tyler Angle will dance the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. Audiences will have the chance to see their artistry in the Grand Pas de Deux as choreographed by George Balanchine.

Houston not only has the aspirations, but also the training to carry her through this major role.

"I have been dancing since I was 2 years old, and I have trained at the Chamberlain

School of Performing Arts since I was 5," she said.

This will be the eighth year that Houston will perform in *The Nutcracker*. She has danced multiple roles including mouse, buffoon, baker and now Clara.

"I enjoy all of the rehearsals," she said. "I like being on stage to entertain the audience and hearing them enjoy the performance through their laughter and applause."

Houston also dances with Chamberlain through the summer, and has attended the Ballet Austin summer intensive. But she dreams of continuing in a dance career at the Miami City Ballet or the Pacific Northwest Ballet.

Houston's role models include Kathy Chamberlain and Gillian Murphy, principal dancer with American Ballet Theater.

Although dancing is a big part of her life, Houston has some other interests. She enjoys musical theater, reading and math, and she has an occasional sweet tooth.

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