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## **Chandor Gardens to receive national recognition**

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas — The City of Weatherford Chandor Gardens will host their National Registry Plaque Dedication April 9, located at 711 West Lee Ave.

The dedication will begin at 5:30 p.m. to commemorate the gardens national recognition from the Texas Historical Commission and celebrate the gardens historical significance to the community. The event concludes at 7:30 p.m.

City Manager Jerry Blaisdell and Mayor Dennis Hooks are scheduled to speak on behalf of the city, as well as representatives from the Texas Historical Commission.

The historic garden was built in 1936 by world renowned English portrait artist Douglas Chandor and his wife Ina. Chandor Gardens is a city-owned and operated garden that consists of English and Chinese influenced botanical landscapes, along with a large 5,600 square foot mansion that houses Douglas's infamous studio. Chandor Gardens is available for public/private tours, retreats, private parties and weddings year-round.

"We are truly honored by this national recognition, one of only a few in the area, and look forward to the continued success and participation that Chandor Gardens has with the citizens of Weatherford," said senior office assistant Jimmy Sorrells.

"Chandor Gardens is a hidden gem within our city," said Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events Director Shannon Goodman. "This dedication will symbolize the hard work our dedicated employees have passionately given to maintaining the property and to preserving a piece of Weatherford's history."

Chandor Gardens is maintained and managed by full-time staff from the Parks, Recreation and Special Events Department. For more information about the dedication, contact senior office assistant Jimmy Sorrells at 817-613-1700 or [jsorrells@weatherfordtx.gov](mailto:jsorrells@weatherfordtx.gov).

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More information on Chandor Gardens: [www.weatherfordtx.gov/chandor](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov/chandor)

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