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The Connemara Meadow Preserve, a 72-acre rolling meadow on the border of Allen and Plano that many residents have enjoyed through the years, will be re-opening late next month on a daily basis to those who buy a membership. The meadow will continue to have free weekend events.

The Connemara Conservancy, which owns the meadow, is having an outdoor fundraiser on September 25 to mark the re-opening.

Here's a press release about the event:

Connemara to celebrate reopening of Meadow Preserve with dinner under the stars

ALLEN, Texas (August 13, 2010) - The Connemara Conservancy Foundation will celebrate the reopening of its 72-acre Meadow Preserve with "Into The Meadow," a fundraising dinner on Sept. 25. The event, including a white tablecloth dinner under the stars, will be held in the Meadow on the border of Allen and Plano. Proceeds will benefit the Connemara Conservancy, which currently protects more than 3,400 acres of open space throughout North Texas.

"This is definitely not going to be the typical fundraiser," said Scott White, president of the board of Connemara Conservancy Foundation. "It's an opportunity for old friends of the Meadow, as well those who are new to Connemara to come together for an evening of fun and food under the stars to show their support for our mission of preserving and protecting important pieces of open space throughout North Texas."

The event will be catered by Pecan Lodge Catering. From their location in the Dallas Farmer's Market, Pecan Lodge focuses on using produce from local farmers, which is in keeping with Connemara's mission of preserving these farms and ranches.

"The great thing about this event is that it celebrates the land of North Texas as well as local farmers who depend on the land for their livelihood and provide the food we eat every day," said White. "It's a great way to remind everyone why it's important to help landowners protect their land whenever we can."

The Meadow was closed to the public in 2006 for rest and rejuvenation after more than two decades of use that included hosting sculpture exhibitions and string concerts as well as providing area residents a place to enjoy the beauty of nature and open space. In 2008 Connemara began hosting nature walks and guided tours for families and local educational programs on a

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Now, the Meadow will once again be open on a daily basis for Connemara members to come enjoy Texas' natural beauty a in its original form. Connemara will also continue to hold frequent nature walks, open houses and special events for non-members.

More details, including ticket information, about "Into the Meadow" is available at www.connemaraconservancy.org or by calling 214-351-0990.

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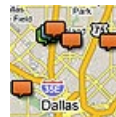
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