



KORBIN AND DAVID

Celebrating Two Decades

OF TULIP TRADITIONS

INTRODUCTION

Spring in Dallas holds a special place in the hearts of Oak Cliff residents David Hudgens and Korbin King. The duo eagerly anticipates the arrival of tulip season each year. For two decades, they have meticulously cultivated over 2000 tulips in their gardens, reaching peak bloom in March. To honor this floral extravaganza, David and Korbin host an annual Tulip Party, inviting friends and family to revel in the vibrant array of tulip varieties that grace their grounds.

EARLY ROOTS IN OAK CLIFF

In 1998, after a two-year courtship, David persuaded Korbin to relocate from Dallas' Uptown/Oak Lawn to Oak Cliff. A historic enclave annexed in 1903, Oak Cliff maintains its unique identity as one of Dallas' well-established neighborhoods. The couple, drawn to the classic English Tudor-style homes, purchased their first property in the Kessler Square district in 1998. Following a three-year renovation journey, they settled in their current residence, a 1928-built home, in 2001.



he planted his inaugural tulips. Over the years, the Tulip Party evolved, featuring intricate color schemes and diverse tulip displays. Unlike colder regions of the country that facilitate tulip re-blooming, Dallas requires annual replanting, enabling Korbin to experiment with various sizes, colors, and types. David, an adept cook, has catered the Tulip Party since its inception, adapting to its growth to accommodate over 150 attendees. Regrettably, the 2024 edition will mark the Tulip Party Finale due to an upcoming home renovation, with plans for a 1920's-themed party in 2028.

A PASSION FOR GARDENING AND GATHERINGS

Korbin's love for gardening blossomed in 2004 when

TRANSFORMATIVE YEARS IN OAK CLIFF

Reflecting on their Oak Cliff journey since 1998,

David and Korbin acknowledge a remarkable transformation. The area, once lacking upscale amenities, has become a sought-after destination with the Bishop Arts District at its heart, featuring independent boutiques, restaurants, bars, and galleries. The unique landscape, characterized by hills, cliffs, and mature trees, contributes to Oak Cliff's distinctiveness among predominantly flat Dallas neighborhoods. The early and mid-1900s homes, coupled with the diverse residents, create a one-of-a-kind neighborhood ambiance.

THE KORDAVE EXPRESS: A UNION

David and Korbin, partners of 28 years, formalized their union in 2016 in a ceremony at Dallas Union Station. The "Vintage Train Travel" theme, inspired by their global travels, celebrated their journey to 55 countries on six continents. The couple, proud of being part of the community, arranged the first legal same-sex marriage at Dallas Union Station, adorned with vintage train-inspired decorations and a cake featuring world maps pinpointing their extensive travels.

LOOKING AHEAD WITH HOSPITALITY

Passionate about entertaining, David and Korbin anticipate that their upcoming home renovation will enhance their hosting capabilities. With David showcasing his culinary prowess in a dream kitchen and Korbin orchestrating elaborate tablescapes, the couple eagerly awaits the prospect of hosting grand, multi-course dinner parties in their Kessler Park residence in their beloved Oak Cliff neighborhood. 

