



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

January 28, 2014

Stacy's Furniture & Accessories
Community Room, 3rd Floor 1900 South Main, Grapevine
Social 9:30 A.M. Meeting and Program 10:00 A.M.
We thank our members for continuing to carpool and to park in the outer slots to allow Stacy's customers to park near the store entrance.

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES:

Chair, Sheri Jones, Michele Burger, Dinah Chancellor, Lisa Grove, Sally Hart, Gloria Land, Toni Moorehead, Barbara Munn, Paula Wilbanks, Paula Wilson

January Program

Toni Moorehead, a longstanding member of our club, will be speaking to us this month on a tantalizing topic, *Blooms and Beyond: Year-Round Color for Your Garden*. Toni has her own landscaping business, and her expertise is well known. Go browse her blog, <http://signaturegardens.blogspot.com>, for a world of information about how to garden beautifully in our area.

Elayne Vick,
Programs

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*Photo from Signature Gardens,
 December 2013*

President's Message

After all this cold winter weather, I think we're all ready to get out of the house, meet up with our gardening friends and learn some new things. We have three great opportunities in January including our monthly meeting with our own Toni Moorehead who will speak on having year-round color in your garden. If you have ever visited Toni's garden, you will know that she is an exceptional gardener and is always delighted to help others learn. Be sure to read about the January 18th Bird Hike and the January 25th library program in this newsletter. Who knew that DFW has a Wildlife Administrator? I sure didn't. I'm looking forward to her stories about the critters she encounters in her job. January is a great time to learn new things as we begin to think about spring.



Soon you can start looking for perennials popping up in your garden. Be sure to volunteer your garden (or a friend's) for a potting party in preparation for the April 26th plant sale.

I hope to see you at some of our January events.

**Pam Braak,
President**

Norma Worsfold November 10, 1932 – January 6, 2014

Norma joined the Grapevine Garden Club when she moved to Texas in 1991. While she actively supported activities through the years and was newsletter co-chair 1994–97, health concerns limited her participation in recent years. Fortunately, Norma was able to enjoy the company of GGC friends during the Sperry program and Holiday Luncheon.



Norma and Sandy Kancavicus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
January 18	Birding Hike Dr. Ray Chancellor	Bob Jones Nature Center and Preserve; Southlake, TX
January 19 – 25	Grapevine Bird Sanctuary Week	
January 25	Wildlife Management at D/FW Cathy Boyles	Grapevine Library Grapevine, TX
February 11	Work Day—Wear RED for Valentine’s Day!	West Texas Street Grapevine, TX

January Birthdays

Suzie Agnew
David Barber
Eloisa Beller
Susan Boelens
Marion Brekken
Margaret Brinson
Suzie Cate
Terry Curcio
Madeline Fitzgerald
Susie Griffin



Suzi Guckel
Vicki Haines
Ann Hatch
Thierrie Mazur
Nancy Moxom
Carolina Nessi-Asplund
Catriona Noble
Susan Spurl
Kathy Stone
Paula Wilbanks

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
February 25 th	Workshop: Work Smarter, Not Harder, In Your Garden	TBA
March 25 th	Workshop: Container Gardening	TBA
April 8 th	Work Day	West Texas Street, Grapevine, TX
April 16 th – 18 th	Gardeners on the Go	Orange, Texas
April 26 th	Spring Plant Sale	Grapevine Botanical Gardens
April 26 th – 27 th	Flowercade	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
May 20 th	GGC Spring Luncheon	Lake Grapevine

Reminder!

Pick up the yearbook addendum at the GGC general meeting, January 28th.

The GGC nominating committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the 2014–2015 GGC club year.

President – Pam Braak
1st VP Programs – Sharon Swagerty
Assisted by – Chris George
2nd VP Membership – Barb Munn
Assisted by – Linda Harris
3rd VP Communications – Karen Rice
Treasurer – Kathy Stone
Recording Secretary – Evelyn Urbanosky
Assisted by – Miriam Ward
Corresponding Secretary – Angela Ozymy
Publicity – Harriet Perrello

The election of officers will be held at the January GGC General Meeting on Tuesday January 28th. Thank you to the nominating committee: Kathy Dohrer, Joetta King, Harriet Perrello, Karen Rice and Kathy Stone.

 **Karen Rice**

Grapevine's Bird Sanctuary Week – January 19 – 25, 2014

To encourage preservation of birding habitat as well as development of backyard habitats, in 1981 the Grapevine City Council approved Resolution No. 81–19, which was sponsored by the Grapevine Garden Club. This ordinance made it official for the City of Grapevine to support and enforce the State laws contained in the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to conservation of bird life. That was thirty-three years ago and our club continues to support this initiative.

Highlighting our interest in bird conservation Mayor William D. Tate and the City Council issued a proclamation proclaiming the week of January 19–25, 2014 as Bird Sanctuary Week to encourage Grapevine citizens to observe bird life through care, feeding and protection from danger.

Through the years, the club has continued efforts and activities to stimulate appreciation and protection of wild birds. In acknowledgement of Bird Sanctuary Week, the Grapevine Garden Club is sponsoring three free activities in cooperation with the Grapevine Public Library and Parks and Recreation Department.

January 18 - Bird Hike – Kick-off to Grapevine’s Bird Sanctuary Week

Join naturalist Dr. Ray Chancellor for a nature hike to discover our wintering birds and interesting facets of the local ecology on Saturday, January 18, 8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M., at the Bob Jones Nature Center and Preserve. He will teach both beginning and experienced birders how to find and identify the wintering species that visit the local ecosystem. The ecology, including the flora and fauna, and the role of habitat in finding birds will be emphasized. The casual hike will be on a flat trail and is designed for adults. Bring your binoculars and join us! We will begin the hike from the parking lot of the Bob Jones Nature Center and Preserve, 335 E. Bob Jones Road, in Southlake. Free. www.bjnc.org



For further details regarding the hike, please consult the GGC December 2013 newsletter. Contact Joetta King if you are interested in attending the hike to receive any last minute changes in the hike due to weather conditions.

January 25 - Grapevine Library Birding Program



*Northern Harrier
DFW Airport*

DFW Airport Wildlife Biologist Cathy Boyles will speak on Saturday, January 25 at 10:30 A.M. at the Grapevine Public Library, 1201 Municipal Way. She has developed the airport's Wildlife Stewardship campaign and promoted wildlife strike awareness to minimize hazards to aircraft. Come hear her many engaging stories about finding, identifying, and dealing with wildlife within the confines of the airport and how the airport's wildlife program strives to ensure the highest standards of safety, while balancing stewardship of the airport's resources.

Free and open to the public. 817-410-3404

Build a bird feeder at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens

Children are invited to create a tissue roll bird feeder while visiting the Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park during Grapevine's Bird Sanctuary Week, January 19 – 25. Supplies and instructions will be located near the children's square foot gardens on the east side of Morehead Creek. Please limit one bird feeder per child. Children may take the bird feeder home to encourage birds to visit their gardens, or they may feel free to hang the feeder in the wooded bird sanctuary area of the Botanical Gardens. For further information, call 817-410-3350.

Joetta King





Barb Munn, Joyce Quam, Suzi Guckel, 2008

Plant Sale 101 – Or “Brown Knees Society”

OK - so you are a new GGC member and have never been to a GGC plant sale or you're an avid gardener and can't wait for spring to talk about plants. Would you like to know how the plant sales are pulled together or how you can get involved? Please stay (at Stacy's) for a short meeting following the GGC General Meeting on January 28th.

We will tell you about the theme for the spring plant sale, how the event is organized and what you can do to become a member of the “Brown Knees Society” (GGC Plant Sale volunteer group)!

We need your 1 gallon empty pots for the plant sale. Please contact Chuck Voelker if you have some to donate.

**☞Chuck Voelker,
Chair, Plant Sale**



*Black Swallowtail
on Parsley*

Butterfly Habitat

Now that the holidays are over, break out those gardening magazines and begin planning for spring! Creating a Butterfly Habitat in your garden begins now with planning and planting after the last freeze in March.

On a warm, sunny day, you may notice some adult butterflies in your garden. Several butterflies over-winter in our area in various stages. Some as larvae hidden in leaves, some as adults in crevices in trees. Sunny days will bring them out, and you may see them enjoying blossoms of all kinds, warming their wings in the sunshine perched on a warm rock. They will then disappear into leaf litter or evergreens for safe haven at night. Winter weeds, such as henbit and dandelions, are not a bad thing in your yard! Before your garden flowers bloom, these “weeds” are available for these over-wintering butterflies to survive.

Plan now for a Monarch Waystation in your garden! Each fall, hundreds of millions of Monarch butterflies migrate from the United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, to their over-wintering areas in Mexico. Monarchs west of the Rockies head toward Monterey, California, where they wait out the winter until conditions favor a return flight in the spring. The Monarch migration is truly one of the world's greatest natural wonders, yet it is threatened by habitat loss throughout North America, at the over-wintering sites and through the spring and summer breeding range as well.



On a personal note, I have noticed Monarchs in the Florida panhandle and in south Florida in November and December, and noticed on the Monarch Watch website that some Monarchs over-winter in southern Florida! I'll have to chase a few and get back to you on what I find!!

Monarchs will begin their trek north as early as late February and early March. So, planning now for flowers that will be in bloom in March will be beneficial for Monarch survival. By creating and maintaining a Monarch Waystation, you are contributing to Monarch conservation, an effort that will help assure the preservation of the species and the continuation of the spectacular Monarch migration phenomenon.

<http://shop.monarchwatch.org/store/p/1200-Waystation-Certification-Application.aspx> For certification with the North American Butterfly Association, check out their website: http://www.nababutterfly.com/cert_index.html

Barbara Atkins

Backyard Wildlife Habitat

Creating a Backyard Habitat is so much fun and so easy to do. You must provide food, shelter, nesting areas and water for birds and other wildlife. You must eliminate pesticides and herbicides and be tolerant of all wildlife, including the creepy, crawly types!

Certifying your garden as a Texas Wildscape and a National Backyard Habitat is the perfect way to show your neighbors you care about the environment. It's an easy process and very rewarding to see your accomplishment. We have many members whose gardens will qualify—YOU JUST NEED TO DO IT! Be sure to let us know when your garden is certified!

Here are the websites and addresses:

To obtain an official Texas Wildscapes Certification Application:
Texas Wildscapes
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/wildscapes



To obtain certification information for the National program:
National Wildlife Federation (NWF)
11100 Wildlife Center Drive
Reston, VA 20190
800-822-9919/585-461-3092
www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat or
www.nwf.org/habitatshop
www.enature.com



National Wildlife Federations' Backyard Wildlife Habitat Starter Kit: \$25.00

Four Simple Steps to Creating a Wildlife Habitat

1. Add native plants to your yard. Visit www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat for help from NWF's native plant guide. Check out www.dirtdoctor.com, OR www.westongardens.com for Texas native plants.



2. Hang a bird feeder—keep it clean.
3. Add a simple water feature with a bird bath or shallow dish.
4. Install a nesting box to provide cover and a place to raise young.

Checklist for Creating a Bird-Friendly Back Yard

1. Stop using pesticides and herbicides in your yard.
2. Recreate the multiple layers of plant growth found in natural areas—ground cover, mid-height, evergreen shrubs, tall trees, dead limbs (scags).
3. Select plants to provide nutritional foods during different seasons.
4. Plant shrubs and small trees in same-species clumps for adequate pollination of fruit (hollies).
5. Provide at least one clump of conifers (evergreens).
6. Leave vines or plant native additions.
7. Limit the size of your lawn for less mowing, less fertilizing, less watering, & less pollution.
8. Avoid invasive, exotic (non-native) plants.
9. Supply a source of water—dripping or running water attracts birds—keep it clean.
10. Provide and monitor nest boxes of various sizes.
11. Leave some leaf litter on the ground.



☞ **Barbara Atkins**

Gardeners on the Go – April 16 – 18, 2014 Orange Texas (2 nights/3 days)

The Shangri-La Journey Tour is currently at capacity attendance. However, if you would like to be placed on a waiting list should an attendee find it necessary to withdraw from the tour, please contact Joetta King by email or home phone. For a description of the tour highlights, please refer to the GGC November newsletter available at www.grapevinegardenclub.org – Publications.

☞ **Joetta King,
Trips and Tours**

College Scholarships



Do you know of a young person heading off to college who is interested in our favorite subjects—landscape design, horticulture, etc.? Each year our garden club awards scholarships to graduating seniors who are planning to study horticulture or related fields. They must reside in Grapevine or attend a Grapevine Colleyville ISD school. Applications are available on the website and due in April to be considered for award this spring.

☞ **Sheri Jones,
Scholarships**

CALADIUMS FOR 2014



TOM TOM

Color: Dark rose-red blotches with deep red central veins and medium green margins

Growth Habit: Short with very many small leaves.

Development:
Late

Height:
Medium-Short

Sun Tolerance:
Partial Sun

Use: 4 and 6" pots; semi-shaded areas of landscape.



CANDIDUM

Color: White with green netted venation and thin medium green border.

Growth Habit: Upright, strong with very large leaves.

Development:
Medium

Height: Tall

Sun Tolerance:
Shade Only

Use: Good for 4 and 6" pots but must de-eye for 4" pots; good in landscape in shade.



PINK BEAUTY

Color: Large medium pink spots and blotches with dark pink veins.

Growth Habit: Very strong and upright with medium number of leaves.

Development:
Early

Height:
Medium

Sun Tolerance:
Full Sun

Use: 4 and 6" pots, can be used in sunny location in the landscape



WHITE QUEEN

Color: Creamy white with green netted venation and dark red main central veins.

Growth Habit: Tall with very large and medium number of leaves.

Development:
Late

Height: Tall

Sun Tolerance:
Full Sun

Use: 4 and 6" pots with large tubers giving best color; use in semi-shaded and sunny areas



AARON

Color: Large white center with white veins and narrow green margins.

Growth Habit: Tall with few leaves but excellent in full sun.

Development:
Medium

Height: Tall

Sun Tolerance:
Full Sun

Use: 6" pots or larger; excellent landscape plant in full sun.



CAROLYN WHORTON

Color: Large medium pink blotches with red veins and green mottling.

Growth Habit: Large leaves, very upright and strong.

Development:
Late

Height: Tall

Sun Tolerance:
Full Sun

Use: 6" pots or larger; excellent background plant in landscape.

GGC Members Caladium Bulb Order Form 2014

It's time to order Caladium Bulbs for your spring planting and summer color. These will be #1 size, healthy and a good buy for our gardening friends! The orders this year will be \$.55 per bulb, minimum order 10 bulbs please. Contact Cindy Miller for additional information.

Please make your check out to Grapevine Garden Club.

Turn in this completed order form at the GGC meeting with payment attached no later than **February 28, 2014** or mail to Grapevine Garden Club, P.O. Box 811, Grapevine, TX 76099-0811. Bulbs will be available for pick-up in the latter part of March.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

CLUB NAME _____ Grapevine Garden Club _____

Total # of bulbs (10 bulbs minimum) _____

@ \$.55 each = _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____
SELECTION (10 bulbs minimum, each variety selected)

Candidum (White with green veins, Shade, Tall) Quantity _____

Pink Beauty (Large medium pink spots and dark pink veins
Full Sun, Medium) Quantity _____

Tom Tom (Dark rose-red blotches and deep red
central veins, med green margin, Partial Sun, Short) Quantity _____

Carolyn Whorton (Large pink blotches, dark
veins, green mottling, Full Sun, Tall) Quantity _____

Aaron (Large white center with narrow green
margin, Full Sun, Tall) Quantity _____

White Queen (Creamy white with green netted
veins and dark red central veins, Shade, Medium) Quantity _____

Note: You may select a different variety of caladiums, other than the above listed types. But please order a case (200 bulbs), or a half case (100 bulbs).

Also note: If you order Strap /Lance Leaved or Dwarf Leaved - the price is \$1.10 per bulb.