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GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR



Newsletter
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June 2015

A thousand thanks to the Spring Luncheon Committee—Valerie Reed, Chair, Joetta King, Barb Munn, Pat Mingus, Susan Boelens, Gloria Land, Phyllis Butts, Angela Ozymy, Catriona Nobles, René Herndon, Anne Hogue, Sheri Jones, and Edie Williams. Linda Krimm is not on the committee but she always provides the punch which we greatly appreciate!



Val Reed, Phyllis Butts, Sheri Jones, Susan Boelens, Pat Mingus, Gloria Land



Sarah Erickson, Barb Atkins, Linda Krimm

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President's Message

This is my first President's Message and I would like to begin with a series of thank-you's—*first* to our outgoing President Pam Braak for her great leadership over the past two years; *second* to Val Reed who overcame the adversity of moving our Spring Luncheon due to the high waters at Lake Grapevine, not once, not twice, but three times; and *third* to the outgoing Board members and the many Committee Chairpersons for their support and work that led to our Grapevine Garden Club being named Texas State Garden Club of the Year for 2014.

A great club begins with the active participation of its members. I am counting on you to find a role you can play in the upcoming garden club year, 2015–2016. You have a summer to think about how you would like to participate.

We have many opportunities available right when the Club year begins. We will be looking for volunteers for the Fall Plant/Tree Sale and the Butterfly Flutterby that both occur on October 17th at the Grapevine Botanic Gardens. Look for more information about these events in this newsletter and at our September general meeting. This is a wonderful way to make friends and to give back to the community. Please do consider this.

I was asked to include a picture with this message and I thought my little rain gauge friend was appropriate. Unfortunately, his glass tube broke prior to the rain deluge. It never would have held all the welcome rain we got!



A little bit about me: I was born and raised in Chicago. My love of gardening came from my grandmother, who emigrated from Poland in the 1920's. She always had beautiful flowers, and she had that wonderful black dirt and steady rainfall to support her gardens. I have resided in four states—Illinois, New Mexico, Kansas and now Texas. I'm sure we all have a story to tell. Please sign up for the Gardeners on the Go trips, the Fall Plant/Tree Sale, Butterfly Flutterby, and West Texas Street work days as well as other volunteer opportunities. You can share your story with another club member and make a new friend in the process!

I look forward to being your President and wish you all a great summer! As the old song lyric says, see you in September!

Sharon Swagerty
Incoming President

**GGC MEMBERS with BIRTHDAYS
in JUNE, JULY and AUGUST**



June Birth Flower
rose

Lisa Anderson
Lyn Argenbright
Laura Barnes
Marcy Blagg
Kathy Clark
Carol Dowd
Carolyn Ernst
Alexandra Evans
Kriste Frederick
Chris George
Helen Hastings
Holly Ihrig
Steven James
Sheri Jones
John Kancavicus
Joetta King
Joan Kowalski
Candace Kyler
Gloria Land
Robert Ledebor
Harold Leurs
Susan Lott
LaJune McCrea
David Meadows
Angela Ozymy
David Quam
Debbie Smith
Marianne Tuggle
A.C. Urbanosky



July Birth Flower
water lily

Peggy Anderson
Linda Barraclough
Terry Beaver
Judy Briscoe
Phyllis Butts
Candace Cawley
Susie Emmons
Ann Fuller
Sally Hart
Doris Hill
Anne Hogue
Cindy James
Priscilla Keifer
Gretchen Lyne
Eloise Myers
Cheryl Neumann
Duff O'Dell
Karen Pafford
Sally Simpson
Roy Steele
Sara Stover
Theresa Thomas
Nancy Winslow



August Birth Flower
Gladiolas

Greg Braak
Neal Brinson
Nancy Carlson
Carol Chick
Colleen Connor
Kathy Dohrer
Paul Ernst
Sandy Guthrey
René Herndon
Allen Hilton
Mohammed Hussien
Paula Jones
Camille Kissell
Doris Kritz
Lynn Kugler
Mary Ledebor
Dorothy Mattingly
Marian McDevitt
Toni Moorehead
Carole Nadeau
Cyndi Powell
Jenny Singleton
Leana Sloan
Nancy Sporn
Joan Stewart
Barbara Thompson
Evelyn Urbanosky
Jackie Wasson
Janice Zeleny

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
Sept. 22, 2015	Gardens on View—after the GGC September general meeting	TBA: See article about herbs & vegetables available for purchase at one of the gardens.
Oct. 17, 2015	Fall Plant/Shrub/Tree Sale	Grapevine Botanical Gardens Heritage Park
	Butterfly Flutterby	

Allen Hilton
Tina Hilton
John Kancavicus



Cyndi Powell
David Quam
Charee Vogt
Tom Vogt

Final Deadline GGC Membership Renewal

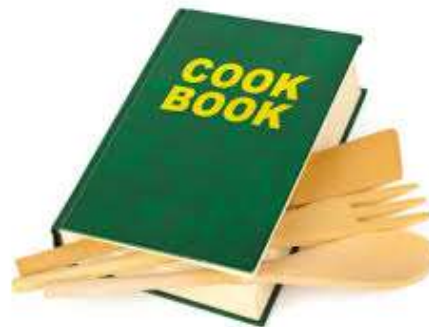
If you wish to continue your membership in the Grapevine Garden Club and have not already done so, please submit your renewal payment by Friday, July 31, 2015 so your photograph and contact information will appear in the 2015–16 GGC Yearbook. Mail your payment of \$30.00 for individual and \$35.00 for family membership to P.O. Box 811, Grapevine, TX 76099-0811. If you have questions, please call Membership Chair, Barbara Munn.

☞ **Evelyn Urbanosky**
☞ **Miriam Ward**
GGC Yearbook

GGC Recipe Book

The 2015 version of “Out of the Garden and into the Kitchen” has been published! Thanks to Barb Atkins, this collection of recipes from the spring luncheon has been assembled and is available on the GGC website. To view or download the 2015 recipe book, or previous versions, go to

<http://www.grapevinegardenclub.org/publications.html>
and look under the **GGC Cookbooks** column.



☞ **Karen Rice**
Communications

2015-2016 Grapevine Garden Club Scholarship Recipients



Katherine Pearson, Miranda Fatum, Sheri Jones

Miranda Fatum, daughter of Russ and Gail Fatum, graduated from Grapevine High School in 2014. Miranda has just completed her freshman year at University of North Texas in Denton. This is her 2nd year to be selected as a recipient for the scholarship. The scholarship committee asks for three references. Miranda received one from her Resident Assistant in the dormitory at school. Her RA described her as “a hard worker, eager participant in all resident activities, and my favorite...up at 6 am to get her day started, even when she doesn’t have class until the afternoon”. Miranda’s major is Ecology for Environmental Science. She was an active member of the Ecology Club in high school, and states that she has always been interested in conserving and protecting plants and animals. Miranda’s goal is to become a wildlife biologist, teaching others how to protect native plants and animals.

Katherine Pearson, daughter of Brad and Robin Pearson, is a resident of Grapevine and will be graduating from Carroll High School next week. She has been accepted at University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Katherine plans a pre-law track with intentions to specialize in environmental law. She participated in an Advanced Placement Environmental Science class learning about agricultural practices. This developed her interest in pursuing this specialty. Katherine stated in

her scholarship application that she felt that environmental law would best suit her interest in the legal system, her love of nature, and her concern for human health. One area of concern is the modification of crops and the use of harmful pesticides.

**☞ Sheri Jones
Scholarships**

GGC Loves Gardens to View!



We will be viewing 3 members' gardens after our general meetings in September and October. Please contact Marge Carpenter if you would like to share your garden in either of those months.

**☞ Marge Carpenter
Gardens on View**

Gardens on View, April 28, 2015



Lois Revell's Gardens

Workshops and Special Events

September 22, 2015 – Herbs and Fall Vegetables
CP11, CP18

A selection of herbs and fall vegetables will be available at one of the Gardens on View sites to be visited after the September general meeting. These plants are perfect for your home garden or to intersperse in your flower beds for an edible landscape.



January 26, 2016 Workshop: Great Backyard Bird Count – CP16, CP18

1:00 – 2:00 P.M. Karen Rice (GGC member)

Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens – Open for members and guests.

Learn what birds to expect in your backyard and how to count and record birds to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count February 12 – 15, 2016

February 23, 2016 Workshop: Homeowners Guide to Sprinkler Systems—
Irrigation System Basics CP5, CP18

1:00 – 2:00 P.M. Chuck Voelker (GGC member)

Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens – Open for members and guests.

Overview of a home sprinkler system, troubleshooting, sprinkler head adjustments and cleaning. There will be some “hands on” demonstrations.

March 22, 2016 Workshop: Container Garden – A Bright Spot for Your Doorstep
CP18

1:00 – 3:00 P.M. Lisa Grove (Grapevine PARD Horticulturist) and Karen Rice

Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens – Registration and fee required.

Get ready for spring by learning how to construct a container garden for your door step or patio.

GGC NEWSLETTER WINS 1ST PLACE NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB AWARD!

GGC was again honored this year at the National Garden Club convention and received awards for several 2014 projects previously recognized by Texas Garden Clubs. We are fortunate to have so many talented and hardworking volunteers who make our outstanding projects shine!

#12Aiv Publication (Newsletter)

1st Place

🌱 Newsletters – *Dinah Chancellor* Editor

#73 Civic Project with Native Plants **1st Runner-Up + \$500.00**

🍀 Parr Park wildflower area *Pam Braak, Lisa Grove* Coordinators

#1 Civic Achievement **1st Runner-Up**

🍀 West Texas Street low income housing planting bed workdays – *Suzi Guckel*
Chairman

#2 Garden Center **1st Runner-Up**

🍀 Grapevine Botanical Gardens – Garden center for horticulture and education,
GGC member docents and garden plantings volunteers – *Lisa Grove*
Horticulturist, *Paula Wilson and Cindy Miller* Docent Coordinators, *Linda*
Barraclough, garden volunteer

#8 Youth Horticulture Education **1st Runner-Up**

🍀 Youth horticulture education – Parks and Recreation Department youth classes
– *Val Reed, Lisa Grove*

#43 Butterfly **1st Runner-Up**

🍀 Butterfly Flutterby, Monarch Butterfly Program, Art Contest, Plant Sale – *Pam*
Braak, Linda Krimm, Gloria Land, Evelyn Urbanosky, Miriam Ward, Chuck
Voelker, Lisa Grove

🍀 **Karen Rice**
Awards Chairman



*Award Recipients: Chuck Voelker, Cindy Miller, Valerie Reed, Paula Wilson, Lisa Grove,
Linda Barraclough, Gloria Land, Linda Krimm, Miriam Ward, Dinah Chancellor*

GGC Volunteer Opportunities

Sign Up HERE!

Our Grapevine Garden Club was established in 1932 with just a few interested gardeners. In 2015, we now have 235 members, and we're all still interested in gardening and learning the newest techniques of maintaining our own landscapes. We have many VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.

At our September general meeting, you will be asked to complete a form with your area(s) of interest to help determine future programs, workshops, and tours.

Below are a few activities in which our club participates that might be of interest to you:

Plant Sale/Ways and Means: Join the committee that shops for plants, research websites for plant data and make individual signs, help prepare flyers for distribution, help with the setup, sales, cashier and/or cleanup.

Ways & Means

West Texas Street Project: Provide gardening assistance and beautification for a low income housing project.

Trips and Tours: Assist the chairman in coordinating interesting tours, either within the Metroplex or beyond.

Redbud Tree Project for 3rd Grade GCISD students: Assist the chairman by bagging and/or distributing redbud seedlings to students.

Holiday and Spring Luncheons: Assist the chairmen by arranging table decorations, sending invitations, and coordinating setup and cleanup.

Grapevine Botanical Gardens Docents: Become a docent for visiting groups to the garden – training provided.

Butterfly Flutterby: Help coordinate children's activities for our annual festival and art contest with GCISD students.

Our club's goal is to have every member participating in projects of greatest interest and in which they have expertise to share. So think about how you would like to be involved and fill out a form at the September meeting. See you then!

✂Barbara Munn
Membership

Celebrate FALL and the Monarch Butterfly

October 17, 2015 – Save the Day (or a few hours) for the GGC and the Grapevine Botanical Gardens.



Butterfly Flutterby, 2014

Join the FUN and develop garden club friendships by volunteering for the Butterfly Flutterby. We will have crafts, games, science experiments, an art contest and a children's booth with kid-friendly items to sell.

Let us know now or get your questions answered. Contact Gloria Land or Margaret Meharg.

**☞Gloria Land
Butterfly Flutterby**

“The butterfly counts not months but moments, and has time enough.”

☞Rabindranath Tagore

Fall Tree and Shrub Sale

It seems we just finished the GGC Spring Plant Sale and here is a reminder and request for volunteers for the Plant Native, Plant Now Fall Plant Sale. Since there is only one GGC meeting prior to the sale, there will be only one chance to sign up on the volunteer sheets. Therefore, I wanted to tell you that I will need your help again. The fall plant sale will be held on October 17, 2015 at the Grapevine Botanic Gardens (the same location as the spring sale). I will need volunteers for the holding area, cashiers, general customer help on the sale day, and assistance prior to the sale for moving plants, pricing and sale preparation, and cleanup after the sale. There will be some work required over the summer. So if you can help in late summer, send me an email and I'll let you know what is needed and when we want to work. The work will be accomplished in the morning before it gets hot and the work time will be kept short. Thank you in advance for your help.



Plant Native, Plant Now 2014

**☞Chuck Voelker
Fall Plant Sale Coordinator**

Help Locate Missing GGC Archives!



The Grapevine Garden Club maintains an archive in the history room of the Grapevine Library. Your archivist has checked all the archives and found the results below:

- 🍷 Awards applications - 2013 and 2014 apps are missing.
- 🍷 Website apps - the most recent website app has no date on it.
- 🍷 President's report - 2012, 2013 president's reports are missing.
- 🍷 Red bud binder - 2012, 2013, 2014 reports are missing.
- 🍷 Publications binder - 2011, 2012, 2013 reports are missing.
- 🍷 West Texas binder - 2011, 2012, 2013 reports are missing.
- 🍷 Board meeting minutes binder - May 7 and June 4 2015 reports are missing
- 🍷 Yearbook for 2013-2014 is missing.
- 🍷 Scrapbooks - all accounted for
- 🍷 Newsletter binder - all present and accounted for

If you can be of assistance in locating the missing documents, please contact Elayne Vick. Thanks so much for your help!

🍷Elayne Vick
Archivist

Gardeners on the Go

Thursday, October 29, 2015

7:15 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Canton, Texas; Cost: \$30 prepaid

Join us for a shopping adventure.
Debbie Dreyfus is the tour organizer.

Trip cost covers the bus rental,

driver's tip, continental breakfast on the way there, map and bottle of water when we arrive, wine, cheese, chocolate and munchies on the way back to Southlake.

Our driver carefully loads and unloads purchases on and off the bus to avoid any breakage. Bus departs from Bicentennial Park in Southlake. Seats are first come, first served. \$30 payment must be submitted to GGC no later than September 23, 2015 to reserve a seat through the club. The date, September 23rd, will allow a refund on our advance payment of \$750 if we do not have 25 commitments for the tour. Any member wishing to attend after September 23rd will need to make their reservation directly with Ms. Dreyfus. A member's payment is non-refundable 30



days prior to departure. Evelyn Urbanosky and Miriam Ward go on this tour every time the bus heads to Canton. Visit with them if you have questions about the tour!

Joetta King
Trips and Tours

Hummingbirds Need Our Help!

Information from the Audubon Society

Did you know . . . ?

- ✿ Hummingbirds can fly a thousand miles without food or rest.
- ✿ They can remember every single flower they visit (*now, how do they know that?*). *Ruby-Throated Hummingbird*
- ✿ They are the only species that can fly backwards!
- ✿ Hummingbirds have weak feet and cannot walk very well.
- ✿ They can twist their wings 180 degrees creating lift in both the upstroke and downstroke.
- ✿ They can see ultraviolet light.
- ✿ Their flight muscles make up 30% of a hummingbird's weight.
- ✿ Hummingbirds can fly 30 mph and dive 60 mph.
- ✿ Hummingbirds have the highest metabolism of any animal.



Ruby-Throated Hummingbird

Hummingbird breeding and nesting grounds are under attack by continued urbanization, logging, agricultural development, energy exploration and resource extraction. Global warming is making flowers bloom out of synch with hummingbirds' arrival from migration, putting them at risk for starvation. Pesticide use is killing some of the insects that are a crucial part of a hummingbird's diet. They don't just live on nectar from flowers; they need protein, too!



Black-Chinned Hummingbird

Calliope Hummingbirds are the smallest breeding bird in North America and smallest long-distance migrant in the world. They are at risk due to pesticide use, loss of native flowers by invasive plants and a restricted migration range.

Blue-throated Hummingbirds are our largest species, with an eight-inch wingspan. They are at risk due to the increased logging of the wooded canyons in Arizona and Mexico where they feed on native flowers and in open gardens.

Allen's Hummingbirds only breed along a narrow strip of coastal California and southern Oregon in brushy woods, gardens and meadows. They have a restricted range that makes them susceptible to natural disasters, disease and habitat destruction.

Costa's Hummingbirds are a desert species at risk due to California coastal scrub habitats that have been nearly eradicated, resulting in the decline of many populations.

My personal experience one winter in an RV park in southern California, specifically the Anza-Borrego Desert near the Salton Sea, opened my eyes to many unique Hummingbirds I had never seen! Here in Texas, we generally see the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird and the Black-Chinned Hummingbird. There are probably more that Ray Chancellor could tell us about, but those are the two I have seen at my feeder.



Rufous Hummingbird

(From Ray: We do have individual Rufous Hummingbirds here occasionally in the winter.) One great experience we had that winter in southern California was meeting a couple from Holland who were fascinated with the many Hummingbirds they saw in the area. They had never seen them nor heard of them! They couldn't take pictures of them fast enough and sent these photos to their family in Holland. Well, I soon discovered Hummingbirds originally are from Central and South America and have worked their way north over the years finding warmer climates in North America. Many migrate as far north as Canada, Colorado and our northern states. But, they are not found at all in Europe! These little creatures are fascinating. And we must protect them!

Actions we can all take to protect Hummingbirds in our area:

- ✿ Eliminate pesticide and herbicide use.
- ✿ Create and protect water sources in our gardens.
- ✿ Identify and remove non-native invasive plants in our area.
- ✿ Make our windows visible to birds to prevent collisions.

- ✖ Don't worry about a little mess in our gardens, like a brush pile, which is a great cover source for all birds in the winter.
- ✖ Close blinds at night and turn off lights. Some birds use constellations to guide them on annual migrations.
- ✖ Plant native plants!!
- ✖ And most importantly, attract Hummingbirds with **sugar water made by combining four parts hot water to one part white sugar, boiled for one to two minutes, cooled to room temperature** for the feeders. Never use honey, artificial sweeteners or food coloring!
- ✖ Clean Hummingbird feeders with a solution of one part white vinegar to four parts water once a week to prevent mildew and disease on the feeders. Put in fresh sugar water weekly, especially in hot weather!

Check out the Audubon website: www.audubon.org and learn more about tracking Hummingbirds at www.HummingbirdsatHome.org.

While you're thinking about Hummingbirds, sign up at www.tpwd.gov.tx.us./wildscape to establish your Backyard Habitat!!

✪Barbara Atkins

Butterfly Corridor to protect Monarch Butterfly

adapted from an article by Felix Balthasar, May 23, 2015

The federal government has recently revealed a plan that could help the declining population of honeybees and monarch butterflies. According to the plan, a 1,500-mile butterfly corridor will be established along US Interstate 35 that connects Minnesota to the Texas border.

According to earlier reports, the population of North American monarchs, which is known for its annual migration from Canada to Mexico, has declined about 90% in the last two decades. The decline prompted the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to consider listing the monarch butterfly as an endangered species.

The population of the iconic butterfly was measured north of Mexico City in oyamel fir forests, where the insect spends winter. Experts noted that over the past few years, the butterflies covered the area equal to two football fields.



During healthy years, they used to cover an area equal to 15 football fields.

Monarch butterflies need nourishment during their long voyage of migration that starts from Mexico. In the past few years, experts have noted that the absence of milkweed and nectar-producing plants along the butterflies' migration route caused a decline in their population. In the absence of milkweed, monarchs cannot lay their eggs.

According to the new plan, Interstate-35, which bisects the US along one of the monarchs' natural migration routes, will be made a perfect area to set up a butterfly highway. The Xerces Foundation is partnering with the Federal Highway Administration for roadside management.

Scott Black, executive director of Xerces Foundation for Invertebrate Conservation, said, "The idea is to use this iconic pathway to work with schools, farmers, ranchers, and park districts to improve habitats for 50 to 100 miles on either side of the I-35 corridor". According to Black, migratory habitats in the country could improve the butterfly's ability to adapt to changes in the future.

article submitted by
Dinah Chancellor
GGC Newsletter Editor



Mayor Bill Tate, Pam Braak, Jackie Cox,
Vick Cox, Main Street Days Chairs