



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

March 25, 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, Cheryl Newmann, Bev Bravo, Wendy Essex, Linda Harris, Peggy Harris, Barb Morrell, Harriet Perrello, Kathy Stone, Barbara Thompson

March Program: *Smart Gardening*

Dallas County Master Gardener Janet Smith, who spoke to us last year about plant pollination, is a repeat performer this year with her topic "Smart Gardening". A knowledgeable speaker on water conservation, Janet tells us how to limit water use with non-vegetative materials such as fences, walls, and walks, use of native or adapted plants, reduced turf area, use of mulches, and appropriate landscape maintenance, resulting in healthy, disease and pest free plants, and no weeds.

Elayne Vick
Programs



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President's Message

In 2013, GGC had a workshop on Parallel Design led by Sher Dunaway. Most of us started out with no prior experience in making a floral design. But we listened, chose our materials and before you knew it the room was filled with an array of lovely arrangements, all with their own distinctive character. It was a fun activity and I'm hoping it inspired some members to get involved in floral design and participate in Flowercade.



Flowercade is a flower show put on by the Fort Worth Garden Council which includes various categories in addition to floral design. The theme this year is "Texas Under Six Flags, Our Texas Heritage Reflected in Flowers". A new category was added to Flowercade this year called Companion Class. The theme is "Lone Star Rising – from Wagon Wheels to Outer Space". A novice can pair up with an experienced designer to prepare a functional informal table for two. Two of our members, Rachel Clark and Marty Swindell, have volunteered to help novices. What a wonderful opportunity to learn! Please consider entering some photographs, or a container grown plant, a collage, or a cut specimen. See the article in this newsletter, contact Lindle O'Neil to find out the rules, deliver your item(s) to her before Friday, April 25th and just wait patiently to hear what ribbon(s) you have won!

Out in the garden as your perennials finally pop up this spring, be thinking about what you can divide and pot up for the spring plant sale scheduled for April 26th. There's nothing like the feeling of connection to other gardeners that passing along a plant can bring.

**✪ Pam Braak,
President**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
March 25 th	Workshop: <i>Container Gardening</i>	1:00 – 2:30 P.M. Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens
April 5 th	Epic Earth Day	Gazebo, Main Street, Grapevine
April 8 th	Work Day	West Texas Street, Grapevine
Mar. 1 st – Apr. 6 th	Butterflies in the Gardens	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
April 16 th – 18 th	Gardeners on the Go	<i>A Shangri La Journey</i> Orange, Texas

Dues are DUE

At the next General Meeting on March 25th, the Grapevine Garden Club will begin collecting dues for the renewal of current memberships for the upcoming **2014–2015 Club Year**. Those members who renew during the month of March will receive a card from Better Homes and Gardens that they can mail for a free year’s subscription.

The dues for an individual membership remain at \$30 and dues for a family membership remain at \$35. Please mark your calendars and come prepared to renew. The club prefers to accept cash or checks for these renewals.

Chris George
Membership

March Birthdays

Debbie Boyle
Dan Burger
Michele Burger
Dinah Chancellor
Mike Clark
Jimmie Nell Cook
Elizabeth Jewitt



Sandy Kancavicus
Catherine LaCroix
Carole Lee
Carol Marchant
Sharron Spencer
Susan Stanek
Mary Jo Tellin
Paula Wilson

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
April 25 th	Prep Day Flowercade	Joan Stewart’s Greenhouse
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	Trawick Pavilion, Lake Grapevine
May 28 th	Gardeners on the Go Tours	Celina and McKinney, Texas
June 1 st – 7 th	National Garden Week	
June 6 th	Gardeners on the Go National Garden Week Tour	Kathy Clark’s Gardens Fort Worth Botanical Gardens Fort Worth, Texas



Welcome
New
Members

Carol Dowd
Kathy Holliday

Spring Plant Sale

The GGC 2014 Spring Plant Sale is approaching, and this year's featured plant categories are drought tolerant, heirloom, and butterfly plants. But what do we mean by these categories? Let's start with definitions.

Drought tolerant plants – A plant that is drought tolerant doesn't always mean that it is a native plant. Drought tolerant plants do need water to get established. Other environmental conditions (soil condition, mulching, weed control, etc.) allow drought tolerant plants to thrive. Once established, these plants can withstand long periods of dryness without deterioration. This is increasingly important with landscape watering restrictions.

Heirloom plants – There are many widely debated definitions of heirloom plants, but for our purposes we mean a cultivar of plant that is grown and cultivated by a community of gardeners. Our GGC gardeners share a wide variety of plants that have been reliable in their gardens and known for beautiful flowers, wonderful scents, or attracting butterflies or hummingbirds. We also offer hard to find natives, or plants that fill special niches like those shady but dry spots or even something that blooms well into the heat of summer. So our definition of "heirloom" is a GGC gardener-friendly plant that is tried and true.



Butterfly plants – We define butterfly plants as those plants that provide nectar or larval food for a butterfly. We typically divide this group into nectar and host plants. Some host plants also provide nectar like the butterfly weed which is used by monarchs to lay their eggs as well as a nectar plant for many other species of butterflies.

Monarch on Butterfly Weed—Asclepias tuberosa

Butterfly nectar plants – Taste receptors on a butterfly's feet help it find its host plant and locate food. Butterflies are drawn to flower clusters where nectar is plentiful, or to flowers that have extra large petals. Butterflies have shown an amazing range of color preferences between the various species, but as a general rule, flowers that are bright colors like pink, red, yellow, purple, and orange attract the most butterflies. Large blocks of color are easier for them to detect while in flight, so grouping a single color of each flower species you intend to grow acts like giant a sign advertising ample nectar.

Butterfly host plants – Butterflies are much more selective in their choice of host plants. Typically only a few plant types for each butterfly meet host status criteria. For example, attracting black swallowtails to your yard is easy when you plant fennel, dill and parsley. These host plants will frequently be overrun with black swallowtail caterpillars so plant plenty. Monarchs and queens use milkweed, giant swallowtails use citrus trees, and Henry's Elfin's use redbud trees.



Black Swallowtail on Parsley

In the next issue of the newsletter, look for an overview of the plants typically available for these categories. The GGC Plant Sale date is April 26, 2014 at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens.

Karen Rice

Spring Plant Sale Volunteer Update

Thanks to all of the members who signed up as volunteers/workers for the plant sale. There are a few still needed, so look for the sign-up sheet at the next meeting or send me an email and I will add you to the list. Still needed are volunteers for general help at the sale starting at 7:45 A.M. If this year is like last year, we can expect lots of customers for the first couple of hours, so a few generalists would be great.

We have had two digging parties and have one more scheduled. As I mentioned at the last meeting, the vast majority of the plants we sell come from our members' or friends' gardens. So look under the leaves and shrubs and see what you have to contribute. We have expert diggers that will thin out your beds or clean up an

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overgrown area and pot them up to sell. Call or email Paula Wilson to set up a dig time.

I failed to mention that all current GGC members will receive a 10% discount on all purchases at the sale. So come early and see what we have to offer.



This is a picture of the last digging party. We should have lots of great plants to sell.

**Chuck Voelker
Plant Sale**

Flowercade 2014

Are you creative? There are many ways you can enter.

- ✦ Companion Class – two exhibitors work together
- ✦ Floral Design – Novice
- ✦ Table Design
- ✦ Cut Horticulture Specimen
- ✦ Container Grown Plant
- ✦ Photography – 5” x 7” or 8” x 10” matted
- ✦ Small 8” x 8” Collage
- ✦ Children’s Picnic for Two



**Flowercade Theme—
TEXAS UNDER SIX FLAGS
OUR TEXAS HERITAGE REFLECTED IN
FLOWERS**

April 26 – 27, 2014

“The theme will demonstrate changes that made the State of Texas great and powerful.”

Join in this year!! Learn from an expert.

Companion Class is new this year. A novice can work with an experienced designer to learn the ropes of designing a table. Two experienced members of GGC, **Rachel Clark** and **Marty Swindell**, have offered to work with novices.

Prep day is Friday, April 25th from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at Joan Stewart’s greenhouse. Contact **Lindle O’Neil** or **Rachel Clark** for more information and to obtain the rules.

**∞Lindle O’Neil
∞Rachel Clark
Flowercade**

***Gardeners in Tropical Paradise*
Annual Spring Membership Luncheon
Tuesday, May 20 – 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
Trawick Pavilion at Grapevine Lake
2700 Darren G. Medlin Trail, Grapevine**



It is almost time to party! Get ready to celebrate the many successful events and projects of the past GGC year. Enjoy delicious food provided by members and camaraderie with GGC members and their guests at the Trawick Pavilion at Grapevine Lake on May 20 at the annual spring membership luncheon.

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This convivial gathering is also an opportunity to acknowledge civic leaders who support the club's activities and to meet the newly elected slate of officers and scholarship recipients for 2014-2015.



2014 Luncheon Committee

Luncheon sign-up sheets will be available at the March and April general meeting. Or, you may email **Edie Williams** with your RSVP with an indication that you will be providing a salad or dessert. Members may invite a guest to the luncheon. Their name should be listed with your RSVP. You need to **sign-up** or **RSVP** by **May 15**.

As always, we are looking forward to having a great time together! Thank you, Valerie Reed, Spring Luncheon Coordinator!

Joetta King

West Texas Street Workday

February 18, 2014

So many times the word “postponed” is a bad thing. But we can't say that about our workday on the 18th of February. It was perfect, especially when you compare it to the week before when our workday was originally scheduled. Oh my goodness. We were a smaller group, and that's okay, because we were small but mighty!!! Just like Goldilocks and the Three Bears, the day was not too hot, not too cold, it was just right. I appreciate everyone who originally signed up and were unable to make it on the 18th. Those things happen. I was pleased that so many of my dedicated workers were able to come out to play! And thank you, Sheri Jones, for finally saying, “Isn't it time for coffee?” YES, IT WAS!!!



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Thanks to Terry Curcio, Kris Botterman, Susan Stanek, Sarah Erickson, Susan Sporle, Chuck Voelker, Beverly Gill, Paul Ernst, Val Reed, Pam Braak, Sheri Jones, Sally Hart, and an honorable mention to Carole Lee and Vicki Haines who had prior commitments but showed up just in case we were still hard at work.

Our next workday will be Tuesday, April 8th, so get that on your calendars.

**☞ Suzi Guckel, Chairman
West Texas Street Project**

Grapevine Takes Home the BRONZE LEAF AWARDS



Awards were presented at the annual 2014 North Central Texas Urban Forestry Conference—awards to three people with Grapevine connections (from left to right):



Pat Fairchild – Cross Timbers Urban Forester

Lisa Grove – Grapevine Botanical Gardens Horticulturalist

Laura Miller, presenting the awards – President, Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent

Pam Braak – accepting award for Johanna Preston's 4th grade classes' project at Dove Elementary to identify plants with QR codes

QR Code for Coneflower



2013 District II and Texas Garden Club Awards

These awards are for projects in the 2013 calendar year. Awards are possible because of great projects and great member support! Awards listed below have a short description of what the award represents and the lead Chairmen and contributors to the projects.



District II Awards

- 🍀 **Runner-up for District II Club of the year** – 70 points total with 12 awards. GGC had the most points for a District II large club.
- 🍀 **Community Gardens Award** (Honorable Mention) Square Foot Gardens at the Botanical Gardens – Lisa Grove
- 🍀 **Director's Citation** – for establishment of a 4 acre butterfly habitat area at Parr Park – Pam Braak

District II NGC Awards – Eligible awards will be forwarded to TGC 7 NGC

N-1 Aiii Civic Achievement (100 pts / 1st place)

- 🍀 West Texas Street low income housing planting bed workdays – Suzi Guckel Chairman and Joetta King

N-2 Aiii Garden Center (100 pts / 1st place)

- 🍀 Grapevine Botanical Gardens – Garden center for horticulture and education, GGC member docents and garden plantings volunteers – Lisa Grove Horticulturist, Paula Wilson Docent Coordinator and Linda Barraclough Volunteer of the Year

N12#3-Aiii Publications Newsletters (100 pts / 1st place)

- 🍀 Newsletters – Dinah Chancellor Editor

N-16A6 Yearbook (98 pts / 2nd place)

- 🍀 Yearbook – Kathy Dohrer Editor

N-28C Landscape Design of Church Gardens by individual GGC member (100 pts / 1st)

- 🍀 Courtyard Garden and new walkway path plantings Countryside Bible Church Toni Moorehead Landscaper

N-41 Aiii Conservation Education (Birds) (100 pts / 1st place)

- 🍀 Bird Sanctuary Week with proclamation, Hagerman tour and library bird program by Dr. Ray Chancellor – Joetta King, Elayne Vick Coordinators

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N-43 Aiii – Butterfly (98 pts / 1st place)

- 🌱 Butterfly Flutterby, Monarch Butterfly Program, Art Contest, Plant Sale – Linda Krimm, Gloria Land, Elayne Vick, Evelyn Urbanosky, Chuck Voelker, Lisa Grove

N-74 Aiii – Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails (100 pts / 1st place)

- 🌱 Grapevine Botanical Gardens classes, docent tours focus on outdoors nature and conservation – Lisa Grove, Paula Wilson, Val Reed

President’s Report (99 pts / 2nd place)

- 🌱 President’s report of achievements for the year – Pam Braak

Texas Garden Club Awards

TGC Award - Community Service (97 pts / 1st place)

- 🌱 Civic Seed Money Grants – Barb Munn Chairman

TGC Award - Club History (100 pts / 1st place)

- 🌱 *“History of the Grapevine Garden Club, 1932-2012,”*
by past-President and 28-year member, Joetta King

TGC Award Pocket Gardens – Public Building Outdoors (100 pts / 1st place)

- 🌱 Grapevine Fire Station #2 re-landscape of beds – Karen Rice, Pam Braak, Mary Jo Tellin (KGVB / Verizon employees), Marge Carpenter, Lisa Grove



Other

N-8 Aiii Youth Horticulture Education (Not graded / format error)

Children’s programs, redbud tree program, youth garden tours, youth butterfly QR code project, scholarships

TGC Award – 9 Youth Poster, Non-competitive (Not evaluated / format error)

Poster Contest for Butterfly Flutterby

🌱Karen Rice

Keyhole Gardening Experience

I recently attended a workshop on building a keyhole garden which is particularly suited for vegetable gardening. You may have read about this interesting approach to gardening in the Texas Gardener magazine, March 2014 issue. This method has a notable place in Bosque County Texas sustainable gardening due to the efforts of Dr. Deb Tolman.

The workshop was held at White Rock Lake Local Gardens, a community garden east of Dallas. About twenty people gathered and built a keyhole garden over a span of about six hours. The basic keyhole structure was built of 45 cinder blocks, then layer upon layer of wet cardboard, leaves, manure, and other compostable materials were used to build the interior. Each layer was thoroughly

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wet and packed into place. A ratio of 3 brown to 1 green compost material is used. Amazingly almost a dumpster full of cardboard is used to build one of these gardens. A keyhole and kitchen waste / compost chute is built into the garden with a 12" chicken wire tube. The top layer finished off with mounding 6 to 8 inches of planting soil. Then we planted some 70+ vegetables and installed a PVC structure that can be used for shade cloth or a mini greenhouse effect for cold weather. This approach to sustainable gardening is a fantastic use of space and of large quantities of compostable materials.

✪Karen Rice



Ready for Top Soil



Finished Keyhole Garden with Vegetables

Gardeners on the Go: Dallas Blooms and Daffodil Flower Show



Dallas Arboretum



Joetta King and Pam Braak



Chuck Voelker & Margaret Meharg



Mary McCallister & Joan Kowalski

Grapevine Garden Club, Inc.

Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, April 26, 2014

8am–1pm

***Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park
411 Ball Street, Grapevine***



Proceeds benefit the club's
scholarship
and civic programs.

Featuring

Survive and Thrive - drought tolerant plants for your landscape

Great plant selections

Heirloom plants – great performers from members' gardens

Native and well – adapted plants to attract butterflies

Master Gardeners available for guidance

Free seminars

- 9:00 Drought Tolerant Plants – Barb Atkins
- 10:00 Designing a Rain Garden – Lynne Carpenter
- 11:00 Year Round Color in Your Gardens – Toni Moorehead

For more information: www.grapevinegardenclub.org or 817.410.3350