



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

November 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, Karen Rice, Kris Botterman, Terry Curcio, Vicki Haines, Marilyn Johnson, Joan Kowalski, Mary McCallister, Lois Revell, Margaret Telford, Joyce Wuetig

Grapevine Garden Club November Program

“Garden Tips, Ideas & Innovations”

Dave Whiting, All Things Plants, has a wonderful informative website by that name: <https://allthingsplants.com/> “All Things Plants” is an active community of gardeners who gather to share ideas, information, and pictures about the plants they love. The site is free for everyone. Dave Whiting will give us his insights on farming, permaculture plants, propagation techniques, and tips for success in your garden.

Sharon Swagerty
Programs

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President's Message

October was such a busy, but fun month with a flurry of garden club activities. I hope you had a chance to participate in some of them. We had absolutely perfect weather for the plant sale and Butterfly Flutterby. What a sight to see those hundreds of Monarchs floating gently into the air after their release. And what a crowd of happy parents and kids! I saw several Monarchs in my neighborhood for a few days after the release including one with a label. Let's hope that they make it all the way to their winter home in Mexico.



For many years, we went on vacation in October until it finally dawned on me that fall is the best time of year here, especially in the garden. All those colors that looked so muted during the long hot summer now take on a more vibrant hue. Too bad fall can't last forever.

But the seasons move on and now I've got the Swiss chard, bloody sorrel and parsley planted as I wait for the post oak leaves to drop. For a shade gardener like me, it's a thrill to have a chance to grow vegetables during the one season with sun. And it's time to make my annual list of hits and misses. Some things just don't get enough light and I try to remind myself of that to prevent too much optimism next spring. Happy winter gardening to you!

☞Pam Braak

Nominating Committee

If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee for the selection of officer candidates for the GGC, please contact Pam Braak. The process of nominating and electing officers is very important to the continued success of our organization. The committee's duties are to find the best candidate for each office. The nominating committee will be presented and elected at the November general meeting. The nominating committee will then prepare a slate of officer candidates for the 2015 – 2016 club year which will be presented at the January 2015 general meeting.

☞Pam Braak

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
November 25	Holiday Craft Bazaar	Stacy's Furniture, before and after the general meeting
December 2	Holiday Luncheon	Lancaster Theater 300 S. Main Street, downtown Grapevine 76051

November Birthdays

Lynne Carpenter
John Erickson
Emily Galpin
Penny Hardy
Kathy Holliday
Margaret Hutchins
Joy Mayo
Malissa May
Marty Mazur
Lou Milner



*November Birthday Flower
chrysanthemum*

Nancy Moffat
Cyndia Moore
Jamie Moser
Jo Ogletree
Harriet Perrello
Geneva Phillips
Joan Pierce
Judie Porter
Sharon Steele
Laurie Williams

Donna Bufton
Candace Cawley
Penny Hardy
Brenda Lackey



Betsy Milyo
Chuck Nadolski
Cyndee Pollio
Mendie Schmidt

New Members



October 28, 2014 GGC Meeting



*Welcoming Snacks
October 28, 2014*

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
January 27	Workshop: Grass vs Weeds	Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens
January 30	Gardeners on the Go: Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center	Cedar Hill, TX
February 17	Work Day	West Texas Street Grapevine, TX
March 24	Workshop: Container Gardening	Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens
April 18	Spring Plant Sale	Grapevine Botanical Gardens



Holiday Luncheon 2010



*Mary Ledeboer, Joan Stewart,
Barbara Williams, Dinah Chancellor
Holiday Luncheon 2010*



Holiday Luncheon

Pssst! You can still make your reservation for the GGC Holiday Luncheon to be held Tuesday, December 2nd at 10:30 A.M. at the Lancaster Theater on Main Street. The main course is Chicken Carciofo. The Grapevine High School Jazz Choir under the direction of Patrick Antinone will be singing and will surely get us into the holiday spirit. The cost is \$23.00. Please make checks out to GGC. Last date for reservations is the November General Meeting, November 25th. Come in your Holiday attire and join in on the celebration! Donations of cash and check will be accepted for GRACE.

Joan Kowalski
GGC Holiday Luncheon Chair 2014

GGC Greenhouse Project

On November 4, 2011 the Garden Club opened a savings account for the Greenhouse Project with the first two donations. For three years we solicited donations and did fundraising and raised \$92,400. What an accomplishment!



Once the Garden Club finished the fundraising activity for the Greenhouse Project, Parks & Recreation proposed the additional \$165,000 in the 2015 budget. On October 21, 2014 the funding was approved under the Community Quality of Life Capital Projects Fund. The total project cost is \$257,400. The City of Grapevine will also provide in-kind services such as labor & equipment. Members of Grapevine Garden Club shout **HOORAY** with a huge thank you to the City of Grapevine. Stay tuned for further updates on the construction process.

☞Pam Braak

Grapevine Garden Club Receives Tool Grant from the AMES Companies, Inc.

The Grapevine Garden Club (GGC) was awarded a grant from The AMES Companies, Inc., the largest U.S.A. manufacturer of gardening tools. The grant was applied for through the National Garden Clubs, Inc. who has formed a partnership with AMES. This generous infusion of an assortment of 66 gardening tools allowed the club to provide gardening assistance to three community-based civic garden projects. On Wednesday, November 5, 2014, GGC's Karen Rice and Pam Braak made a presentation of tools to Caryn Hutchinson representing the Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange (GRACE) Community Garden, Harold Annis, the Master Gardener project leader at the Heritage Elementary School Garden, and Betsy Marsh and Mikaela Rood, the environmental committee chairs at the Grapevine Elementary School Nature Center.



Debbie Smith (GGC), Mikaela Rood and Betsy Marsh (Grapevine Elementary), Caryn Hutchinson (GRACE), Karen Rice (GGC) and Harold Annis (Heritage Elementary)



GGC Board helps award AMES tools to deserving civic garden projects.

The generous donation of tools from The AMES Companies, Inc. included trowels, shovels, pruning saws, garden hoses, gardening carts and even some colorful kid sized shovels and hoes. The AMES tool grant allowed GGC to add this wonderful bonus of tools to GGC's annual cash grant and plant material support of the named civic projects.

GRACE community garden grows fresh produce for the GRACE Food Pantry, which provides food for those in need from our community. The garden is worked continually, year round. These tools will aid with planting, harvesting and maintaining the garden. The GRACE community garden relies solely on donations for tools, seeds, plants, dirt, manure, and all items to maintain a healthy garden.

The Heritage Elementary School Garden is an outdoor learning environment where students experience gardening first hand. The grade school has a garden club which provides a hands-on teaching program and leads the students in a multitude of garden activities such as planting plants and seeds, rain water harvesting, propagation of plants, and learning about soil health, nutrition, etc. The garden is maintained by volunteers and the students actively work in the garden during their "garden club" sessions after school. These tools will help maintain this ongoing project and will be used by the students and the volunteers.

Dear Grapevine Garden Club,
Thank you so much for the beautiful tree and perennials that you kindly donated to Grapevine Elementary. We will find a good home for them in our new nature center. Thank you for being such good friends to our school. Sincerely,
Betsy Marsh
PTA Environmental Chair

The Grapevine Elementary School World of Wonder (WOW) Nature Center is an interactive learning garden where students can experience nature first hand. The center has raised vegetable beds and a pumpkin patch and will soon include a monarch butterfly garden, a herb and sensory garden, compost bins, a soil experiment station and more. The teachers help to care for the center and are receiving training on how to integrate the center into all areas of the curriculum. Over 500 students are able to use the center to learn about the natural world through hands-on study, experimentation, and gardening. These tools will aid the teachers, volunteers and kids to work in this garden.

**Karen Rice
Awards**

West Texas Street Work Day

What a great day we had on Tuesday, October 21st. It was cool enough and we had a great group of diggers. Although we didn't have Halloween costumes, we were a scary bunch that early in the morning with no makeup????!!!! That is scary enough for anybody.



Joetta King, Suzi Guckel

A big thank you goes out to Harriet Perrello, Terry Curcio, Joetta King, Marianne Tuggle, Carole Lee, Val Reed, Pam Braak, Sarah Erickson, Peggy Harris, Susan Boelens, Barb Thompson, Chris George, Linda Krimm, Elizabeth Jewett, Joe Krimm, Sheri Jones, Candace Kyler, Beverly Gill, Thierrie Mazur, Angela Ozymy, John Erickson, Sandy Guthrey, Jamie Moser, LaJune McCrea, Babs Sidorowicz, & Barb Atkins. It was so nice to see some new members joining in on the fun and making new friends.

We had a great time drinking coffee at Main Street Bakery to reward our hard work and to give us time to swap stories about new plants and aches and pains. Getting old is not for sissies!

Thanks so much! Be sure to put February 17, 2015 on your calendars for our next work day. We will be pruning roses and generally doing cleanup from what they are saying will be a hard winter. Because it is hard to get all our chores done in the spring, we will be spreading a little mulch in February to get a jump on things.

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



Barbara Thompson, Harriet Perrello



Pam Braak



Angela Ozymy, Chris George, Carole Lee

Butterfly Flutterby Again Exceeds Expectations!

Butterfly Flutterby was a fun and educational event for GGC members, families, friends, grandparents, and the community. A big THANK YOU goes to the 80+ Garden Club members who volunteered over 470 hours.

The number of members and volunteer hours is an outstanding example of how well our Club comes together to participate in this wonderful community event. And we want to especially thank Katy Durkin and Lisa Grove plus the other Grapevine Convention and Visitor Bureau and Parks and Recreation staff for their help and support.

The Club sponsored a sales booth with educational materials, flowers, caterpillars, and fun items to buy. We also sponsored an Art Contest, Scavenger Hunt, Butterfly Toss, Butterfly Migration Booth, made lots of wonderful crafts, checked in volunteers and served as Festival Ambassadors. Overall the BFFB was a huge success for everyone.

**☺Linda Krimm and Gloria Land
Project Co-Chairs**



October 18, 2014 Grapevine Botanical Gardens, calm respite before the crowds descended!



Gloria Land, volunteer training



Laurie Williams, Kid's Crafts



Fall Plant Sale



Garden Club Art Contest A HUGE Success

The Grapevine Garden Club, with help from the Grapevine Colleyville Independent School District, sponsored an art contest in conjunction with the Butterfly Flutterby. All eleven elementary schools participated in the contest. There were 180 entries from K-5th grade students.

Given the theme, *Caring for Our World*, grand prizes were awarded in three categories: Sprouting Artists, K-1st, Budding Artists, 2nd - 3rd and Blooming Artists 4th - 5th. First, second, and third place prizes were also given in each category. The contest was judged by local artists from the Holden Dane Gallery and Art Studio. Grand prize and first place entries are displayed in the children's section of the Grapevine Public Library.

Deborah Highfill, lead art teacher in GCISD, assisted Co-Chairs, Evelyn Urbanosky and Miriam Ward. Other members of the committee were Lyn Argenbright, Kris Botterman, Terry Curcio, and Kriste Frederick.

Evelyn Urbanosky & Miriam Ward
Art Contest Co-Chairs

2014 Grand Prize Winners



Sprouting Artist K-1st: Lexi Allen



Blooming Artist 4th-5th: Gabby Mousa



Lexi Allen, Gabby Mousa



Budding Artist 2nd-3rd: Rowen McCallum

2014 First Place Winners



*Budding Artist: 3rd,
Lauren Williams*



Lauren Williams



Blooming Artist: 4th, Ella Chen



Sprouting Artist: Kindergarten, Insha Lakhan

Arbor Day, November 7, 2014



Chris Smith, Monique Hester, Mendie Schmidt, Pam Braak, John Dalri , Richard Leon, Sharron Spencer, Lisa Grove and Kevin Mitchell work to celebrate Arbor Day!

Veterans Day Parade, November 8, 2014

Originally organized by GGC member, Kathleen Thompson, in 2012 and held at Meadowmere Park, the Veterans Day Parade was moved to Main Street in downtown Grapevine.



Miriam Ward, Marian McDevitt, Candace Kyler, Chuck Voelker, Karen Rice, Evelyn Urbanosky

Gardeners on the Go: University of North Texas Sustainability Tour November 7, 2014

Tour Group at Apogee Stadium with our new UNT Mean Green water bottles: Laura Barnes, Ed King, Joetta King, Barbara Morrell, Pam Braak, Karen Rice, Mary Ledebauer, Barb Munn, Chuck Voelker, Penny Hardy, Joe Krimm, Sandy Kancavicus. Not pictured: Greg Braak



Business Building Roof Garden



Knotty Nest at Natural Dye Garden



*Dye Garden Ambassador Guide -
Sarah Popplewell*



Fibers colored with natural dyes