

February 2015



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

February 24, 2015

LAST MEETING AT *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 Neumann, Ella Barber, Laura Barnes, Catherine LaCroix, Beverly Ryan, Nancy Searl, Babs Sidorowicz, Sylvan Sigler, Elayne Vick

February Program

BRIT—Science in the Real World

Tiana Franklin Rehman, Herbarium Collections Manager at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, will tell us about the herbarium—a museum of preserved plants used for botanical research. Tiana will also discuss her research.

☞ **Sharon Swagerty,**
Programs



Tiana Franklin Rehman

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President's Message

Our February 24th meeting will be the last one held at Stacy's Furniture. We have been meeting there since September 2005—almost ten years. In that time, our membership has grown from 110 to 212 members in a time when garden clubs are shrinking all over the nation. The central location and easy access have no doubt been factors to our growth. The Stacy family has been very generous to allow us the use of their community room for so many years at a very minimal charge. But we have outgrown the maximum capacity allowed for the room and it's time to move to a larger facility. If you ever have an opportunity to thank the Stacy's, please be sure to do so.



Pam Braak, Butterfly Flutterby, Plant Sale 2014

Another change this year is that Earth Day will be moving from downtown Grapevine to the Botanical Gardens and it will take place the same day as our plant sale. The club will be participating in Earth Day by doing children's events, much as we did at Butterfly Flutterby. So needless to say we will need lots of volunteers for that day, April 18th, and the weeks leading up to it. Please be sure to volunteer. It's a great way to meet new people and give back to our community. And it's fun!

I know you will enjoy our February speaker, Tiana Franklin Rehman from the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT). She heads up the herbarium where I volunteered for a short while. The art of mounting dried plants is quite intriguing and the socializing is fun. But the lure of being able to shelve books and journals, something I'd always wanted to do, was just too much for me and I moved on to the library. Greg continues to give an awesome general tour of the new building.

While you start doing your spring garden clean-up, be thinking about what plants you can share with our plant sale digging group.

**☞ Pam Braak,
President**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
February 11 th	GOG: Begonia Species Bank and Propagation	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
February 17 th	Work Day	9:00 A.M. West Texas Street Grapevine, TX
February 18 th	Garden Council of Fort Worth	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
February 24 th	Workshop: Amendment to the (Soil) Constitution	1:00 – 2:30 P.M. Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens
March 7 th – 8 th	Moonlight African Violet Show	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

February Birthdays

Connie Bacon
Donna Bufton
Dave Buhr
Marge Carpenter
Margaret Collins
Tom Crook
Dee Gates
Richard Guckel
Dee Huston
Joe Krimm
Brenda Lackey



February Birth Flower: Iris

Betsy Anne Marsh
Mary McCallister
Barbara Munn
Lindle O'Neil
Valerie Reed
Lois Revell
Charles Shiner
Bea Stevenson
Roy Stewart
Renie Stricklen
Joyce Wuetig

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
March 24 th	GGC General Meeting	Grapevine Convention Center 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX
	Workshop: Container Gardening	1:00 – 3:00 P.M., Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens
March 26 th	District II Spring Convention	9:00 A.M. – 2:15 P.M. Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
April 17 th	Prep Day, Flowercade	TBA
April 18 th	Spring Plant Sale	Grapevine Botanical Gardens
	Earth Day	
April 18 th – 19 th	Flowercade: “Art in Bloom – As I See It”	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
April 29 th –May 2 nd	GOG: Garvin Gardens, Moss Mountain Farm, Little Rock sites	Arkansas
May 20 th	GGC Spring Luncheon	Lake Grapevine



New Members

Kristin Hoffman
Michele Hoffman
Elyse Huettl
Susan Lott
Kathy Nelson

West Texas Street Work Day February 17, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

Think warm balmy days with lots of sunshine and a gentle breeze to keep us nice and cool while we prune, and laugh, dig a few weeds, and giggle, and spread mulch. Yep that's what we need for Tuesday morning, February 17th.



The "Motley Crew" 2-16-2010

After walking the property the other day, I was very excited that our rose bushes on West Texas Street are doing well. So far no sign of Rose Rosette anywhere on West Texas Street, not even in the new beds that were installed on the corners of West Texas and Church Streets. All looks good. We need to do our mid-winter pruning and general cleanup, getting ready for planting this spring. I've decided to mulch heavily in case we are further limited in our watering this summer. We need to greatly reduce the weeds and keep the ground moist so we are prepared. I have been saving newspapers and we can cover the weeds and pile on the mulch to kill the grass and weeds that have invaded a couple of our beds.

Come join us that morning as we dig in the dirt, meet new friends, and swap stories. Bring the right tools, dress for the weather – bathing suits optional – and then we can go drink coffee on Main Street at the Bakery. Any questions? Call me! I'm in the book.

☞ Suzi Guckel, Chair
West Texas Street Project

**Linda Krimm:
New District II Director**

GGC member, Linda Krimm, will be installed as Texas Garden Clubs District II Director at the District II Convention March 26th. District II is one of ten regional districts in Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. located in north central Texas including 23 counties.

We are so proud of Linda and want to be there for her big day. Register now for the convention taking place at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens on March 26, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:15 P.M. A car pool will be organized. More information and the registration form are on pages 14 and 15 of this newsletter.



☞Pam Braak

Garden Tool Sharpening

It is not too late to get your garden tools sharpened for your late winter and early spring gardening. Several members have taken advantage of this offer. Take a look at the “before” and “after” pictures to see how your tools could look!

BEFORE



AFTER



Just bring your tools to the next GGC meeting and they will be sharpened. If that doesn't work for you, then drop them off at my house. After they are sharpened, you can take your donation (\$3.00 per tool) to the Ways and Means Table at the next GGC meeting or send a check to Cindy Miller. If you have any questions, call me.

☞Chuck Voelker

Quilt Raffle

One of our members, Colleen Connor, has donated a gorgeous quilt for us to raffle. We will be selling raffle tickets again at the February meeting. Tickets will be available at the Ways and Means Table for \$5.00 each. Proceeds will go towards the Grapevine Garden Club. We will draw a winner at the February meeting. Thank you for your support.



**☞Cindy Miller, Chair
Ways and Means**

Workshops for February and March, 2015

There will be workshops held after the February and March GGC General Meetings, so go have some lunch and come to the workshops for valuable tips and even some fun! Guests are welcome at the February workshop.

February 24th Workshop: Amendment to the (Soil) Constitution – Building Healthy Soil in Your Landscape

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Speaker: Kim Sorensen (Alpine Materials Customer Service Manager)
Bessie Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens – Registration required
What is healthy soil? Mulching and hardscape choices – what to use and why.
Maximum attendance limited to 60.

March 24th Workshop: Container Gardening – A Bright Spot for Your Doorstep

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Speakers: Lisa Grove (Grapevine PARD Horticulturist) and Karen Rice
Bessie Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens – Registration and \$15 materials fee required.

Get ready for spring by constructing a container garden for your door step or patio.
Maximum attendance limited to 30.

☞Karen Rice

Spring Plant Sale – We want your heirloom plants!

With the weather warming up, you should start to see your plants shooting up to begin their spring growth. This is the best time to do some thinning and changing out your landscaping. This can be a tiresome task! However, the GGC Plant Sale Digging Committee can help with that work. If you have some of the plants listed below and would like them thinned out or removed, just get in touch with Paula Wilson. She will arrange for a plant dig at your house and your plants will be sold at the GGC Spring Plant Sale on April 18th. If you have any questions please contact Paula.

✂Chuck Voelker

Desired Heirloom Plants - Are you wondering what plants sell the best? Certain plants are in demand and sell well. (See example list in the box below.) We **love** to get your heirloom plants; however, we **do not** encourage donations of non-species types of iris, daylilies, grasses (except muhly), and cactus. Please use **one gallon pots** for your donated plants.

Desired Heirloom Plants - Anemone, Artemesia, Aster, Beautyberry, Brazilian Rock Rose, Clematis (Pitcheri), Columbine, Coral Berry, Coreopsis, Daisy, Datura, Gaura, Golden Groundsel, Gregg's Mist, Lenten Rose, Lily (Crinum, Oxblood, Red Spider), Loosestrife, Mexican Bush Sage, Mexican Mint Marigold, Mint (Apple, Lavender, Peppermint), Moneywort, Oxalis, Passion Vine, Penstemon, Phlox, Pink Skullcap, Pipevine, Plumbago, Cone Flower, Purple Heart, Rain Lily, Rudbeckia, Ruellia, Sage (Autumn, Black & Blue, Indigo Spires, Mexican Bush, Pineapple, Russian), Sedum (Autumn, Dragon's Blood, Gold Moss), Snowflake, Society Garlic, Spiderwort, SunDrops, Texas Betony, Thyme, Turk's Cap, Winecup, Zexmenia



Passion Vine



*Monarchs on
Gregg's Mist*



Plumbago

The Birth and Demise of a Rose Garden

In March 2005, the Grapevine Garden Club collaborated with the City of Grapevine Parks & Recreation Department (PARC) and Texas A&M Research Center to field test twenty-four varieties of antique roses. The goal of the field test was to combine the best organic and traditional gardening and landscaping principles and to identify rose varieties with a high degree of disease and insect resistance.



The Club helped establish the garden then evaluated and recorded data over a two-year period. Monthly, each rose bush was measured, the number of blooms counted and the plants inspected for disease and insects on the stems, leaves and blooms. The soil structure and environmental conditions over the past five days were also recorded monthly. GGC members pictured below plus many others participated in the project. In January 2007, the data were summarized and reported to the Texas A&M Research Center. The data were combined with other clubs' and certain rose varieties were awarded the EarthKind™ designation.

Club members still agree the EarthKind™ Rose Trial Garden project was a huge success for the Club as well as personally rewarding for members. The field tests demonstrated that many rose varieties can survive Texas hot summers, tremendous spring rains, black spot, dieback, thrips and other predators. Members witnessed how roses bloom and form hips without pruning, deadheading or any fertilization. Members also learned how to identify rose diseases and insects.

Sadly, this year all the roses in the Rose Trial Garden have succumbed to the fatal virus known as "Rose Rosette". Based on the research and recommendation from Texas A&M for roses infected with this virus, all bushes in the Trial Garden will be removed and destroyed. So we bid this garden farewell and look forward to the spring when we can plant again.

More information and pictures of Rose Rosette may be found at <http://citybugs.tamu.edu/2011/07/13/rose-rosette-disease-transmitted-by-a-mite/>

The Grapevine EarthKind™ Trial Rose Garden was located west of the intersection of Dove Loop and Main Street in Grapevine, Texas.

☞Linda Krimm, Chair

EarthKind™ Rose Trial Garden Team Members

Linda Krimm, Chair

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|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Lou Milner | Steve Purdy | Patty Hofer | Joetta King | Jimmy Nell Cook |
| Jill Lakey | Joan Kowalski | René Herndon | Barbara Atkins | Karen Archambault |
| Suzi Guckel | Linda Whistler | Valerie Reed | Lynn Kugler | Paula Wilbanks |
| Rachel Clark | Sarah Erickson | Barbara Munn | Peggy Harris | Shari Stanfield |
| Bea Stevenson | Nancy Searl | Joyce Quam | Karen Rice | Tammy Nicodemus |
| Carol Milner | Margaret Collins | Carolyn Ernst | Debbie Cooper | Linda Barraclough |
| Kevin Mitchell, Grapevine PARD | | | | Lisa Grove, Grapevine PARD |



Area before beds were prepared by PARD



Paula Wilbanks helping plant roses 2005



Barbara Atkins watering roses after planting, 2005



February 2015

ART IN BLOOM – AS I SEE IT
FLOWERCADE 2015

APRIL 18 – 19, 2015

Art Interpreted in Flowers
Advanced Standard Flower Show
Photography Competition
Horticulture Competition



☞ Ann Fuller, Chair
Flowercade



*Toni Moorehead, speaker, GGC General Meeting
January 27, 2015*



*Dr. David Morgan—taxonomy & botany at the
GBG Docent Training Class, February 3, 2015*

February 2015

**Bird Sanctuary Week Tour—Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center
January 30, 2015**



Dogwood Canyon Tour Group



*Audubon Center - Elizabeth Jewett,
Ella Barber & Margaret Meharg*



Hike, Canyon Floor Trail

January 27, 2015—General Meeting and Workshop



John Erickson, Harriet Perrello, Penny Hardy, Alexandra Taylor, Sarah Erickson & Rene Herndon



*Ways and Means Table
Cindy Miller, Camille Kissell, Sharon Pignolet, Sally Hart and Nancy Searl*



Workshop: Lawn vs Weeds

Plano Garden Club Presents

“Gardens to Inspire and Delight” – a tour of five Plano gardens – on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26. Garden features include xeriscaping, exotic, perennial, herbs, Texas natives and water-wise plants. Tickets are \$12 advance purchase, \$15 the days of the tour. Children under 12 are admitted free. To purchase tickets and for more information, see www.planogardenclub.org.

Wanderer

Last month when we were in New Zealand, Ray and I visited a museum, The World of Wearable Art in Nelson. (They call it WOW!) We were deeply touched by the tribute to our beloved, endangered Monarch Butterfly created by Sue Cedarman from Motueka, New Zealand. She calls it “Wanderer”. I thought you might enjoy seeing it!

✪Dinah Chancellor, Editor
GGC Newsletter



DISTRICT II SPRING CONVENTION

Thursday, March 26, 2015

3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76107 (Garden Center, Oak Hall)

“CHANGING THYMES”

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Registration. Sales tables open. Morning hospitality courtesy of Grapevine Garden Club.

9:30 a.m. Board of Director’s Meeting

10:00 a.m. Welcome, Business Meeting

11:00 a.m. Speaker: Barbara Crawford—Presentation on Whole Foods flower program and a floral demonstration

12:00 p.m. Salad Luncheon (gluten-free options available) with desserts provided by district clubs

1:00 p.m. Presentation of District II Awards and Director’s Citations, Announcements

1:45 p.m. Installation of District II Officers for 2015 – 2017

DIRECTOR: Linda Krimm (Grapevine Garden Club)

MEMBERSHIP: Barbara Munn (Grapevine Garden Club)

SCHOLARSHIP: Beverly Nabors (Everman Garden Club)

BULLETIN: Rachel Emond (Waverly Park Garden Club)

AWARDS: Karen Rice (Grapevine Garden Club)

YOUTH: Carolyn Scott (Avant Gardeners)

RECORDING

SECRETARY: Barbara Bateman (Lake Worth Garden Club)

TREASURER: Melva Bowles (Alvarado Garden Club)

2:15 p.m. Raffle Winners and Adjournment

**DOOR PRIZES ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT THE DAY
SALES TABLES AND RAFFLE ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR SHOPPING PLEASURE**

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail registration form and check for \$30.00 payable to "District II" by March 12, 2015 to:

Veronica Wingen, 317 Lakeway Drive, Benbrook, TX 76126 (Late registration - \$35.00)

NAME

NAME OF GARDEN CLUB:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL:

PLEASE CHECK ALL APPLICABLE CATEGORIES BELOW.

Garden Club:	President	Delegate	Alternate	Member	
Council:	President	Delegate	Alternate	Club Member	
State:	Officer	Trustee	Chairman		
Region:	Officer	Chairman/Representative			
National:	Officer	Chairman			
NGC Flower Show Judge:	Master	Life	Accredited	Student	Emeritus
NGC Landscape Design:	Consultant		NGC Garden Study Consultant		
NGC Environmental:	Consultant		TGC Garden Study Consultant		
Texas Master Gardener:					

FIRST TIME DISTRICT II CONVENTION ATTENDEE:

Club Member:

Guest: