



GRAPEVINE
GARDEN CLUB
 Established 1932

Member of
 National Garden Clubs, Inc., South Central Region,
 Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., District II,
 and Garden Club Council of Ft. Worth

THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

February 2022

still Growing After 90 Years
1932 - 2022

Bird Food with Wings: All About Moths!

Sam Kieschnick



Insects are a crucial part of the diet of most birds at some time in their lives. In the DFW area, we have documented over 800 species of moths. Learn ways you can manage your habitat to encourage moth diversity. Find out ways that you can document and identify the various species you might see.

Next meeting: February 22, 2022

- ◇ Social 9:30 a.m.
- ◇ Program 10:00 a.m.
- ◇ Grapevine Convention Center
1209 S. Main Street Grapevine

Per CDC guidelines for groups, seating will be limited to 5 per well spaced table, no food provided, and

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

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President's Message

We are sitting by the fireplace, bundled up in warm clothing, and I'm hoping to get inspired by the beautiful snow coming down! I love seeing the green, brown, red, yellow in my garden with the snow accumulating on its leaves and vines. However, instead of being inspired to write I'm being inspired to go out and take pictures, bring out my hand sewing, or continue to watch for the birds. We just saw a large hawk on top of the feeder!

Recently I saw a quote from an author, Paul Theroux, who said "Winter is the time for **recovery and preparation.**" Perfect for gardening!

Due to a conflict between a power line and a large tree in our neighborhood, we have been without power for 12 hours overnight and this morning. Arborists have been here and we now have power. We have **recovered!**

We always look at our gardens and wonder what will survive and **recover** after the winter freezes. We have moved or covered some plants. We know that many are just dormant, look pretty lifeless, but will **recover** in the spring. To assure this **recovery** there is always lots of **preparation** in the winter. Pruning, removing, dividing, mulching, repairing tools. All of this in **preparation** for the **recovery** of our favorite plants in the spring!

Don't forget this **preparation and recovery** includes potting up plants in your garden and among your houseplants for our upcoming **Plant Sale! Saturday, April 23rd. See page 12 for more info.**



Sheri Jones, President

Newly elected
GGC Leadership
June 2022 – May 2023



Sheri addressing the Grapevine City Council at the proclamation ceremony.

President - Sheri Jones

1st VP Programs - Linda Robbins

2nd VP Membership - Diane Cauwels

3rd VP - Communications - Pam Braak

Recording Secretary - Robin Pond

Corresponding Secretary - Marcy Blagg

Treasurer - Dinah Chancellor

Publicity - Debbie Smith

Upcoming Events

Feb 15	10:00 a.m.	West Texas St. Workday	
Feb 22	9:30-11:30 a.m.	General Meeting	GV Convention Center
Mar 1	Deadline for GGC Scholarship applications		
Mar 1	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Bessie Mitchell House
Mar 21	9:00 a.m.	Wall-Farrar Trail Tidy-up Workday	
Mar 22	9:30-11:30 a.m.	General Meeting	GV Convention Center
Mar 22	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Workshop: Growing and Caring for House Plants	The GV Rec
Apr 5	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Bessie Mitchell House
Apr 7	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Workshop: Container Gardening	The GV Rec
Apr 12	10:00 a.m.	West Texas St. Workday	
Apr 23		GGC Plant Sale	GV Botanic Garden
Apr 26	9:30-11:30 a.m.	General Meeting	GV Convention Center
Apr 26	after Gen Mtg	Tour of GGC Members' Gardens	

Scholarship News!

Attention parents and/or grandparents of graduating seniors of GCISD, **or** students living in Grapevine **or** children/grandchildren of a Grapevine Garden Club member...this message is for you! If your child plans to attend college in 2022-23 and will major/minor in a horticultural field, please apply for the Grapevine Garden Club scholarship. To qualify, please check out the information and application form on our website. Click on ABOUT at the top of the page and then click Scholarships. **Time is running out, so don't delay. March 1st is the deadline.**



Our scholarship program is made possible from proceeds from the annual GGC Spring Plant Sale.

Quick link to Eligibility Requirements: [GGC Scholarship Requirements 202-v2.pdf](https://grapevinegardenclub.org/GGC_Scholarship_Requirements_202-v2.pdf)
grapevinegardenclub.org

Quick link to Scholarship Application: [2020 GGC Scholarship Application](https://grapevinegardenclub.org/2020_GGC_Scholarship_Application)
grapevinegardenclub.org



Karen Stephenson, Scholarship Chair

Silver Circle Club —Members for Over 25 Years

What a wonderful year we are having in Grapevine Garden Club. Not only are we celebrating our 90th birthday, but also the many accomplishments of our Timeless Treasures, those members who have faithfully supported our club for over 25 years. Our monthly meetings have highlighted one or more of these members so we can all appreciate their contributions to GGC.

As Silver Circle members, they have demonstrated the importance of building community both in our club and in the city of Grapevine. Their spirit of selfless volunteerism has helped create our club's tradition of excellence.



Barb Atkins
Rachel Clark
Jimmie Nell Cook
Sarah Erickson
Paul Ernst
Paula Jones
Joetta King

Barb Munn
Sharron Rogers
Sylvan Sigler
Joan Stewart
Marty Swindell
Edie Williams



Submitted by Annemarie Garlin and Cecilia Mitchell

2022—Year of the Grapevine Garden Club



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Grapevine Garden Club, Inc. was formed in 1932 by a group of 25 civic-minded residents for the purpose of beautifying Grapevine; and

WHEREAS, the Grapevine Garden Club's current membership of 250 remains true to the purpose and interests of its founding members to promote interest in gardens and horticulture, further the protection and conservation of native plants, stimulate appreciation and protection of birds, promote highway and city beautification, actively support environmental concerns and to encourage education in all these objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Grapevine Garden Club, through its money-raising endeavors, has provided funds for donations to civic projects throughout the city and the granting of yearly scholarships to graduating seniors; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years the Grapevine Garden Club has collaborated with the Parks and Recreation Department, Grapevine Library and numerous civic and non-profit organizations by providing financial support and physical labor; and

WHEREAS, through its 90 years, the Grapevine Garden Club has received endless awards from affiliated gardening organizations, City departments and the Grapevine City Council for the Club's tireless work to beautify our city; and

WHEREAS, the Grapevine Garden Club continues their commitment to community programs and the beautification of Grapevine.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William D. Tate, Mayor of the City of Grapevine, Texas, hereby proclaim 2022 as the

Year of the Grapevine Garden Club

in Grapevine, and recognize the club's involvement in the community. We are proud of the Grapevine Garden Club for what they do with the realization that all citizens enjoy and appreciate the beautification projects and continue to support this worthy civic organization.





Mayor, City of Grapevine



2022—Year of the Grapevine Garden Club, cont.



Above and below: Proud GGC members receiving the proclamation from Mayor William D. Tate



The Grapevine Garden Club Preserves History

The Grapevine Garden Club is responsible for saving an iconic city landmark. In 1972, when the Garden Club was 40 years old, the Grapevine Sun newspaper published an article stating that the St. Louis Southwestern Railway planned to tear down the empty and no longer needed Depot. They had already removed about half of the freight area some years earlier. The railway offered it to the city if it was moved from railway property on Main Street.

A delegation from the Grapevine Garden Club went before the city council and proposed that the depot be conserved and used as a city museum. On March 16, Alberta Nettleton, GGC president, announced to the members that the city council had approved the club's request to sponsor the restoration of the old Grapevine Depot as an historical landmark and museum. The city council offered to move the building to 231 South Ball Street in Grapevine. That site is now part of Heritage Park.

Restoration would take a lot of effort and financial support. The GGC wisely decided to solicit the assistance of some of the other women's groups in Grapevine, including the Bay View Club, Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, The Tuesday study Club, the '36 Club, and The Music Club. Out of the meeting was born the Grapevine Historical Society.

The first fundraising effort for this ambitious project was the "Sweet Shop", a flower show held on April 21, 1972 with all proceeds directed to the Depot project. More money was needed and a Fall Festival was held in 1972 and 1973 for the project. It was the beginning of a tradition in Grapevine which is now known as Grapefest.



For beautification the Garden Club donated \$200 to create a flowerbed in front of the building and crepe myrtles in the area. In 1973 at the time of the Fall Festival, the building was dedicated. Mayor Bill Tate drove a golden railroad spike into one of the railroad ties surrounding the flowerbed.

On May 2, 1974, the state of Texas granted a charter to the Grapevine Historical Society and Alberta Nettleton, President of the GGC when the project was started, was the first president. A museum was founded and, of course, the ladies of the Garden Club held a tea at its opening.

Alberta and other GGC members were the nucleus of a group of citizens who worked hard to preserve Grapevine's history as the GGC. In 1975 the Grapevine Historical Society presented a plaque to the GGC in appreciation of their efforts to preserve the history of the town before the GHS was formed. The plaque was appropriately made of cotton bolls, wheat, and other dried plant materials from this area.

The Depot was later moved back to its location on Main Street. With the discovery of original blueprints, the freight area of the building was restored. Thanks to the GGC, this part of Grapevine history was preserved.



Submitted by Carolyn Ernst

Gardeners on the Go

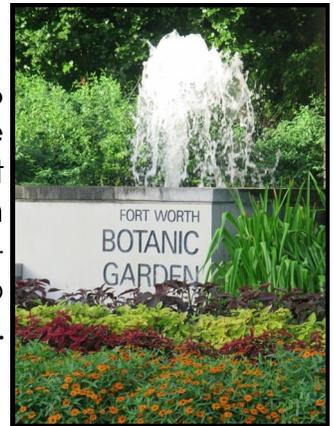


“Organic Native Plants for Texas” by Randy Johnson

Fort Worth Garden Club Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 16

Join us as we plan to take a group to attend the **March 16** Garden Club Council of Fort Worth (GCCFW) meeting. The meeting will be held in the Rose Room at the Garden Center at Ft. Worth Botanic Garden. The social time is 9:30-10:00 a.m. with a brief meeting at 10:00 a.m., followed by the program - “Organic Native Plants for Texas” by Randy Johnson. Our group of GGC gardeners should be very interested to hear Randy. Plants will be available for purchase following the meeting.



We will be arranging carpools from the Grapevine Botanic Gardens for those who wish to ride together. After the meeting we will have lunch at the Secret Garden in the Montgomery Street Antique Mall. If you are planning to attend this meeting – even if you are going on your own – please sign up with us at our February Grapevine Garden Club General meeting so that we can give the GCCFW an accurate headcount of our members attending this event.



Kathryn Armstrong and Lisa Lovett, GOG co-chairs



Facebook

The featured item for Facebook for February is to share a picture of your favorite garden tool. Also include why it is your favorite and how it is used. Please send this to Miriam Ward (contact information is in the GGC yearbook). Thanks!



Miriam Ward, Facebook chair

Workshops



February

Making a Terrarium

February 22, 2022

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Rec

Cost \$20

Sign up at our January meeting or
Contact Wanda Stutsman

Save the Date for the March Workshop

Growing and Caring for House Plants

March 22 at 1:00 —2:30 p.m.



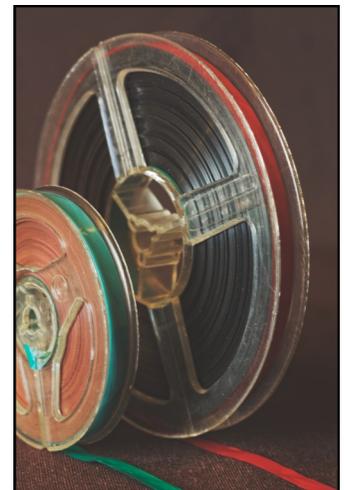
Wanda Stutsman, Workshops chair

Reminder

Unable to attend to a GGC general meeting? You can watch the video recordings of the programs on the GGC website. Click on the Resources tab, then Recorded videos. Here's the quick link [Grapevine Garden Club / Grapevine, Texas/ Program Videos /](https://www.grapevinegardenclub.org/ProgramVideos/)



Linda Robbins, Program chair





Great Backyard Bird Count February 18—21, 2022



It's time for the Great Backyard Bird Count

Birding is an interesting and fun hobby. The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual event now in its 25th year which collects bird count data from all over the world. This all starts in your own backyard and participating is easy. There are great online tools available and you can improve your bird identification skills!

Here's how to participate. <https://www.birdcount.org/>

If you have any questions please contact Karen Rice GGC, and member Ft. Worth Audubon Society.



Submitted by Karen Rice



WEST TEXAS STREET WORKDAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Well kids – it's time to dig in the dirt in the cold, although, this is Texas and it could very well be bikini weather. (Heaven forbid that I should ever put this body in a bikini.)

We will be doing some cleanup, a little pruning, digging up volunteer trees (the squirrels have been busy), and generally looking around to see what needs to be done. Be sure to bring a bottle of water and the tools necessary to accomplish our work and **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!!!**

We have several folks signed up to come work but we can always use a few more hands, so if you missed signing up at the general meeting, please give me a call or send me an e-mail – I'm in the Yearbook.

This is a big club and if you want to get to know your fellow gardeners and club members, you need to break it down into small groups. This is a perfect way to start, so don't be shy about joining in.



Suzi Guckel, Chair

**and Irene Binyon, Laurie Evans, Bruce Herndon, Joe Krimm, Lefty Mitchell,
Paula Wilbanks, Co-Chairs**

Ways & Means



Bring and Buy Sale Continues

The Gardeners Corner will be hosting another Bring and Buy Sale at our February 22nd general meeting.



We will have many used garden-related items for sale at this month's meeting. The Bring and Buy sale table will be located in the Convention Center lobby, on the left side - with a green table cloth.

We welcome more donations! If you would like to add anything, bring them with you to the meeting. All proceeds will go to GGC funds.

Gardeners Corner

This month we are introducing five new products!

- ◆ Coco-Fiber potting soil, a compact brick that makes over 2 gallons of growing medium.
- ◆ "Mr. Evergreen" is a system for self-watering, consisting of a package of two spikes. You simply fill an old soda bottle with water, screw it into a spike, and poke it into the soil. It's ideal for watering when you're away or during the hot summer.
- ◆ And from Lavender Ridge, we have 3 new items:
 - ◇ A hand-poured soy candle with a marvelous scent of lavender.
 - ◇ Germ Guard pure Castile soap, great for washing hands after gardening.
 - ◇ Simply Lavender multi-purpose pure Castile soap, ideal as a body or face wash.



Bugg-Off is back - but with a new name. It's now simply called Insect Repellant, but still works great and has that lovely mild lavender scent.

All these are perfect gifts for friends or family, or to treat yourself. Please stop by our tables to see what we have for sale!



Alex Evans, Ways and Means Chair

The Clock is Ticking

The April 23, 2022 Plant Sale is Fast Approaching!

Did you know that the Passion Flower is also known as the Clock Flower? Well, the clock is ticking!!!

The GGC Plant Sale is just around the corner and work has begun!

Our Fabulous Team:

Suzanne Hurst is our dig scheduler. Please call or email her if you need a dig team at your home. Please estimate the # of plants so we can schedule enough volunteers to help.



Darlene O'Flaherty and Kathy Loinette will organize dig teams and provide the needed materials and supplies at the digs. Please let Darlene know if you will be on our digging team again. Very few members have signed up so far!

Linda Robbins will keep a running record of all plants dug to help inform our buyers of our heirloom plant inventory. Please let Linda know what you have already dug/potted. She will contact you regularly to update our lists and make sure we have an accurate count by the time the plant sale takes place.

For our new members, or our veterans, if you would like to bring your dug plants to a dig to get soil and pot with us, you are always welcome. You will then need to take your potted plants home and take care of them until the sale. (Great idea, Pam Braak)

Questions? Concerns?

Please contact Cecilia Mitchell or Annemarie Garlin. We are looking forward to another successful plant sale! Thanks to all our hardworking members!



Cecilia Mitchell and Annemarie Garlin, Plant Sale Chairs

Diary of A Monarch

2/5/22

Dear Diary,

The big Science Guys have not finished with their annual monarch head-count yet, but the locals here at El Rosario Sanctuary are saying that our numbers are up 30% from last year. And the reports from California and recovery of the western Monarch population are positive. Yippee.

There has been a steady stream of human visitors. We see them riding cute little plodding horses part way up the mountain and then hiking to the top. Their mouths and eyes are open in surprise and awe when they get here. Of course they want to talk about it but our guardians tell them to hush because after all we are very delicate creatures. It is rather gratifying that so many people will travel so far to see us.

Our guardians (guides/caretakers) keep watch on us and the entire forest, day and night. They try hard to prevent illegal logging of our oyamel trees where we roost. The loggers want to strip the land of the trees and plant avocados. Argh. Our guardians have been planting seedlings to help reforest. I thank our guardians from the bottom of my thorax because I want my descendants to be able to return here in the future.



Submitted by Pam Braak and Karen Rice

GGC Supports National Garden Club's Penny Pines Project

See Sheri Jones' President's Message (January 2022 GGC newsletter) for details of our commitment to the NGC.

Or click on this quick link [Penny Pines | National Garden Clubs, Inc.](#)

