



GRAPEVINE
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GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

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

THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

April 2021

“LOVE IT or LEAVE IT” LANDSCAPE INSPIRATION

Do you have troublesome areas of your landscape that make you want to leave? You’ll find inspiration for transforming those areas into gardens that you love. Lots of before and after descriptions and pictures will be presented.

Our Speaker: Toni Moorehead

Toni grew up on a Wisconsin dairy farm, moved to Texas in 1986, and has been diggin’ in the dirt for a long time! She worked as a court reporter for 17 years, and in 2002 she traded in transcripts for trowels and left lawyers for landscapes – and never looked back! Toni has been an active member in the Grapevine Garden Club since 2002, a Tarrant County Master Gardener since 2005, and a Texas Certified Landscape Professional since 2013.

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Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main Street

Please Note: Please watch our website for information about upcoming events!

Our April 27th meeting will be virtual, via Zoom.

President's Message

One of our favorite trips has been to Ireland. When I remarked about how green it was, our driver said, “We do green very well!” He has not seen Texas at this time of year! The new green leaves on our oak trees glow with an almost unearthly hue. And our bluebonnets are a perfect companion as they have a glow all their own. Spring, as it awakens, traditionally brings with it hope, and a sense of “possibility” for the year that lies ahead. With the year we have just had, the possibilities seem particularly poignant. In our yard, we are still waiting to see which shrubs made it and which will need to be replaced. The shrubs around our pond look really pitiful, but the fish don't care! Only three inches long when we bought them a couple of years ago, they have survived our giant snapping turtle and stray great blue herons, are now around eighteen inches long and look like they may be ready to spawn! It will be lovely having some baby koi to enjoy.

We can hardly wait for the GGC Plant Sale coming up later this month. Our committee members have been busy visiting wholesale nurseries and our volunteers have been assisting GGC members dig heirloom plants from their home gardens. It should be a wonderful fundraiser for our scholarship and civic seed projects. See you there!

∞Dinah Chancellor



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“The signature of God is written in flowers. Remember...a day without dirt under your nails like a day without sunshine!” Toni

Toni loves helping people learn the joys of gardening in Texas through her landscape consulting and design business, Signature Gardens. She also oversees the landscape maintenance at Countryside Bible Church in Southlake. Her garden has been featured on the Colleyville Promenade Garden Tour and the Southlake Spin into Spring Garden Tour, as well as Grapevine Garden Club and Master Gardener Tours. Toni has written several articles for the GGC newsletter, and she writes a seasonal garden newsletter called “Diggin’ in the Dirt.” Toni is part of the Tarrant County Master Gardener Speakers Bureau and enjoys speaking on various gardening topics.

Blog: signaturegardens.blogspot.com

Facebook: Signature Gardens

Instagram: @tonisignaturegardens

Owner/Garden Designer: Signature Gardens

WAYS & MEANS SALE TABLE



We shall be at the plant sale Thursday 22nd April and Saturday 24th April.

As we have had no in-person meetings this year, this is a great opportunity for members to see some of our new products and other items for sale.

Thursday’s sale will feature the GGC logo T-shirts and caps on this day only. It’s also a good chance to see all the items that are available, from garden tools to wildlife reference guides.

Our two newest items are mugs with KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON GARDENING. They are available in green with etched white lettering \$18, and white with printed purple letters \$11.

Do come by to say “hi” and remember that all proceeds benefit the Garden Club.



Alexandra, Ways & Means



Margaret Meharg’s pond

Scholarship News!

The Grapevine Garden Club Scholarship Committee is happy to announce our 2021-22 scholarship recipients. We are able to award two \$4000 scholarships this year. As you know, these scholarships are made possible through the proceeds of the Annual Plant Sale.

Otto Crouch, a second time recipient, attends Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina. He is the son of Matthew and Sarah Crouch. You might have seen the pictures in the GGC February Newsletter of Otto attending outdoor environmental classes. Otto's major is Environmental Studies.

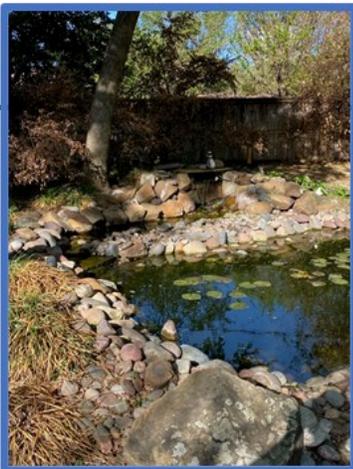
Madison Bennett will also receive a GGC Scholarship. She is the daughter of Lisa Chinchilla. Madison is graduating this Spring from GCISD Collegiate Academy. She will be attending Oregon State University in the Fall. Botany is her declared major.

We are happy to see these young adults showing an interest in Horticulture and the environment!

A special "thank you" to the Scholarship Committee - Pat Mingus, Terry Curcio, Suzie Agnew, Hildy Chanter and Karen Stevenson! Karen has agreed to take on the role of Scholarship Chair.

We are hoping our Scholarship recipients will attend our Spring Luncheon so we can give them personal congratulations.

Joan Kowalski, Scholarship Chair



Jacqueline Weilmuen's friend's pond, after the February freeze.



GOOD TO BEE

PLANT Gale

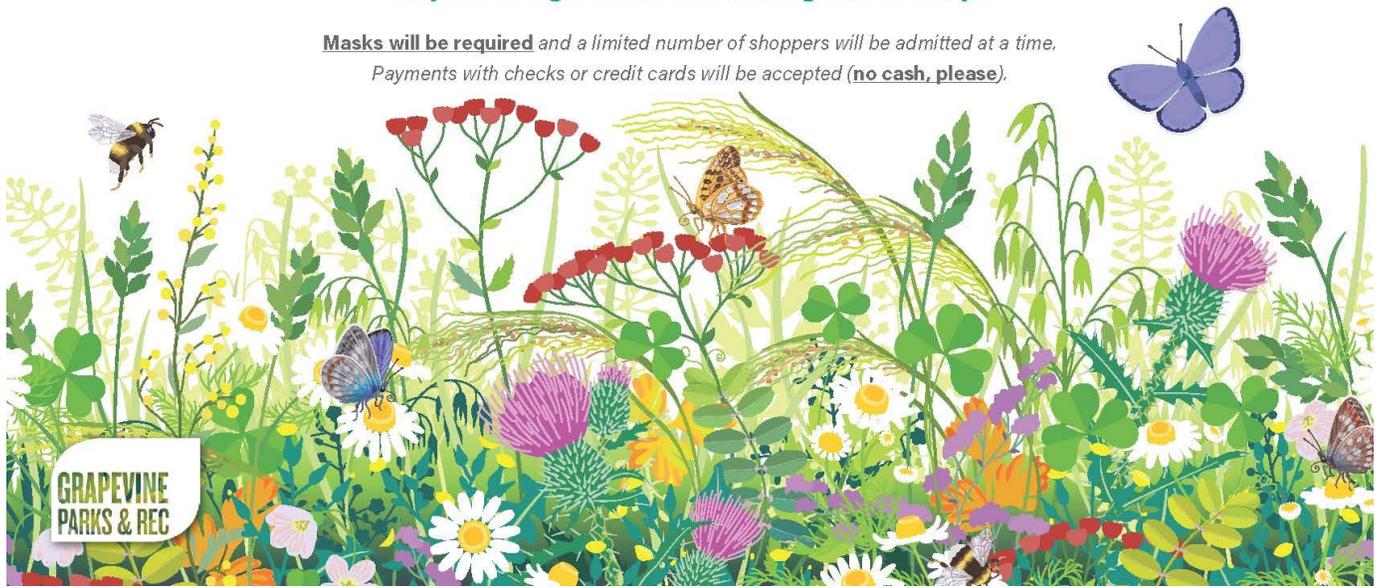
Saturday, April 24
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

at 455 Ball Street, Grapevine Tx

NEXT TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS PARKING LOT

All proceeds go toward local college scholarships.

*Masks will be required and a limited number of shoppers will be admitted at a time.
Payments with checks or credit cards will be accepted (no cash, please).*



Please refer to GGC's website for full calendar of club events.

<http://grapevinegardenclub.org/calendar>



You are invited
to a Garden Party

May 18th, 2021
Grapevine Garden Club
Spring Luncheon
Trawick Pavilion at Lake Grapevine
2700 Darren Medlin Trail

Social 10.30am
Luncheon 11.00am

We will not be asking you to bring food to share,
but we ask that you bring your own Picnic.

We will provide drinks, plates, utensils,
and napkins.

Make sure you wear your Garden Party Hat!

Masks are optional.

You are welcome to bring chairs or blankets,
if you do not want to sit in the Pavilion.

Membership News...



We welcomed at least 66 members on our last ZOOM general meeting on 23 March 2021!! Wow!! Pretty good for a group of gardeners who had not used the word ZOOM ... except when our kiddos were driving too fast!

We are welcoming one more new member this month! We now have a total of **251** members!!

There are 150 individual memberships and 48 family memberships for a total of 198 paid memberships.

Announcing our newest members ... **Nancy Lewis of Colleyville! WELCOME!!**

March General Meeting Door Prize Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of our March General Meeting Door Prizes!

Coral Gates Suzi Guckel
Betsy Miller Evelyn Urbanosky



DUES 2021~2022!!

OOOPS ... there goes another year!!! It is time for to renew your membership for Grapevine Garden Club for next year, which officially starts 1 June 2021. Individual memberships are \$30, and Family Memberships are \$35.

*Thank you so much for paying your dues early as it helps with the immense job of updating yearbook by our June 2021 deadline.

You can pay your dues online by clicking one of the Pay Now buttons at this link:
<http://www.grapevinegardenclub.org/members>

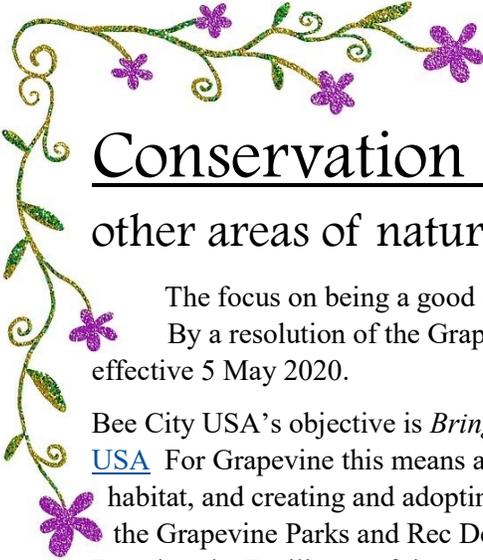
(do you remember our password??)

It is super easy even if you do not have a PayPal account. After you chose your Pay Now membership button, just click the "Pay with Debit or Credit Card" button. It will let you put your own credit card information in as a Guest. No permanent PayPal account is necessary!!

Or you can mail your check directly to: GGC, *P.O. Box 811, Grapevine, TX 76099-0811.*
Checks are payable to: Grapevine Garden Club.

OR you can renew your membership in personal at our upcoming Plant Sale in April.

Susan Holley, Membership



Conservation Corner: Grapevine, Bee City USA and other areas of natural resources focus in the community.

The focus on being a good steward for natural resources in Grapevine continues to gain momentum.

By a resolution of the Grapevine City Council, Grapevine became a Bee City USA affiliate effective 5 May 2020.

Bee City USA's objective is *Bringing Communities Together to Sustain Pollinators* [Home - Bee City USA](#). For Grapevine this means actions such as education, creating or expanding pollinator friendly habitat, and creating and adopting a pollinator friendly pest management plan. Grapevine has designated the Grapevine Parks and Rec Dept as the BEE City USA sponsor and the Keep Grapevine Beautiful Board as the Facilitator of the program. See [Bee City USA - GoGrapevine](#) for more details.

Long term actions that provide guidance pertaining to stewardship of Grapevine's natural resources are a part of the Grapevine Parks & Recreation 2018 Master Plan. Excerpts below are provided by Kathy Nelson, Grapevine's Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects Manager.

Mission

It is the mission of Grapevine Parks and Recreation to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Grapevine, through the stewardship of natural resources and the responsive provision of quality leisure opportunities.

Core Values - The Department has adopted the following three pillars as core values: Conservation, Health and Wellness and Social Equity

Conservation - Public parks are critical to preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats, which offer significant social and economic benefits. Local park and recreation agencies are leaders in protecting open space, connecting children to nature, and providing programs that engage communities in conservation.

Park Land Identification - Grapevine Parks and Recreation strives to provide exceptional active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities throughout our lake park system through stewardship of natural resources and quality facilities, while also enhancing environmental awareness and educational opportunities. The Department is committed to providing parks, trails, equipment, amenities, facilities, environmental programs and other opportunities for people of all ages to enhance their quality of life through a genuine love and connection with nature and the outdoors. This exposure and relationship with the natural environment will also organically develop an important and genuine passion to help sustain it. The vision behind this effort is to have all citizens, regardless of age, ability or previous exposure to the great outdoors to have an opportunity to engage with nature and outdoor pursuits. There is a direct positive correlation between our citizens engaging with nature through outdoor programs, activities, environmental stewardship and educational opportunities that positively affects their health, happiness and the sustainability of our community.

Being a good steward to our natural resources is important to us as GGC members, as community residents and as part of a larger ecology footprint. We all hope to see signs of conservation, habitat protection and expanded pollinator habitat in all our surrounding communities.

Karen Rice – Conservation Corner