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THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

January 2020

Japanese Garden Design: Structured Ambiguity

This presentation will address themes, inspiration and cultural influence on Japanese gardens both in Japan and abroad. Attendees will gain insight on design characteristics, aesthetic sense and elements found in Japanese gardens and how to recreate them in their own gardens.



Nick Esthus, Senior gardener for the FW Japanese Gardens

Nick Esthus is the current Senior Gardener for the Fort Worth Japanese Garden located at Fort Worth Botanic Garden. His previous work experience includes garden curator at Memphis Botanic Garden's Japanese Garden, Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Garden at Ohio State University, and nursery intern at Longwood Gardens. Mr. Esthus holds an Associate's degree from Columbus State Community College in Landscape Design and Build and a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Horticulture from Ohio State University. Nick specializes in Japanese garden design, maintenance, and installation both at FWJG and private clients.

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Grapevine Convention Center
1209 S. Main Street
Grapevine, Texas 76051

Next meeting:
Tuesday, January 28th
Social 9:30 a.m.
Meeting and Program 10 a.m.

President's Message

I imagine you have noticed that fewer species of migrants have been entering your backyard. The year-round residents in our area have come to terms with the fact that they are having to share their food and water. If you have been supplementing your native plants with bird seed and suet, your backyard environment should be able to support both our migrants and year-round residents. Our snow this weekend reminds us how our own environment can support the wildlife that finds us! Birds need water, shelter and food. When the sun changes position in the sky and the buds begin to swell on the trees, our migrants will begin to move north again to procreate. (Picture: Chancellor Backyard February 2010)

In January we celebrate Bird Sanctuary Week all month long! In this newsletter, please notice the hikes scheduled in two different ecosystems led by Ray Chancellor—Meadowmere Park and Bob Jones Nature Preserve. Karen Rice will also be teaching techniques to identify birds in your environment—*Backyard Birding 101*. Finally, GGC will team up with the Grapevine Library to host *Raptors of North Texas*—a not-to-be-missed program presented by the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center. Enjoy!!

Dinah Chancellor



Caladium Bulbs

Last chance to order for summer color

Note: Postman Joyner is added to the list!!

Deadline February 1

to submit orders

See end of newsletter for order form

Bring to **January meeting or mail.**

West Texas Street Work Day

Tuesday, February 18th 10 a.m.

We know spring is just around the corner so we need to get ready. Not only in our own gardens, but also over on West Texas Street and this is a great way to get in shape and learn what we need to do at home. So sign up online or at the January 28th meeting.

We will start our work day at 10 a.m., just in case it is cold, so bring your pruning shears, loppers, something to dig out those nasty weeds and let's get busy.

After we have worked hard, it will be time to go over to Jake's and grab a bite to eat and visit. It is always fun to sit around and get to know our fellow gardeners and this is a great place to do it.

So, remember, signup, and show up; get involved and you'll have lots of fun.



**Suzi Guckel, Chairperson, West Texas Street Project
Committee Members: Irene Binyon, Laurie Evans, Bruce Herndon,
Joe Krimm, Lefty Mitchell and Paula Wilbanks**

Gardeners on the Go

We will be going on an excursion in February. It will be fun and exciting, however the exact location has not yet been determined.

If you would like to be a part of making these important decisions, please get in touch with me, Liz Lovett.

Liz Lovett, Gardeners on the Go Chairperson

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

<http://grapevinegardenclub.org/calendar>

Membership

We welcomed a total of 102 people to our fun November Craft Bazaar meeting with ten visitors.

Three new members joined in November. Please welcome them:

Marcy Blagg – returning former member and daughter of Barbara Munn!!

Neal & Susan Bondy

We now have a total of **268** members! (**152** Individual Memberships and **57** Family Memberships)

Susan Holley, Membership Chairperson

Ways and Means

After three years of organizing the fall Craft Bazaar, I asked the 12 vendors to respond to a survey on ways to improve the event. I got great responses, and as a result we're going to make it better in 2020!

Going forward the name will be "Craft **Fair**," and it will be moved up a month to the October meeting, so more members can attend and you can get a better jump on your holiday shopping. We will add more shopping time before the meeting - 90 minutes total. The meeting will start half hour later than usual, and we won't have any shopping time after the meeting.

Sign up sheets for the October 2020 Craft Fair will be available at the March, April, and September meetings.

I'm bringing new items to the Ways and Means table for our next meeting, including:

- Twine in a Can. It's exactly what it sounds like, and incredibly handy! Comes with an attached cutting blade. I already bought one for myself.
- Pruners and medium-sized Garden Gloves are also back in stock.

We also have new pamphlets from Quick Reference Publishing, the folks who make those popular field guides. Our new titles include:

- Hummingbirds of North America
- Warblers of North America
- Unusual Insects of Texas
- The Night Sky: a Guide to Our Galaxy

Finally, we've also obtained some lovely "Birds of Texas" blank note cards. We hope you'll check out all the items on the Ways and Means table, and remember that every purchase goes directly to supporting the Club.

Alexandra Evans, Chairperson Ways and Means





“Inspired Gardens” will be here before we know it! This year our annual plant sale will be on the **morning of Saturday, April 18th & in the afternoon on Sunday, April 19th.**

Please start thinking about how you can do your part to ensure a successful plant sale that provides a \$4,000 scholarship to each student that is chosen. There will be many opportunities for your participation and the first opportunity is to bring plastic gallon and quart nursery pots & old newspapers to the January meeting so that we can offer them to our members who need to pot their donated plants.

Catriona and Elizabeth will also be collecting your gently used, scrubbed pots and will offer them at the sale. There will be signup sheets at the meeting so please stop by at the plant sale table.

Thanks for all your help, hard work and creative ideas! We can't do it without you!

Best, **Cecilia and Annemarie**



Scholarship News

Grapevine Garden Club Scholarship Application deadline is March 1!

Please pass on the following information about our scholarship to a child of yours, a grandchild of yours or a neighbor attending a GCISD school or lives in Grapevine, Texas. We will be awarding one or more \$4000 scholarships in the Spring to a qualified applicant(s). The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage the study of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Conservation, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, Plant Pathology, Environment Management, City Planning or other related subjects.

Scholarships may be awarded to any of the following enrolled with a declared major or minor in horticulture related subjects:

A graduating Senior residing in the city limits of Grapevine or in the Grapevine-Colleyville School District.

A graduating Senior who is the child or grandchild of a Grapevine Garden Club member.

A scholarship recipient from the previous year.

A college student with a permanent residence in Grapevine or within the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District.

Deadline for accepting scholarship applications is March 1st. This allows the committee time to review the applications and present them to the Board Members in April. The awarded applicants and their parents are then invited to attend our May Spring Luncheon to be presented to and congratulated by our membership.



The scholarship committee is looking forward to receiving many applications to review who are pursuing a horticulture related study. If you know of anyone that fits these descriptions please refer them to our website grapevinegardenclub.org for more information and an application.

Joan Kowalski

Scholarship Chair

GGC Winter 2020: Civic - Community - Workshop - Bird Sanctuary Week

Wall-Farrar Adopt-An-Area – Trail Tidy-up:

Location Wall-Farrar Nature Trail Grapevine. Karen Rice Coordinator. Parking is allowed courtesy of Church at the Cross at 3000 William D Tate Ave, Grapevine, TX 76051.

Jan 27, 2020 – 9 a.m.

Mar 23, 2020 – 9 a.m.



Bird Sanctuary Week Jan 19-25 2020:

Jan 21, 2020 **Birds, Ecology & Habitat Hike with Ray Chancellor**

9:30 a.m. Location Meadowmere Park

Jan 22, 2020 **Backyard Birding 101** Learn about identifying birds common to our area with Karen Rice. 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Location Bessie

Mitchell House; Co-sponsored by PARD and open to the public.

Jan 24, 2020 **Birds, wildlife & Cross Timbers Habitat Hike with Ray Chancellor** 8:a.m. Bob Jones Park

Jan 25, 2020 **Raptors of North Texas** presented by Blackland Prairie Raptor Center 2 – 3 p.m. Grapevine Library.

Co-sponsored by GGC and the Grapevine Library. Open to the public.

(Please see Page 7 for additional information on hikes)



GGC Workshops:

Jan 28, 2020 - **Pruning** – Nick Esthus FWBG will demonstrate proper pruning techniques with a focus on aesthetics. Location Grapevine Botanical Garden Edith Pewitt Education Pavilion 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.



Feb 27, 2020 **Leap into Cooking with Herbs for Spring** – Lindle

O'Neil shares masterful ways to use herbs in cooking – Location Grapevine Botanical Garden Bessie Mitchell house 10 -11 a.m.

Mar 26, 2020 **Container Garden Workshop** – Learn about container gardening and create one to take home with Karen Rice. Materials fee required. Location Parr Park Pavilion 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Submitted by Karen Rice,
Community/Civic Coordinator**



Grapevine Garden Club Bird Sanctuary Week Hikes

January 21st & January 24th

Join Club member Ray Chancellor on two special hikes to celebrate Bird Sanctuary Week. These two hikes are to introduce members to two different habitat of the area.

The first hike will be at Meadowmere Park in Grapevine with opportunity to see woodland, grassland and shoreline habitats. Focus will be on the ecology of the park and work being done to protect habitat.

The second hike will be at the Bob Jones Nature Preserve in Southlake. There the focus will be on the historic Cross Timbers habitat and its wintering birds and wildlife.

Tuesday, January 21 Meadowmere Park in Grapevine beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Directions: Coming from Grapevine—Turn north off Hwy 114 on Kimball Avenue. Continue on Kimball past the Dove Rd and Yates Corner Grocery intersection. Turn left on Meadowmere Lane. (There is a sign for the Park.) Follow Meadowmere Lane and it will take you to the entrance gate to the park. Park along the road there by the restrooms.

Note: (1) This is a fairly long hike depending on what we find. (2) Of special note is that there is a wooden plank bridge about half way on the trail that is about 12 feet long and only about 2 feet wide which could be a problem if balance is an issue. I will present some options at the hike for those needing to avoid this bridge. (3) As you enter the park, you will be asked to stop and pay the entrance fee. If the gate keeper is there, tell them that you are with Ray Chancellor's Garden Club group. If not, stop and then continue on into the park. As a courtesy, the City of Grapevine have granted us a free pass to enter for that morning.)

Friday, January 24 Bob Jones Nature Center and Preserve beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Nature Center parking lot.

Directions: Turn north on White Chapel Road from HWY 114 and drive northward until you come to Bob Jones Park on the right. Continue past the park and turn right on East Bob Jones Road. In about a quarter mile, the Nature center will be on the right. The entrance is marked with a small stone sign at the entrance near the ground. Continue to the parking lot in front of the Center. Notes: This is an easy trail just over ¼ mile.



Notes:

1. The temperatures can vary significantly at this time of year—wear layers.
2. If it is raining at the start time of a hike, the hike will be cancelled.
3. Binoculars are highly recommended to enjoy both hikes.
4. Always wear comfortable walking shoes.

Citizen Forester Training

Become a Citizen Forester to learn about trees and volunteer to improve our urban forest! Applications are now being taken thru February 10, 2020.

The Citizen Forester program is sponsored by the Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council, a not for profit organization focused on publicly owned trees. Once certified, volunteers spend time in public parks, right-of-ways, schools etc. focused on activities beneficial to trees and their communities.



The Citizen Forester training program consists of ten sessions, held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from March 18, 2020, to December 16, 2020. Go to the website www.ctufc.org and click the "Help Your Community as a Citizen Forester" button. Read about the organization and Citizen Forester activities. If you are interested, click "Apply Now." There you will find a description of the training program.

Karen Rice, Certified Citizen Forester



Slate of Officers for Grapevine Garden Club

For the year 2020 to 2021

President	Dinah Chancellor
1 st VP Programs	Jacqueline Weilmuenster
2 nd VP Membership	Susan Holley
3 rd VP Communications	Harriet Perrello
Recording Secretary	Kathryn Armstrong
Corresponding Secretary	Sharon Swagerty
Treasurer	Pam Braak
Publicity	Margaret Meharg
Parliamentarian	Carolyn Ernst



Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Margaret Meharg, Suzi Guckel, Ninfa Gonzalez, Carol Dowd, Kay Tergerson, Kathryn Armstrong

Help Texas Garden Clubs

As you know the Texas Garden Clubs state headquarters are within the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. TGC has clear title to the property and building but the City of Fort Worth is contesting the validity of that title. The City believes that the land wasn't given to TGC in the proper method. The City's "minutes of the respective meeting" have been lost or misplaced. In order to protect TGC's rights, they have engaged attorneys and have depleted their financial emergency funds (\$53,400.00). Negotiations continue.

TGC has asked each club to donate \$100 which Grapevine Garden Club has done. I would like you to consider making a personal tax-deductible donation. Please make checks payable to **TGC Inc. Friends of Headquarters** and note *spendable* in the memo line. You can bring your check or cash to the January meeting and I will send them to TGC.

Pam Braak
Treasurer



GGC 2020 CALADIUM BULB SALE

\$6.50/bag of 10 (\$8.50/bag of 10, Miss Muffett)

Order Deadline February 1, 2020

Order Now...

			
<p style="text-align: center;">RED FLASH</p> <p>COLOR: Dark red central veins with many pink spots and dark green margins.</p> <p>GROWTH HABIT: Tall, bushy, upright, and large leaf size.</p> <p>De-eye: Yes</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT: Late</p> <p>HEIGHT: 18-25"</p> <p>SUN TOLERANCE: Sun</p> <p>USE: 6" pots and landscape in <u>semi-shade</u> and sunny locations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CAROLYN WHORTON</p> <p>COLOR: Large pink blotches with red veins and green mottling</p> <p>GROWTH HABIT: Large leaves, very upright and strong</p> <p>De-eye: Yes</p> <p>HEIGHT: 12-18"</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT: Late</p> <p>SUN TOLERANCE: Sun</p> <p>USE: 6" pots or <u>larger</u>; <u>excellent</u> background plant in landscaping in semi-shade.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FIRE CHIEF</p> <p>COLOR: Bright red center with medium green margin</p> <p>GROWTH HABIT: Bushy with medium size leaves.</p> <p>De-eye: No</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT: Medium</p> <p>HEIGHT: 12-18"</p> <p>SUN TOLERANCE: Semi-Shade</p> <p>USE: 6" pots; Sun tends to develop the color to its fullest glory. Needs afternoon shade like most caladiums.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PINK ILLUSION</p> <p>COLOR: white leaves with green veins, dappled with bright pink</p> <p>GROWTH HABIT: Medium leaves.</p> <p>De-eye: Yes</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT: Medium</p> <p>HEIGHT: 12-18"</p> <p>SUN TOLERANCE: Shade</p> <p>USE: 6" pots: beautiful in <u>shaded</u> areas of landscape</p>
			
<p style="text-align: center;">MOONLIGHT</p> <p>COLOR: lightest white with delicate green veins</p> <p>GROWTH HABIT: Rounded</p> <p>De-eye: No</p> <p>HEIGHT: 12-18"</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT: Medium</p> <p>SUN TOL.: Semi-Shade</p> <p>USE: as a backdrop for colorful flowers, in clumps around a pond or water feature, or in a pot inside to brighten up the indoors.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TAPESTRY</p> <p>COLOR: Creamy white with green netted veins and dark red main central veins</p> <p>GROWTH HABIT: Tall with very large and medium number of leaves'</p> <p>De-eye: Yes</p> <p>HEIGHT: 18-25"</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT: Medium</p> <p>SUN TOL.: Sun</p> <p>USE: 6" pots. Use in <u>semi-shaded</u> and sunny areas of landscape</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AARON</p> <p>COLOR: Large white center with white veins and narrow green margin.</p> <p>GROWTH HABIT: Tall with few leaves but good in sun.</p> <p>De-Eye: Yes</p> <p>HEIGHT: 18-25"</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT: Medium</p> <p>SUN TOLERANCE: sun.</p> <p>USE: 6" pots or larger; excellent landscape plant in sunny area.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MISS MUFFETT</p> <p>COLOR: Chartreuse with varying red and white veins with red spots.</p> <p>GROWTH HABIT: Compact and low growing, bushy.</p> <p>De-eye: No</p> <p>HEIGHT: 8-12"</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT: Early</p> <p>SUN TOLERANCE: Sun</p> <p>USE: 6" pots and hanging baskets: good as frontal plants in <u>semi-shade</u> and sunny landscape areas</p>

Order Now...

GGC Members 2020 Caladium Bulb Order Form

Caladium Bulbs for spring planting and summer color.

Bulbs are guaranteed #1 size.

The cost will be **\$6.50 per bag of 10, (exception is \$8.50 per bag of 10 for Miss Muffett).**

Minimum order 1 bag. Please make your check out to GGC.

Questions: Mary Lou Brieger (Page A-9 of the yearbook)

Turn in this completed order form with payment attached no later than **February 1, 2020 at meetings**, or mail to Mary Lou. Bulbs will be available for pick-up the first of April at Mary Lou's house.

Red Flash (Dark red central veins with pink spots and dark green margins, partial sun, tall, bushy, upright) Bag Quantity _____

Carolyn Whorton (Medium toned pink blotches with red veins and green mottling, sun, tall, large leaves, upright and strong) Bag Quantity _____

Fire Chief (Bright red center with medium green margin, Semi-shade, medium height, bushy with medium size leaves) Bag Quantity _____

Pink Illusion (white leaves with green veins, dappled with bright pink, shade, medium tall) Bag Quantity _____

Moonlight (lightest white with delicate green veins and border, medium upright, sun) Bag Quantity _____

Tapestry (Large ruffled leaves have deep red veins and are splashed with pink, tolerates sun, tall with medium number of leaves) Bag Quantity _____

Aaron (Large white center with white veins and narrow green margin, Tall with few leaves, good in sun) Bag Quantity _____

Postman Joyner (Bright pink centers surrounded by deep green. Prefers partial shade) Bag Quantity _____

Miss Muffett (Chartreuse with varying red and white veins with red spots, compact and low growing/bushy, semi-shade) Bag Quantity _____ (\$8.00 each)

NAME _____ PHONE: _____

E-mail _____

Total # of bags at \$6.00 each _____ Sub- Total \$ _____

Total # of bags at \$8.00 each _____ Sub- Total \$ _____

Check attached, made out to Grapevine Garden Club **Total \$** _____