



**GRAPEVINE**  
**GARDEN CLUB**  
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# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

October 2020

## The Essential Bat By Kate Rugroden



During the engaging and informative program, The Essential Bat, we will discover the many ways that bats impact life on earth, learn about the many different species of bats and explore some of the myths and mysteries surrounding the most misunderstood animals on the planet. Using a variety of photographs and artifacts, we'll learn about all the ways that bats affect human life, and what we can do to help them. The speaker, Kate Rugroden, Director of Special Projects for Bat World Sanctuary in Arlington, Texas, specializes in the care of orphaned, ill and injured native bats, raccoons, and opossums. In addition, Kate teaches a variety of wildlife rehabilitation classes.

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

**Please Note:**

*Please watch our website and Wednesday e-blasts for information about fall events!*

**Our September 22nd meeting will be virtual, via Zoom.**

## President's Message

The migrants are moving. I am including a link from the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology that shows migratory patterns and predicts patterns throughout the night: <https://birdcast.info/migration-tools/migration-forecast-maps/> GGC members should be especially aware that the red-breasted nuthatch may be visiting your sunflower and suet feeders this winter. (*See below.*) This is an *eruptive* year for them. In other words, their population increases dramatically due to periodic shifts in their migration patterns.

Our backyard hummingbird population has dwindled and Ray Chancellor says the skies over Meadowmere Park still have many migrating Monarchs. If you have not yet visited the Tower at the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau to experience the **“Spirit of the Monarch” Exhibit | October 1 - 17 | Tower Gallery, 636 S. Main Street**, you still have time. You will see some GGC friends who are volunteering their time to answer questions. The exhibit will be open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sundays from Noon – 5 p.m. There is a maximum occupancy and sanitization protocols following CDC guidelines will take place every 60 minutes.

Many of you have shared with me the joy you have experienced in spite of/possibly because COVID-19 has forced us to stay home. The joy of being able to spend time with the plants you purchased through the GGC virtual plant sale as well as the time you have had to nurture plants for our next plant sale makes it almost worth being sequestered. Gardeners do have a unique perspective—being able and willing to *enjoy* and *enhance* our Natural World.

Dinah Chancellor



Red-Breasted Nuthatch enjoying black oil sunflower seeds

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

**<http://grapevinegardenclub.org/calendar>**

## **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 who is attending a GCISD school or lives in Grapevine, Texas. We will be awarding a \$4000 scholarship in the Spring to a qualified applicant(s). The scholarship is funded mainly by the Garden Club's Annual Spring Plant Sale. 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.**

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](http://grapevinegardenclub.org) for more information and an application.

**Joan Kowalski, Scholarship Chair**



## Spring 2020: Sorting and bagging caladium bulbs



*Thank You*

to all who ordered bulbs and  
helped to sort and bag them.

Mary Lou Brieger





## Ways And Means

We have completed our first weeks of the GGC Virtual Craft fair!

Nearly a dozen of our members are showcasing their wonderful products for sale and so far we have seen a “fair” amount of activity.

It was decided to hold this year’s Fair virtually as COVID-19 has stopped our in-person meetings.

The Virtual Fair is, honestly, a bit of an experiment to see if you will support our talented members’ handicrafts in this way. We’ve put a lot of time into creating an online showcase for their efforts, and each of them has put a great deal of work and love into their crafts.

I do hope you enjoy the members’ creations. We’ve pictured some that give you just a taste of what is available. Visit the GGC website. Clicking the Craft Fair link will lead you to the full event. You’ll see that everyone brings real verve and talent to their handicrafts.

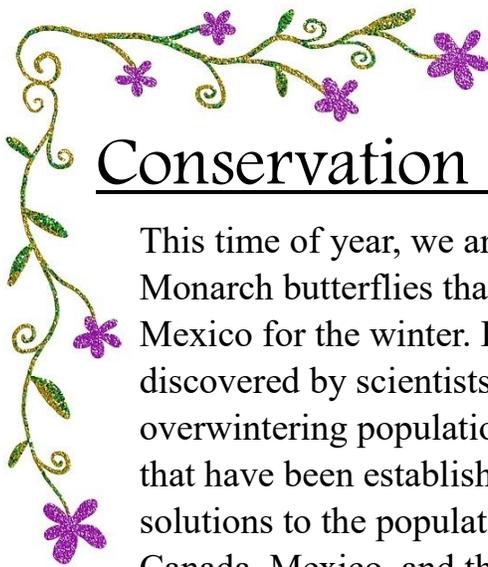
We hope you will find something you just have to have! When you do, all you do is email or call the member to arrange purchase and pickup. There are links on each page to let you do just that.

The Craft Fair is only open through the end of this month, so let’s get shopping!

**Thank you!**

**Alexandra Evans,  
Ways & Means**

In the best interest of our members and the community,  
this year's Holiday Luncheon has been canceled. Watch the newsletter and weekly  
e-blasts for information regarding our alternative contactless Holiday Event  
benefitting GRACE.



## Conservation Corner: Monarch Butterflies

This time of year, we are reminded of nature's beauty and mystery as we watch Monarch butterflies that seem to float through our gardens as they head south to Mexico for the winter. It is amazing to think that their final destination was only discovered by scientists in 1975. Unfortunately, since that time Monarch overwintering populations have steadily declined. There are several coalitions that have been established in the last few years to collaborate on finding solutions to the population decline and gain support for conservation practices. Canada, Mexico, and the United States are joined in a long-term cooperative agenda to conserve the monarch butterfly and its unique migratory phenomenon. Because the monarch and its migration depend on conservation of habitats in all three countries, this species has become a symbol of our shared environment. The US Forest Service has an informative website about Monarchs. [https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/Monarch\\_Butterfly/migration/index.shtml](https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/Monarch_Butterfly/migration/index.shtml)

As gardeners we have an important mission to provide nectar plants and safe habitats for these wonderful gifts of nature. We can help them on their way by providing nourishment in the form of nectar plants in a pesticide free

environment leaving them free to continue on their long journey. If you do not currently have fall blooming nectar plants consider planting some. These plants will become established by next year's migration. It is a gift that keeps on giving. We are lucky to be on the Monarch's flight path corridor south and can play a small part in ensuring they have places to feed for generations to come.

*Submitted by Karen Rice*



*Photo by Pam Braak*

## GGC October Workshop

### What's That Tree? Identifying landscape trees in your neighborhood.

You are invited to join a Zoom presentation by Wanda Stutsman (GGC Member)

Thursday, October 29, 2020, 9:00 to 10 a.m.



If you are like me, you find yourself driving by a house and wondering what is that flowering tree or that tree that turns brilliant colors in the fall? Wanda will teach you how to quickly identify them and decide if they are a good choice for your own landscape.

Zoom invitation will be sent out Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> in weekly update.

**Submitted by Wanda Stutsman**

*(Photo: Burr Oak canopy)*

**Kiss The Ground:** The COVID-19 pandemic has caused most of us to stay home more than normal. A good side effect of this is that many are spending more time working in their yards and gardens. Many are also watching more television and searching for good programs. A program that will interest gardeners is Kiss The Ground on Netflix. This documentary discusses issues and explains how the earth's soil may be key to combating climate change and preserving the earth.

*Submitted by Linda Robbins*

### You Are Invited to an Open Garden.... Wanda Stutsman

Address is in Member Handbook (Address may show as Roanoke on GPS)

Tour Dates and Times:

Thursday October 22, 2020 , from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday October 28, 2020, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

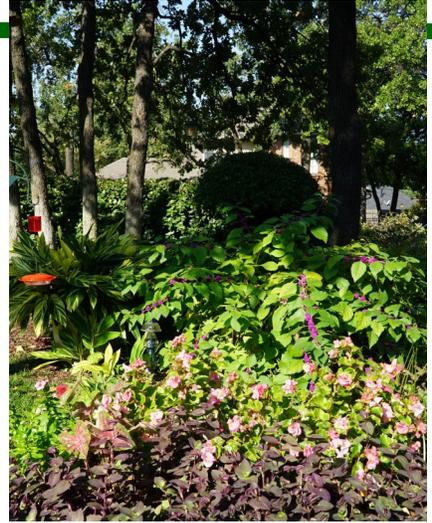
No need to reserve a time to attend. Garden is large and can easily accommodate multiple people at one time.

You are invited to stroll through The Stutsman's Garden in late October. Just as many gardens are fading in the autumn chill, our garden is pressing on with late fall blooming plants. The Japanese Maples will be bursting in color and lay a backdrop to the flowering white mist flower, the copper canyon daisy and the Mexican mint marigold. The hellebores will have new growth sprouting and ready to put on flower buds. Toad lily will be blooming with their spectacular purple orchid like flowers. There is always a surprise awaiting visitors in the Stutsman's garden so come see for yourself.

**Submitted by Wanda Stutsman**



## Fall Open Gardens... Ed and Joetta King



## Monarch Tagging

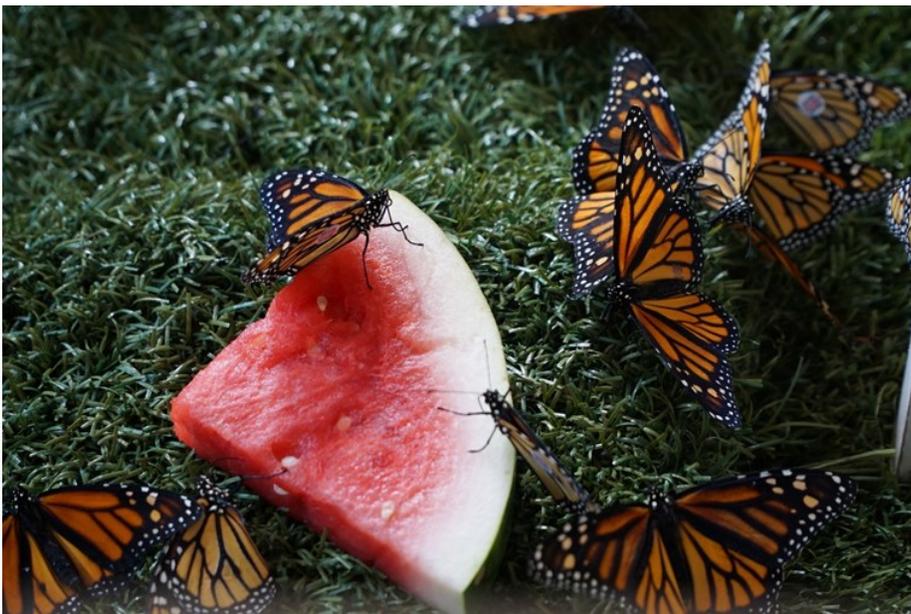
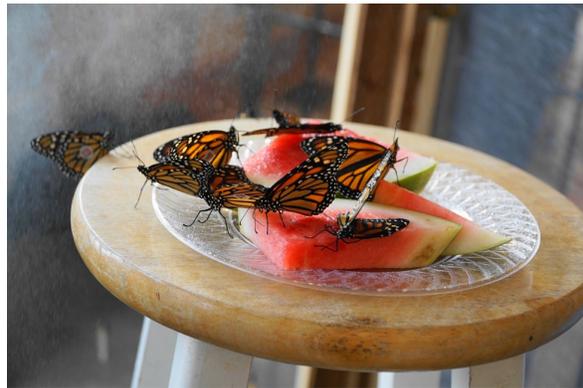
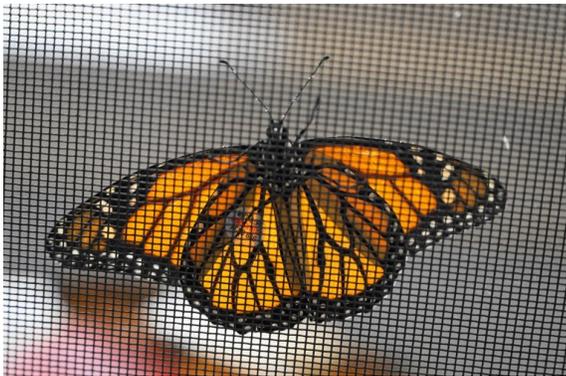
Monarch Wrangler Jenny Singleton and a few garden club members gathered to tag 200 monarchs in preparation for a much lower key Monarch release at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. The butterflies came FedEx overnight from North Carolina, packaged in a cooler box with each butterfly inside a cellophane envelope. They were mostly inactive but quickly tagged and placed in a mesh cage where they warmed up, had a bit of watermelon and waited until their release. Upon release they will start their journey to the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico where they will remain until March when they will fly back to south Texas, lay eggs and perish.

*Submitted by Pam Braak*



Jenny Singleton with her award winning quilt of the monarch life cycle

# Tagging team from the CVB and GGC



*Monarch Butterflies...*