



**GRAPEVINE**  
**GARDEN CLUB**  
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 National Garden Clubs, Inc., South Central Region,  
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# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

## June 2021

**V** Mark your calendars now

In-person General Meeting on September 28  
 at the Convention Center with double the space.

### YEARBOOK

- ◆ Updates & Changes of contact info: Please submit no later than **July 9<sup>th</sup>**
- ◆ Photos: Send one or contact Ella Barber about getting one taken.
- ◆ Garden photos needed: We are also looking for your garden pictures to share in the yearbook. Please email them in the largest pixels possible.



Ella Barber, Yearbook



### GARDENERS ON THE GO

Watch for new trips and tours starting this fall. And start thinking about organizing one yourself for spring.



Kathryn Armstrong & Lisa Lovett  
 Gardeners on the Go Chairs

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## President's Message

What a year this has been! We have been blessed with the leadership of Dinah Chancellor and her team in keeping our group vital, active, and involved. ..as much as possible. Even the Zoom meetings were great! Our spring luncheon was definitely not the norm, even though it was our first in-person gathering. It was probably one of our stormiest days and we only proved again how we can stand up to all conditions. Ella Barber and her committee planned and organized it in such a way that we could still enjoy our time together, meet our new scholarship recipients, and install our new officers. All of this in the midst of thunder and heavy rain! We even had to change seats to avoid the rain coming in on the floor, which just encouraged time with other friends. The floral centerpiece I brought home continued bright and colorful in full bloom for several days, a real **optimistic** sign. Things are bound to be better in September, don't you think? We're coming out of a major pandemic, and we are planning to start meeting in-person again in September with special arrangements.

I am honored to be your president. However, I have been very **apprehensive** taking it on, following in the steps of some very outstanding leaders. I have received such encouragement from friends reminding me of what I already knew, that this is an amazing group that steps up, follows through, and comes out shining! It's kind of like gardening. Sometimes I've been **apprehensive** about something I've planted. Is my garden too shady for that to do well? Will it get enough water there? Sure, sometimes the plants let me know I made a mistake. (I'll probably hear that occasionally this year, don't you bet?.) But if I just try to be **optimistic**, do what's needed, delegate appropriately, we will come out colorful and in full bloom.



Sheri Jones, President

The Jones' shady backyard



Please welcome a **WHOLE LOT** of new members who joined in April,  
mostly at the Plant Sale! Welcome!!



Patricia Autrey  
Carol & Dennis Brasher  
Debora Chandler  
Jane Hawkins Colclasure  
Gerri Godsey  
Dustin Gossage  
Grace Groesbeck  
Howard & Rebecca Hall

Jesse & Ruth Herrera  
Alicia & Sinh Hoang  
Richard Kappel  
Uma & Vinit Lal  
Sherrie McAden  
Julie Paine  
Amanda & William Robinson

## **2021-2022 DUES**

Can you believe we are **DONE** with last year? Yep, 2020-2021 is done!  
We are now in a brand **NEW** garden club year! Welcome to 2021-2022!!

We still have 40 or so members who have not rejoined. **But it's not too late!** We will start emailing and calling our garden club members to get an update and gently remind them to send their dues in before the yearbook gets finalized and is sent to print.

Also, please let us know if you are **NOT** rejoining. I will make note of that too and we'll stop "reminding" you!

Individual memberships are \$30, and Family Memberships are \$35.

You can pay your dues online at :

<http://www.grapevinegardenclub.org/members> (the password is in the yearbook, page 2)

It is super easy even if you do not have a PayPal account.

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



Rachel Howe, Vice President Membership



## Celebrate the Monarchs at Butterfly Flutterby Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> Volunteers Needed

Each year the Grapevine Garden Club and the City of Grapevine celebrate the Monarch butterfly migration from Canada to Mexico during the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. The Butterfly Flutterby is a free, family-friendly event, which includes a parade, butterfly exhibits, art contest, games and crafts. There are several butterfly releases and the winners of the Butterfly Art Contest are announced. The Garden Club sponsors a booth with educational materials, seeds, flowers, caterpillars, and fun items to buy.

We will need volunteers to help with the art contest before BFFB and more volunteers to work in the science, craft and sales booth during the event. Choose the job and time that works for you - 8:30 to 11:30 or 11:30 to 2:30. The sign-up sheets will be available at the September general meeting. Volunteering to help with the Butterfly Flutterby is a great way to kick off the new garden club year with your garden club friends.

 Linda Krimm or Margaret Meharg, BFFB Chairs



### Kids Art Contest

The Grapevine Colleyville ISD and the Grapevine Garden Club will again sponsor a Kids Art Contest for students in grades K-5. The purpose of the contest is to give students an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the Monarch butterfly migration through an original drawing.

Entries will be judged by local artists. Contest winners will be announced at the annual Butterfly Flutterby on Saturday, October 16. Garden Club members with children or grandchildren in grade K-5<sup>th</sup> are eligible to enter the contest even though students do not attend a GCISD school. Contest rules and entry forms will be emailed to GCISD art teachers and available to club members at the September general meeting.

 Terry Curcio & Susan Holley, Art Contest Chairs



## A Sneak Peek at the September Program

Kicking off our new season of programs in September will be **CBS 11 Meteorologist** and avid gardener **Jeff Ray**. In addition to providing weather forecasts, Jeff has weekly segments called Gardening 101 where he shares his experiences and includes local experts to provide advice.

 Linda Robbins, Vice President - Programs



## Wall-Farrar Adopt-An-Area Trail Tidy-up July 26, 2021

Please join us in July as we canvass Wall-Farrar Nature Trail to pick-up litter. An easy pace allows for visiting with other GGC volunteer members which is a treat over the summer. Note earlier start time in July. Location is the Wall-Farrar Nature Trail Grapevine. Social distancing and masking (per current guidelines) will be practiced. Parking is allowed courtesy of Church at the Cross at 3000 William D Tate Ave, Grapevine **Monday July 26, 2021 – 8:30AM**

 Karen Rice, Coordinator.

## Fall Bulb Sale

The Grapevine Garden Club will again be offering a selection of fall bulbs for sale this year. The list of varieties will be sent out by eblast later this summer so be sure to check your emails for messages. Bulbs will be available for distribution late September / early October



 Karen Rice & Barb Munn - Fall Bulb Committee



GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB  
WAYS AND MEANS

# Summer Sale

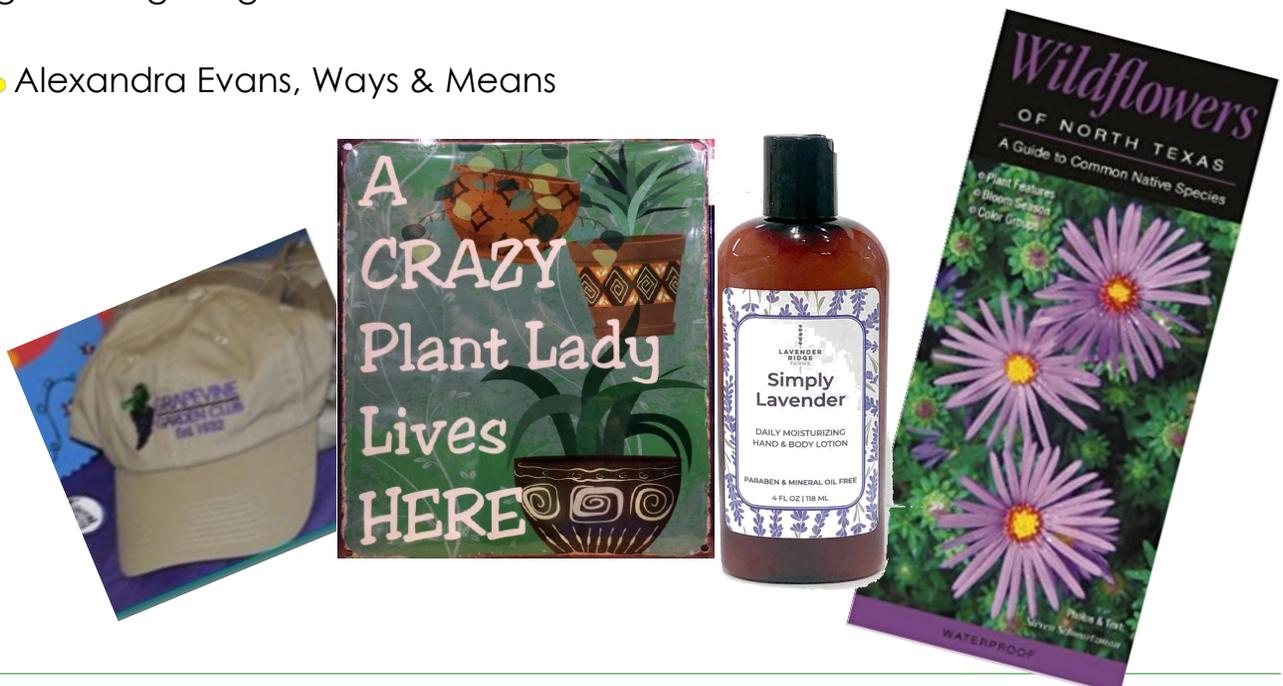
JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31

The Ways & Means committee has missed seeing you the last 12 months and consequently has some extra items on hand. This is your chance to buy some really nice items at our lowest-ever prices. (With all proceeds benefitting the Garden Club, of course!)

The sale starts now and runs through August, but quantities are limited, so don't wait as the best deals will be gone! You can find the Summer Sale products on [grapevinegardenclub.org](http://grapevinegardenclub.org) website – look for the link on the homepage. Remember, when you purchase these or any Ways & Means items online, we'll collect your order and have it ready to pick up in North Grapevine at your convenience.

More than a dozen products are marked down - from soil scoops to reference guides, from lavender-scented hand lotion to selected GGC t-shirt. Take a moment to visit the online store now, look at the Summer Sale page, and pick up a gardening bargain!

 Alexandra Evans, Ways & Means



## Paul Irvin Ernst “A Good Scout and Gardener” Honorary Life Member

Until the family membership option was initiated in 1988-89, GGC membership was predominately women. When Paul Ernst joined in 1994, fourteen of the 72 members were men who participated through a family membership. Master Gardener Frank Dorer and Paul Ernst were the only two men who joined with an individual membership.

Since Carolyn Ernst was still employed and unable to attend meetings when Paul joined, we were accustomed to seeing Paul unaccompanied. When Carolyn and Paul were out and about town and encountered a member, they were naturally curious about his unknown companion. It was indicative of his highly honed sense of humor that Paul deliberately didn't introduce Carolyn and we were left to wonder about the mystery woman in his life.

After retiring in 1993 as Director of Registration for Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Paul began another career as an outstanding volunteer. In fact, he was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the City of Grapevine in 1999. Not at all surprising considering he served as president of the Grapevine Historical Society, Grapevine Historical Museum curator and docent, AARP Driver Safety instructor and Tax-Aide tax preparer, usher at Bass Performance Hall performances and Student Education Programs, as well as continuing to volunteer for BSA in several capacities.

With the diversity of professional experience including banking positions at two financial institutions, he was more than qualified to serve as GGC treasurer (1995-97, 1999 and 2000) as well as auditor for



several years. In addition, he served as parliamentarian in 1997. As sometimes happens, club members are not always acknowledged for their participation in activities that aren't associated with being an elected officer or chair. Such is the case with Paul who didn't hesitate to help with the GGC landscape beautification projects in Grapevine. Some of the “dirty hands” projects in which he worked included landscaping several traffic medians, Heritage Garden near the Cotton Belt Depot, GRACE's transitional housing, Earth-Kind rose trial garden, and most recently the Grapevine Housing Authority residential rental property on West Texas Street



2008 – West Texas Street - Rene Herndon,  
Carolyn Ernst, Suzi Guckel and Paul Ernst  
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## Paul Ernst — Honorary Life Member, continued

I found that although Paul is short, slight of build, and 18 years older, his stamina was equal to mine on “dirty hands” projects. And he could definitely walk farther and faster than me when he joined other members on Plant Our Feet Hikes back in 2006. It is no wonder! Carolyn and Paul have participated in Volksmarches on all continents.

Paul has always enjoyed giving of his time, talents and resources to help other people. Unfortunately, Paul’s health no longer allows him to participate in volunteer activities. He does not need recognition to feel satisfaction in his community and church work, but his contribution to GGC serves as an example for all of us and an Honorary Life Membership is an acknowledgement of his many years of service.



Submitted by Joetta King



2006 – Plant Our Feet at Bear Creek & Parr Park – Suzi Guckel, Carolyn Ernst, Sandy Kancavicus, Dick Guckel, & Paul Ernst



2016—Paul Ernst with the Rose Trial Gang



2001 – Heritage Garden – Marion Brekken, unknown & Paul Ernst

## Just a Reminder

### Please complete the comfort survey

### HOW DO YOU FEEL?

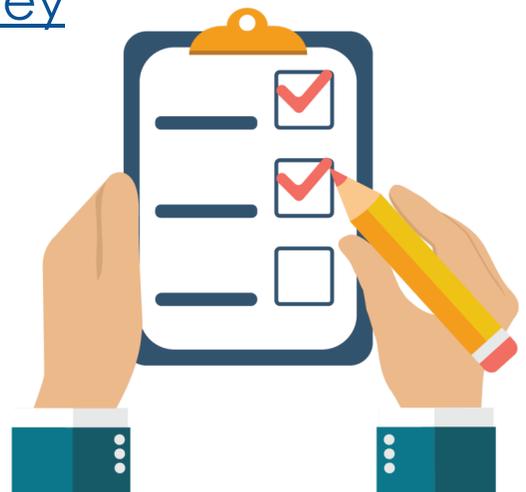
We are all happy that the pandemic conditions have greatly improved and we are experiencing the ability to do more activities safely. The board and committees are making plans for our 2021-2022 calendar. To help us make these plans, we need to know how you feel about various activities and what will make you comfortable enough to participate. We have created a new Comfort Survey for your input. This one is shorter, only 5 questions. Please take a few minutes to help us make the club events comfortable for all.

**Deadline – June 24**

Click this link to go to the survey.

[grapevinegardenclub.org/survey](https://grapevinegardenclub.org/survey)

 Comfort Survey Special Committee



## SPRING LUNCHEON, MAY 2021

The 2021 Spring Luncheon was a very different event this year. Forty-two members and guests braved May showers to gather at Trawick Pavilion. Our Scholarship awardees were present and we were able to recognize them. We thanked past officers and chairs for all they have done for the club and inducted our new officers for 2021-2022. We are still publishing a cookbook this year, so send you favorite recipes from the “lock down” to Barbara Atkins

🌻 Ella Barber, Spring Luncheon Chair



Incoming president Sheri Jones & outgoing president Dinah Chancellor



Scholarship recipients Madison Bennett (Left) and Otto Crouch (right) with Joan Kowalski



## SPRING LUNCHEON, MAY 2021



Barb Munn, Margaret Meharg, Barbara Nunn, Suzi Guckel, Marcy Bragg, & Barbara Atkins



Susan Holley & Candace Kyler



Mary Lou Brieger, Bobbee Gerson & David Quam



Hildy Canter, Liz Lovett, Kathryn Armstrong, Ginger Jones & Kathy Loinette



Rachel Clark, Gloria Land & Joyce Quam

## SPRING LUNCHEON, MAY 2021



2021-22 Officers

Carolyn Ernst, Dinah Chancellor, Margaret Meharg,  
Marcy Bragg, Pam Braak, Linda Robbins, Sheri Jones



Ella Barber receiving a certificate from Dinah Chancellor



# 2020 DISTRICT AND STATE AWARDS

