



GRAPEVINE
GARDEN CLUB
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THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

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Weather Changes Impacting Gardening in the Future

Jeff Ray, CBS Meteorologist



The weather around the world is starting to experience significant changes as we get deeper into this new century. CBS11 Meteorologist and fellow gardener Jeff Ray will talk about some of those changes across north Texas. What do we expect in the future? Does this mean growing for a (slightly) different climate zone?

Next meeting: September 28, 2021

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

Following CDC guidelines for groups, seating will be limited to 6 per table, no food provided, and

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Like many of you, I find it frustrating to think that we were **anticipating** a fall season that might return to some form of normalcy. That did not happen. Or did it? I'm looking out into my backyard and I still see the same hummingbirds at my window, cardinals at my feeders and birdbath, and doves are cleaning up what was dropped. It rained yesterday and everything is fresh. I realize I might be burying my head in the sand (or weeds and ivy), but that looks pretty normal to me.

Okay, back to reality. We can still **anticipate** a great year together. I was not able to attend the Executive Board meeting Tuesday, but from reports I received and the minutes I read it helped confirm that we have an outstanding board and members that are making every effort to assure that some form of a normal life goes on in Grapevine Garden Club. COVID guidelines are being followed and your safety is most important in all plans. They have planned great programs, volunteer opportunities, Butterfly Flutterby events, workshops, local trips, garden tours, and Silver Circle fun. So many opportunities to Learn, Teach, and Enjoy! Pick up a yearbook at the September meeting and continue reading there.

Still viewing my new normal from my chair, I realize we are always **anticipating** in our garden also; the blooms, fruit, new growth, etc. I look out my bathroom window in the mornings, hoping to see some beautiful Datura blooms. When we go out to work in the garden we can also save time in our chores if we **anticipate** what tools we will need for the job, so it saves us time without running back to get something. The Gardener's Corner may have something to help organize.

As we look forward we can also **anticipate** the beautiful fall colors in our gardens and community. It's my favorite time of year and I am looking forward to sharing it with friends!



Sheri Jones, President

Sheri's "new normal" backyard

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 21	9—noon	Open Garden Event	Locations upon request
Sept 27	9:00	Wall-Farrar Tidy Up	Parr Park
Sept 28	9:30	General Meeting	GV Convention Center
Sept 28	After Gen'l Mtg	Gardens on View	Locations upon request
Oct 11	9—11	Open Garden Event	Locations upon request
Oct 12	8:15	GOG Mars Hill Farm,	Meet at Bessie Mitchell House
Oct 14	6—7:30 p.m.	Tree ID Workshop	GV Botanical Gardens Pavilion
Oct 16	9:30—2:30	Butterfly Flutterby	GV Botanical Gardens
Oct 19	9:30	New Member Coffee	Betsy Mitchell House
Oct 19	9:00	West Texas Street	W TX Street & Church St
Oct 26	9:30	General Meeting	GV Convention Center

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SILVER CIRCLE CLUB—MEMBERS FOR OVER 25 YEARS

Sylvan Sigler, Paula Jones, Joan Stewart, Carolyn Ernst (for Paul), Sarah Erickson, Rachel Clark, Marty Swindell and Edie Williams. Not pictured: Barb Atkins, Jimmie Nell Cook, Joetta King & Barb Munn

DID YOU KNOW THE GARDEN CLUB HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE?

It is a tool that has been used in the past to announce upcoming meetings, events, workshops, and to share pictures of past activities.



A new feature is being added to our page. Each month members will be able to send pictures that relate to the selected topic for the month. Our September request is to **send a picture of a plant in your garden that is currently blooming and has survived the summer heat**. If you have a photo of a plant that you would like to share, please send it to Miriam Ward. Her contact information is in the yearbook. Please include the name of your plant and any additional information that you so desire (i.e. sun or shade, length of blooming season, etc.), but remember to keep it short .

 Miriam Ward, Facebook Chair

TREE ID WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 14th

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Grapevine Botanical Garden Pavilion



Learn tips and tricks for quickly identifying 25 Texas native and adapted trees. A short lecture and materials review will be followed by a guided tree ID tour in the Gardens.

Space is limited so sign up now, e-mail Wanda Stutsman.

Or sign-up at the GGC General Meeting in September.

No Fee

 Wanda Stutsman, Workshop Coordinator



BUTTERFLY FLUTTERBY COMING SOON!

Saturday, October 16

A big THANK YOU to the many Garden Club members who have already volunteered to work at the Butterfly Flutterby festival. These members are an outstanding example of how well our Club comes together to participate in a wonderful community event.

In case you don't know, Butterfly Flutterby is a fun and educational event for families, friends, grandparents and the community.

Club activities include:

- * A sales booth with educational materials, and fun items to buy
- * BFFB art contest with GCISD K-5 students. In 2019, we had over 300 art entries
- * Butterfly Migration science booth
- * Butterfly Kids Crafts booth
- * Gardeners' Corner which features butterfly plants
- * **NEW** Monarch Trivia kids game
- * Festival Ambassadors to direct the public.
- * "Madam Butterfly" returns to tell the story about monarchs *Going Down to Mexico*
- * Help with volunteer check-in
- * Man the Butterfly exhibit.



There is lots going on and we invite members to **volunteer and be involved.**

Signup at the next GGC meeting on September 28 or reply to BFFB@grapevinegardenclub.org.



Linda Krimm and Margaret Meharg, BFFB Co chairs



CRAFT FAIR MOVES TO OCTOBER 26 9:00 to 10:30



The Craft Fair will be held at our October 26th meeting. Here is your chance to get some great holiday shopping gifts taken care of. Sales tables are open to members who can knit, sew, bead, create garden art, or have another craft they would like to showcase. The general meeting will start at 10:45. There will be no shopping during or after the meeting. Our vendors usually don't accept credit cards, so bring only checks and cash please.

A few table spaces are still available, so please contact me by email or in person at the September meeting if you have something to sell !! The cost for a 6 foot table is \$10. There is no charge if you would like to donate your earnings to the club.

We are looking forward to this fun event with a delightful assortment of lovely merchandise for sale.

 Alexandra Evans, Ways & Means

INTRODUCING THE MEMBERS SALE TABLE (known as "Bring & Buy" in England)

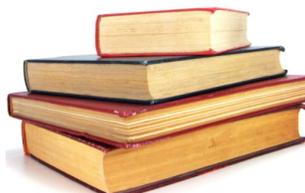
This year we are adding a special table where GGC members can donate gently used gardening-themed items to sell, with proceeds going to the club.

Examples of garden themed items are: small glass, china or ceramic vases, books, flowerpots etc.

If you have something please bring it to the September meeting! Please keep items to the smaller size so we can display them on a 6 ft table. We are asking members to set a suggested selling price.

Volunteers are needed to staff the sale table. Please contact Alexandra Evans

 Alexandra Evans, Ways & Means



In Memoriam - Gayle R. Hall

We are sad to announce the passing of Gayle R. Hall, daughter of member Minnie Hall and a Garden Club member herself since 2015. A life-long resident of Grapevine, Gayle was born on October 31, 1952 and passed away on August 22, 2021 after a long battle with cancer.



Her family lived and farmed in the Grapevine area since the 1940s. Gayle graduated from Grapevine High school where she was a cheerleader. Her family worked at Hall's Grocery until 1958 at which time they started a fishing camp named Midway Camp on Grapevine Lake. Gayle and her brother helped run the camp by working on the docks and in the cafe.

Gayle served as the liaison between the Garden Club and the Grapevine Convention and Visitor Bureau (CVB). She was involved with the Club's participation in Butterfly Flutterby, Main Street Days, Grapefest and the North Pole Express and helped to promote many other GGC events and projects.

Gayle led the CVB Grapevine Festivals and Event Team for over twenty years. She was also instrumental in the Summer Friday night firework displays, and enjoyed pushing the button to start the show. She was very active in the Grapevine community and served on numerous civic and professional organizations and boards.

She was one of the original members of the Heritage Ambucs, Dirty Dozen, JW Foundation, Wine Pourers and Craft Brew Guild. She attended the first class of Citizen's Police Academy and Citizen's Fire Academy and was a member of the Citizen's Fire Academy Alumni Association.

Her love and affection for her community was recognized when she received the CVB Employee of the Year, Woman of the Year and the Don Ramey Community Spirit Award, the Grapevine Masonic Lodge Community Builder Award and most recently the Grapevine Citizen of the Year Award. Her community recognition was a product of having a big heart, believing in her community and recognition of good ideas and projects. She will be missed by her family, friends, GGC and the community.

GARDENERS ON THE GO

TIME TO TAKE A TRIP!

Mars Hill Farm—October 12

Join the Gardeners on the Go for a trip to Mars Hill Farm in Ferris, Texas for their Fall Festival - Sunflowers and Pumpkins on October 12. We will be given a tour of the farm via a hayride, then we will enjoy a class on Soil Agronomy and finally there will be time to **pick sunflowers and/or pumpkins** for a nominal fee. We will finish the day at a local diner in Ferris for lunch.



We are excited to begin our season with this fun trip and hope you will plan to join us! Cost will be \$15 per person and this trip is limited to 15 persons.

Please plan to sign up at our

September 28 General meeting.

We look forward to having you join us!

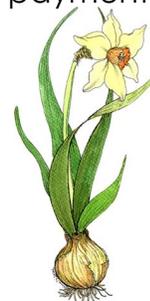
 Kathryn Armstrong and Liz Lovett - GOG Chairs



FALL BULBS FOR SPRINGTIME BLOOMS—UPDATE

The Grapevine Garden Club is offering a great selection of bulbs for sale. Although some varieties have already sold out there are beautiful types still available. These bulbs will bloom next spring and should be planted this fall. The list of varieties and order form can be viewed on the GGC website www.grapevinegardenclub.org. Bulbs will be available for distribution late October and payment will be collected at time of distribution.

 Karen Rice & Barb Munn - Fall Bulb Committee



'TIMELESS TREASURES'

Our Plant Sale Activities Have Already Started!!

This year, our plant sale theme has been inspired by our "Silver Circle" club members - those who have been active in the GGC for at least 25 years! They are our club's treasures and throughout the year, they will be recognized at our meetings, activities, and events.

The Silver Club members are:

Barbara Atkins	Rachel Clark	Jimmie Nell Cook
Sarah Erickson	Paul Ernst (Represented by Carolyn)	Paula Jones
Joetta King	Barbara Munn	Sylvan Sigler
Joan Stewart	Marty Swindell	Eddie Williams

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We will have a special "Silver Circle Plants" section at the sale where we will highlight some of their treasured plants.

Please look around your garden and begin planning for your donations. Remember, some plants can be dug in the fall, although they will need care throughout our winter months. Please focus on plants that are tried & true for success in our area. The big change this year will be that we will also sell indoor plants! **Please plan to begin propagating those house plants now!!**

Plant Sale Dates -
Saturday - April 23, 9:00-2:00
Monday - April 25, 9:00-12:00 half price sale for members only.

Looking forward to another great year!



Cecilia Mitchell and Annemarie Garlin, Plant Sale Chairs



You probably joined GGC to make friends who share a common interest and to learn from their personal horticultural experiences. With large gatherings at general meetings, it is somewhat challenging to share our gardening experiences in conversation. **Gardens on View and Open Garden events** both offer a more personal opportunity to learn about specific plants, landscape design, composing, etc with gardeners who can share their knowledge – including their successes and failures. So, please plan to travel independently or carpool with friends to the following gardens this fall.

An Open Garden event is scheduled when a member indicates that their garden will be available for a visit on a certain date and time based on when it is of particular interest. Gardens on View allow members to visit gardens immediately following a monthly general meeting.

 Joetta King, Gardens on View & Open Gardens Coordinator

OPEN GARDEN EVENTS

**English Style Garden – Grapevine
Tuesday, September 21, 9a.m.-Noon**

Although **Catriona Noble** has a lineage that includes a mother who was an avid gardener and a great grandfather who was the head gardener on an estate in Hull in Yorkshire, England, gardening was not a part of her early married life. Not surprising as she was the wife of a career army soldier with frequent deployments... Greece, Alabama, Oklahoma, Texas, Italy and finally Grapevine. She described their new residence as “just grass and a house on a lot” and herself as a rookie gardener. In “little bits and pieces” Catriona just kept adding flower beds over 30 years and has developed a sometimes out of control wild herbaceous perennial garden supplemented by flowering shrubs and trees. She didn’t over think the development of the garden and instead opted for a free-flowing plan primarily consisting of plants that friends shared with her. And she loves to share her plants as well!

The crowded masses of fragrant blooms and informality of this garden is characteristic of an English cottage garden with which she was familiar growing up in England. Catriona said that she is amazed by how much she has learned about gardening by being a member of the Grapevine Garden Club! That knowledge has helped her through the years as she has learned to deal with a shaded garden becoming a sunny garden.



Catriona Noble in her garden

**Gardening For Bees, Butterflies and Wildlife
Colleyville
Monday, October 11, 9 a.m.-11a.m.**

Rachel Howe wanted to learn more about beekeeping and met Sandra Bowen at a meeting of the Metro Beekeepers Association. Their friendship has grown through Sandra's mentoring Rachel in learning to keep bees in a residential area. This is your opportunity to learn more about gardening for bees and wildlife with a personal visit to two unique gardens.

You may already have some insight into the **Brad and Sandra Bowen's** landscape from viewing her March program "On Golden Pond" which is still available on the club's website. It is an introduction to the joys and challenges of putting a pond on your property – whether big or small, whether stocked with fish and plants or just a simple water feature.

An interest in providing a haven for wildlife encouraged the Bowens to purchase a neighbor's one-half acre with an existing no-liner pond. You will learn from their experience of using dry creek beds to control runoff into the pond as well as overflow, keeping the pond water level stable through a well, and providing aeration through a stream. Yes, there is wildlife! Birds, butterflies, salamanders, snakes, dragonflies and many species of frogs serenade the Bowens and their melody is loved.

Perennials growing throughout the property in both shady and sunny locations nourish butterflies as well as the bees housed in a small apiary of six beehives towards the back of their property. Building seven raised beds allowed growing vegetables on a sunny rocky hill less challenging. Several fruit trees – pears, figs, peaches, plums, apples provide lovely blooms as well as produce. An organic approach to gardening is taken with no spraying of herbicides or insecticides that might impact wildlife.

The Bowen garden



Gardening For Bees, Butterflies and Wildlife

Keller

Monday, October 11, 9 a.m.-11a.m.

David and Rachel Howe had a lovely garden in Grapevine. Why move? Their need for more property for beekeeping, a desire to add a chicken coop and a large gardening shed along with a sunny area for the vegetable garden and the greenhouse prompted their move to a more rural area.

Although the Howes have only been at their Keller residence since March 2021, the previous owners would be challenged to recognize the current home landscape. A few existing shrubs remain in the front elevation, but the linear beds have been enlarged and converted to curved borders and the addition of a diversity of perennials and blooming shrubs has totally changed its appearance. Rachel, a Master Gardener, has carefully researched plants beneficial to bees and butterflies as well as their bloom color, leaf shape and texture to serve not only a practical support of wildlife but visual beauty. Any chemical potentially harmful to bees and butterflies are not used.

The back landscape includes perennials such as hardy hibiscus, cannas, and plumbago to create a tropical feel for the arbor seating and pool area. You will enjoy seeing the novel memorial garden honoring their deceased French Bulldogs, Stella and Lilly, located in an alcove with its unique combination of shade loving plants highlighted by a Japanese maple, hydrangea & acanthus.

You will definitely see finished landscape projects, but Rachel has plans for extending flower beds and you may see her efforts to kill areas in the lawn by using a natural method, also known as lasagna layering or sheet composting that involves putting layers of cardboard and mulch over the grass. (Tip: Uses Chip Drop for free delivery of arborists green waste. The mulch isn't 'pretty' but it serves a purpose!)



Sheri Jones & Rachel Howe



Memorial area for dogs

GARDENS ON VIEW – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Following the General Meeting

Sun to Shady Oasis and Conquering Drainage Issues - Grapevine

When **Bruce and Debbie Boyle** moved to Grapevine their home was surrounded by open fields with no trees. Thirty-five years later their landscape is almost in total shade due to tree saplings planted by the Boyles and the fields are now a typical residential neighborhood. The residential development resulted in a significant water intrusion into and through their yard from all or portions of 5 yards draining onto it. They contacted Toni Moorehead to assist in resolving the drainage issues and to help with redesigning the garden surrounding a dry creek bed which can become a flowing stream during heavy rains. You have much to learn from their resourceful resolution of their drainage problem. If you toured their garden shortly after the redesign effort in 2019, you will be amazed by the lush mature plants in the landscape! Take the opportunity to sit on the multi-level wood deck to view the small pond with its water lilies and pickerel rush (*Pondetaria cordata*) and enjoy studying Debbie's nearby cacti collection. The surrounding colorful foliage and bloom will entice you into feeling as if you are in the tropics.



Boyle creek bed



Boyle patio area

A Garden for Attracting and Nurturing Butterflies - Colleyville

The **Briegers, John**, a retired engineer, and **Mary Lou**, a retired science teacher, had to reach a compromise in their diverse opinions for developing their landscape. So, as you walk from the front yard with its manicured trees, shrubs and lawn preferred by John, you will see quite a contrast to the backyard developed under Mary Lou's influence. Although the GGC Caladium Queen, has managed to brighten drab areas in the front yard with seasonal color her passion for creating a garden that attracts and nurtures butterflies is wildly displayed in the backyard. If you were researching how to create a butterfly garden with a recommended list of host and nectar plants to use, you would find that Mary Lou has probably used a majority of those in this sunny butterfly garden that runs along the border of a large back yard with planting beds about 12 feet deep. Mary Lou indicated that a majority of the plants are passalongs from friends! Be observant as you study the plants and you may see caterpillars munching! The native pipeline plant (*Artisolochia* species) was hosting numerous pipeline swallowtail caterpillars during my visit.

In addition, chat with Mary Lou about Keyhole Gardening. She has progressed from using a wire compost container to using a food grade PVC box purchased online to layer organic materials (cardboard, green and brown

yard waste, soil, and hay with chicken manure) to create pure compost in which she plants vegetables. Great lagniappe – it's a raised garden bed!



Brieger garden



Pipevine Swallowtail

Addresses for the various gardens are available in the club's yearbook.
For tour questions & directions, please contact Joetta King by email.

Native Texas Tree Project

Previously known as the Redbud Tree Project

After discussion with Cindy Harris, Grapevine PARD Liaison, it was decided that we should promote many of our Native Texas trees to the children, trees that do well in our Texas climate and with little or no pesticides.

The program will basically remain the same. Our members will go into the classrooms to do the tree presentations. They will demonstrate how to plant a tree. Instead of giving a sapling to take home, the children and their families will be invited to a Tree Celebration (Arbor Day Party) at one of the various Grapevine city parks.

This year the program will be presented at three- four Grapevine/Colleyville Schools on Friday, April 22 and the Tree Celebration (Arbor Day Party) will be held the following Saturday, April 30 (National Arbor Day is April 29, 2022) at a Grapevine Park to be announced later. At this time the class sapling will be planted at the park and they will be welcomed to visit it and check on its growth often.

We appreciate the connection that we have with the City of Grapevine in this endeavor. The city provides the books read to the children and the saplings and the Garden Club provides the manpower for the school presentations.

Please put these dates into your calendar:

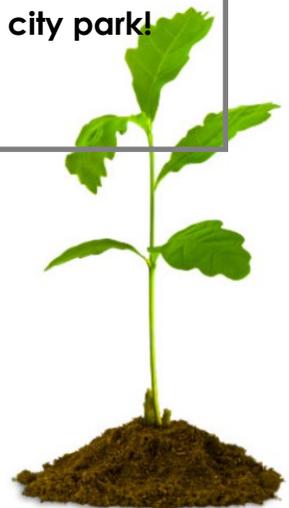
Friday, April 22nd and Saturday, April 30

Plan on being a part of our Native Texas Tree Project in the classrooms and The Arbor Day Party the following week at a city park!

Sign-ups will be available early 2022



Pat Mingus and Joan Kowalski, Native Tree Program





✿ Miriam Ward and Evelyn Urbanosky, New Member Coffee Chairs

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

Monday September 27, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Our 5th year of service!

Please join us in September as we kick off another season of community service canvassing for litter on the Wall-Farrar Nature Trail. An easy pace allows for visiting with other GGC members. Location is the Wall-Farrar Nature Trail Grapevine. Parking is allowed courtesy of Church at the Cross at 3000 William D Tate Ave, Grapevine, TX 76051.

✿ Karen Rice, Wall-Farrar Coordinator





ASK A GGC MASTER GARDENER

A new table at our monthly meetings

Beginning with our first MG monthly meeting September 28th, we have a new feature table. Our members who are Master Gardeners will answer your most urgent questions! "What are those white spots on my crepe myrtles?" "What is this plant in my garden?" "Do caladium bulbs come back year after year?" Yes, we can answer most questions, but not all! If we don't know an answer, we are pretty handy at providing resources to find an answer. At each meeting two MG's are ready to answer questions from 9:30-10:00. So come early and Ask a Master Gardener!

And Monday-Friday from 8:30—4:30 you can call the Master Gardener desk at 817-844-1944 or email tarrantmg@ag.tamu.edu



Donna Detzel, MG Table Coordinator

WEST TEXAS STREET WORK DAY

OCTOBER 19, 2021 AT 9:00 a.m.

It's that time of year again! It's Pansy Time!!!!!! And I'm excited, not only for Pansy Time, but because we plan on having an in-person signup sheet at the General Meeting, September 28th at the Convention Center. We certainly hope you can come to the meeting and that you are also excited about our workday October 29th.

After we have worked hard planting those pansies and doing a general cleanup after a long hot summer, we can go up to Jakes on Main Street and have lunch, visit, and talk dirt!!! Sound like fun? Then sign up and come join in on the fun.

The West Texas Street Project is a long-standing project where we go to the HUD Housing on W. Texas Street, 2 blocks from downtown Grapevine and just off Church Street, and plant seasonal flowers, dig weeds, and do some light pruning. We have been doing this project for about 17 years and it is so fun to dig in the dirt together and visit with the residents.

So, come on out and play in the dirt with us and get to know new members of our club and visit with "old" friends.



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

