



Through the Grapevine

The Grapevine Garden Club Newsletter

April General Meeting

Tuesday, April, 22nd, 2008. Stacy's Furniture, Third Floor Community Room, 1900 South Main Street, Grapevine. Social begins at 9:30 a.m. program begins at 10:00 a.m. We thank our members for continuing to carpool and park in the outer slots as to allow Stacy's customers to park near the store entrance.

Thank you to our hostesses: Barbara Atkins, Tammy Nicodemus, Barbara Oldani, Karen Rice, and Valerie Reed

Welcome our new members, Karen Arnold, Barbara Morrell

April Program: Butterfly Habitat



We've been preparing our gardens for all the joys of spring. Welcoming the butterflies is one of those amazing moments. The Grapevine Garden Club is excited to have Gail Manning speak to us about Butterflies in our gardens. Gail Manning is a natural scientist at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. She guides the Botanic Garden's education and citizen science programs. Before joining the FWBG, Gail was the director of education at Texas Discovery Gardens in Fair Park, Dallas. Get ready to take notes and get excited about butterflies coming to our own backyards.

Gardens on Tour

There are two lovely gardens for viewing after the April GGC general meeting. The first is the garden of GGC member Diana Pospisil. Diana has a Koi Pond and a variety of plantings in her landscape. The second GGC member garden is that of Sylvan Sigler. Sylvan is a specialist in Irises and you will want to see the beautiful colors and plant forms that will be in bloom. Please join us to see these special gardens. Detailed directions will be available at the meeting.

Spread the best gardening advice of the season!

*Grapevine Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale is
this Saturday April 12!!! Come one, come all!*

A note from our enthusiastic president, Val Reed:

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN IN THE SUN, FUN IN SHARING AND WORKING, FUN IN FEELING GOOD ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING? (Our annual plant sale is our biggest fund raiser and enables the club to give generous scholarships and provides monetary opportunities for club and gardening projects throughout the year.) Come to the member's plant sale on Friday, April 11th from 5:00 to 7:00pm and have fun shopping, buying, visiting, and sharing your garden expertise with one another and get a 15% discount too. Our plant digging volunteers have been working hard gathering a wonderful array of plants thanks to all our members, their friends, neighbors, and Rebecca Cook. As part of her job with the Heritage Foundation, Rebecca has been keeping Joyce informed of long standing plants and bulbs that are in need of a new home before the homesteads are demolished or relocated. Lisa has furiously been charting and recharting, ordering, visiting nurseries, and fine tuning. Now the time has almost come to have some well deserved fun. Soooo, whether you are at the Friday night sale or working on Saturday, or both, get ready for some WHOOPEE. HAVE A GOOD TIME, SPEND MONEY, ENCOURAGE OTHERS ON SATURDAY TO SPEND MONEY, EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON WHAT GREAT DEALS THEY ARE GETTING. JUST BE YOURSELF—YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND LOVE OF PLANTS ALWAYS SHINES THROUGH AND IT IS VERY CATCHY!!!!

Spring'08 Member Garden Tours – Request for host locations

If you would like to offer your garden for viewing any time during the week of 5 May, please send a note to Karen Rice (YB pg. 40) Please indicate what date or dates, 5 – 9 May, and what hours your garden would be “open” for GGC members to drop by and enjoy your spring display of blooms.





Here is a note from Mary Margaret to Linda Krimm about the Garden Club's support of the Victory Boxes:

Hi Linda!

Thank YOU so very much for arranging such a spectacular turnout of goodies to go to Iraq/Afghanistan!

I have never seen such an outpouring! The clothes were some of the best I've ever received and I know it will be great for our service members to know you are all behind them!

I couldn't believe some people even made additional aprons and tote bags!

Bill and I mailed 5 of the first boxes off last week! We sent them to Chaplain Collins in Balad, Iraq. He has done much outreach into areas where Americans have never been! He is so dedicated to the work he is doing he has signed on for another 15 month tour! And he has a 4 month old at home!

They really feel support when they know they are backed by the American people and your generous donations leave no doubt about that!

Have a great week and thanks again!

Mary Margaret

WEST TEXAS STREET PROJECT

We had a great work day Monday morning, March 24th. It started out as a very cool morning and then warmed up just enough to make it a comfortable day. We planted a flat of variegated liriope and an Edward Goucher Abelia and then transplanted some Boxwood and a Dwarf Yaupon Holly. After weeding a little bit more it was time to spread about 40 bags of mulch. Everything looked so fresh and tidy and we were all so excited to see that all our hard work from last month had paid off and things were taking shape. The residents are always so happy to see us and grateful for all we do. Thanks so much to Linda Krimm, Val Reed, Lisa Stocksdyke and Karen Rice for all your hard work.

Stay tuned for our next workday when we're ready to do the fun part and plant some perennials and annual color.

Suzi Guckel, Chairman
West Texas Street Project

SIGN UP FOR THE SPRING LUNCHEON

RSVP – JOETTA KING (Yearbook Page 30)

JOIN IN THIS CONVIVIAL EVENT BY BRINGING A SALAD

(We already have 30 desserts!)

ANNUAL SPRING MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

“Gardens with Herbs Grow Great in ‘08”

Tuesday, May 13

Arrival Social 10:30 AM - Lunch 11:00 AM

Meeting 11:45 AM

Grapevine Botanical Gardens

411 Ball Street, Grapevine

This luncheon is for Grapevine Garden Club members
and specially invited guests who have provided a service to the Garden Club.

Anita Hilfiker, Luncheon Coordinator

You are encouraged to celebrate a successful Garden Club year at the Annual Spring Membership Luncheon. Make merry with gardening friends, rejoice in the installation of the 2008–09 officers, visit with our scholarship award winner(s), take pride in the completion of the Pewitt Pavilion and enjoy the salads and desserts provided by members.

Upcoming Garden Club Events and Community Events

GGC Trips & Tours – Spring 2008

Ennis Bluebonnet trail – April – TBD date

The date for this trip is TBD and will be published via email with very short notice. The countryside surrounding Ennis TX is beautiful in the spring with fields of Bluebonnets. The best viewing / trip date will depend on the spring weather and on other GGC scheduling conflicts. We will drive to Ennis, have lunch, stop at a nursery, and drive the Bluebonnet trail. If you would like to be on the notification list, please contact Karen Rice (YB pg. 40) If you signed up at the March meeting, you will be notified.

Weatherford – 29 April - Bledsoe Garden & Chandor Gardens

We will visit the private garden of Grenetta Bledsoe, then have lunch in the lovely setting of Chandor Gardens followed by a docent tour of the gardens. RSVP to Karen Rice (YB pg. 40) If you signed up at the March meeting, you will have already RSVP'ed)

Metro Maples – 20 May - (south) Ft. Worth

This local Maple tree nursery has an amazing variety of Japanese and other maples. We will also visit Stegall's nursery which is in the same area south of Ft. Worth. For further information or to sign-up for any of the tours, please contact Karen Rice (YB pg. 40)

COMPOST CORRAL

The Grapevine Parks and Recreation Department is inviting the public, including our Garden Club members, to come and help celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd at 4:00pm at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. They will be having their grand opening of the Compost Corral which will be an educational exhibit site with lots of information about conservation and easy steps for composting in your own backyard. This demonstration site will be a great educational tool for students and tours and is exclusively used by the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. It is not intended as a public drop off for brush material. The compost corral was made possible by a grant from Allied Waste Services. Earth Day is intended to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment and since 1970 is celebrated on April 22nd. Let us do our part in observance of this day by taking a few moments to remember that taking care of our environment is a daily responsibility we take seriously.

Caladiums

Great job, GGC members! We were able to order 3,200 Caladium bulbs this spring. That is a lot of summer beauty to be shared with our families and neighbors! Remember to store the bulbs someplace dry, and plant when the daytime and nighttime temperatures are about equal.