



Through the Grapevine

The Grapevine Garden Club Newsletter

February General Meeting

Tuesday, February, 26th, 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: Peggy Harris, Lou Milner, Barbara Munn, Roberta Robbins and Edie Williams.



February Program:

Top Perennials for Sun and Shade

Our very own member and gardener extraordinaire, Tony Moorehead will be speaking to us about the top perennials for sun and shade that make it through the tough Texas weather.

Heads up! Our March 25th program on Plant Propagation will be a two part program. Gailon Hardin, our presenter, will present the basics during our regular program at Stacy's Furniture and will then lead an hour "Hands On Propagation Workshop" at the Mitchell House at the Botanic Gardens. The workshop will start at noon. You'll get an opportunity to dirty your hands and actually take something home that you've propagated. A box lunch and beverage will be included for a \$10 fee (pre-paid only). Reservation for the "Hands On Propagation Workshop" is required! Sign up at the January meeting for the Workshop and pay for your March lunch from Jason's Deli. For questions, contact Margaret Collins.

Place Your Orders!

Caladiums: February is your opportunity to order those beautiful Caladiums. Brochures and order forms will be available again at the February GGC general meeting. We will be ordering from the same company as last year with similar choices and prices. Your caladium bulb order accompanied by cash or check made out to Grapevine Garden Club will be required no later than 28 February 2008. For further information, or to receive an order form via email, please contact Karen Rice (YB pg.40)

Soil Knives: There is a limited quantity of Soil Knives remaining for sale. They will be available at the February GGC general meeting for \$12. This sturdy, useful garden tool was used by Lisa Adams Grove at our Sept. container gardening session.

Spring'08 Member Garden Tours – Request for host locations

Does your garden sparkle in the spring? If you would like to show your garden to GGC members in Spring 2008, please send a message to “Gardens on View” coordinator Karen Rice (YB pg. 40). Please include information such as your location, and about the best month / dates and plant types that would be “sparkling”.

The final amount donated towards the Ed & Edith Pewitt Educational Pavilion was \$43, 129. The bank interest was \$384.66 bringing the total to \$43,513.66. I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to Marion Brekken, treasurer of this project, and Linda Krimm and her committee for an outstanding job.

EDUCATION PAVILION: Final Report on Fundraising

Total Donations	\$43,129.00
Total Bank Interest	<u>+ 384.66</u>
Total Funds Available	\$43,513.66
Less Bills Paid	<u>- 43,512.34</u>
Remainder	\$ 1.32
(Deposited in the Garden Club misc. income)	



Note from our President, Valerie Reed

All the lovely flowers in every splendid hue...remind me of the beauty of the Lord that blooms in you.

Character, like sweet herbs, gives off its finest fragrance when pressed.

Our garden club members can help Barbara Baker and the Ft. Worth Garden Club Council participate in sending Victory Boxes containing goods to the Iraqi and Afghan people, primarily the children. These boxes contain a variety of items aimed at providing local citizens with practical, but not always attainable, goods. Those goods include hygiene, gardening supplies, and most importantly, toys and school supplies for the children. These boxes are distributed by selected servicemembers willing to participate in the Victory Box program, to orphanages, schools and hospitals in areas hardest hit by conflict. 200 tote bags have already been sent to Ramadi, Iraq this past November and they wish to send 400 more boxes to Kabul, Afghanistan and Iraq. If you would like to contribute some of the needed items, a box will be available at the February and March general meetings to collect the following: picture books about gardening, butterflies, and insects; coloring books, markers, colored pencils and sharpener, crayons, notebooks and pads for garden journals, gardening tools and gloves, sun visors and baseball caps, seeds (lettuce, tomato, okra, beans, eggplant, onions, lentils, cantaloupe, watermelon, hot weather flowers), school supplies. Hygiene products needed: bar soap, hand towels, grooming products, combs, toothbrushes and paste, shampoo, lotion, manicure kits, fingernail brushes, band aids, triple antibiotic cream, Kleenex, t-shirts, socks and underwear, sandals, shoes, and flip-flops, plastic sunglasses, hair clips and barrettes, small toys, snacks (raisins, gummy bears), sewing kits, and string. While the Victory Boxes are helping servicemembers relate to local citizens, they also show troops how much support they have back home. Please give this project your consideration and drop an item or two in the box. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated for postage or purchasing more items.

DISTRICT II SPRING CONVENTION

Avant Gardeners invites you to “*Living Green*” on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Petroleum Club in Ft. Worth. Registration begins at 8:30 followed by a program on bulbs given by Heather Thormahlen, Abbott-IpcO, world’s largest grower of bulbs, lunch, and then *Tall Tree Tales* by Dr. Donovan, Professor of Geology, TCU. There will be registration forms at our February general meeting if you wish to attend. Since our meeting is February 26th please be ready to send in your registration before March 1st to get the \$27 registration fee as registration goes up to \$30 after March 1st.



District II Spring Convention

Avant Gardeners invites you to

"Living Green"



March 6, 2008

Petroleum Club of Fort Worth, Carter-Burgess Bldg., 777 Main St., 39th floor

Agenda	
8:30 a.m.	Registration and Sales Tables Open
9:00 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting
9:30 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Convention and Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Bulbs: Heather Thormahlen, Abbott-Ipco, world's largest grower of bulbs
11:30 a.m.	Sales Tables and Bulb Sales
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Buffet
1:00 p.m.	Tall Tree Tales: R. Nowell Donovan, Ph.D., Professor of Geology, TCU
1:45 p.m.	Awards Presentation
2:30 p.m.	Adjournment

Please send completed form and check for
\$27.00 (\$30.00 after March 1) payable to Avant
Gardeners to:

Janelle McDonald
4201 Ridglea Country Club Dr
Benbrook TX 76126-2210
(817)731-8800

Parking Garage at corner of 7th and Commerce.
From parking garage, take elevator to Concourse
Level, take covered bridge to Carter Burgess
Building, then elevator to 39th floor. Parking fee
\$2.50 (until 3:00 p.m.) not included in district
registration. **Carpooling is recommended.**

Registration Form for District II Spring Convention, March 6, 2008

Amount enclosed: \$_____ (\$27.00 per person, \$30.00 after March 1, payable to Avant Gardeners)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

The voting body of the Convention shall be composed of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, the President and two delegates from each Garden Club and Council (or any three representatives in case the president unable to attend).

Please check all that apply:

Garden Club: President ☐ Delegate ☐ Alternate ☐ Member ☐

Council: President ☐ Delegate ☐ Affiliate Club Member ☐

District: Officer ☐ Chairman ☐ Charter Member ☐

State: Officer ☐ Trustee ☐ Chairman ☐

Region: Officer ☐ Chairman/Rep ☐

National: Officer ☐ Chairman ☐

Life Member: District II ☐ State ☐ Region ☐ National ☐

Former State President ☐ Former District Director ☐

NGC Flower Show Judge: Master ☐ Life ☐ Accredited ☐ Student ☐ Emeritus ☐ Instructor ☐

NGC Landscape Design Consultant ☐ NGC Garden Study Consultant ☐

NGC Environmental Consultant ☐ TGC Design Consultant ☐ Texas Master Gardener ☐

First-time District II Convention Attendee ☐ Guest ☐

Upcoming Garden Club Events and Community Events

GGC Trips & Tours Tree Identification, Tuesday, February 19, 2008 – Tuesday
Cedar Hill State Park

GGC Trips & Tours will join Texas Parks & Wildlife Naturalist Linda Dunn on a “Getting To Know The Trees” walk at Cedar Hill State Park. We will carpool to Cedar Hill State Park which is 25 miles SE of Grapevine. The trip will include an opportunity for lunch and visit to a local plant nursery, Petal Pushers. This walk is a fun way to get native tree identification tips from an expert, so please join us on Feb 19, 9:00AM to 2:30PM. Contact Karen Rice (YB pg. 40) to RSVP and for carpooling sign-up and further directions.

April – TBD date

Ennis Bluebonnet trail

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)

April 29 – Tuesday

Weatherford – 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.

May 20 – Tuesday

Metro Maples, (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.

WEST TEXAS STREET PROJECT

Monday, February 25th, at 9 AM we will be pruning rose bushes and doing general clean-up at the West Texas Street Project. This is the low income housing located in the 300 block of West Texas Street just off Church Street in downtown Grapevine. The senior residents love to visit when we come, especially if the weather is nice.

We'd love to have you come work with us – it is a great way to get to know other members of the garden club. Call me or e-mail me to let me know if you are ready to “dig in”.

Suzi Guckel

Plant Sale Information

The plant sale is April 11-12 this year. It's earlier than in the past so spread the word.

Pre-Sale Sale: Garden Club Members Only, Friday, April 11th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the gazebo on Main Street in Grapevine. Because the earthkind roses are very popular and in high demand by the public, they will not be for sale on Friday. Instead members will need to preorder their roses.

Grapevine Garden Club Rose Presale Order Form

Club Member: _____ Phone: _____

Date _____ Check Attached _____ Amount of Check _____

Member Discount subtract 15 % of total order.

Variety	#	Code	Class	Color	Size	Price	Paid
Belinda's Dream		EarthKind	Shrub	Soft Pink	Gallon	10.00	
Lady Banks Yellow		OldGardenRose	Species	Light Yellow	Gallon	10.00	
Knock Out		EarthKind	Shrub	Cherry Red	Gallon	11.00	
New Dawn			Climber	Blush Pink	Gallon	10.00	
Reve'd Or		OGR	Noisette	Buff Yellow	Gallon	10.00	
Old Blush		OGR	China	Lilac Pink	Gallon	10.00	
Marie Daly		EarthKind	Polyantha	Med. Pink	Gallon	10.00	
Spice		EK, OGR	China	Blush Pink	Gallon	10.00	
Pink Knock Out		EKBrigade	Shrub	Med. Pink	Gallon	11.00	
Caldwell Pink		EarthKind	Polyantha	Lilac Pink	Gallon	10.00	
Else Poulsen		EarthKind	Floribunda	Br. Rose Pink	Gallon	10.00	
Rainbow Knock Out			Shrub	Coral Pink/Yel	Gallon	11.00	
Duchesse de Brabant		OGR	Tea	Rose Pink	Gallon	10.00	
Sea Foam		EarthKind	Shrub	Creamy White	Gallon	10.00	
Mermaid		OGR	Hyb Bourbon	Yellow	Gallon	10.00	
Pearlie Mae		Buck	Grandiflora	Apricot Blend	Gallon	10.00	
Winter Sunset		Buck	Shrub	Yellow/Orange	Gallon	10.00	
Belinda's Dream					3 Gallon	16.00	
Knock Out					3 Gallon	16.00	
Pink Knock Out					3 Gallon	16.00	
Rainbow Knock Out					3 Gallon	16.00	
Total less 15%							