



Through the Grapevine January, 2007

Welcome To Our 75th Year!

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Grapevine Garden Club Newsletter-Grapevine, Texas

Greetings, Garden Club Members! Happy New Year to you and your family!

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, January 23, 2007 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. Debbie Cooper will return with her seed & plant exchange table. GGC member and Tarrant County Master Gardener Margaret Collins will be on hand to answer questions and provide feedback regarding the many plant and seed offerings! The GGC recipe book will be available at the membership table. Complimentary copies are available for GGC members. Additional copies may be purchased for \$2. We will also conduct our annual election of officers for the 2007-2008 calendar year. See newsletter page 3 for the slate of officers. Hostess info: We wish to thank GGC member JoAnn Phillips (YB p. 70) for volunteering to serve as hostess chairperson. JoAnn has been very busy coordinating the delicious snacks/beverages that we are lucky to enjoy at each meeting, and we thank her for stepping in to fill this key position. Hostess chair for January is Rachel Clark. Hostesses are: Linda Harris, Donna Christ, Betty LeBaron and Angie Molina.

Thank You Ladies

Bring a friend and enjoy our colorful butterfly presentation!

JANUARY PROGRAM INFORMATION:

"From Monarchs To Mexico" Presented By Steven L. Chamblee"

Ever wonder where the Monarchs go after they migrate through Grapevine in the Fall? We'll learn about these beautiful butterflies and their journey south from Steven Chamblee, the Chief Horticulturalist for Chandor Gardens in Weatherford. Active in horticulture for over 25 years, Steven is a Contributing Editor and writer for Neil Sperry's "Gardens" magazine, and author of the monthly e-newsletter column, "Uncle Steven's Garden". He attended the prestigious Longwood Graduate Program, served at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden for 16 years, and tries his best to "walk the talk" everyday. Following the general meeting we will be planting wildflower seeds.

Watch your e-mail and the website for further information!

Thank You!



Please welcome our new GGC member Kathleen Thompson. Kathleen has also joined our anniversary committee. Bring a friend to our next General Meeting!

PASS ALONG PLANT COLUMN!

Joetta King (YB p. 63) has a Leyland Cypress available for immediate pick up . Tree dimensions: (15 gal, 5' ht, 30" wide). This tree will require assistance to lift into your SUV or pickup. If you have pass along plants that are free to a good home contact the newsletter editor at www.grapevinegardenclub.com—click on newsletter link and send an e-mail with your offerings! Thank You!

GARDENING PROGRAMS!

Grapevine Public Library, Program room, 7 p.m., 3rd Tuesday of every month: These earth-friendly garden sessions are sponsored by the Grapevine Garden Club. The speakers are club members who have had Master Gardener Training. January Program: 1/16/07: "Earthkind Roses" by Paula Wilbanks and Linda Krimm. Hope to see you there! Also-see YB p. 24 for information regarding the Garden Club council program on 1/17/07.

SPRING HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

Note from program chairperson, Anita Hilfiker: Due to travel I will not be able to attend the Jan & Feb GGC general meetings, and would like to start planning the May 15, 2007 Luncheon. If you would like to be on the committee, please send me an e-mail or call (YB PG 61). The first committee meeting will be at my house on Feb.13,2007 @10AM. The GGC Board would like to continue to have the luncheon at a member's home. If you would like to offer your home for committee review, please e-mail or call. If you are considering hosting the event, two things are important: space to set tables for 60 to 90 (preferably outdoors) and adequate shade as the sun can be hot in May. Thank You!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: ORGANIZATION!

We would like to do a little housekeeping for the Garden Club. It seems that various things have been stored by members because we are short on storage areas. The problem is that when we need something, sometimes we are not sure where it might be. We would like to create a list of where things are so that we will know what is available and where to find it. If you have something at your house that belongs to the Garden Club or is available for the club to use, please send me an e-mail (YB P. 69). with the information. We will create a spreadsheet with details that can be used in the future to save time and possible duplications. We will have to remember to keep this information updated so that it will continue to be useful. Thank you for your help in keeping our New Year's resolution. Now if I could just find a painless exercise program! *Barbara Oldani*

Nominations Committee Report

The Garden Club Nominations Committee has presented the following slate of officers for the 2007-2008 year to the Board:

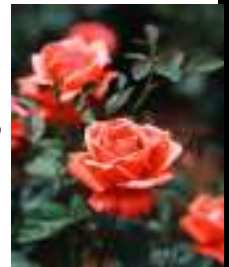
- **President – Val Reed**
- **1st VP Program – Doris Hill, Margaret Collins**
 - **2nd VP Membership – Ileana Craft**
- **3rd VP Communication – Tammy Nicodemus**
 - **Recording Secretary – Barbara Oldani**
 - **Corresponding Secretary – Nancy Moxom**
 - **Treasurer – Edie Williams**
 - **Publicity – Joan Kowalski**

Thank you to these folks for accepting the nominations. Election of officers will take place at the January 23, 2007 General Meeting.

Nominating Committee members: Joyce Quam, Lou Milner, Lynda Stewart, Barb Atkins and Suzi Guckel

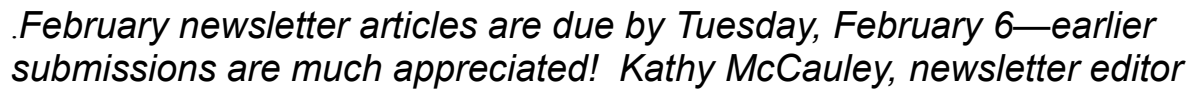
OUR 75 FAVORITE PLANTS!!

This is the year of our 75th birthday. Lets try to list 75 favorite Texas Plants. So far our garden club members have reported nearly 40! The Spring Plant Sale Committee will TRY to have these plants available. Put on your “thinking caps!” What other plants would you like to see more of your neighbors using? You will be given ONE LAST CHANCE at the meeting on January 23. Below is a list of the plants named so far.



American Beauty Berry Antique Roses****: Knock Out Rose, Nearly Wild Rose
Autumn Sage - Salvia greggi ** Blackfoot Daisy** Blackberry, thornless
Begonia, Dragon Wing Cacti Caladiums Coastal Muhly Grass Coral Berry
Cornflower Crinum Lily Desert Willow Eve's Necklace Eupatorium – Hardy Ageratum
Flame Acanthus Hydrangea, variegated Indian Hawthorne Iris** Tall Bearded Iris
Larkspur Nandina Oxalis Pansey** Phlox, John Fanick Pigeon Berry Pineapple Sage
Rain lily Rosemary Rudbeckia Salad Burnett Spider Lily, Tropical Giant” Texas Betony
Texas Star Hibiscus Turk's Cap** Vitex (TX Lilac) Verbena, pink Yew - Spreading Plum
Thank You! Joyce Quam (YB p. 71) Heirloom Plant Coordinator

The Anniversary Committee is still in need of pictures for our power point presentation during our anniversary tea in March. For further info, please log on to our website and access the December newsletter, page 4. Thank You!



Dear Grapevine Garden Club Scholarship Committee,

Sincerely,
Aaron G. Cooper

“Reflecting on 75 Years of Dedicated Gardeners”

“An Auspicious Beginning”

Compiled by Marion Brekken from Grapevine Area History (1979) and Grapevine's Most Unforgettable Characters (2006)

The Grapevine Garden Club was organized and officers were elected at a meeting of twenty-five men and women on January 29, 1932. These brief biographical sketches of a few of the charter members may help us understand why the Garden Club was to play an active role in the life of Grapevine. Their dedication to community life foreshadowed the vibrant, energetic group this club has become.

Zenona Wall Buchanan organized the meeting. She and her husband, Myles Buchanan, were two of six 1905 graduates of Grapevine College, a private preparatory school. To Myles and Zenona Buchanan were born six daughters, four of whom died in infancy. Except for four years in Washington, D.C., Grapevine was their home. Myles died in 1964 after a long illness. In 1970, Zenona, at age 82, married a long time friend of her family, Charles McKamy. Zenona's daughter writes of her in Grapevine's Most Unforgettable Characters: “Gardening was always one of her first loves. As a child, I remember her with her slat bonnet and a hand plow, weeding and planting the back half of our lot on Main Street. At ninety-five, she reported that she had gone down and bought a good new mower with a five-year warranty! So much for her outlook!” She notes that after her mother's second marriage, “She went on to tour Europe, visit Alaska, make the Kentucky Derby a couple times, and enjoy some cruises. Life never stared her down.” She recalls that during Zenona's final illness, “She called her grandchildren to come so that she might leave them with admonitions indicative of her character. ‘Live life abundantly and with purpose, in an intelligent manner, mindful of others, as well as your own heritage.’ My mother was truly a person who exemplified the spirit of the early days of Grapevine and was instrumental in blending a village called ‘Dunnville’ into an integral part of the Metroplex.” Zenona Wall Buchanan McKamy lived to be almost 100 years old.

The first meeting of the Grapevine Garden Club was held in the home of the president, Eunice Lucas Davis. Mrs. Davis was Grapevine's librarian from 1932 until the early 1940's. Her salary of \$8.00 a month was enriched by the thrill of having the library located at the front of the fire station. She was also a piano teacher and taught Starr Walker Frank. Starr was a tiny lady who was a major force in the musical development of Grapevine.

Vice-president (Ruby) Pearl Wall Lipscomb and her husband Khleber were both involved in the conception of the garden club. Both descendants of pioneer families, they were married in 1925. After Khleber's mother died when he was ten, his father took his six children to live at his parents' home on West College Street. That house has been renovated to provide office space and still exists. Pearl had the distinction of being elected the first Coming Home Queen of Grapevine High School.

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Secretary, Sue Brock Mullins, spent most of her life in Grapevine. After completing some college training at the College of Industrial Arts (now Texas Women's University), she taught school. While teaching in Simonton, Texas she met and married James Mullins in 1912 and they had two children. Following James' death in 1925 Sue lived with her parents in Grapevine. A branch (250 books) of the Tarrant County Library System was established in Grapevine in a section of the Farmers National Bank and Sue became the first librarian in Grapevine with a salary of \$6.00 a month. In 1933 she was appointed postmaster and served until 1954.

When treasurer, Ela Dunn Koonce, attended elementary school, slates were used instead of paper. There were four students in her 1907 graduating class from Grapevine High School. Ela was the eldest of eleven children born to the son of Solon Dunn, of a Grapevine pioneer family. Dunnville was an early name for Grapevine. Solon was the first postmaster and some records say he owned the first store in Grapevine. In 1911 she married Robert Koonce and was widowed in 1917. Edd Koonce married his brother's widow in 1921 and built a lovely home called "Fairview". Both played in civic concerts with the Willingham Band in the 20's. Their farm was on land where DFW Airport is now located. In 1931 Ela was again widowed. In 1933 she married William Coleman who had 5 children. Ela served as a supervisor of the Grapevine Government canning plant which not only helped save produce raised by residents but provided jobs during a desperate economic time. In 1938 the Colemans moved to New Mexico where they owned a farm and a ranch. She continued her interest in gardening and became a National Accredited Flower Show Judge. Her main interests were native plants and wildflowers. She later returned to live in Burleson and was active in Fort Worth garden clubs.

Chairman of planning, D. E. Box, helped to organize the Tarrant County State Bank, later known as the First National Bank, and served as its president for thirty- three years. In addition to civic responsibilities on the City Council and School Board, D. E. Box was active in the cattle business, real estate, developing the Box Residential Addition, and starting and operating the Box Insurance Agency. He was influential in getting Hwy 114 routed through Grapevine during the depression which was instrumental in boosting Grapevine's economy. He also worked to get Hwy 121 extended from Grapevine to McKinney. He was influential in getting Lake Grapevine built on Denton Creek. His son D. E. Box, Jr. describes his father in Grapevine's Most Unforgettable Characters: "He was a man of honesty, integrity and strong religious conviction. Kind, friendly and energetic, he was a man with a keen mind, an enterprising man, a man of vision." Mr. Box was posthumously awarded the first Citizen of the Year Award by the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce. The award was named in his honor. His wife, (Mary) Ruth, also a charter member, was a teacher in Carrollton before their marriage. She reared five children in their two-story home at Franklin and Dooley Streets. Later they moved to the east end of Worth Street in the addition developed by her husband.

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A speaker at the organizational meeting, George Ellison (“Ell”) Hurst, carried the mail on route 1 out of Grapevine to the Flower Mound area for almost 30 years. He first delivered mail by horse and buggy in good weather, but by horseback when the roads were too muddy. When Denton Creek overflowed and the roads were impassable he hired a man on horseback to meet him at Denton Creek and deliver the mail in Denton County. He was quite active in the State and National Letter Carriers Association and was instrumental in getting an annuity for the widows of carriers. He married Gertie Corbin in 1909 and they had two daughters. His daughter recalls, “I remember when we first got a phone. People would call early in the morning and ask him to pick up a prescription and bring it to them when he delivered the mail.” She also recounts, “During World War I the Red Cross distributed khaki thread (yarn) for people to knit socks and scarves for the soldiers in Europe. He knew how to turn the heel of socks. Sometimes, after he got home... there would be five or six ladies waiting for him to show them how to turn the heel after they had knitted the leg of the socks.” Ell and his wife Gertie were both members of the Grapevine Garden Club and avid gardeners. They worked extensively in their gardens where they propagated two new varieties of iris. He also kept bees and grafted improved varieties of pecans to native trees in his yard. He had a grape arbor where he grafted improved varieties of grapes to the native vines. Gertie was librarian for the Grapevine Public Library from 1941 until her death in 1958.

Mamie Thomas Spinks’ husband John owned Spinks Drug Store on Main Street.

Mrs. Earl Yates, Sr. was a member of the pioneer Estill family. When Katie and Earl were married in 1899, they moved into a home her father had built for them on Smith Street. They had six children. One of them, Estill, married Lovey Davis Buckner.

Lovey Davis Buckner Yates was born in Grapevine in 1903. After graduating from high school she attended Trinity University (when it was located in Waxahachie), majoring in elementary education. She married Jerome Kirby Buckner in 1925. He had a child from a previous marriage. Together Lovey and Kirby had a son. In the 1930’s, the Buckners were involved in several business ventures, grocery, hardware, variety and milling (B & D Mills). In 1939 they built the Palace Theatre. Kirby died in 1941. In 1944, Lovey married Estill (Bud) Yates. They had been classmates throughout school, graduating from Grapevine High School in 1924.

Grace Cribbs married Floyd John “Slim” Chambers in 1925. Slim owned and operated City Garage on Main Street beneath the Masonic Lodge. Grace was a Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church from her teen years until the end of her life. Grace joined the Grapevine Chapter 326, Order of the Eastern Star in 1939 and was a faithful member for fifty-nine years, serving as Worthy Matron and other offices. She died in 1998, at the time being the oldest member of her church.

For over thirty years Dalton E. Austin and his wife Maude owned the drug store on Main Street that in 1940 became City Drug. He was born in 1878, eight years after his parents came to Texas from Georgia.

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Laura Cunningham married Dr. Joseph Alec Allison in 1901. Dr. Allison practiced in other locations in Texas for almost thirty years before coming to Grapevine in 1929. He continued his practice until his death in 1954 at age 82. Their son, Dr. Joseph Mac Allison, joined his father in 1937.

John Word Brock came to Grapevine from Mississippi with his parents in 1876 when he was one year old. He married Bessie Bushong in 1900 and together they had twelve children. They farmed, raised cattle and kept milk cows, planted sugar cane and made sorghum molasses, butchered hogs in the winter, shelled and milled corn at the gristmill on the stream and did custom threshing for other farmers. They lived at the north end of Main Street in the house that has become Cross Timbers Winery.

Bonnie May Botts married Ernest E. Lowe in 1907. He was a very tall man known to all as "Shorty". They were both active in civic affairs. He was mayor from 1924 to 1932. Many major projects were accomplished during his tenure. "Miss Bonnie" enjoyed hunting and fishing with her husband, which was unusual in that era.

Dr. Charles E. Walker was a pharmacist before attending medical school. He came to Grapevine and married Minnie Ola Starr, daughter of the town's first mayor. Dr. Walker served as mayor in 1915-1916 and in 1917 he was elected to the state legislature. He authored a bill which brought to Arlington Grubbs Vocational College that later became the University of Texas at Arlington. He later ran unsuccessfully for governor. One of his issues was abolishing the poll tax. The Walkers had one daughter, Minnie Starr Walker who became the accomplished pianist Starr Frank.

PT GGC POSITION AVAILABLE

Do you love taking pictures?

Do you love scrapbooking?

Do you love garden tours and the garden club?

Do I have a job for you!

Please contact Ileana Craft (YB P. 57) and share the creative fun.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED!

We are in need of a newsletter editor for the 2007-2008 calendar year. If interested please contact Kathy McCauley (YB p. 66).

Have you checked out the GGC website recently? The address is: www.grapevinegardenclub.com. If not, take a few minutes to click on "newsletter" and explore the info regarding the 75th Anniversary Tour to Nacogdoches, as well as the digital photos of GGC community projects (click on activities). Thanks to Linda Krimm for keeping our website so user friendly and informative!

President's

Message



Val Reed

2006-2007

I have three things to tell you (if I don't enumerate them I simply forget) and they have nothing remotely to do with gardening—no surprise there! Aaron and Tracie were blessed on December 22nd with their second child, a daughter, who for months was going to be named Emma. Their son, Christian, heard about baby Emma this and baby Emma that for quite awhile. However, Aaron decided that Emma was a very popular name and he was determined to change it. Tracie wasn't so sure about that and simply stated that she would wait until she saw the baby to make her final decision. When we got the call from the hospital to come, we promptly got in the car with Christian and went. When we got into Tracie's room, they proudly displayed their daughter, Noel. Christian took one look at her and ever so sweetly said "So where is baby Emma?" Four days later, Tracie told Christian that they were going back to the hospital to have baby Noel's picture taken (the camera had been broken when they last there). Again Christian told her mom that they already had a baby and they didn't need another one. And finally on Christmas Eve at the candlelight service, Christian's grandfather was helping with communion. Christian silently watched these proceedings, went back to his pew, placed his hands on both sides of my face (this to emphasize he has something important to say) and said, in rather a loud voice, "Maybe Grandpa will give me a glass of wine." What on earth is the point of this story? Humor, laughter, joy, enjoying the moment, spontaneity, and all those precious moments in life are wonderful 2007 "resolutions". No, I'm not making 75 New Year Resolutions but I am waiting for our 75 favorite plants list from our club and truly looking forward to our 75th Anniversary in March. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT UPDATE!!

Submitted by Dave Buhr, Project Chairperson

Grapevine Garden Club comes through again with another great community service project. Members put their talents together to provide a beautiful landscape for a new Habitat for Humanity home in Mosier Valley. Despite several challenges, members came together on Saturday, November 19th to install a landscape plan designed by Joetta King. We had a beautiful day and the home was transformed from bare hard dirt to a work of art in about 3 short hours. Students from UNT helped lay sod while garden club members worked on the foundation plantings and directed traffic. Thanks to all who donated plants and materials to help us stay under budget. Special thanks to Mike Sims of Sims Grass for donating sod, Kevin Mitchell for mulch, Barbara Oldani for a garden hose and sprinkler and Joetta King for the landscape design. Thanks to all of the following who volunteered their time to help: Joanne Blackburn, Cindy Vinzant, Barbara and Doug Munn, Joetta King, Lynn Kugler, Suzi Guckel, Sarah and John Erickson, Val and Clay Reed, Lisa Stokdyk, Nancy Searle, Rachel and Mike Clark and Dave Buhr.