



Through the Grapevine

The Grapevine Garden Club Newsletter

March General Meeting

Tuesday, March, 25th, 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.

Welcome our new members, Reagan Yellock, Val Tomiczek, Angela Ozxmy, Nelsy Fleps, Ellen Wigginton, Mary Ledeboer, Susan Mentzer, Linda K. Hurley.

March Program: Plant Propagation



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 must have already registered for the workshop in order to attend. If you are one of the lucky ones, you'll get an opportunity to dirty your hands and actually take something home that you've propagated. Lunch will be included.

Congratulations Are In Order!

WHY? Because GGC was named the District II Garden Club of the Year at the March Spring Convention.

WHY? Because we received District awards for

- Yearbook – thanks to Yearbook Chair Kathleen Thompson
- President Report – thanks to President Valerie Reed
- Website – thanks to Webmaster Linda Krimm
- Publication – thanks to Newsletter Editor Jocelyn Sandruck
- Publication History - thanks to Joetta King and everyone who wrote GGC history articles for the newsletter
- Video/CD Award – thanks to Ed and Joetta King and Kathleen Thompson for documenting 75 years of GGC history on DVD
- Civic Achievement – thanks to the Ed & Edith Pewitt Educational Pavilion Committee, PARD, GGC members and contributors to this project
- Arbor Day – thanks to Redbud Tree Distribution Chair Laura Ball and GGC members who bagged, labeled and handed out tree seedlings to 3rd grade students
- Club Service – thanks to all GGC members who contributed many, many volunteer hours back to our communities

WHY? Because of our amazing Club members! Educational programs, community projects, friendlessness, Can-Do spirit and love for gardening and the environment.

AND there are more awards coming at the Texas Garden Clubs State Convention in April. So stay tuned....

-Barb Munn and Linda Krimm, "Award Chairs"

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".





A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items for the Victory Boxes at the February meeting. We collected lots of great stuff but we want to do more. So we will collect items again at the March meeting. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to help United States soldiers in Iraq.

Mary Margaret says she is also collecting used clothing and shoes for men, women and children (any sizes). If you are cleaning out closets and have clothing or shoes in very good condition, you can donate those items by bringing them to the March meeting as well. Any item listed below is still needed and can be purchased for under \$3 at the local discount stores. And don't forget to bring the totes and aprons back if you took material home last month.

We will be packing the Victory Boxes at the Mitchell House after the March meeting and propagation workshop. Mary Margaret will bring the boxes and labels so plan to stay an extra hour to help. She promises this is an easy task!

Victory Boxes are handed out by specially selected United States service personnel to the Iraqi and Afghan people as a show of good will. Many of the people who receive Victory Box items are in orphanages, schools and hospitals that are hardest hit by the conflict. This is an opportunity for our Club to directly help their citizens with practical but not always obtainable goods PLUS it demonstrates to our troops how much support they have at home. Check out www.victoryboxes.com for more information about the program.

School Supplies: pencils, pens, tablets, sharpeners, crayons, notebooks, markers, rulers, coloring books, colored pencils, scissors, folders

Hygiene products: toothbrushes, toothpaste, Kleenex, soap bars, shampoo, hand towels, combs, brushes, lotion, manicure kits, band-aids, antibiotic cream

Personal Products: white tube socks, baseball caps, sun visors, T-shirts, underwear, slippers, flip flops, sun glasses, hair clips, barrettes, small toys, individually packaged snacks, sewing kits, string

Gardening Items: garden journals, children books about insects, butterflies, gardening tools & gloves,

Gently worn clothes: any size clothes or shoes for men, women and children.

WEST TEXAS STREET PROJECT

Tuesday, February 25th was a wonderful day to work in the garden and so we did. We pruned, weeded, thinned cannas, turned over a new flower bed, transplanted shrubs and bulbs and just did general cleanup. We had a really hard working crew; thanks to Kathy Anderson, Peggy Harris, Rene' Herndon, Linda Krimm, Joyce Quam, Suzie and Elliot Agnew, Diana Pospisil, Val Reed and Nancy Searl.

Our next work day will be Monday, March 24th, so put that on your calendar and come work with us and get to know some fellow club members. We still have lots to do, some of which is planting some perennials and spreading some mulch.

Suzi Guckel, Chairman
West Texas Street Project

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION APRIL 1, 2008

We have **two** \$2,000 Scholarships to award. For some unknown reason it's hard for us to find applicants. Who would have thought it would be that way! Look around. Is there anyone in your family, your neighborhood, or your church who would fit this criteria and be interested in applying? How about someone working at your garden center? We're heading toward our deadline and need any help you can give us.

We are looking for:

- .. a graduating senior residing in the city limits of Grapevine or enrolled in the Grapevine - Colleyville ISD,
- .. a full time college student who resides in Grapevine, Texas and currently enrolled in any college offering horticulture related studies. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply.
- .. a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of any Grapevine Garden Club member,
- .. a scholarship recipient from the previous year,
- .. a Grapevine Garden Club member enrolled in college courses with a declared major in any of the designated subjects.

Our applicants should plan to enroll in the study of horticulture or other related fields such as floriculture, landscape design, conservation, forestry, botany, agronomy, plant pathology, environmental management, or city planning.

We'll appreciate any help you can give. For application or questions, contact Rene' Herndon.



Do you realize how early Easter is this year? As you may know, Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Found out a couple of things you might be interested in! Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare. Here's the interesting info. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here's the facts:

The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).

The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

Upcoming Garden Club Events and Community Events

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.

Important Election Information

Please vote in May to keep the Homestead tax cap for 65 and over, even if you are not 65 yet. A constitutional amendment will be on the ballot at the May election. It is an amendment to correct an error made by the lawmakers when they voted for a reduction in school property taxes in 2005.

When the lawmakers voted for a one-third reduction in school property taxes beginning in 2006 and to be completed this year, they forgot about the homestead exemption for senior citizens and people with disabilities.

The state constitution caps school property taxes for homeowners 65 years and older and those who are disabled. However, they DID NOT get the same reduction when the property tax cut for schools was voted on two years ago. So an amendment is on the May ballot to correct this error.

We would really appreciate your getting the word out to all your friends and families to vote for this amendment. The fear is that with a low voter turnout, the amendment could very well not pass.

So, please, please pass the word and VOTE for the constitutional amendment. Early voting will take place April 30 - May 5 from 7 am to 7 pm; May 6 from noon to 6 pm and May 7 - May 8 from 7 am to 7 pm. Election day is May 12 from 7 am to 7 pm.

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%							