

THE GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008

*Stacy's Furniture & Accessories*

Community Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

1900 South Main, Grapevine

**Social 9:30 a.m. Meeting and Program 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: Margaret Brinson, Carol Milner, Peggy Reyher,  
Sheri Jones, Jenny Capone, Joan Kowalski, Barbara Thompson and Ernestine Brock

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM: POINSETTIAS

**By Mailyn Sallee**



Want to know how to pick out the freshest poinsettia or identify the native Texas poinsettias in your yard? The Grapevine Garden Club presents "Poinsettias - Native and Commercial" for our November program.

The program will cover how to select the best poinsettias for Christmas, care for them for long display and how to get them to re-bloom next year. It also covers several Texas native poinsettias and how to spot them before you pull them out as weeds. Speaker Marilyn Sallee is a Master Gardener, Master Naturalist and frequent speaker on various native and invasive plants of our region. She has been growing the native poinsettias in her yard for years.

If you have an interest in gardening or learning about the history and care of this most popular Christmas plant, please be sure to attend this wonderful program.

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

This November has started with monumental happenings in our great country. Now, we move ahead with anticipation of old challenges and new beginnings. This all happens at the start of the holiday season and it's amazing that it's a time we are to pause and give thanks.

The Garden Club, as usual, has many things to be thankful for, and like the times, some are old and some are new.

This area is a wonderful place in which to live. We can be especially grateful for our gorgeous Grapevine Botanical Gardens. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute our time and share its beauty.

Our city staff is to be appreciated also. They have been so helpful and supportive of our Club and our endeavors.

Our membership is vibrant and strong. We continue to grow with fresh faces each month. We know each of our members, old and new, has important things to contribute to our Club.



We share tried and true gardening tips that have been perfected through years of experience. Yet, we create an environment in the Club that promotes and brings fresh ideas for us to enjoy.

Volunteerism is second nature to our group. Everyone is eager to step up and help with our community and Club projects. It's great to have this kind of help.

I could go on and on. Of course, these things don't even begin to touch our personal lives or the great nation we live in. We, of course, are thankful for our homes, families and our friends. We can be so thankful for the freedoms we enjoy and the richness of our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. *René Herndon*

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE CLUB:** Pam Braak of Grapevine, Beckie Underwood of Southlake, Patty Brown of Westlake, Marilyn Johnson of Westlake, Ken and Gloria Land of Southlake and Nancy Moffat of Southlake.

As a club, we are very fortunate to have access to the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of our members. It would be very difficult for our club members to do the things we do without having this information available to them.

The Grapevine Garden Club by-laws state "The Membership Roster of the Grapevine Garden Club shall not be given to anyone to be used as a mailing list for advertising or soliciting purposes." This includes our own members using our personal information for promotions, solicitations or their own personal interests.

We try very hard to respect the privacy of our members' personal information. Please be thoughtful in your use of the personal contact information of our club members.

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### GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB'S CHRISTMAS

**LUNCHEON** will be **Monday, December 8**, at 11 a.m.

It will be held in the Lancaster Palace Theater party room, 1209 S. Main St. Tickets will be sold at the November general meeting for \$21 each. Guests are welcome. Cliffs' Star Catering will be serving our lunch.

Holly Walsh, a beautiful soprano soloist from the White's Chapel United Methodist Church choir, will sing Christmas songs. We will all leave in a very festive holiday spirit! If you are unable to attend the November meeting and wish to buy tickets, please send a check payable to GGC, to Doris Hill. See club directory for mailing address.



**WAYS AND MEANS OTHER** We had 27 members buy 99 delicious butter braids for a total of \$495 profit to the club! Thank you for your generous support and now you can look forward to those wonderful aromas that will soon be emanating from your kitchens. Please bring an ice chest to the meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>. I will meet you in the parking lot that morning so you can pick up your butter braids and place them directly into your ice chest. They will be fine until you can get them into the freezer after the meeting.

I also have a few shirts left over from the past meeting: one medium dark purple polo shirt for \$24 and 3 white short sleeved t-shirts in small (2) and large (1) for \$13.

**PETE VOLLENWEIDER** Many club members were interested in the protective photo spray that Pete mentioned during our October program. Following is the ordering information: Protective Spray for Pictures: Lyson Print Guard Co.

Website: Ink2Image.com

They are located in Glenview, Illinois Phone: 800-443-9508 or 847-827-0747



**AT OUR PLANT SALE LAST SPRING** we had a lot of requests for and questions regarding roses with fragrance. Antique Rose Emporium recommends the following roses.

**Duchesse de Brabant** (at left) —a light raspberry tea fragrance.

**Rose de Rescht**—a heavy damask perfume.

**Paul Neyron**—a lemony scent.

All three are highly fragrant and very different from each other.

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**THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE GRAPEVINE BOTANICAL GARDEN** have been a huge success! The kiddos have made pine cone bird feeders and planted seeds to watch grow in a sunny window at home. The next class will be about sorting leaves and seeds. We usually have all 16 of those registered, with several on the waiting list! Thanks go to Val Reed, Sandy Cavanaugh, Elayne Vick, Carol Milner, Sarah Erickson, Joan Stewart, Linda Grimm and Gardener, Lisa Grove. The children come with moms in tow, hear a garden-related story, enjoy a gardening activity and feed the fish, all in 30 minutes! We are about to plan the classes for the spring Playbook, so ideas are welcome and volunteers are welcome, too! ~ Joyce Quam

### WEST TEXAS STREET PROJECT

We have had two wonderful work days on West Texas Street and all of our labor has paid off with miles of smiles on the faces of the residents. On October 29<sup>th</sup> we put in four new flowerbeds, installed edging, pulled weeds and grass, planted pansies, and mulched. On November 4<sup>th</sup> we dug out overgrown shrubs and cannas, turned the soil and added compost to a very overgrown shaded flowerbed, planted ferns, Katy's Dwarf Ruellia Turk's Cap and pansies. After everything was in place we watered the beds and mulched, mulched and mulched some more.

The West Texas Street Project is a wonderful way to give back to the community and to quote sweet Gladys, an 83 year old resident, "I just can't believe y'all do all this for us." That about sums up the way all the residents feel about it. We're so pleased when the residents come out to visit with us and some are even getting more comfortable working with us in their gardens.

Thanks so much to Linda Krimm, Joetta King, Rene Herndon, Peggy Harris, Suzie Agnew and Elliot, Carolyn and Paul Ernst, Lisa Grove, Pat Mingus, Karen Rice, John Parkinson, Sarah Erickson, Val Reed and Barbara Morrell.

Remember, the Grapevine Garden Club is a large group and the best way to get to know more of our members is to come join in on the fun as we talk dirt and dig!

~ Suzi Guckel, West Texas Street Project Chairman

**AS THE DISTRICT II WAYS AND MEANS CHAIR**, thank you to the gals who attended the District II Convention in Alvarado on November 6 who helped arrange the raffle items and sell tickets. Thanks, too, to Suzi Guckle, Sarah Erickson and Bea Stevenson for their contribution of items to raffle! We are looking forward to the next District II Convention next March here in Grapevine! ~ Joyce Quam



#### ***Pansies in your winter garden by Dr. Calvin Finch***

As compact low growers, pansies work well for edging and growing in between other plants in your gardens and beds. Pansies will bloom from the day they are planted until the end of April, even if we receive a number of days with freezing temperatures. Pansies are much more sensitive to hot weather than they are to cold. The flowers can be white, blue, maroon, yellow or orange. Pansies have some shade tolerance but bloom best in full sun.

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## TRIPS AND TOURS:

### PRESERVE AT MCCORMICK PARK - EULESS, TEXAS

Nature Trail Stroll and Tree Identification Excursion

**Event Date: November 14, Friday**

We will meet at 10 AM at the Historic Tree Grove - Preserve at McCormick Park

***Directions from Hwy 121 to The Historic Tree Grove:***

Take the CHEEK-SPARGER & FM 157 Exit

(Cheek Sparger becomes Mid-Cities Blvd after you cross FM 157)

Go EAST on MID CITIES BLVD 1.5 miles

Turn RIGHT onto FULLER WISER 0.2 miles

Entrance to the Preserve at McCormick Park will be on your right.

The entrance is not very visible as you are driving past a wood fence, so slow down as you reach the end of the fence & you will see a driveway & a stone marker "Preserve at McCormick Park."



***Agenda:*** Bring your own coffee/beverage of choice  
Morning Danish/donut provided  
Stroll the Historic Tree Grove at your own pace  
Stroll the Texas Outdoor Education Trail toward Villages of Bear Creek Park and learn to identify specific trees (self paced stroll)  
Bring a brown bag lunch & eat at the picnic area of Historic Tree Grove

You may choose to depart this event at any time - whatever your schedule and interest allows. There is a play area adjacent to the Historic Tree Grove, if you wish to bring a child.

#### **HISTORIC TREE GROVE AT THE PRESERVE AT MCCORMICK PARK**

You may see a Redbud from George Washington's River Farm, a honey locust from Gettysburg, a red maple from Walden Woods or a sweetgum from Graceland in addition to trees reflecting historical Euless locations.

Beginning in 1917, American Forests has been researching and documenting trees that witnessed history. The Famous & Historic Trees program brings history alive by propagating and selling the offspring of trees connected to famous people, events, and places. From George Washington to Johnny Appleseed, Walt Disney to Ray Charles, trees witnessed the birth of our nation-and all aspects of its history thus far.

The Famous and Historic Tree Grove consist of 31 different trees that have been placed into 7 categories.

#### **THE TEXAS OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRAIL**

Along the crushed limestone paths leading through the wooded nature trail of Villages of Bear Creek Park from the Historic Tree Grove, you will find identification markers for the various species of trees. Learn as you walk! Set your own pace.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS TOUR,  
PLEASE NOTIFY JOETTA KING.**

She will keep you informed of any changes in the tour schedule or tour suggestions.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- November 19: Garden Club Council of Fort Worth: Holiday decorating with natural plants and herbs, Fort Worth Botanic Garden  
November 25: Grapevine Garden Club General Meeting  
November 28-30: Grapevine's Christmas on Main Street  
December 1: Grapevine's Carol of Lights  
December 2: Grapevine Garden Club Executive Board Meeting, Mitchell House, 10 a.m.  
December 4: Grapevine's Parade of Lights  
December 5-7, 12-14, 19-21: Grapevine's Christmas on Main Street  
December 8: Grapevine Garden Club's Holiday Luncheon and support for GRACE  
(Tickets available for purchase at the November meeting.)

### COLD WEATHER TIPS:

- First and foremost: save only those plants that would be difficult to replace, either because of rarity, expense or sentimental value. Space is limited.
- Second, and almost as foremost: the garage is NOT a suitable place for keeping plants for weeks or months on-end. It's simply too cold and too dark in there. A heater might help, but it will still be way too dark. Adding lights would not make up the difference. You need a sunroom, a large window or, best of all, a greenhouse.
- Some plants suffer "chilling" injury. That's damage done by cold (but not freezing) weather. Bougainvilleas, aglaonemas, dieffenbachias and others begin to pout when temperatures drop below 45-50 F., so they need to be moved inside first. Tropical hibiscus fit into this category, too, but they often are too large to keep indoors. As with bougainvilleas, you have to decide whether you want to go to the trouble of trying to save them. You may have to do major pruning to get them inside.
- Other plants will be killed by even brief exposure to 32 F. That would include most begonias, many succulents, ficuses and crotons, among many others.
- Some plants can handle short-term exposure to very light freezes. That would include some non-vining philodendrons such as *Philodendron selloum* and some types of aloes. However, you never really know how much cold a plant can take, and you don't know if the temperatures will drop lower than expected, so be forewarned.

**Plants That Will Stay Outside ...** If you have tender plants such as fall vegetables that are still growing actively in your landscape or garden, cover them with lightweight frost cloth by the end of daylight. Weight it down so that the winds can't lift it and carry it off the tops of your plants. Old sheets are another good option. Do not use plastic film, as it will transmit the cold and do more harm than good.

The GGC Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report are posted on the GGC website each month. Both of these documents are posted and available for membership review. Each month, these reports will also be presented at the GGC General Meeting. ~ Karen Rice, Treasurer





**THE BUTTERFLY FLUTTERBY** was held on Saturday, October 18, and included a booth with members from the Grapevine Garden Club. Once again, the weather was perfect and we had a wonderful time. We had educational posters and materials, free handouts and information, butterfly books and craft items for sale and seeds to distribute. The hit of the show was definitely "Spike" the caterpillar from the Botanical Gardens, graciously supplied by Lisa Grove. The children were enthralled to get up close and personal with this small amazing creature.

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this event so successful, by helping to paint visors and by volunteering to work in the booth. I would like to offer special thanks to Lisa for her enthusiasm, the materials that she offered to us and for loaning "Spike" to us. Other special people who were very important were Lou Milner for bringing a beautiful display of flowers from her garden, Karen Rice who taught us to paint visors and added the finishing touch to our efforts and to Sandy Kancavicus for helping with the seeds and appearing like the cavalry when I needed assistance. I am very grateful to everyone and would encourage you to join us next year. ~ Barbara Oldani



Anita Hilfiker, Sandy Kancavicus  
Barbara Oldani, Barbara Munn



Joetta King, Sandy Kancavicus  
Barbara Oldani, Barbara Munn



# ButterflyFlutterby

October 17, 2008