



Through the Grapevine

The Grapevine Garden Club Newsletter

October General Meeting

Tuesday, October 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. We will be offering treats and tea and juice. Remember to visit Debbie Cooper at the seed & plant exchange table. It's never too late to bring seeds to the table and all are welcome!

Hostesses are: Val Reed, Margaret Collins, Patty Hofer, Sandy Kancavicus, Nanette Mazzuca, Pat Mingus. Thank You, Ladies!

Bring a friend to our October meeting! Our business meeting will consist of reports from officers and coordinators, followed by our garden program. There will also be three gardens on tour. Please read page 2 for more information.



October Program: Water Features in the Garden

Mike Whisenand, owner of Whis Q Stone in Fort Worth will be showing us how to use water features to bring a new spirit to our landscapes. Whiz Q Stone is one of the largest Stoneyards in Texas and offers a wide variety of natural stone and pave stone as well as water gardening and many other outdoor living products.

Welcome new members!!

We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and encourage you to get involved in any of our activities. New members are: Joyce Hammill, Ann Conrad, Moira Brunken, Beth Hawkinson, Lucy Badger, Anna Badger, Wanda Wawrzyniak, Sue Dake, Vicki Haines, Louise Young, Marge Carpenter, Beverly Ray, Jacqueline Carney, Debbie Monahan.

Gardens on View-Windows to Behold! Immediately following the GGC Meeting



Garden #1 – Joyce Wuetig at 1310 Regency Ct., Southlake 76092

Joyce has a lovely Garden Home and has created special garden spots all around the perimeter of her home. She has designed an interior garden room with windows looking out to a beautiful arbor and fountain. (Take Southlake Blvd, turn left (south) on Byron Nelson Pkwy. Go past stop sign at Continental, turning right at the entrance to Crescent Royale Subdivision at Villa Promenade, left on Avon Terrace, and left on Regency Ct.)

Garden #2 – Margaret Collins at 2901 Knight Ct., Southlake 76092

Margaret has created many diverse areas with her gardens, taking advantage of a range of lighting conditions, including a deep woods feel. Look for Margaret's special window treatment! (Continue west on Southlake Blvd., turn right (north) on Randol Mill Ave., left on Johnson Rd, right on Royal Ln. and left on Knight Ct.)

Garden #3 – Doris Hill at 404 Beverly St., Keller 76248

Doris's garden is on a large lot with many planting areas and special features. She has a wonderfully creative greenhouse and entrance gate. You will not want to miss these windows! (Continue west on Southlake Blvd (it becomes Keller Pkwy), turn left (south) on Rufe Snow Dr., turn right (west) on Bear Creek Pkwy, turn left (south) on Elaine St, turn right on Beverly St.)

All locations are just off Southlake Blvd and Keller Pkwy going west. Mapsco 26S, 24G, 23T Plan on bringing a "brown bag" sandwich to Doris's deck. She will provide cookies and a beverage. Plan on shopping in Keller after the tour for additional fun!

For further information, directions and to indicate attendance, contact Karen Rice (YB 40)

Yearbook Changes

Now that the yearbooks are out, hopefully each one of you has one, please look over your personal information and promptly let us know of any changes regarding addresses, phone numbers, and emails. Please email Valerie Reed, reed6806@tx.rr.com (it is wrong in the yearbook) your changes and she will make sure club members are aware of them. The changes will not be posted in the newsletter but will be given at the next general meeting.

“Reflecting on 75 Years of Dedicated Gardeners”**CRAFT BAZAAR PROJECT 1990-91****Written by: Glynnetta DeWees****Grapevine Garden Club President 1989-1990**

In 1983, my husband and I moved to Grapevine from Fort Worth where we had lived the first 25 years of our marriage. It was my good fortune to have as Grapevine neighbors, Gloria Stewart and Joan Stewart. Joan invited me to attend a meeting of the Grapevine Garden Club. That was the beginning of a great learning experience in gardening.

In previous years, the Club had a craft booth at the Grapevine Country Craft Fair originally held at Grapevine High School and later in Fort Worth. Serving as the 1990-91 Scholarship Chairman, I helped in raising money for the scholarship fund. The Garden Club decided to stage a Craft and Gift Bazaar to support the scholarship program. It would be staged at the Civic Building at 311 Main Street in Grapevine.

Our members met several times in homes to craft things for the Bazaar. Some of the items we made were topiary trees which were made of several different kinds of dried flowers with the primary flower being dried roses. Most of these dried flowers were from our members gardens.

Wheat, dried pods, globe amaranth, roses and many other flowers were used in the making of swags, baskets, bird cages and small wreaths. Angels fashioned of twisted paper ribbon of different colors were also made. Jewelry pouches, tussies, tapestry bags and pillows, and potpourri were created. Gift items were also donated by our members.

The Bazaar was well received by the community, and we were able to realize \$2500.00 from the sale of the crafts and gifts. The scholarship fund was helped further by a beautiful wreath made by Gloria Stewart. The wreath was made on a 30 inch eucalyptus covered form. There were more than 25 varieties of dried flowers including pansies, yarrow, roses, hibiscus, cockscomb, daisy, zinnia and many more. Gloria thought that using flowers grown in her home garden was also a way to recycle her flowers. She enjoyed sharing her spring garden blooms in the form of an everlasting-flower wreath.

The Garden Club was able to sell \$1,000.00 in chances on Gloria's wreath. This amount was in addition to the \$2,500.00 profit from the Craft Bazaar. As a result, the Garden Club was able to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who was interested in studying horticulture in college. The Club also awarded \$500.00 scholarships to continue the education of two previous scholarship recipients.

I will always remember fondly my time spent with the Grapevine Garden Club. I learned so much about gardening and became friends with many fellow gardeners.



Letter from our President, Valerie Reed

My daughter-in-law came across a Dilbert cartoon that shows him and his friend talking about having a barbecue. “Maybe I should invite some friends over for a barbecue. You don’t have any friends. Good point. Maybe I should make some friends first. Exactly”. I like to stand by the membership table before each general meeting for two reasons. One is that Ileana always keeps that table so cute with all manner of friendly welcoming membership paraphernalia and the other is that I can meet and greet people. I love greeting our members, their guests, and potential club members. “How did you hear about our club?” I asked. Their response is either they saw an article about the club in the newspaper or they heard about us through someone. They are usually quite complimentary by saying that our club was “highly recommended”. Which now brings me to the point of this little story—friends. We have some—in fact we have 145 friends as of the end of September. I suspect we will continue to grow all year. How does that nursery rhyme go: “Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does my garden grow?” Well, speaking for our garden club, we grow friends, good times, hard work, purposeful activity, community outreach, and great programs! And to continue the nursery rhyme “And pretty maids all in a row.” (And let us not forget our handsome men in the club!)

Let’s learn and play together,
Valerie Reed

Grapevine Botanical Docents

A **GREAT** breakfast and training session for docents was hosted by the city on September 27. Approximately 30 people attended. Updated docent scripts, with detailed information about the garden, and nametags were distributed. In addition to providing docents for scheduled tours, volunteers are welcome to work in the garden on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon. Beginning October 13 two members will be scheduled to be in the garden from 10 a.m. to noon to answer questions. If you are interested in these opportunities please contact Rachel Clark,(YB22), Shari Stanfield, (YB43) or Lisa Grove, (YB26). Help others enjoy our beautiful gardens.

District II Fall Convention— will be on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at Edge Park United Methodist Church at 5616 Crowley Rd. The speakers will be Steve Chaney, Tarrant County Horticulturist and Jimmy Nell Courtney, Floral Designer. \$25 Advanced Registration/\$30 after November 1. Registration forms will be available at the meeting.

Family History Discovered Through Grapevine Garden

By Kathleen Thompson

At my second Grapevine Garden Club event, the 2006 Holiday Luncheon, I mentioned my educational and professional media background and was immediately volunteered to work on the club's 75th Anniversary Tea photo show, a pictorial history of our club. I gladly accepted.

Working with Sarah Erickson, Joetta King and Linda Krimm on the project was great fun, but even better was a new discovery of my connection to the GGC and the city of Grapevine.

While working with our club archives, I was pleased to be introduced to Zeta Crews (club president 1967-1968). I thought it might be more than coincidence that she had the same last name as my father and after some research in the Grapevine Library's area history room I found out she was the sister-in-law of my grandfather, Carl Crews.

I also discovered that Zeta was the daughter of Ida Mae and Benjamin Richard Wall. Benjamin Wall, according to the Grapevine Area History book, was the founder of the *Grapevine Sun*, a mayor of Grapevine from 1912 to 1937, and an officer in the Democratic Party.

The Crews family has a long history in Grapevine, but I had no knowledge of my family by marriage. Perhaps they had some impact on my father, influencing my passion for politics, gardening and my career as a broadcast journalist before Owen's birth.

I will always appreciate the Grapevine Garden Club for introducing me to additional members of my family.

Upcoming Events

October 14-Ft. Worth Conservancy Open Days Program.
www.opendaysprogram.org

October 20-Grapevine 10th Annual Butterfly Flutterby

October 27-Ft. Worth Botanic Garden Fall Festival in Japanese Garden

November 8-District II Fall Convention, Edgecliff Village

December 11-Our Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Lancaster Theatre on Main Street Grapevine. We'll have great food and lots of holiday spirit.