

THE GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 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: Linda Barraclough, Joyce Quam, Susan Boudons,  
Lou Milner, Myrna Smith, Laurie Williams, Maureen Bittick and Ramona Hall

OCTOBER PROGRAM:

## GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY

**By Pete Vollenweider**



*How fortunate we shall be to have  
Pete Vollenweider, an award-winning  
professional photographer, share his pictures of  
flowers and landscapes with us. He will discuss  
tips for photographing flowers in our own gardens.*

*Pete has provided many images for the Fort Worth  
Botanic Gardens which are used on their website  
and in their brochures. His subject matter is varied  
and includes landscapes, wildlife, portraits,  
weddings and abstracts as well as flowers. A special treat is in store for the club!*

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Taking a page from David Letterman, this will be a list of the **"Top Ten Reasons to Be In the Grapevine Garden Club"**:

**10. Butterfly Flutterby** (10/18/08) - Don't miss the Gos-samer Parade on Main Street featuring children and pets dressed in butterfly costumes. We host a booth with exhibits and educational material to help families learn about butterflies and gardening to attract them. All this and we watch the Monarchs begin their trip to Mexico. It's a sweet goodbye.

**9. District II Spring Convention** (3/5/09) - You don't want to miss this day of activities, programs and a luncheon. We'll be showcasing our talents as "hostesses with the mostest."

**8. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Redbud Program** (3/30/09) - Another way to get to know others in our club along with a chance to recruit future gardeners. Remember, "kids say the darndest things." Really!

**7. Spring Plant Sale** (4/17/08) - This annual event provides funds for community service efforts and our scholarship program. Shhhh. Don't tell anyone. We get to purchase new garden beauties for ourselves too!

**6. Flowercade** (4/25 & 25/09) - If you enter a horticultural specimen or an arrangement, you will most likely win a ribbon. A great chance to strut our stuff.

**5. Texas Street Project** - Community service projects like this give something back, while we have the fun of working together.

**4. Grapevine Botanical Gardens/Docents/Youth Education** - So many ways to educate others and learn more ourselves. So much going on in one of Grapevine's most beautiful locations!

**3. Trips & Tours** - Fieldtrips take us to places we may not go on our own. We learn about gardening, nature and each other. The tours of our own member's gardens are always motivating.

**2. Monthly Meetings with Seed & Plant Exchange** - Monthly program speakers excite and educate us. Plus, we have a plant swap for those who want to share their success.

**1. Holiday & Spring Luncheons** - They're our parties! What more could you want?

We know we are not the "typical Garden Club."

Pick a few numbers from the list above or try to participate in them all.

You'll see for yourself just what a special group of gardeners we are.



*René Herndon*

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE CLUB:** Barbara Hilliard of Grapevine, Cynthia Keeton of Flower Mound, Susan and Gladys Mays of Grapevine, LaVerne Nunn of Bedford, Lindle and Jim O'Neil of Grapevine and Janice Zeleny of Bedford.

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### TEXAS GARDENING RESOURCES

Compliments of Dotty Woodson, our guest speaker last month.

Thank you, Dotty!

- <http://www.txsmartscape.com>

Landscape Water Conservation information from design to plant selection to best maintenance practices for north central Texas

- <http://agge-horticulture.tamu.edu/>

Gateway to Texas Horticulture information from plants and designs to crop and marketing also Plants Answers is a major location for founding information about plant and landscape problems

- <http://urbanlandscapeguide.tamu.edu/>

Plant selection for specific locations throughout Texas

- <http://irrigation.tamu.edu/>

Information about irrigation training conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension and TAMU Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering Irrigation Technology Center

- <http://texaset.tamu.edu/>

ET site contains weather information, current and average evapotranspiration data and irrigation watering recommendations.

- <http://www.trwd.com/prod/index.asp>

Landscape designs for water conservation drawn by TTU landscape architect

- <http://turf.tamu.edu/>

Click on the PEST button to find information about lawn weeds, insects and diseases

- <http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu/>

Information about rainwater harvesting and rain gardens

- <http://earthkindroses.tamu.edu/>

Landscape (shrub or bush) roses resistant to black spot

- <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/index.html>

EarthKind/Texas Super Stars plants identified by researchers throughout Texas as tough sustainable landscape plants

- <http://dallas.tamu.edu/>

AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Dallas

### BUTTERFLY FLUTTERBY

We are very busy preparing for the annual Butterfly Flutterby, which will be held on Saturday, October 18th. We will have information to give out and craft items to sell but we are still in need of seeds or plants. If you have anything that we might use or would like to help, please contact Barbara Oldani at 817-488-0160 or send an email to [loldani@verizon.net](mailto:loldani@verizon.net)

**GARDEN BULBS FOR THE SOUTH** by Scott Ogden is a wonderful book to inspire every gardener to think ahead to spring! November and December are ideal times to plant daffodils, crocus and tulips. Cool season annuals—such as pansies, violas and snapdragons—can be planted now. Don't forget to feed the birds! Goldfinches will be arriving soon; have your thistle feeders ready.

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**BATS! BATS! BATS!** Dottie Hyatt of the Bat World Sanctuary will be at the Grapevine Library with a variety of bats on Saturday, October 25th at 2 p.m. to dispel myths and share facts about these very important and misunderstood animals.

**IS YOUR NOSE ANTICIPATING THE SMELL OF FRESHLY BAKED BREAD**, that delicious aroma that is coming from your oven first thing in the morning? Your butter-braid breads are coming soon so don't forget to bring your order to our October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you were not able to pick up one I will have some extra orders at the meeting but you will have to fill it out that morning as I will be turning in all the orders. All orders need to be prepaid and please make the checks out to the garden club. The cost of each loaf is \$12 (the club makes \$5 per loaf). You will be able to pick up your frozen breads at the November meeting just in time for the holidays. Remember these breads are frozen so they will last a long time in your freezer and will be ready to bake when you need one. Before you go to bed, just take one out, lay it on a lightly buttered cookie sheet, cover with plastic wrap, and go to sleep. In the morning your bread will have risen and will be ready for the oven. Many of you also order the lilac garden shirts which you can pick up at the October meeting, too. They are \$13 and there will be extras for those who haven't had the chance to order one. I was told from a very reliable source that as we get older, lilac - instead of the deep purple - looks especially nice on us. ~ Val Reed

**GRAPEVINE BOTANICAL GARDENS DOCENT PROGRAM:** Last spring, the GVBG became quite busy with a variety of tours and activities. Over the summer, a Tour Request Form was developed, along with a Missions Statement, Objective Statement, Docent, Chair Responsibilities and updated Docent Duties Statements. The Tour Request Form is available on line. The Mission Statement reads: "Enrich people's lives by providing educational tours and activities about horticulture and natural sciences."

This fall during the GVBG Concerts in the Garden, docents are available for questions from attendees. We are also doing an educational activity for the children each concert night. The October 4th activity was about butterflies and metamorphosis and involved a craft, books and butterfly models, as well as live larvae and chrysalis.

We have had several tours already and more are coming. The children's classes offered through the City Playbook are a success this season, full to capacity. If interested in any of these events, please contact Rachel Clark, [mrclark2@msn.com](mailto:mrclark2@msn.com), or Shari Stanfield, [sstanfield\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:sstanfield_99@yahoo.com).

Remember, Lisa Grove can use help on Thursday and Friday mornings, especially now during annual color changes, and we need docents in the garden on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Our annual docents are growing in knowledge of the garden and the tour comment forms coming back from the tours groups are very complimentary. We are all proud of our local spot of botanical beauty. ~ Rachel Clark

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## GARDENS ON VIEW:

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Immediately following the October General Meeting, you are invited to visit the Garden of Ester Ball in north Grapevine.

Ester Ball's backyard garden has gone from fire ants and weeds to flowers and wild-

life. The garden is alive with butterflies, birds and bees. It is a testimony to plants that thrive in sandy soil. Since this garden has full sun and shaded areas, a diversity of perennials and shrubs are included in the landscape. A flagstone patio and walk directs the visitor to a pond less water feature. Assisting Ester in the development of her landscape was Garden Club member, Toni Moorehead, owner of Signature Gardens.



## TRIPS AND TOURS: NOVEMBER

### TRE TO UNION STATION IN DALLAS

Have you ever ridden the train to Dallas?

Here is your chance to take the ride

and stroll the *Dallas - Downtown Walk* or visit museums in the area.

The Dallas Trekkers Walking Club sponsors a 5K & 10K *Year Around Walk* from Union Station. This walk goes past historic buildings, JFK sites, Farmers Market, art museums, several parks and 3km trolley ride on the McKinney Avenue trolley.

If you don't wish to do the *Dallas - Downtown Walk*, but you would enjoy visiting the Sixth Floor Museum, Old Red Court House Museum or the Holocaust Museum they are within a few blocks of Union Station.

Tentative date for this event - Saturday, November 8

If you are interested in this tour, contact Joetta King to receive additional information.

**MEMBERS OF THE GRAPEVINE BOTANICAL GARDEN DOCENTS** are responsible for staffing the kids' classes at the Garden. We need a couple leaders for: October 16 "Seeds" and November 20 "Leaves." Check your Grapevine *Playbook* for more info. There will be 15 kiddos, age 3 to 6 (most parents will stay to help!) from 4:4:30 p.m. Lisa Grove has most of the materials and programs set up, so the half hour goes very quickly. If you are able to lead either of these fun classes, contact Joyce Quam [jarquam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jarquam@sbcglobal.net).

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

October 15-17: Texas Garden Club Fall Convention, San Angelo

October 18: Grapevine's 11th annual Butterfly Flutterby

October 21-22: Garden Club Council of Fort Worth, Flower Show School II

October 25-26: Fort Wroth Botanic Garden Fall Festival in the Japanese Garden

October 28: GGC General Meeting—Flower and Garden Photography presented by Pete Vollenweider

November 4: Executive Board Meeting, Mitchell House, 10 a.m.

November 6: District II Fall Convention, Alvarado Garden Club

November 19: Garden Club Council of Fort Worth, "Holiday decorating with natural plants and herbs." Fort Worth Botanic Gardens