



Through the Grapevine

The Grapevine Garden Club Newsletter

Welcome Back! Our calendar this year is full of great programs, projects and tours. Throughout the year refer to our website, www.GrapevineGardenClub.com for the calendar, activities and newsletters.

September General Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 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. We will not be offering coffee anymore. The coffee set up was getting difficult and we want to make every effort to help hospitality set up the room quickly and smoothly. You are encouraged to bring your own cup of coffee, take comfort in knowing you will not be alone.

Debbie Cooper will return with her seed & plant exchange table. It's never too late to bring seeds to the table and all are welcome!

Hostesses are: Sarah Erickson, Linda Barraclough, Jan Bowling, Susan Cullen, Linda Krinn and Carol Milner. Thank You, Ladies!

Bring a friend to our September meeting! Our business meeting will consist of reports from officers and coordinators, followed by our garden program. We will also receive our trusty yearbooks.

September Program: Container Gardening



Lisa Adams Grove from Grapevine Botanical Gardens and a club member, will show us how to design and grow beautiful and unique container gardens. Since she will be creating a lovely display in a garden container we will have a raffle drawing for it. So don't forget to buy your ticket(s) as soon as you get to the meeting. We will sell tickets for \$1.00.

Welcome new members who joined over the summer. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and encourage you to get involved in any of our activities. New members are Joy Mayo, Cyndia Moore, Anne Hogue.



Gardens on View-Birds, Butterflies & Dragonflies, Oh My! Immediately following the GGC General Meeting

Garden #1 - Shari Stanfield 2702 Silver Leaf Court, Grapevine 76051

Shari has a stream and lily pond as the center for her nature focused backyard retreat. She uses a variety of perennials to enhance the natural setting. A stone pathway winds around the side yard for that special entry to the back. (To reach Shari's turn south onto Meadow from Hall Johnson, then right at Silver Leaf Ct.)

Garden #2 - Louise Young 3324 Wilshire Ave., Grapevine 76051

Louise has a beautiful key-hole garden gate that welcomes visitors to her sculpted back yard. She has an arbor covered back patio that contains a variety of hanging plants creating a lovely shady spot for viewing the garden. (To reach Louise's turn north onto Heritage off Hall Johnson, then right on Wilshire)

Garden #3 - Karen Rice 3333 Wilshire Ave., Grapevine 76051

Karen's garden is for the birds and butterflies with plants and feeders for all. She also has an herb garden close to the back entrance handy for snipping and cooking. Sitting on the patio to watch the backyard activity and listen to the swimming pool water features is a favorite pastime. (To reach Karen's turn north onto Heritage off Hall Johnson, then right on Wilshire)

All locations are just off Rt. 121 S and the Hall Johnson exit going west. Mapsco 41E

Light refreshment will be available at Karen Rice's home. For further information, directions and to indicate attendance, contact Karen Rice found in your yearbook.

Grapevine Garden Club Shirts

There will be a selection of Grapevine Garden Club shirts for purchase at the September meeting. Several styles (Tees, long sleeve, polo) and sizes will be available. Prices range from around \$13 to \$28.

District II Sales Tables

Joyce Quam has been asked by the new District II Director, Marty Swindell, to chair the Ways and Means for the District II conventions. Although this is NOT a Grapevine Garden Club project, Joyce would appreciate some suggestions for a different approach to the sales tables at the Fall and Spring conventions. In the past there have been raffles of gift baskets, new and used gardening books, handcrafted items, etc. If you have some bright ideas or a different twist to old ideas, please pass them on to Joyce. Thanks for your help!

Creativity Needed

Do you have a crafting hobby? Would you like to donate a crafted good (or goods) to the GGC Holiday Bazaar? In November, GGC wants to encourage members who would like to donate their hand crafted item(s) for a Holiday Bazaar that will be held immediately after the November general meeting. It will be a perfect time to do a little gift shopping for the Holiday or to buy that special item for yourself. Money raised will go to fund GGC Civic activities.

Reflecting on 75 Years of Dedicated Gardeners”
EDUCATION AND THE GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB

Written by: Joyce Quam

Grapevine Garden Club President 2004-06 - Member 1998 - present

The Grapevine Garden Club is for learners. Whether we are learning about “Birds: Four Seasons in Your Garden” in January, 1999, “Defense Gardens” in October 1941 or “Orchids” in November 1959, the members of this garden club are eager to soak up new knowledge.

Our programs have been varied, entertaining and always educational. We learn about conservation, landscaping, horticulture, design, historic preservation, community service, environment and artistic crafts. Our Program Chairs have searched high and low for qualified instructors. On occasion, our own members with a special knowledge have presented programs. We have had Master Gardeners from Tarrant, Collin and Denton Counties speak to us. We have brought in renowned authors and speakers such as Greg Grant, Sally Wasowski, Gerry Grozulis, Victor Schoffelmayer and Maggie Ross McNealy. Barbara Baker, a past President of Texas Garden Clubs, has spoken to us. Cooperative Extension Agents from several counties have presented as well.

We have had workshops, demonstrations, slide and power point shows, guided tours to public gardens, members’ and other private gardens, tours to garden centers and nurseries. We have been entertained, challenged to try something new, but always educated. We have assisted the City of Grapevine in beautifying various areas in the city such as Dove Triangle, Heritage Garden, EarthKind Rose Trial Garden, Texas Street Project and others. These activities have been wonderful educational opportunities for everyone but especially those of us who love to dig in the dirt.

For many years our club sponsored our own flowers show. These days we participate in the annual Flowercade of the Garden Club Council of Fort Worth. Flowercade offers members of the garden club another opportunity to learn. Garden club members have taken advanced training in how to create a beautiful floral arrangement or floral craft. We have entered specimens in the horticultural division and learned that there’s more to sticking a flower in a green bottle than we first assumed!

Roll Call used to be entertaining as well as educational. Members might be required to respond with names of birds in their winter gardens, or trees fruiting in September. Another time, a contest was held to identify twigs of trees. What a challenge and what a learning opportunity!

In addition to educating ourselves, our club reaches out to the community. We present scholarships each year to persons in horticulture related studies at the college level. Members have delivered programs at the Grapevine Library. We donate gardening books to the library. And, of course, we welcome the community to our meetings to share the learning experience.

The members of the Grapevine Garden Club enjoy gardening, laughing, socializing, eating, and traveling. But we love to learn.

Letter from our President, Valerie Reed

It has been stated many times that we club members like to learn and I certainly agree (read the great article by Joyce Quam). Learning involves knowledge, understanding, experience, teaching, hearing, and acquiring skills. My, when we read that statement, learning is pretty impressive. It is an activity that keeps us up to date, forces us to think, sometimes requiring us to change our thoughts, and allows us to grow intellectually, philosophically, emotionally, and spiritually. It denotes action-- we are moving, doing something, rather than being idle and stagnant. Well, that pretty much sums up our garden club!

Now we are given another opportunity to fill our calendar year with learning. Let's start with our programs that will involve container gardening, water gardening, cooking with herbs, perennial gardening, plant propagation, and butterflies. After each program, you take home the information and you use it.

Remembering that learning is an activity, each member will want to read the descriptions of each committee or some of our continuing projects, decide which ones to become involved with, and then the fun really starts. This is the best way to get to know one another while truly doing something worthwhile. And since there is an abundance of committees and projects surely there is at least one of them that will perk your interest.

Let me give you a few suggestions as every year we start some new projects. We will be developing a long term plan involving the Ed & Edith Pewitt Education Center that is now being built within the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. A committee will be formed to determine types of programs, instructors, intended audiences, and schedules. We will want to create brochures and publicize articles to inform the public of these programs. We might want to include a children's working garden and/or a pocket garden that will be adjacent to the Education Center that demonstrates using low maintenance native plants in a small setting. District II has come up with a Shoebox Garden Project that will involve our club members donating garden supplies to be given to children involved in the Junior Master Gardener Program. As part of youth gardening, we want to introduce a preschool gardening activity at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens with children at the Creative Learning Center of First United Methodist Church of Grapevine. A docent script has been created by some of our members that describe all areas of the Grapevine Botanical Gardens that will be used when giving guided tours. Members will be needed to become trained docents. Are you getting excited and ready to go? Good! We will be together on Tuesday, September 25 and you will have ample opportunity to learn and make your plans. We are counting on YOU!

One more thought on learning: I recently saw a very moving CD on "A Lesson from Geese". "Like geese, people who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier than those who try to go it alone. People need to realize that ultimately their success depends on working as a team, taking turns doing the hard tasks, and sharing leadership."

Let's learn and play together,
Valerie Reed

Upcoming Garden Club Events

Karen Rice, Trips N' Tours, is planning some tours in December (Holiday Tour), bird watching in January, a Cedar Hill State Park tour in February for tree identification, a Signs of Spring day trip in March, Ennis Bluebonnet day trip in April that will include viewing and shopping, and a Bountiful Beauties day trip in May. Our newsletter will keep you informed as to dates, times, and locations.



Grapevine's 10th annual Butterfly Flutterby will be on Saturday, October 20th and our garden club will once again have a booth filled with educational brochures, books, hats, magnets, and more. Karen Rice will be making and selling butterfly items and needs your help. Please contact her (number is in the yearbook) if you would be interested in making items and/or volunteering at the booth.



Other Events

The Garden Club Council of Fort Worth will be having the following meetings. Meetings are held 10am every 3rd Wednesday at the Ft. Worth Botanical Gardens, Garden Center and are open to the public.

SEPT 19

Pass Along Plants by Steve Huddleston. A workshop after meeting-bring a grapevine wreath, hot glue gun and wire cutters-we'll have the rest and you can make and take home a wreath.

OCTOBER 17

Native Plants by Gailon Hardon

NOVEMBER 14

A Christmas Flower Show by Avant Gardeners

THANK YOU FROM VALERIE REED

At our spring luncheon in May, you surprised me with a Wine Styles gift certificate. My husband and I so enjoyed going to the store, sampling some wonderful wines and then making our choices. Thank you. And thank you for making this past year so special for me. We certainly did a lot of celebrating with the Blue Star Memorial, the Educational Pavilion reception, the 2 day tour to Nacogdoches, and our 75th Anniversary Tea. Even with all our hard work we had a great time and I look forward to another year with more fun opportunities.

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Grapevine Garden Club Treasurer's Report			August	
Balance on Hand 6-1-2007			\$18,239.85	
Income	August	Year to Date	Total	2007 Budget
Membership Dues	\$635.00	\$635.00		\$ 2,640.00
Plant Sale Receipts		\$0.00		\$ 11,000.00
Ways, Means & Other		\$0.00		\$ 3,300.00
Holiday Luncheon		\$0.00		\$ 1,867.50
Public Education		\$0.00		
Misc. Income		\$0.00		\$1,000.00
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Total Income	\$635.00	\$635.00	\$635.00	\$ 19,807.50
Expenses				
		\$0.00		
Civic-Arbor Day		\$0.00		\$ 300.00
Civic-Butterfly Flutterby		\$0.00		\$ 150.00
Civic-community		\$0.00		\$ 1,500.00
Civic-Grapevine Botanic Gardens				\$ 100.00
Civic-Youth Garden Club				\$ 100.00
District II Expenses		\$0.00		\$ 75.00
Donations				\$ 330.00
Dues-TGC, Dist II, FW Council	\$20.00	\$20.00		\$ 665.00
Historian		\$0.00		\$ 150.00
Holiday Lunch		\$0.00		\$ 1,867.50
Hospitality		\$0.00		\$ 150.00
Membership	\$137.05	\$137.05		\$ 175.00
Spring Luncheon		\$0.00		\$ 650.00
Miscellaneous		\$0.00		\$ 100.00
Newsletter		\$0.00		\$ 150.00
Operating Expenses	\$86.58	\$208.90		\$ 600.00
Outreach		\$0.00		\$ 50.00
Programs		\$0.00		\$ 600.00
Publicity		\$0.00		\$ 50.00
Scholarships	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
Scrapbook/Photography		\$0.00		\$ 175.00
Trips & Tours		\$0.00		\$ 1,000.00
Ways & Means, Other		\$0.00		\$ 2,500.00
Ways & Means, plant sale		\$0.00		\$ 5,000.00
Yearbook		\$0.00		\$ 450.00
Total Expenses	\$1,243.63	\$1,365.95	\$1,365.95	\$ 18,887.50
Balance on Hand 08-31-2007			\$17,508.90	
CD			\$2,776.73	
Edie Williams, Treasurer				