



Through the Grapevine

The Grapevine Garden Club Newsletter



December Luncheon

Reminder for those of you who have RSVPed. The holiday luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 11th at the Lancaster Theatre in Grapevine. We will be accepting cash or check donations for Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange (G.R.A.C.E.).

Wren and Jill Robinson will be singing classic tunes of the season during the luncheon. Wren is the Director of Music Ministries and First United Methodist Church in Grapevine. While Christian music is at the heart of their ministry, their joy for performing ranges from Big Band to Country with Christmas music one of their favorites. They have traveled to Russia & Romania, have done church revivals and concerts in eight different US states, and sung for numerous civic organizations and events. And now they're performing for us! This treat is sponsored by the Christmas Cheer Gala Bidding Team.

The 2007 Recipe Book will be available at the Holiday Luncheon. These booklets contain wonderful recipes from our monthly meetings and our Spring Luncheon. Members may have one free copy, and additional copies (great gifts!) are only \$2.00. Past issues of the Recipe Book will be available for \$2.00 each at the January meeting."

Trips & Tours looks ahead to 2008

Trips & Tours will kick off the New Year with several fun and informative activities. We will go bird watching in Southlake, learn about tree identification at a state park, visit local specialty nurseries, and take the Bluebonnet trail in Ennis. Details on these events will follow in the GGC 2008 newsletter issues, so stay tuned.....Karen Rice, Trips & Tours



Bengal Tiger Cannas



In the event you weren't able to purchase your Bengal Tiger cannas, we have some available for you. These are the beautiful lime green with yellow stripes cannas that bloom with bright orange flowers. We are selling them to club members 3/\$5.00. Please call Barbara Munn before they are planted and stored for our plant sale. If you order them from the Internet the price is 3/\$24.99!!

“Reflecting on 75 Years of Dedicated Gardeners”

HISTORY OF AWARDS RECEIVED

Written by: Barbara Atkins

Grapevine Garden Club President 2000-01 & Member 1991-present

The National Garden Club Council and the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. have established criteria for all affiliated garden clubs to follow when applying to the various entities for recognition of hard work well done. The excellent work we do as a club would not receive recognition by fellow members at District, State and National levels, nor would National and State Garden Clubs learn of our many worthwhile projects if we did not tell them how hard we work and how wonderful we are!

Our Club has applied for and has received a Gold Club Rating from Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. since 1990. This rating tells the rest of the gardening world that the Grapevine Garden Club performs numerous community service activities, provides scholarships to local students, participates in a Standard Flower Show; members share their gardening expertise with the community at our Plant Sale and with many groups in the area. Several members hold offices at Council, District and State levels. The Club contributes monies annually to local, State and National projects. All the above qualify our club for a Gold Club Rating.

While many of these “rules” may seem somewhat archaic and cumbersome, all participating clubs apply for awards under the same rules and are graded in each event based on the size of the club. Most awards are submitted through our District II for competition, and if eligible, the awards are forwarded to State and then National. This award process is repeated each calendar year and applications must be submitted to the Awards Chairman of our District before November 1. Certificates for the various awards are then presented at the District II and State Spring Conventions the next year.

Over the past 75 years, the Grapevine Garden Club has applied for and received many awards from District, State and National. Our Club has been rated Bronze, Silver and now, Gold. The Club has received awards for its beautification efforts in the City throughout the years, for its work with youth groups, and for educating the public by sponsoring educational evening programs. The Club received recognition for establishing the Heritage Garden as a teaching facility. The Club has recently been recognized for its work landscaping homes for Habitat for Humanity, and for providing hundreds of redbud trees to local school children.

Prior to the 1973-74 year, the records for awards received are scarce. However, if awards information were available starting in 1935, it would show the Club’s priorities were planting hundreds of trees in Grapevine, educating the public through annual flower shows, preserving the history of the Depot and Torian Cabin, planting Texas Bluebonnets along Highway 114, and beautifying Grapevine’s streets. The Club continues that tradition: to beautify the community, promote interest in flowers and gardening, protect the birds and the native trees and educate the community in all these objectives. What a great legacy!

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The awards listing which follows provides a brief look of the Club's activities and its focus at a particular point of time in the history of the Grapevine community. *NOTE:* The award certificates are presented at the District II and State Spring Conventions; however, they represent projects done the prior year.

1973-74—(President Sherry Tarter) *District II* Director's Citation for "Sponsoring the Historical Society and Plantings at the Depot Restoration."

1978-79—(President Alberta Nettleton) *District II*, Bronze Yearbook, Honorable Mention

1980-81—(President Marie Powell) *TGC* Bronze Rating, *District* Yearbook award; District II Director's Citation received for "Outstanding Involvement and Support of Public Library, Nursing Homes, and Senior Citizen Center."

1982-83—(President Vera Byerly) *TGC* Bronze Rating; *District II* Scrapbook, Third Place

1984-85—(President Gail Brown) *TGC* Bronze Rating; *District II* President's Report, 2nd Place

1985-86—(Brown) *District II* Director's Citation for "Sponsoring Local Scholarship Fund."

1986-87—(President Joetta King) Club received six awards from District II, South Central Region, *TGC* and *District* Director Citation for "Landscaping Medians in the City."

1987-88—(King) *District II* Director's Citation for "Sponsoring two \$1,000 Scholarships"; Director's Citation for "Recognition of Outstanding Community Service."; *District II* Community Service, 1st place; Club Program, 1st Place; Yearbook, 1st Place; President's Report, 2nd Place; Arbor Day, 1st Place. *TGC*, 50-Year Proclamation; Community Service, 1st Place; Press Publicity, 1st Place; Bronze Club Program, 2nd Place; Arbor Day, 3rd Place; Yearbook Bronze Honorable Mention; Silver Club Rating.

1988-89—(President Lora Jones) *National* Award for "Publicity Pressbook Award," 2nd Place. *District II* Arbor Day, 1st Place; Community Service, 1st Place; Silver Yearbook, 1st Place, Silver Club Rating, Publicity Pressbook, 1st Place; President's Report, Silver, 1st Place.

1989-90—(President Glynnetta DeWees) *TGC* Gold Rating; President's Citation for two \$1,000 Scholarships; Project Love for "Contributing \$1.00 or More as a Member of the Federation Since 1937"; Arbor Day, 1st Place; Community Service, 1st Place; Publicity Pressbook, 1st Place; Yearbook, 2nd Place. *District II* Arbor Day, 1st Place; Publicity Pressbook, 1st Place; Yearbook, 1st Place, President's Report, 2nd Place; District Director's Citation for "Two \$1,000 Scholarships."

1990-91—(President Judy Scheel) *District II* President's Report, 1st Place; Arbor Day, 1st Place; Publicity Pressbook, 1st Place; Yearbook, 2nd Place; District Scholarship Contribution; Director's Citation for Hosting State Arbor Day Program; *TGC*, President's Report, 1st Place; Arbor Day, 1st Place; Publicity Pressbook, 1st Place; Gold Rating; Publicity Club Newsletter, 1st Place; Yearbook, Honorable Mention; Special Citation for "Contribution to Friendship Garden."

1991-92—(President Ed Pewitt) *District* Director's Citation for "Hosting Fifth Spring Convention"; District Director's Citation for "Releaf Grapevine with Trees"; Director's Citation to Joetta King for Co-Chairing the District's Fifth Convention; President's Report, 1st Place; Yearbook, 1st Place; Arbor Day, 1st Place; District Scholarship Contribution; State Scholarship Contribution; Various monetary contributions. *TGC*, Special Citation for Support Ameriflora; Gold Rating; Yearbook, Honorable Mention, President's Report, 2nd Place.

History of Awards Continued.

1992-93—(President Joan Stewart) *District II* Director's Citation for "Sponsoring Youth Group," Director's Citation for "Bird Sanctuary Week," Director's Citation for "Sponsoring New Adult Garden Club," President's Report, 1st Place, Various monetary contributions. *TGC* Gold Rating; Yearbook, Honorable Mention; Arbor Day, 2nd Place, Publications, Newsletter, 2nd Place; President's Report, 2nd Place, Letters of Appreciation for monetary donations.

1992-93 & 1993-95—Reports missing

1995-96—(President Libby Buuck) *District II* Award for Civic Achievement—1st Place (Heritage Garden); District II Director's Citation for "Generous donations to scholarship and 16 new members."; President's Report, 2nd Place; Yearbook, 1st Place; Letters of Appreciation for monetary donations. *TGC* **1996-97**—(President Edith Pewitt) *TGC* Gold Rating; Publication, Newsletter, 1st Place; Horticulture Citation; Yearbook, 1st Place; President's Report, 1st Place, Letters of Appreciation for monetary donations.

1997-98—(Pewitt) *TGC* Gold Rating; Horticulture Citation; Yearbook, 2nd Place; Publication, Newsletter, 3rd Place; President's Report, Honorable Mention.

1999—(President Sylvan Sigler) *TGC* Letter of Appreciation President's Book honoring Edith Pewitt; Gold Rating; District II Director's Citation to Edith Pewitt for "Helping to promote public education and awareness of heritage plants."; President's Report, 1st Place; District II Director's Citation "Outstanding work with local youth working as docents for school tours of their community's Heritage Garden"; Yearbook, 1st Place; *TGC* Award of Appreciation for "Sponsoring Youth Garden Club"; *TGC* President's Book "honoring Sylvan Sigler."

2000—(President Barbara Atkins) *TGC* Yearbook, 1st Place; President's Report, 1st Place; Gold Rating

2001—(Atkins) *District II* President's Report, 1st Place; Yearbook, 2nd Place; *TGC* President's Report, 2nd Place; Gold Rating, Yearbook, 3rd Place; President's Book honoring Barbara Atkins; Letter of Appreciation for "Donation to Headquarter's Air Conditioning Fund; Awards of Appreciation for various monetary donations; Certification of Appreciation for donation to Monarch Watch; Certification of Appreciation for donation to Nature Conservancy "honoring Barbara Atkins.

2002—(President Linda Krimm) *District II* President's Report, 1st Place; Arbor Day, 1st Place; Yearbook, 1st Place; Arbor Day Award of Appreciation; District II Director's Citation for "Hosting Fall, 2002 Convention; District II Award of Appreciation for Scholarship Fund Donation; South Central Region Award for Arbor Day 1st Place. *TGC* Gold Rating; President's Report, Gold Medal Club; Yearbook 2nd Place; Publications, Newsletter, 2nd Place; Arbor Day, 2nd Place; Award of Appreciation for "Scholarship Honorarium to Barbara Baker," Award of Appreciation for "Donation to State Scholarship Fund.; Award of Appreciation "President's Book honoring Linda Krimm." Letters of Appreciation for various monetary donations.

2003-04—(President Barbara Munn) *TGC* Gold Rating, Publications Brochure, 1st Place; President's Report, Gold Medal Achievement; Publications, Newsletter, 1st Place, Yearbook 2nd Place; Various donations; National Garden Club Certificate of Appreciation "for furthering the goals and objectives of National Garden Clubs through participation in the National awards program."

History of Awards Continued.

2004-05—(President Joyce Quam) *TGC Yearbook*, 2nd Place; Publications, Newsletters, 3rd Place; President's Report, 2nd Place; Gold Rating; *TGC Award of Appreciation* for "Donations to Headquarters Office Expense," and other monetary donations; *TGC Arbor Day Fund*

2005-06—(Quam) *Nat'l. Garden Club Certif. of Appr.* "furthering the goals & objectives of national garden club through participation in the national awards program"; *TGC Gold Rating*; President's Report, 1st Place; *Yearbook*, 1st Place; Publication—Newsletter, Gold medal; Youth Hortic. Educ., 1st Place; Habitat for Humanity, 1st Place; Publications, Brochure for Botanical Garden, 1st Place; *TGC* monetary donations; *TGC Arbor Day*, Scholarship Fund.

2006-07—(President Val Reed) *District II*, *Yearbook*, 1st Place; Various Awards of Appreciation for monetary donations; Director's Citations: Celebration of 75 yrs & Blue Star Memorial; President's Report, 1st Place; Publication, Newsletters, 98 points; *TGC Habitat for Humanity*, 1st Place.

Notes from Val:

We have two members who will be replacing Debbie Cooper at the seed table starting at our January general meeting: Sandy Kancavicus and Thierrie Mazur. Thank you ladies for taking over for Debbie. We will miss Debbie but wish her and her family the best as they relocate.

Our garden club is experiencing tremendous growth ever since our September meeting which is truly exciting for us. That means we can accomplish a great deal without taxing the members. Our annual plant sale is fast approaching, April 11-12th, and we need a lot of volunteers. It is a great opportunity to get to know one another better and have lots of fun in the process.

So far the following members volunteering for the plant sale are: Joan Bledsoe, flyers; Joyce Quam and Toni Moorehead have already had many "potting parties" gathering heirloom plants; volunteers for cashiers and clean up include: Ella Barber, Julie White, Sylvan Sigler, Linda Harris, Julie Florence, and Sandy Kancavicus; Toni Moorehead will be helping Lisa and Karen purchase plants but they would still like to have two more volunteers; Bea Stevens, Sylvan Sigler, and Toni Moorehead are consultants; Delivery and set up: Sandy Kancavicus, Joetta King, Pauling Robbins, Anita Hilfiker, and Rebeka Cook; Holding area: Thierrie Mazur, Karen Archambault, Linda Krimm, Julie Florence, and Anita Hilfiker.

We need everyone's help so please don't wait too late to sign up. It is very helpful to have volunteers and chairs in place early so that we can concentrate on getting organized and prepared. The more we do earlier the better the plant sale gets. Volunteer as a cashier, a buyer, or a consultant, or help set up, clean up, or be in the holding area. Publicity is our link to the public so we need volunteers willing to call the newspapers, radio stations, or anyone who can get the word out to people. There are two shifts you can choose from: 8:00 – 10:30 and 10:30 – 1:00. Please call Lisa Grove or Karen Thomason and be ready to sign up at our January meeting.

GGC Diggers

Members of the Grapevine Garden Club have had three very successful digs so far this fall. Bulbs, rhizomes, plants and rocks (yes, rocks), all for the Spring Plant Sale and the Grapevine Heritage Foundation. Member, Rebeka Cook has pointed us to 2 historic sites to dig "Grapevine Prairie Heritage Plants." We hope to return to those sites in January or February when we might be able to locate spring blooming bulbs. Some of the "finds" are tucked into the Grapevine Tree Farm, while others are at Nash Farm until April.

We are hoping that all our club members are at least thinking about what plants they will be digging to share at the Spring Plant Sale. The plants shared by member (and friends!) are the real basis for our Plant Sale profits. If you or a friend need help digging, call Joyce Quam and she'll organize a dig. It's fun and sometimes the diggers get to take home a couple plants for their own gardens! Now, isn't THAT incentive to become a Digger?

And remember, save those pots, especially the quart and gallon sizes and trays, too.

Welcome to our new members!

Roxanne Shinkle, Laurie Williams, Diana Pospisil



A final special note:

Lora Jones, Garden Club President 1988-89, reports:

This mailbox was given to me by Ron Freehling of Freehling Tree Society while he was doing work at our home. In chatting with Ron about our yard, I mentioned that I was a former member of the Grapevine Garden Club. Ron Freehling acquired a mailbox with 'Grapevine Garden Club' written on it when he rented the original home of John and Frieda Stevenson in Southlake. When Ron moved out of the house he took it with him.

The mailbox was given to the Garden Club by Lora Jones. John Stevenson was the second mayor of Southlake and was active in Grapevine events. Frieda Stevenson was president of the Grapevine Garden Club in 1962-63 and they may have used the mailbox as a decoration at their meetings. Frieda was also a National Flower Judge. Their son, Bob Stevenson, was a pupil of Edith Pewitt and when Frieda, his mother, would watch Ed Pewitt on TV, she would greet him saying "Howdy neighbor".