

April 2012



**GRAPEVINE
GARDEN CLUB**
Established 1932

**THROUGH
THE
GRAPEVINE**



April 24, 2012

Stacy's Furniture & Accessories

Community Room, 3rd 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 to park in the outer slots
to allow Stacy's customers to park near the store entrance.*

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES: Chair, Joyce Quam, Marge Carpenter, Carmen Drew, Suzi Guckel, Sandy Kancavicus, Tanya Krueger, Jo Ogletree, Judy Ullman

**Grapevine Garden Club
April Program**

Any Squirrel Can Plant a Tree Jeff Hall, a certified arborist, will be with us to discuss the top ten myths of tree care and some common tree problems.



President's Message

The convention is over—take a breath—then PLANT SALE!

Texas State Convention attendees were treated to fine local hospitality in Grapevine on March 22-24, 2012. I am grateful to the many members who volunteered for the multitude of tasks resulting in a successful convention, and I hope you enjoyed meeting gardeners from across the state. So here is a huge thank you to all of you!



GGC has been honored this year in receiving several awards including the 2011 Gold Rated Texas State Garden Club of the Year. We were also recognized by the City of Grapevine for our award and contributions to the community. (See articles on awards).



The Gardens of Nancy Nivens

Now it's time to take a breath and spend time in your gardens and admire those of others. Our garden tours give us inspiration as we look at different landscape designs and learn about a variety of plants. One drawback to this warm spring has been an early arrival of garden insects. Hopefully you were able to attend the beneficial insect presentation and learn about some organic methods to fight those pesky little critters.

Now we get to focus on participating in **Flowercade** (preparation day April 13) and the upcoming plant sale. A number of "plant digs" have taken place, and plans are well in hand to hold the sale on May 12 with the new format at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. We hope you take time to enjoy these upcoming events!

✿Karen Rice

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
April 13 th	Preparation for Flowercade	9:00 – noon Joan Stewart's Greenhouse
April 14 & 15	Flowercade	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
April 17 th	Work Day	9:00AM West Texas Street
April 18 th	Garden Club Council Meeting	10:00 – 11:30AM Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
April 20 th	Taking Care of Mother Earth Expo Arbor Day and Earth Day	Downtown Grapevine Grapevine Palace Arts
April 21 st	Forth Worth Iris Society Show	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
April 24 th	GGC General Meeting Gardens on View (TBA Watch for email.)	Grapevine – Stacy's Furniture
April 26 th	Gardeners on the Go	Springtown and Boyd

April Birthdays

Sharon Beach
Nancy Benson
Carolyn Chance
Minnie Hall
Marilyn Johnson
Linda Krimm
Margaret Meharg
Cindy Miller
Patricia Mingus
Kevin Mitchell



Barbara Morrell
Barbara Nunn
Barbara Oldani
Beverly Ryan
Joyce Schaffer
Kimberly Singel
Alexandra Taylor
Judy Ullman
Shane Wilbanks

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
May 10, 2012	GGC Redbud Tree Program	Grapevine Colleyville ISD
May 12, 2012	GGC Sale of Heirloom Plants	Grapevine Botanical Gardens
	National Public Garden Day	
	Seminars by GGC Members	
May 22, 2012	GGC May Luncheon	Trawick Pavilion, Grapevine Lake

New Members Welcome

Elliot Agnew
Dawn Joachim
Michael Marchant
Betsy Anne Marsh



Hooray! It's Done, and Done Well!

My sincere thanks go out to all of you who were a part of making the state convention a success. Linda and I have received many compliments about all the aspects of the convention, and it was your volunteer efforts that made it such a fine experience. I tallied up the number of members who had some part in making the convention a reality and came up with over 62 names. This is half of our total membership! Thanks again for making our garden club shine!

☞Sarah Erickson



Winning the GOLD at Age 80!

Everyone loves a story about winners, and the Grapevine Garden Club has a whopper. Our club hosted the TGC Spring Convention last month and ended up walking away with the top honor handed down by the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc: the Gold Garden Club of the Year for 2011 award. That's like giving a party and being named best guest! However, our club loves throwing a party, so this prize made it even better for us.

We won the Gold Garden Club of the Year 2011 award by receiving the highest score of any gold-level garden club in the state. That score is calculated by the number of projects receiving state awards, projects supporting youth, and individual club memberships, plus our monetary contributions to National, Regional, State, and local organizations and projects. This is the first time our club has received this Best in State distinction since the Club was organized in 1932.



Actually, we won a slew of additional awards besides the Club of the Year honor at the convention's final dinner. This was held after three days of fun for over 150 TGC attendees who journeyed to our fair city from all over Texas.

At this event, awards were handed out for both the District and State levels. All State winners are sent to the National Garden Club competition, and we should hear those results soon.

In addition to being designated as Gold Garden Club of the Year 2011, the following awards were presented to the Club.



Civic Projects Awards

- ♦ West Texas Street Project – gardening assistance to residents in low income housing

- ♦ Butterfly Flutterby – festival participation
- ♦ Arbor Day – participation with city in “Celebrating Arbor Day Super Bowl Style”
- ♦ “Planting Seeds in the Community” – monetary assistance to civic, non-profit, or school-based community service organizations for garden supplies or project materials



Civic projects at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens

- ♦ Docent training and guided tours through the garden
- ♦ Outdoor classes for pre-school children taught at the Ed & Edith Pewitt Educational Pavilion
- ♦ Volunteering to assist with garden maintenance tasks (planting, weeding, mulching)
- ♦ Participation in National Public Gardens Day, Sunset Concerts, and Earth Day activities



Youth Awards

- ♦ “Two Million Trees” – distribution of 300 redbud seedlings to Grapevine Colleyville ISD elementary students each year
- ♦ Helping Girl Scouts earn their Native Plant Patch and Boy Scouts with Eagle Scout projects



Club and Publications Awards

- ♦ “Gardeners on the Go” – educational tours for members and guests
- ♦ “Through the Grapevine,” our club’s electronic newsletter
- ♦ “Out of the Garden – Into the Kitchen” cookbook
- ♦ Website: www.grapevinegardenclub.org
- ♦ President’s report – received 100 points
- ♦ Membership brochure
- ♦ Club yearbook
- ♦ Club Rating report – 872 points received; summarizes everything we do!



Monetary contributions to -

- ♦ National, Regional, and State TGC projects
- ♦ Grapevine Botanical Gardens Greenhouse project
- ♦ Grapevine Garden Club scholarships



TGC Presidential Citations received from Texas Garden Club President, Kathy Cox

- ♦ Presented for hosting TGC Spring Convention to Club President Karen Rice and Convention Co-Chairs Sarah Erickson and Linda Krimm



Director’s Citation received from District II Director, Ginger Jones

- ♦ Presented to Karen Rice, Club President for 80th club anniversary and community service as recognized by Grapevine Parks and Recreation (PARD)



Membership Extension Award and \$50

- ♦ Presented to our treasurer for maintaining membership statistics which helped our award team prepare the many award applications submitted

This newsletter is accompanied by a PDF document detailing the place each award won at all levels, the member responsible for the award, and how long the Club has supported the project or publication. This expanded information will soon be posted on our website on the Awards page.

∞Elayne Vick

Texas Garden Clubs State Convention

Grapevine Garden Club hosted the Texas Garden Clubs State Convention on March 22-24, 2012 with the theme, "Garden Party". Over 150 gardeners representing 79 garden clubs from ten districts across Texas attended the convention. Events were held at the Grapevine Convention Center and the Palace Arts Center. Friday afternoon, the Grapevine Garden Club hosted a garden party at the Botanical Gardens entitled, "Hats off to Texas Gardeners". Over 125 guests attended the party and toured the gardens.



The purpose of the party was to introduce the Grapevine Botanical Gardens Greenhouse Project to Texas Garden Club members. The GGC has partnered with the City of Grapevine to obtain grants and raise matching funds and donations to

construct a greenhouse within the Gardens. The greenhouse will provide even more opportunities to expand the Botanical Gardens' educational and volunteer programs and to propagate plants for the Gardens and special events. Additional information about the Greenhouse Project may be found on www.grapevinegardenclubs.org

Friday night guests enjoyed a design program presented by National Accredited Flower Show Judges Council.



Saturday convention activities included a bus tour to the Texas Garden Club Headquarters Building at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens for a silver tea recognizing Barbara Baker for her role in getting the building recognized on the National Historic Register.



Carol Moore, TGC Award Chair, said:

"Congratulations to the Grapevine Garden Club for being Garden Club of the Year and hosting such a wonderful and well organized state convention."

✂Linda Krimm and Sarah Erickson

On March 22nd, Rachel Clark and her decorating committee met to make flower arrangements in purchased birdcages. Everyone enjoyed this activity. The birdcage arrangements were used to decorate the tables at the Lancaster Theater for the Texas State Convention.



✂ Marge Carpenter

April 2012

Grapevine City Council Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the Grapevine Garden Club was formed in 1932 by a group of civic-minded citizens for the purpose of beautifying Grapevine, to plant trees and shrubs for future generations to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Grapevine Garden Club is known throughout the community for its creativity, resourcefulness and irrepressible energy, as well as for its educational, and cultural achievements; and

WHEREAS, the Grapevine Garden Club continues their commitment to community programs such as the delightful Butterfly Flutterby, the annual Christmas luncheon with GRACE contributions, and the community-enhancing 3rd Grade Redbud Project; and

WHEREAS, the many projects of the Grapevine Garden Club clearly demonstrate the organization's interest in growing of plants and trees, maintaining our urban landscape, and encouraging horticultural and wildlife education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William D. Tate, Mayor of the City of Grapevine, on this the 3rd day of April, 2012, in harmony with the City Council and good residents of Grapevine, am honored to pay tribute and express appreciation to the hard working men and women of the Grapevine Garden Club by recognizing them for receiving the

2011 Gold Texas Garden Club of the Year Award

This award recognizes the club's outstanding projects and involvement in the community. We are all proud of our Grapevine Garden Club for what they do, with the realization that all citizens enjoy and appreciate these beautification projects and continue to support the endeavors of this worthy club.



Mayor, City of Grapevine



MORE Prestigious Awards: Lone Star Legacy Park Designation for Heritage Park

A Lone Star Legacy Park is a title for a recreational area that holds special prominence in the local community and the state of Texas. These parks have endured the test of time and have become iconic to those who have visited, played and rested on their grounds. A designation

as a Lone Star Legacy is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a park. We are proud to have our own Heritage Park honored in this way.

**✿ Lisa Grove
Grapevine Botanical Gardens**

Malt Shop Memories FLOWERCADE

It's time for Flowercade and the theme this year is "Malt Shop Memories." Dig out your poodle skirt, put on your dancing shoes, pull out the garden gloves, & join us.



Mark your calendars for Friday, April 13th

Participation in this event is one of the easiest ways to contribute with other club guys and gals. So, "Wake Up Little Susie." Here's how simple it is: Look around your garden to get some ideas about which plants you think are special. **Then, on Friday, April 13th, find those beautiful examples of your great gardening skills. "Splish-Splash," just cut them and put them in water.** If you have trouble deciding which specimens to use, bring them, and we'll help you pick the entry so the judges will "Only Have Eyes for You."



Some things to remember:

- ♦ Plant material must be fresh and grown by you on your own property. Look for specimens that are healthy, spotless and disease-free.
- ♦ Container grown plants must have been in your possession for at least 90 days, except for multiple plantings (dish gardens) that must have been in your possession for at least six weeks.
- ♦ A cut specimen is one stem, bloom, spike, or spray, etc. Flowering plants should be in bloom.

- ♦ Entries will be judged on Saturday morning, April 14th, so you will want to choose a specimen that is close to looking good on the morning you bring it to enter. This can be tricky, so just do your best. (Cut an experimental specimen a few days before to test how it will hold up.)
- ♦ The presence of insects or disease will disqualify an exhibit.

All you have to do is to get those specimens to the Flowercade Committee. We aren't going to "Rock Around the Clock," but our committee will be at **Joan Stewart's home** (YB page A-56) **from 9AM until noon**. We can be found at the back of the driveway, in Joan's spacious green house.

- ♦ First we will complete the entry cards with your name, the common name of your entry, plus its botanical name. It helps if you know the common and Latin names of your entries. But if you don't, we will be able to help you find this info.
- ♦ Each specimen is placed in one of the green bottles we will have on hand. We use clingy plastic wrap to enclose the stem to hold the specimen in place.
- ♦ Finally, we attach the entry card and it's ready to be transported to the show. You don't have to provide transportation. Like "Great Balls of Fire," we will haul all the bottles on Friday afternoon.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15

Don't "Hang up Your Rock & Roll Shoes." **Plan to attend Flowercade.** **Admission is free!** It is held at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens in the Moncrief Garden Center which is open to the public on Saturday, April 14th, from noon until 6pm and Sunday from 1 to 5PM. Since our club doesn't actually "do" a flower show, this is a great opportunity to see what can be grown in our area plus view dozens of artistically created flower arrangements. I'm looking forward to your participation and being able to give you many, many blue ribbons.

✂René Herndon
Flowercade Coordinator

Pop the Cork and Donate It to GGC



Decorative birdhouses are being built by Ed King to sell at the plant sale. The birdhouses are constructed from used wine corks. Do you have wine corks stashed for some project but you are now ready to consider another use? Please bring those corks to the April general meeting. It takes 100 corks to build a small bird house. Joetta King will be collecting the corks at the meeting.

WEST TEXAS STREET WORK DAY is scheduled for 9AM, Tuesday, April 17, 2012. We will be planting our summer annual color, weeding, and spreading a little mulch. Many members signed up for the project at the General Meeting in March, but we still need more volunteers. Let me know if you can lend a hand. It's a great way to get to know more of our club members and to help in a very worthy cause. Come dig in the dirt and share in the fun.

∞ **Suzi Guckel, Chair**
West Texas Street Project



Roses on West Texas Street



NEEDED: Docents to Work with Children



So how does a Water Strider walk on water without sinking to the bottom of the pond?

Do you enjoy sharing the natural world with children and watching the light of curiosity and amazement shine through their eyes?

You may have noticed that the Grapevine Botanical Gardens has recently won several prestigious state awards and is becoming a popular destination in Grapevine.

We are receiving many more requests for tours and programs than in past years. These requests are wonderful but they have brought about a need for more docents who enjoy working with children in the areas of garden crafts and juvenile horticulture projects such as gardening, building birdhouses and birdfeeders, teaching about planting, butterfly habitats, and general care of our natural surroundings.

We will be happy to give specific guidance and assistance in a learning workshop atmosphere. If you would like to apply, please contact Lisa Grove or Barbara Thompson (numbers listed in GGC directory), and we will set a date for training and background check.

∞ **Barbara Thompson**

Taste of Texas Cookbook



The Texas Garden Club has produced a cookbook you will want to have for your cookbook collection. *Taste of Texas* is a compilation of recipes from garden club members all over the state. It includes favorite recipes past and present, and a special section called “Party Time” with ten party menus, each menu contributed by one of the ten Texas Garden Club Districts. If you would like to purchase this \$20 cookbook, please send a note to Karen Rice.

✂Karen Rice

Grapevine Annual Plant Sale – “A Garden Festival” May 12, 2012 8:00AM to 1:00PM

This year the annual plant sale will be held for one day only, on Saturday, May 12, 2012. It will be held at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens as the Garden celebrates National Garden Day.

The emphasis this year will be on heirloom plants. Each year the community looks forward to the heirloom plants that come from our members’ gardens. Digging parties have been in progress since mid-February and we encourage everyone to donate a plant or two (or more!) from their gardens. If you have plants you would like to donate and need any help digging or extra pots and soil, please contact Paula Wilson.



Spiderworts
Tradescantia ohimensis

One thing we are asking members to do is to keep their plants tended in their yards until around the first of May. There will be an update later in April about arrangements to move plants over to the plant sale site at the Botanical Gardens.

Several members have volunteered to present short seminars (20 minutes) on different garden topics. The club will purchase some plants to go along with the seminars. If you are interested in presenting a seminar about your favorite garden interest, please contact Theresa Thomas.

Lisa Grove is planning the National Public Garden Day with events and activities scheduled in the Gardens from 10AM to 6PM. Stay tuned for details for this festive day.

Thanks to everyone who signed up in February / March to help with the plant sale, and we look forward to more members getting involved. Contact Theresa Thomas if you have any questions. See you at the April meeting.

Theresa Thomas
Plant Sale Chairman

“Garden Party — Hats off to 80 Years of Gardening”
GGC Spring Luncheon
Tuesday, May 22 10:30AM -12:30PM

As our membership has grown, staging the spring luncheon has grown from the pleasure of hosting the luncheon in private homes and gardens to having it at public parks. It was great fun to stroll members’ gardens and share gardening tips. However, the joy of looking back over the accomplishments of the club and the friendships that have developed through participation in activities remains a constant regardless of the party’s location.

You will take pleasure in this casual picnic at the Trawick Pavilion with its wonderful view of Lake Grapevine. Consider joining your gardening friends at the luncheon and applaud the officers who will be guiding us through the coming year. The work involved in staging the GGC plant sale will seem worth it as you visit with this year’s scholarship recipients.



This is a chance to sample delicacies provided by members. Have you perused the recipe collections available on the GGC website? Don’t forget to bring a copy of your recipe to the luncheon or submit it by email to Barbara Atkins so it can be included in the next edition of *Out of the Garden and Into the Kitchen*. To further enhance your pleasure in sampling the wonderful salads and desserts, there will be a food identity card placed near the serving so you will know the name of the recipe and the cook who prepared it. The food cards will be distributed at the April meeting for you to complete in advance and will also be available at the luncheon.

RSVP, Yes only - Linda Barraclough by May 17 and designate your contribution, dessert or salad, for the luncheon. Children “in arms” are welcome. If you wish to invite a guest, please give the guest’s name to Linda Barraclough by May 17.

∞**Val Reed**
Luncheon Coordinator

Monarch Butterfly Alert

Gardeners!!! It is imperative that we launch a monarch-saving program for all members to plant milkweed for the monarch butterflies!!

This story about the monarchs in Mexico is troubling. We can't fight the big farming corporations with their genetically-altered corn and soybeans, but we can encourage gardeners in Texas to plant milkweed and prepare butterfly gardens. Information below is from the Monarch Watch organization at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas.



*Monarch Butterfly on Butterfly Weed
Asclepias tuberosa*

∞**Barbara Atkins**

Greetings Monarch Watchers!

Spring seems to have sprung a bit early across the U.S. and we know many of you are anxious to hear how the monarchs fared over the winter in Mexico. (We’ve been anxious, too!) We have that news for you and more this time around, so please take a minute to read through this brief newsletter and share it with anyone you think might be interested. We have a number of other projects going right now and we will be posting a lot of new information via our blog at <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?MonarchWatch/5a91f9f3ed/a42429db6f/ef75965e95> (monarchwatch.org/blog) in the coming months, so be sure to check from time to time.

Monarch Population Status

The size of the overwintering monarch population in Mexico is usually released in late January or February. Early reporting helps all of us plan for the season ahead. Unfortunately, for reasons that are not clear, this report wasn’t released to the press until the 15th of March - at the end of the season and a week after the first monarchs from Mexico had made their appearance in Texas.

The total for all colonies, as reported to the press, is 2.89 hectares. (A hectare is the metric measurement of land—10,000 sq. meters or 100 meters by 100 meters, roughly 2.47 acres).

There is good news and bad news in this number. The good news is that the population was larger, by almost a hectare, than we expected. The bad news is that this number represents the fourth lowest total for the monarch colonies recorded since the winter of 1994-1995. Further, this population represents a continuation of a trend—the 8th consecutive population below the long term average.

For those interested, further discussion (with much more detail) has been posted via <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?MonarchWatch/5a91f9f3ed/a42429db6f/23d87dbf68> (monarchwatch.org/blog)



Monarch Waystation Initiative

Monarch Waystations are places that provide resources necessary for monarchs to reproduce and sustain their migration. Most of these habitats are simply specialized gardens at homes, schools, businesses, zoos, nature centers, parks, and other unused (or underused) plots of land.

Since this initiative was announced in 2005, more than 5,000 habitats around the world have been registered as Monarch Waystations. This is certainly a good start, but more must be done. In the United States, 6,000 acres per day are being lost to development – a major contributing factor to the decline of monarch butterfly populations. To assure a future for monarchs, conservation and restoration of milkweed must become a national priority. By creating and maintaining a Monarch Waystation, you are contributing to monarch conservation, an effort that will help assure the preservation of the species and the continuation of the spectacular monarch migration phenomenon.

Complete information is available at monarchwatch.org/waystations:
<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?MonarchWatch/5a91f9f3ed/a42429db6f/b284523f99>

The online registry of all 5,000+ habitats can be viewed at monarchwatch.org/waystations/registry

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?MonarchWatch/5a91f9f3ed/a42429db6f/74216da687>

Please consider establishing and registering a Monarch Waystation this year and encourage others to do so as well.

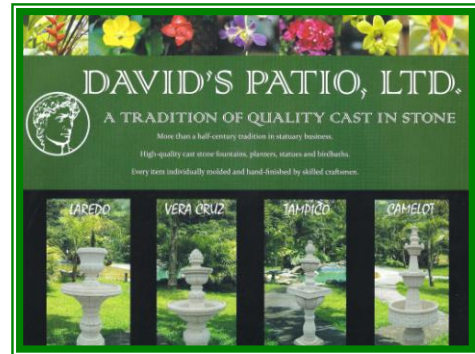


Gardeners on the Go
Destination - Springtown and Boyd
Thursday, April 26 8:50AM - 2:00PM



Are you ready for a change of pace and a relaxing lunch in the countryside? If the answer is yes, RSVP to Joetta King by April 21 and plan to attend the tour to Springtown and Boyd.

During our stop at David's Concrete Innovations in Springtown, tour attendees will have an opportunity to tour the production area and see the manufacturing process for the statuary, fountains, vases, and other products. Attendees will receive a 10% discount off regular priced items manufactured by David's.



Kathy Staley's passion for roses created a passion for gardening! As you stroll the garden with Kathy, her knowledge of the roses growing in the garden is very apparent as she names the varieties and describes their attributes. As she developed the design for the garden, she was inspired by a book written by James Cramer and Dean Johnson entitled *Seasons at Seven Gates Farm* published by Country Living magazine. Their influence is evident in the Staley garden with its old-fashioned garden style of herbaceous plants and roses.

Set on seven acres of property, you will have an opportunity to view the living areas of their log cabin home which is beautifully decorated by Kathy in a shabby chic and eclectic style.

After you have enjoyed your brown-bag lunch in the garden, take time to see their two *retired* horses, ages 32 and 33, who serve as beloved reminders of the Staleys' rodeo years when Randy competed in steer wrestling and Kathy competed in barrel racing events.



Karen Rice and Kathy Staley

Joetta King

Gardens on View

Thanks to Nancy Nivens, Laurie Williams, and Margaret Collins for sharing their beautiful yards on our “Gardens on View” this month. About 36 people toured each garden.



Margaret Collins



Marge Carpenter & Laurie Williams



Nancy Nivens' front garden

✂ Marge Carpenter

One Million Trees!

In the fall of 2002, Linda Krimm, then president of the Grapevine Garden Club, called me (Suzi Guckel) to ask if I would chair a project for her. Linda had learned that the National Garden Club President, Lois Dupre Shuster, had challenged all garden clubs to plant a million trees nationwide. Well at first I thought, “Is she crazy?” meaning Linda, and then I settled down and really listened! Oh, she didn’t want OUR garden club to plant a million trees. She just wanted us to do our part. So I readily agreed, and that was how our Redbud Tree Program began.



Linda’s vision was to go to two of our local schools and give each third grader a redbud tree to take home and plant. Third grade was selected because the science curriculum includes studying systems, such as photosynthesis. The Eastern Redbud was chosen because the seedlings transplant easily and do not require complicated planting or growing conditions. The tree is easily recognized by its leaves and flowers in the spring—and it is the Grapevine Garden Club tree.

We were to go into each of the third grade classrooms, read them a story about trees, explain how photosynthesis works, show them how to plant a tree in a clay pot, and then leave the book and the little trees with them in the classroom. So the children would not be sword fighting with their little trees, we asked the teachers if they would please give a tree to each child at the end of day.

I had chosen Dove Elementary because it was close to me and Silver Lake Elementary because I had a cute little third grader living across the street who attended Silver Lake. At first you think it is going to be a scary experience. Then you realize how excited the children are to see you and how excited they are to tell you all about their previous tree planting experiences with parents or grandparents. You begin to relax and enjoy the time you are spending with the children.

For several years after the Redbud Tree Program was begun, whenever I encountered a youngster I would ask how old they were, where they went to school, and if they had ever received a redbud tree to plant. The look on those children’s faces when they realized we had a connection was priceless, and I knew we had accomplished what we started out to do—to plant a seed in the heart of these children, a seed of respect and love for our trees.

You can make a difference in the lives of these children by teaching them respect for trees and for our planet. This project had such an impact on the children that the next year we decided to increase the number of schools from two to five. Talk about a leap of faith! And thanks, Linda, for having faith in me to chair this great project.



Here is a picture of Hannah, my cute little neighbor, with our own Val Reed, learning about trees. Here is a picture of Hannah today with her redbud tree, and yes, it is just across the street from my house.

∞Suzi Guckel

Fire Station #2 Planting Bed Project

On March 17th, GGC members worked with Keep Grapevine Beautiful to develop a landscape plan to revamp the 100 foot planting bed at the local fire station, purchased plants and led the planting efforts of the volunteer group.



Pam & Greg Braak, Karen Rice

GRAPEVINE BOTANICAL GARDENS GREENHOUSE PROJECT

Let's chart our growth
toward our goal.

\$150,000



\$100,000



\$ 50,000

\$ 25,000

\$15,144

\$ 12,000

Additional information about the
Greenhouse Project may be found on
www.grapevinegardenclubs.org.

\$ 5,000

