



**GRAPEVINE**  
**GARDEN CLUB**  
Established 1932

# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

**March 27, 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, Vickie Haines, Laura Barnes,  
René Herndon, Candace Kyler, Chenje Newmann, Theresa Kay Thomas, Elayne  
Vick, Miriam Ward

## **Grapevine Garden Club** **March Program**

Mr. Charles Russ will bring us a program about  
planting and growing irises.



## **New Members**

Sharon Beach  
Judy Hester  
Lynn Lichtenfeld  
Natasha Loeblich  
Babs Sidorowixz  
Sally Simpson  
Alexandra Taylor



## President's Message

### Leprechauns, Awards, and a Chance to Shine!

When thinking of March and St. Patrick's Day, many people think of corned beef and cabbage. However, I think of shades of green and shamrocks. I think that's a real clue that I was meant to be a gardener. Those bright chartreuse green colors and lucky shamrocks mean spring is coming and a pot of gold daffodils can be found at the end of the rainbow in our own back yards.



This past month our club has been recognized with several special awards (see articles) and we all should be very proud of the many volunteers from this and prior years' GGC membership who have contributed to the community and annually renew the generous giving nature of our club.

Our chance to really shine will be here on March 22-24 as we host the Texas Garden Club Spring Convention. The tremendous planning that Sarah Erikson, Linda Krimm, and their team of committees have accomplished will pay off as we showcase our Botanical Gardens, our city, and our member hospitality. I hope you will join us in this celebration!

☞Karen Rice

### State Convention Is Almost Here!

After months of planning and organizing, it is almost time for the Texas Garden Clubs State Convention. It's hard to believe that we have been working on this since early last summer. It is indeed a big project!

Linda Krimm and I want to thank all of you who have volunteered for duty, taken charge of some aspect of the convention, and been willing to listen to us vent! We could not have done this without the members of our wonderful Grapevine Garden Club.

If you will be attending the convention, we will have our GGC name badges at the registration table for you to wear. If you have a garden shirt, it would also be great if you would wear it. We want to show convention goers what an active club can achieve by working together. Thanks again for all your help and enthusiasm.

☞Sarah Erickson

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
March 3 – April 8	Butterflies in the Garden	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
March 17	Fort Worth Orchid Society Sale	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
March 21	Forth Worth Spring Plant Sale	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
March 21	FW Garden Club Council Meeting	10:00 – 11:30 A.M. Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
<b>March 22 – 24, 2012</b>	<b>Spring Texas Garden Club Convention</b>	<b>Grapevine Convention Center &amp; Lancaster Theater</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>GGC General Meeting</b> Gardens on View (TBA Watch for email.)	<b>Grapevine – Stacy's Furniture</b>
March 29	Spring Festival Japanese Garden	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

## March Birthdays

Laura Ball  
Dan Burger  
Michelle Burger  
Dinah Chancellor  
Mike Clark  
Jimmie Nell Cook  
Robin Gerner  
Sandy Kancavicus  
Catherine LaCroix



Carole Lee  
Bob Lundin  
Carol Marchant  
Cheryl Parkinson  
D'Ray Rice  
Sharron Spencer  
Susan Stanek  
Mary Jo Tellin  
Paula Wilson

# Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
April 14 & 15, 2012	Flowercade	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
April 21, 2012	Forth Worth Iris Society Show	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
<b>April 26, 2012</b>	<b>Gardeners on the Go</b>	<b>Springtown and Boyd</b>
<b>May 10, 2012</b> (NOTE change of date.)	<b>GGC Redbud Tree Program</b>	<b>Grapevine Colleyville ISD</b>
<b>May 12, 2012</b>	<b>GGC Sale of Heirloom Plants</b>	<b>Grapevine Botanical Gardens</b>
<b>May 22, 2012</b>	<b>GGC May Luncheon</b>	<b>Trawick Pavilion, Grapevine Lake</b>

## URGENT!! BUTTERFLY HABITATS ARE NEEDED!!

The Monarchs are coming!! The Monarchs are coming!! It's time to get your Monarch Way Station fired up. Last summer's drought and the continuing West Texas drought, has taken a huge toll on wildflower production across the state of Texas! As gardeners, we can provide way stations for migrating Monarchs enabling them to survive their trek north. Our gardens should have nectar plants for nourishment, as well as larval plants specific to the Monarch's needs.



*Monarch Butterfly on Butterfly Weed*  
*Asclepias tuberosa*

Visit the websites below for lists of the perfect plants for your butterfly garden. If your garden qualifies, sign up on the Monarch Watch website as a Way Station Garden, and then please report it to Harriet Perrello. We are keeping a count of the number of Backyard Habitats, Way Stations, and Butterfly Habitats established by our club members.

In addition to reviewing the November GGC Newsletter (page 12), please visit these websites for plant ideas, habitat certification, and more information about butterflies, especially the Monarch butterfly:

### **Websites:**

Monarch Way Station Certification: <http://shop.monarchwatch.org/store/p/1200-Waystation-Certification-Application.aspx>

For National Wildlife Federation certification and information, visit [www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat](http://www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat) .

For Texas native plants, visit [www.dirtdoctor.com](http://www.dirtdoctor.com), or [www.westongardens.com](http://www.westongardens.com)

Other butterfly websites: [www.dallasbutterflies.com](http://www.dallasbutterflies.com); National Butterfly Association: [http://www.nababutterfly.com/cert\\_index.html](http://www.nababutterfly.com/cert_index.html)

**HAPPY GARDENING!**  
☞ Barbara Atkins



## Malt Shop Memories

Let's pretend we're in our favorite booth at the malt shop. We've ordered a burger, fries and a cherry coke. Let's put some nickels in the juke box and play some of our favorites.



The 50's brought many songs of young love – sweet innocent tunes about guys and gals from a time when teen girls wore blouses with Peter Pan collars, skirts either narrow or very full with petticoats, worn with saddle oxfords or loafers and bobby socks. Blue jeans were rolled up, and pedal pushers were only after school wear.

We watched American Bandstand and learned the latest dance steps. We wore carnation corsages to the Sock Hop and the Prom. We had to have the latest 45s and albums so we could dance the Bop and the Twist. We slow danced to love songs by Johnny Mathis and Elvis Presley.



Dig out your poodle skirt, put on your dancing shoes, and join us for "Malt Shop Memories". It's time to think about FLOWERCADE and this is our theme this year.

Flowercade has been a tradition of the Garden Club Council of Fort Worth for decades. It began over 50 years ago as a spring celebration with a parade of horse drawn carriages decorated with flowers. Over 20 years ago we began holding this flower show in the Fort Worth Botanical Garden Center. My, how far we've come!

Flowercade "Malt Shop Memories" will be held on April 14-15. The show has two divisions, Horticultural and Design. Further information on Flowercade divisions and rules will be sent out via email. If you are interested in entering the Design division, please contact me as soon as possible. Advance Reservations are a must for design entries. Winners are awarded ribbons, and we do love getting those "Best of Show" awards.

Our club will collect and ready Horticultural division specimens on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will provide details about horticulture specimens at the March 27th Grapevine Garden Club meeting and in the April newsletter. Most of our members know how to choose and prepare these specimens; however, we will review it for our newer members.

Not only are we asking you to either submit a horticulture specimen, container grown plant, or enter one of the design divisions, but **WE ARE ALSO ASKING YOU TO ATTEND.** It will give you a greater appreciation of the work the Fort Worth Garden Club Council does to put on this wonderful flower show.

**☞René Herndon**  
**Flowercade Coordinator**

### Bronze Leaf Award

The Grapevine Garden Club is the proud recipient of the Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council's (CTUFC) Bronze Leaf Award. The CTUFC's mission is to promote programs in the region that increase interest in urban and community forestry. The organization includes 17 North Texas counties and during their conference in Grand Prairie on February 17, 2012, the Grapevine Garden Club was honored as one of five awardees of the Bronze Leaf Award for 2011.



The award nomination was submitted by Kevin Mitchell and Lisa Grove and emphasized the long involvement of the GGC with the city of Grapevine in planting trees and promoting tree education in the local community. The award was presented by the president of the CTUFC, Melinda Adams. Melinda is the director of Forestry for the City of Fort Worth Parks and Recreation. The beautiful bronze work was sculpted by Vincent Villafranca.

**☞Karen Rice**

## District II Pin



The Texas Garden Club District II Director, Ginger Jones, would like to invite you to wear a District II club pin at the Texas Garden Club Spring Convention. This rhinestone pin was designed specifically for the district with a large D and the II inside the D. GGC is a member club of District II and purchasing this pin will help support District II Ways & Means projects. The pin is \$12.50 and may be ordered by contacting Karen Rice. Wearing the pin will symbolize support of District II at the state convention this month.

☞Karen Rice

## Potting Kits and Plant Digging Parties

The potting kits were so popular at our last meeting that we ran out of them. More kits will be ready and available at our March meeting. If you need a potting kit before then, please call or email Paula Wilson.

For those of you who are interested in having some of us come to your garden and help you pot your perennials for the plant sale, please schedule a plant digging party. We would love to help you make the job go faster, and it will be more fun potting with friends. Contact Paula Wilson to schedule your digging party.

☞Paula Wilson

## Please Donate Your Extra Decorative Junque

Is your craft closet bulging at the seams with scraps of ribbon, beads, buttons, and raffia in bright hues and colorful patio or acrylic paint? Has it seemed lately that the bits and pieces are beginning to reproduce behind the closet door? Do we have a deal for you! Your GGC friends are accepting donations of your unwanted craft items as they create decorative clay pots to raise funds for garden club projects. Please call Vickie Haines if you would like to add your *junque* to their clever projects.



☞Vickie Haines



## It's time to renew your membership.

Membership renewals for one year are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Once again, an added benefit to membership this year is a free one-year subscription to *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine. This is a limited time offer sponsored by the American Public Gardens Association.

Count the benefits of membership:

- ✓ Your information and photo in our annual yearbook when a new issue is distributed every September
- ✓ Membership-only tours to interesting local gardens and longer jaunts
- ✓ Entry to all GGC civic activities
- ✓ 10% discount on purchases from Marshall Grain Company Nursery
- ✓ Camaraderie with people with similar interests
- ✓ Educational speakers at monthly meetings



*Membership: Harriet Perrelo and  
Chris George*

Mail your check for \$30 single membership or \$35 for family membership to Grapevine Garden Club, PO Box 811, Grapevine, Texas 76099. If you are mailing your renewal dues to the post office box and want a free one-year subscription card, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Or bring your check to the general meeting on March 27. Don't miss out! Rejoin this month and continue the fun.



*Hostesses February 28<sup>th</sup>:*

*Sharon Swagerty, Edie Williams, Pat Mingus,  
Lisa Grove, Linda Harris, Joan Kowalski*

Something else to consider—

While writing that check, consider adding an amount to be donated to the Grapevine Greenhouse Project. Any amount above the single or family membership amount will automatically be deposited in the greenhouse fund.

**✂ Harriet Perrelo,  
Membership**



## Images from the February 28<sup>th</sup> GGC Meeting



*Sales Table: TheresaThomas*



*Seed and Plant Exchange: Thierrie Mazur,  
Margaret Meharg, Pauline Robbins,  
Sarah Erickson*



*Refreshment Table*



*Opportunities to get involved*



*Fairy Garden door prize from Tim's  
Landscape Garden Center*

## Annual Spring Membership Luncheon



We hope to see everyone at our annual luncheon on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at the Trawick Pavilion on Lake Grapevine. There will be a sign-up sheet at the table at both the March and April general meetings, or you can simply email Linda Barraclough of your intention. The social time starts at 10:30AM, with lunch at 11:00AM. Please let us know if you can bring either a salad or a dessert and the name of your guest, if you are bringing one. Our theme this year is *"Garden Party - Hats off to 80 Years of Gardening."*

As always, we are looking forward to having a great time together! We need your RSVP by Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

☞Linda Barraclough

## West Texas Work Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

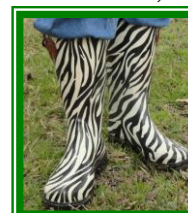


*These boots are made for WORKIN'! And that's just what they did!*

We really had a great work day at the low-income housing project on West Texas Street. We pruned, weeded, and visited with the residents and each other. What a beautiful day it turned out to be.... cool, sunny, not too hot, not too cold, just right.

I want to extend a special thanks to Joetta King, Angela Ozymy, Pat Mingus, Kathy Dohrer, Val Reed, René Herndon, Bruce Herndon, Vicki Haines, Cindy Miller, Robin Gerner, Linda Krimm, Karen Rice, Karen Pafford, Dick Pafford, Pam Braak and Therrie Mazur. Great job, ladies and gents!  
Thank you so much for helping with this worthwhile endeavor.

☞Suzi Guckel, Chair  
West Texas Street Project





## News from the Civic Committee

The GGC Civic Committee is pleased to announce that our club has donated \$200 each to the following projects:

**GRACE Food Pantry Garden** The purpose of this garden is to cultivate a healthy community by providing organically-grown vegetables to those in need. Last year, over 800 pounds of fresh produce were donated to the pantry from this garden. Our club helped supply seeds, gloves, gardening supplies, and equipment, together with a new wheel barrow.



*\$200 check presented to GRACE on February 23, 2012*

*Mark Woolverton – GRACE Director of Development, Karen Rice – GGC President, Barb Munn – GGC Civic Projects Chairman, Francia Arrigan – GRACE Director of Programs, Rusty Thigpen – GRACE Pantry Manager*

**Keep Grapevine Beautiful** Over 1000 volunteers help to make Grapevine the cleanest and most beautiful place it can possibly be. This project directly promotes city and highway beautification, as well as actively supporting environmental

concerns. One of the specific projects for this year is the large garden at Fire Station #2. Karen Rice and Pam Braak were instrumental in the new design of this bed. A team of volunteers from Verizon will weed, clean, plant, and mulch this garden beginning March 12<sup>th</sup>.

✂ **Barbara Munn, Chair**  
**Civic Projects**



*\$200.00 check presented to Mary Jo Tellin of  
Keep Grapevine Beautiful on March 5, 2012*

### **Gardeners on the Go**

**Destination - Springtown and Boyd**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

**9:00 AM - 2:15 PM**

*Members only - No guests - No fee*

Some members may remember traveling this itinerary in 2005, but it was a very relaxing and enjoyable tour that is worth repeating. Our first stop will be at David's Concrete Innovations in Springtown which manufactures concrete statuary, stepping stones, fountains, bird baths, vases, urns, and benches. Previously known as David's Patio, it has been renamed after purchasing Kansas City Art Statuary which has resulted in an upgrade to their previous inventory. Tour attendees will receive a 10% discount on regularly priced manufactured items. The discount does not include gift store objects. [www.davidspatio.com](http://www.davidspatio.com)

Following our shopping spree at David's, we will be visiting the residential garden that graces the log cabin home of Kathy and Randy Staley in Boyd. The creative talent of the Staleys is illustrated in their unique use of garden art and plant layout. Kathy is an avid gardener with experience in growing antique roses and perennials. This countryside landscape is enhanced by a creative layout of pavers and retainer walls designed and installed by Randy.



Tour guests will bring a brown-bag lunch to enjoy in the garden. A cold beverage and a sweet will be provided. Contact Joetta King by phone or email for a tour reservation.

✂Joetta King



## Historical Preservation of the Cotton Belt Depot 1972-75



*Carolyn Ernst, President  
Grapevine Historical  
Society*

*Feb. 27, 2012 Museum  
Fundraising Gala*

During her opening speech at the fund raising gala for the museum, Carolyn Ernst mentioned the GGC's involvement in forming the Historical Society and in preserving the depot, which is also mentioned under past activities in their brochure. The preservation of the Cotton Belt Depot was an impressive accomplishment due to the efforts of GGC members. An article entitled "How the Garden Club Saved the Cotton Belt Depot" written by Carolyn Ernst, a GGC member since 2002, describes how this was accomplished.

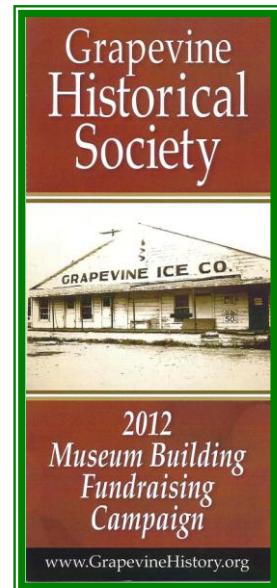
The year was 1972 and the Grapevine Garden Club was already 40 years old. An article in the Grapevine Sun revealed that the St. Louis Southwestern Railway planned to demolish the inactive Cotton Belt Depot in Grapevine. They had offered it to the city, provided it would be moved from its location on Main Street.

A delegation from the Grapevine Garden Club went before the City Council and proposed that the depot be conserved and used as a city museum. Floy Ezell, City Manager, later stated that "the depot was donated to the city by the railroad after passenger operations here ended." On March 16, Alberta Nettleton, Grapevine Garden Club President, announced to the members that the City Council had approved the club's request to sponsor the restoration of the old

Grapevine Depot as a historical landmark and museum. The city would move the Depot to 231 South Ball Street in Heritage Park (at the corner of Wall and Ball streets).

Restoration would take a lot of effort and financial support. The Garden Club wisely decided to solicit the assistance of some of the other women's groups in Grapevine. Alberta must have been a good saleswoman, because she obtained promises of help from organizations including the Bay View Club, Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, The Tuesday Study Club, The '36 Club, and The Music Club.

The first fund raising effort for this ambitious project was the "Sweet Shop." It was a flower show held on April 21, 1972 at First Baptist Church and the proceeds were directed to the Depot project. More money was needed and a proposal was made to hold a Fall Festival. This successful event was repeated in 1973 on an even grander scale with all proceeds going to the restoration of the Depot. This was also the beginning of a tradition in Grapevine, where we still have a Fall Festival, now called Grapefest, benefiting historic preservation.



At that 1973 Fall Festival, the new Grapevine Historical Museum building was dedicated. Mayor Bill Tate drove a gold railroad spike into a railroad tie to commemorate the event. The railroad tie was in the border of a flower bed in front of the museum. The Garden Club had generously donated \$200 to create the flower bed and plant some crepe myrtles in the area for beautification. The spike is now in the Historical Museum on Main Street.

Of course the ladies of the Garden Club held a tea to invite the public to see the new museum and the Grapevine artifacts it contained. Whose name is at the top of the list of attendees? Dorothy Bess Francisco, whose husband, John, was the first Museum curator. The list includes many other Grapevine Garden Club members, as well as two visitors from the Colleyville Garden Club.

Soon after the building dedication, the coalition of women's groups, which had worked so hard on the project, decided that a Historical Society should be established to continue this important work. On May 2, 1974 the state of Texas granted a charter to the Grapevine Historical Society. Alberta Nettleton, the President of the Grapevine Garden Club when the Depot project was started, was elected the first President of the new Historical Society. Alberta served until 1975 and then filled the remaining time of Dulce Moore's term when she resigned. Alberta and other Garden Club members were the nucleus of a group of citizens who worked hard to preserve Grapevine's history as the Grapevine Historical Society.

In 1975, Dulce Moore presented a plaque from the Historical Society to the Garden Club in appreciation for their efforts in preserving the history of the town before the Historical Society was formed. The plaque, created by Mrs. J. W. Childress, was appropriately made of cotton bolls, wheat, and other dried plant materials from the area.

In 1973, the Grapevine Garden Club became a charter member of the Grapevine Historical Society. The charter member card is signed by Mrs. G. M. Nettleton.

As described in the 2012 Museum Building Fundraising Campaign brochure, the Historical Society will move its collection into a new facility located at 206 W. Hudgins, with the façade of the 1970s Grapevine Ice Company. This will increase the museum's space from 900 square feet to approximately 3,000 square feet. The new facility will allow the museum to expand and enhance its current displays and provide space for temporary exhibits. The goal is to raise \$150,000.

Joetta King

