

May 2012



**GRAPEVINE  
GARDEN CLUB**  
Established 1932  
2011

# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE



GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

## ***HATS OFF TO 80 YEARS OF GARDENING***

**Tuesday, May 22 - Lakeside Picnic - 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

**Arrival Social 10:30 A.M.**

**Lunch 11:00 A.M.**

**Meeting 11:45 A.M. at the**

**Trawick Pavilion on the shore of Grapevine Lake**

Members are invited to celebrate a successful year at the annual spring luncheon. This is our 80<sup>th</sup> Garden Club year, and the anniversary year was made especially memorable by the club receiving the award, Texas Garden Club's Gold Garden Club of the Year!

Join us! Dine on the many delicious salads and desserts provided by members. Enjoy the company of gardening friends, witness the installation of the 2012-2013 officers, and visit with our scholarship award winners and special guests. It will be a casual affair, and we will lunch on picnic tables under the pavilion.

**RSVP, yes only by May 15 to Linda Barraclough.** In deciding on your food contribution for the luncheon, please consider bringing a salad as there are sufficient desserts. Members have the opportunity to invite a guest. Please submit your guest's name when you RSVP.



Further details and driving directions will be emailed to members who plan to attend.

**Val Reed, Luncheon Coordinator**

## President's Message

A couple of weeks ago we were trimming a climbing rose after the bountiful spring bloom had finished, and all of a sudden a bird flew out. We really must learn to examine our bushes before we trim. Last year it was a snake in the abelias. Anyway, I am happy to report that the female Cardinal is still incubating two eggs. The rose bush, however, looks rather tacky with only half the job done!



*Cardinal Babies*



*Cardinal Mom  
Happy Mother's Day!*

Yea! - The plant sale is coming! The digging, potting and planning has come together and is about to get staged at the south parking lot area of the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. Your plant sale committee is excited about this new annual plant sale location and the informative seminars and activities in the gardens associated with the concurrent celebration of National Public Gardens Day. Come participate on May 12<sup>th</sup> in a fun day focused on gardening and enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

We did a great job at Flowercade and came home with many ribbons and awards. We have such talented members who share their skills, knowledge, and resources. Of course I can say that about any of our activities like the West Texas Street low income housing project, tours and gardens that we view, or the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> grade redbud tree distribution. We will look forward to our last general meeting during the spring luncheon at the lake with scholarship awards and officer installation. Who can pass up the beautiful salads, yummy desserts and gathering with gardening friends and special guests?

As this garden club year draws to a close, my hope is that you have taken advantage of the many fine opportunities to learn and share in the love of gardening. I will see you at the plant sale!

**☞Karen Rice, President**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 16, 2012	Garden Club Council Meeting	10:00 – 11:30AM Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
May 18 – 20, 2012	Main Street Days	Downtown Grapevine
May 19, 2012	Forth Worth Herb Society Festival	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
May 22, 2012	GGC Spring Luncheon	Trawick Pavilion Grapevine Lake

## May Birthdays

Shannon Bordelon  
Maureen Bittick  
Pam Braak  
Chelsea Chance  
Susan Cullen  
Sarah Erickson  
Marci Junge  
Jerene Kilpatrick  
Dorothy Launius



Debi Meek  
Carol Milner  
Debbie Monahan  
Pauline Robbins  
Sylvan Sigler  
James Smith  
Sarah Soper  
Miriam Ward

## Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
June 2, 2012	North Texas Daylily Show	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
June 3-9, 2012	National Garden Week	Mike Becker Gardens Southlake
June 4, 2012	Gardeners on the Go	

## Fun Facts about Grapevine Garden Club:

We have 225 members.

*What cities are our members from?*

Grapevine 48%

Southlake 15%

Colleyville 8%

Keller 5%

Flower Mound 4%

Eules 3%

Bedford 2%

Roanoke 2%



Alvarado, Arlington, Azle, Crowley, Dallas, Fort Worth, Frisco, Grand Prairie, Haltom City, Highland Village, Irving, Justin, Lantana, Lewisville, North Richland Hills, Plano, Saginaw, Trophy Club, Watauga and Westlake <1%



☞ Harriet Perrelo, Membership

### New Members

Helen Hastings

Rita Klisinski

Charles Shiner

Tim Tellin

# Civic Seed Money Awards

## Award to GRACE Food Pantry to help grow produce

The GRACE Food Pantry was awarded funds to help provide 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. *(See picture in GGC March 2012 newsletter.)*

## Award to Keep Grapevine Beautiful for the garden at Fire Station #2

Over 1000 volunteers help 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 of GGC were instrumental in the new design of this bed. A team of volunteers from Verizon weeded, cleaned, planted, and mulched this garden beginning in March of 2012. *(See pictures in GGC April 2012 Newsletter.)*

### **Award to Grapevine Heritage Elementary School**

The Heritage Elementary School in Grapevine was awarded \$200 in seed money to build a garden with a Germander hedge and to install all varieties of herbs in it. The students will also add mulch to all areas of their gardens. Plans include extending the flagstone path and adding wooden spoon plant markers on all plant varieties.

### **Award to Grapevine Elementary PTA Environmental Committee**

The PTA Environmental Committee at Grapevine Elementary School was awarded \$200 in seed money to improve natural areas on its campus which had been neglected for several years. Betsy Marsh, the Environmental Coordinator for this PTA project at the school, says 30 student volunteers are working to beautify the area with native plants and learn to conserve water. The students will learn about the natural world while installing drought-tolerant landscaping.



*Betsy Marsh of the PTA Environmental Committee at Grapevine Elementary School accepts \$200 in seed money from the Grapevine Garden Club.*



*Betsy Marsh shows students' work on the Grapevine Elementary herb & butterfly garden.*

## Award to Glenhope Elementary Outdoor Education Center

Glenhope Elementary in Grapevine was awarded \$200 in seed money to help the members of the school's Girl Scout Troop 1402 work on their Bronze Award (the highest award at a Junior Girl Scout level) by studying plants, various soils and learning to utilize the composter. The money will enable a butterfly garden to be built so the scouts can study host and nectar plants, life cycles, and migration of the Monarchs butterflies.



Also provided will be a place in the classroom to study, then to release the butterflies. Support for this project will help provide an environment in a hands-on setting to inspire and educate for the future.



## Gardens on View

A big thank you to Linda Barraclough, Wendy Essex, and Jo Ogletree for sharing their beautiful yards with us this month. It is so interesting to see the different plants we all have.

∞ Marge Carpenter  
Gardens on View



*Linda Barraclough's Gardens*



*Wendy Essex's Gardens*



*Jo Ogletree's Gardens*



*Jo Ogletree's Gardens*

## Keyhole Gardening

Karen read an article in a magazine she received and found it very interesting. To prepare for our usual hot, dry Texas summers, you might want to check out these websites:

<http://www.texascooppower.com/texas-stories/nature-outdoors/keyhole-gardening>

<http://www.debtolman.com/projects.htm>

Thanks, Karen Rice



*Celebrate  
National Garden Week  
June 3-9, 2012  
with  
Gardeners on the Go*

*Tour  
Mike Becker's Southlake Rose Garden  
June 4, Monday - 10-11:30 a.m.*



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## **Gardeners on the Go - Celebrating National Garden Week Destination - Mike Becker's Southlake Rose Garden**

**Monday, June 4  
10:00AM – 11:00AM**

I read the *Dallas Morning News* article on June 30, 2011, by Barbara Rodriguez titled a *Fragrant Obsession*, describing how Mike Becker tends more than 500 rose bushes. Immediately I knew that our members would benefit from the opportunity to view his Southlake garden!

The Becker garden is one of the largest private home rose gardens in Texas. It includes old garden roses (antiques), climbers, hybrid teas, floribundas, shrubs, English roses, miniature/minifloras, and groundcover roses that were selected for their fragrance, not their color or flower form. This year Mr. Becker's roses bloomed earlier than expected due to the warm wet winter and early spring, and there may not be the abundance of blooms that was anticipated for our tour.

However, there are other aspects of the garden that will provide additional interest. A tropical garden with banana and palm trees, hibiscus, gingers, plumeria, ixora, sago palms, pineapple, as well as other exotics, enhance the beauty of Becker's garden. In addition, there are many varieties of lavenders, daylilies, succulents, cacti, and other perennials.

For members who enjoy peppers, his garden grows twelve of the top twenty hottest peppers in the world! Two of these are the current and previous record holders, the Trinidad and Blut Jolokia Ghost Pepper.

Considering that Mike Becker is an American Rose Society (ARS) certified Master Consulting Rosarian and Horticultural Rose Judge with over 35 years of rose growing experience, it is not surprising that he is a valuable asset to Calloway's Nursery in Hurst where he is an assistant manager.

Becker's willingness to share his practical experience in growing roses, perennials, and tropicals should prove extremely beneficial to club members.

Join Gardeners on the Go for the Becker Rose Garden tour on Monday, June 4th, as we celebrate National Garden Week.

Contact Joetta King by phone or email for a tour reservation.

 **Joetta King, Coordinator**

## Malt Shop Memories FLOWERCADE

April 14 – 15, 2012

Grapevine Garden Club members dug out their poodle skirts, dancing shoes, and garden gloves for this year's Flowercade.



The GGC had another successful year at the Flowercade Flower Show held at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. Flowercade consists of two divisions: Horticulture and Design. Twenty-three members participated in the Horticulture Division and won 40 First Place ribbons, 13 Second Place, 12 Third Place, and 5 Honorable Mention ribbons. Joyce Quam and Barb Atkins won special "Award of Merit" ribbons for their horticulture specimens. Three members participated in the Design Division and won honorable mentions.

Once again, we would like to thank Joan Stewart for the use of her greenhouse for preparing horticultural specimens for Flowercade. She has been a gracious hostess for many years now, and those who have walked up her drive to the greenhouse are envious of her spacious, light-filled work space.

I want to encourage those of you who haven't participated in Flowercade to plan to do so next year. It takes very little effort and is such a rewarding experience.

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

P.S. Please keep your eyes open for a fairly large green bottle with a 1 ½" to 2" opening. We have enough of every other type green bottle, but we need one big enough at the neck to hold a thick amaryllis stem. You'll be our hero if you find one.



*Rene and Bruce Herndon going WAY beyond the call of duty!*

## Preparing for FLOWERCADE



*Joetta King and Barb Atkins*



*Margaret Meharg and Joyce Quam*



*Sarah Erickson and Diana Pospisil*



*Laura Barnes*

May 2012

## WEST TEXAS STREET WORK DAY TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012

*Hands down* we really had a great work day. It started out a little cool, just the way we like it, and then it warmed up nicely. We put in a new flowerbed, planted some shrubs, a rose bush, and lots of summer color, then topped it all off with a bit of mulch. After all our hard work, it was good to see a couple of our workers horsing around. Well done to all the volunteers!!

Thanks so much to Joetta King, Harriet Perrello, Pam Braak, Candace Kyler, Paul Ernst, Carolyn Ernst, Margaret Richter, Tina Boserup, Sheri Jones, Rene Herndon, Bruce Herndon, Pat Mingus, Chuck Voelker, Joe Krimm, Dick Pafford, Barb Atkins, and Joyce Quam.

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



## Gardeners on the Go: Garden Art to Roses

On April 26, 2012, twenty-two GGC members traveled to Springtown to enjoy a visit to David's Concrete Innovations. Tour attendees had an opportunity to tour the production area and see the manufacturing process for the statuary, fountains, vases, and other products. In addition, GGC members visited Kathy Staley's lovely gardens in Boyd. Set on seven acres of property, members had an opportunity to view the living areas of their log cabin home surrounded by old-fashioned gardens of herbaceous plants and roses.

✂Joetta King, Coordinator



*Shopping and tour of production area of David's Patio, Inc.*



*Stow away cat from Kansas Statuary*





*Home of Kathy and Randy Staley, Boyd, TX*



*Lunch in the Staley Gardens*



*Staley Gardens*



*Elayne Vick and Patty Hofer*



*Kathy Staley*



## Watch your Email box instead of your USPS Mailbox.

The Texas Garden Club Inc. (TGC) is changing its delivery method for the publication *The Lone Star Gardener* from print to electronic. If you were a member of the GGC on January 1, 2012, you are also a member of the TGC and entitled to receive this publication. GGC will provide TGC with your email address to be used solely for this purpose. If you do not wish to receive the *Lone Star Gardener* via email, please contact Harriet Perrello (membership).

## Lone Star Lady

The Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. (TGC) has worked with a daylily supplier to obtain a special variety that is only sold through TGC. It is named Lone Star Lady and the order form is available on the TGC website in the member's only section. Contact Karen Rice or Linda Krimm if you have any questions.



*Lone Star Lady*