



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

November 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, Alexandra Taylor, Dee Gates, Patty Hofer, Margaret Hutchins,
Marilyn Johnson, Barb Munn**

Grapevine Garden Club November Program

"The Landscape beyond the Water's Edge"

Dian Smith Ph.D., research scientist at the Lewisville Aquatic Ecosystem Research Facility (LAERF) in Lewisville, will tell us about the exotic and invasive plant life that is threatening our Texas lakes and water supplies. We will learn about the vegetation found in the aquatic habitat and how its presence affects water quality, for example how non-indigenous plants such as hydrilla and giant salvinia are taking over Texas lakes such as Caddo Lake. This is a timely topic and we are fortunate to have Dian come to speak to us about it.

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hydrilla



water hyacinth



salvinia

President's Message

November is finally bringing some cooler weather and some fall color to our trees and plants. The bees and butterflies are busy in my garden getting those last drops of nectar out of the flowers before the cold temperatures come along and change the landscape. Fall is a time to catch up with transplanting or to start a new garden project! As we all know - a busy gardener is a happy gardener.

In the continuing story of this year's prolific lizard population, we have one huge Texas Spiny Lizard we've nicknamed "Alligator" who hangs out in the passion vine. He does not have to wander far for dinner as the Gulf Fritillary caterpillars make a very convenient snack. Alligator has gotten pretty brave and makes so much noise you'd think there was a large animal lurking in the vines! Sadly his little private buffet is about to cease when the weather changes!

I would like to thank all those involved in a successful Native Tree and Shrub sale and Butterfly Flutterby. Also, we owe a big thank you to those offering their homes this fall for Gardens on View after the general meetings. We will have some fun events after the November, January, and February general meetings so check for details in this newsletter and in the coming issues.



Texas Spiny Lizard

☞Karen Rice, President

REMINDER from Ways and Means

Our November meeting is the time when our members display their crafts. If you are interested in signing up for a craft table, please contact Cindy Miller. There is a nominal fee of \$7.00 for the table set-up.

In addition, long sleeved denim shirts with an embroidered GGC logo can be ordered for \$30.50 at the November meeting. Denim shirts will be available to try on for sizes.



☞Cindy Miller, Coordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
November 14 th	Garden Club Council Meeting <i>Fund Raising Event, Silent Auction</i>	10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
November 27 th	GGC General Meeting	Grapevine – Stacy's Furniture
	Greenhouse Project Luncheon	11:30 (See related article in this issue.)
December 4 th	GGC Holiday Luncheon	Lancaster Theater (See related article in this issue.)

November Birthdays

Tami Bannister	Susan McCarley
Marcia Deacon	Lou Milner
Patty Hofer	Nancy Moffat
Margaret Hutchins	Cyndia Moore
Laura Keathley	Nancy Nivens
Lynn Lichtenfeld	Jo Ogletree
Michael Marchant	Paula Pafford
Malissa May	Harriet Perrello
Joy Mayo	Sharon Steele
Marty Mazur	Laurie Williams
Norma Worsfold	



November's Birth Flower
chrysanthemum

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
January 22, 2013	Workshop: <i>Plant and Flower Photography</i> Ginger Jones, District II Director	Bessie Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens
January 26, 2013	<i>Giving CPR to Birds through Habitat Protection</i> Dr. Ray Chancellor	2:00 P.M. Grapevine Library
January 29, 2013	Gardeners on the Go	Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, Sherman, TX
Feb. 26, 2013	Workshop: parallel design w/fresh flowers	Bessie Mitchell House



Ho! Ho! Ho! And Happy Holidays!

Pssst! Don't forget to make your reservation for the Grapevine Garden Club Holiday Luncheon! The date is Tuesday, December 4th at the Lancaster Theatre on Main Street in Grapevine. Social time begins at 10:30am. The cost is \$23. Come and enjoy "Harmony", Trinity High School's Show Choir and the meal catered by Napoli's. **Final reservations (check or cash necessary) will be accepted at our November General Meeting on November 27th.** Donations for GRACE will be accepted at the luncheon. So put away your gardening clothes and join us for a festive time!

☞Joan Kowalski, Coordinator



Nominating Committee

If you would like to serve on the nominating committee for the selection of officer candidates for the Grapevine Garden Club, please contact Karen Rice. The nominating committee will be presented at the November general meeting. The nominating committee will prepare a slate of officer candidates for the 2013-2014 club year which will be elected at the January 2013 General Meeting.

☞Karen Rice, President



New Members

Kris Botterman
Terry Curcio
Margaret Collins
Donna Detzel
Priscilla Keifer
Catriona Noble
Connie Sharp



Hats Off to Your Dedication Over the Years

As the celebration of our 80th anniversary ends, we would like to recognize those who have been GGC members for twenty years or more. We are grateful for your many contributions to the club and your continued involvement. The list of members is: Barb Atkins, Marion Brekken, Rachel Clark, Jimmie Nell Cook, Joetta King, Edith Pewitt, Sylvan Sigler, Sharron Spencer, Joan Stewart, Marty Swindell, Edie Williams and Norma Worsfold. Thank you!



☞Karen Rice, President

Look for interesting workshops in 2013.

Make a note on your new 2013 calendar. Two interesting noon workshops are scheduled after our general meetings in January and February. Both of these gatherings will be held at the Bessie Mitchell House at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens after our general meetings adjourn.

On January 22 Ginger Jones, our District II Director, will offer us a view of her garden photo portfolio along with tips on her technique, entitled “Bringing Nature to a Standstill with Photography.” After our February 26th meeting, Sher Dunaway, Tarrant County Master Gardener and landscape design consultant, will direct a members-only workshop on parallel design using fresh flowers. All supplies will be furnished by a \$20 fee for this master class. Members who have participated in a hands-on floral arrangement class in the past are eager to sign up. Look for more information about this class in the January newsletter. Sign up will begin at our January general meeting.

☞Elayne Vick, Program Chair

Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park Greenhouse Progress Report

At the conclusion of 2011, the Greenhouse Project had received donations of \$11,279. To date in 2012 we are excited to report the total donations equal \$31,918 – more than double those given in 2011!

Since the last progress report, we have applied for additional grants, have tentative pledges from several local businesses and service organizations, received contributions from Texas Garden Clubs who visited the gardens during the TGC Spring Convention and most recently received a \$1000 matching funds donation from a prominent Grapevine resident! **YAHOO!**

But even more exciting are the many individual Grapevine Garden Club members whose contributions together total over \$16,000. Plus in September the

GGC Board approved an \$8700 donation bringing the Club's total donations to \$10,000. THANK YOU GGC members and Board!

In the past year, Grapevine Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) supported the project by printing brochures, flyers and the sixteen page book about the project. In addition, the PARD co-sponsored the October Tree and Shrub sale. All proceeds from the sale will go toward the Greenhouse Project. A loud APPLAUSE for PARD!

In the coming year, the Greenhouse Committee will be identifying and submitting grants, seeking matching funds, and contacting more local businesses and service organizations to solicit support. In the spring, we are also considering hosting an educational seminar with well-known gardening speakers. We welcome your suggestions for individuals, businesses or organizations to contact for a donation. Tell Sarah Erickson if you have ideas or suggestions.

Our last funding raising effort in 2012 is to invite you to buy a box lunch from Cliff's Star Grill to enjoy after the November 27th general meeting. A greeter will meet you at the downstairs door, take your reservation and check for \$15. Cliff's will deliver the lunches, drinks and desserts to the 3rd floor around 11:30 to make it convenient for us. As you enjoy lunch with GGC friends, you can leisurely shop the craft tables and GGC Ways and Means table. You might find just the right Christmas gift for someone special.

If you cannot join us for lunch, then any time you, your family or friends dine at Cliff's, be sure to let your server know you want to support the Botanical Gardens Greenhouse Project. Cliff's will donate 15% of the total ticket (excluding tax) to the Greenhouse Project. Clip the Cliff's coupon from the last page of this newsletter and put it in your wallet as a reminder to notify your server that you support the project.

If you want more information about the Greenhouse Project, check out the Grapevine Garden Club website www.grapevinegardenclub.org. On the Home page, click the Greenhouse Project tab. You may download a donation form if you would like to make a donation before the end of 2012. Your donation will support the Greenhouse Project and be counted as a charitable tax donation on your income tax return. Questions? Contact Linda Krimm or Sarah Erickson. And thanks again for continuing to support the Greenhouse Project.

**☛Linda Krimm and
☛Sarah Erickson, Co-Coordiators**

Let's chart the growth
toward our goal.

GOAL: \$150,000



\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$31,918

\$11,279

\$6,000



Awards for Excellence

Once again, the Grapevine Garden Club has gone beyond expectations performing community service, excelling with fabulous projects, showing compassion by making contributions to other organizations in Grapevine, and generally having a bunch of fun in 2012!

Of course, our Club wants the rest of the gardening world to know how special we are, so we tell them! We told District II by submitting award applications for Community Service (for a **total of 3,165 points in volunteer hours**) for our conservation and educational Trips and Tours, for our expertly-done Membership Brochure, our informative Newsletters, our beautiful Yearbook, our Civic Seed Money program, and our professional Tree Landscaping project at Grapevine Housing Authority. These awards will be judged by the District then State Awards Chairmen, along with our Gold Club Rating Application.



We told South Central Region how wonderful we are through our Civic Development project with the Grapevine Housing Authority, and our beautiful Newsletters. And, certainly, the National Garden Club will eventually hear how wonderful we are when these award applications are passed along to them! We will submit our Membership Extension Award in January revealing to the gardening world that our Club continues to grow and that we already have an additional 22 members over last year!

We want to thank the following project coordinators: Joetta King, Harriet Perrello, Lisa Grove, Barb Munn, Dinah Chancellor, Elayne Vick, Pam and Greg Braak, Chris George, Margaret Meharg, Gloria Land, Suzi Guckel, and Sheri Jones. Those Event Summary Reports and Lisa's spreadsheet make our jobs less painful and so easy to total our tremendous number of volunteer hours for Community Service!

Credit goes to Linda Krimm for her hard work putting all these awards applications into their proper format and to Barb Atkins for pulling it all together into the Club Rating Report. We will be anxiously awaiting the results at the Spring District II Convention in 2013 in College Station!

**Linda Krimm and
Barbara Atkins, Awards Co-Coordinator**

West Texas Street Work Day

October 30, 2012

What a glorious day we had to dress in costume, dig in the dirt, laugh, plant some flowers, laugh, dig out some dead roses and volunteer trees, and laugh some more. We had a busy bee, a snail, a few gardeners, and one dirty ole “man” that showed up. OR we had those who just didn’t put on any makeup and were *very* scary. At any rate, a good time was had by all.

Thanks so much to Carolyn Ernst, Debbie Smith, Harriet Perrello, Val Reed, Candace Kyler, Vicki Haines, Sheri Jones, Sharon Fisher, Peggy Harris, Barb Morrell, Susan Boelens, Pam Braak, Linda Krimm, Barbara Atkins, Minnie Hall, Joetta King, Marianne Tuggle, Phyllis Butts, Thierrie Mazur, and Tina Boserup. You were a great crew and are very much appreciated.

Our next work day will be in February 2013 (WOW, 2013), so stay tuned.

☞ **Suzi Guckel, Coordinator**
West Texas Street Project



Suzi Guckel



Sheri Jones



Pam Braak



Harriet Perrello



Resident, Mrs. Bray



Thierrie Mazur

Gardens on View—October

Many thanks to Marci Junge, Carmen Drew and Carmen's daughter-in-law, Jackie Drew for sharing their gardens in October. Marci thinks her irises need to be moved into more sun as the tree they are planted around has grown too much. Carmen's gardens are expanding and she would welcome pass along plants. Jackie's garden shows perfectly what can be done in a small space.

☞ Marge Carpenter, Coordinator



Drew Gardens



Junge Gardens

Native Tree and Shrub Sale

October 20, 2012



Nancy Searl, Pam and Greg Braak



*Barbara Atkins, Barbara Munn,
Lisa Adams Grove*



Karen Rice, Linda Krimm

Butterfly Flutterby

October 20, 2012 was a perfect fall day. Thanks to Karen Rice and Sandy Kancavicus, we had some caterpillars, caterpillar eggs, and chrysalises. Our new location next to the depot had a grassy area behind our booth. We placed the fresh flowers surrounded by a white picket fence (thanks to Joetta King for this idea to protect the butterflies and the flowers) and added small child sized chairs so the children could sit and observe the monarchs after they were released. The monarchs were thirsty and thoroughly enjoyed the nectar from the garden club members' flowers. We promoted the Native Tree and Shrub Sale, the Greenhouse Project and the Grapevine Garden Club. Master gardeners answered questions and provided information about gardening to attract butterflies. Heirloom seeds and butterfly related items could be purchased from our booth. We collected \$395, and after expenses, raised \$221.24 to apply to civic projects and scholarships. Fifteen dollars was collected for the Greenhouse Project.

Special thanks to the volunteers who made this such a wonderful event: Patty Hofer, Sandy Kancavicus, Joetta King, Linda Krimm, Catherine LaCroix, Therrie Mazur, Karen Rice, Bea Stevenson, and Alex Taylor. I enjoyed working with each of you! Until next year, remember this description of what butterflies do for us.

*Beautiful and graceful, varied and enchanting, small but approachable,
butterflies lead you to the sunny side of life.*

And everyone deserves a little sunshine.

Jeffrey Glassberg

✂Gloria Land, Coordinator



Gloria Land



gulf fritillary



Catherine LaCroix



Alexandra Taylor
Cowart and son
Kyle (age 5) with
gulf fritillary
caterpillars



The Quotable Gardener

Flower shows sponsored by GGC were a significant project from 1932–1985. The annual flower shows were a social and educational event in Grapevine. As members' interests shifted more toward supporting community beautification projects and scholarship programs, the desire to schedule a flower show diminished and the last flower show sponsored by GGC, *Texas Past and Present*, was held in April 1985. Participation in the Garden Club Council of Fort Worth's Flowercade has replaced our own flower show.



*Rachel Clark Petite Op-Art
Design Category*

Maybe the decreased interest in studying floral design is what prompted GGC members, Marty Swindell and Rachel Clark, to also join Avant Gardeners. The sixteen members of Avant Gardeners are avid floral designers and enjoy staging flower shows.



Marty Swindell with her design

On October 9 a few GGC members attended *The Quotable Gardener*, a small - standard flower show presented by the Avant Gardeners. It was well worth the drive to Fort Worth as we not only viewed horticulture specimens and floral designs, but the show was also staged in the beautifully decorated home and lovely garden of Barbara Baker.

The flower show program included the following message: "Gardening is a global event. The entire earth is wrapped up in this universal phenomenon and the joys, sorrows, and learning that gardening brings. Is it no wonder then, that gardeners and poets and naturalists have been expressing their sentiments in the written word, both humorous and philosophical, for thousands of years?"



Barbara Baker in her garden



Karen Rice, Rachel Clark, Lindle O'Neil, and Candace Kyler

You can look forward to meeting Barbara Baker when she presents the February program. Barbara will be speaking on color schemes for our home and landscape, followed by a demonstration of floral design. Do not miss this program! If you could have seen her home and garden, you would have seen firsthand how she uses her knowledge of color.

Note from Barbara Baker: Although fall may be the best time to plant, availability of special plants are not always readily available in local nurseries. Barbara Baker has ordered hard to find plants online from Sooner Plant Farm, located in Northeastern Oklahoma, and has been very pleased with the quality of the plants. (www.soonerplantfarm.com)

☞Joetta King, Coordinator



**Dine any time at Cliff's and
support the Botanical
Gardens Greenhouse. Cliff's
will donate 15% of your
ticket to the project!**