



GRAPEVINE
GARDEN CLUB
Established 1932

THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

2011



GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

September 25, 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, Jo Ogletree, Linda Barraclough,
Bev Bravo, Carolyn Ernst, Robin Gerner,
Anne Hogue, Joan Kowalski, Nancy
Nivens.

Grapevine Garden Club September Program

We will celebrate GGC's 80th anniversary at our September meeting. We have become the club we are today by membership involvement in civic projects and fun activities. During this program, project chairs will honor our work by narrating a collection of project photos. We encourage all members to become involved in our fun and rewarding activities.

✂Elayne Vick

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Reminder: Be sure to pick up your new 2012 – 2013 GGC Yearbook at the September meeting.

President's Message

Welcome back to another fun filled season of the Grapevine Garden Club. In this issue of the newsletter you will read words of wisdom from early GGC members (“Keep your tummy tucked in.”) and find information on the many wonderful fall programs, events, tours and the new *Plant Native – Plant Now* native and adapted tree and shrub sale. This year we will continue to focus on improving our gardening knowledge, environmental awareness, and raising funds for the Greenhouse Project. I hope you take the opportunity to participate in our gardening fun. See you at the September 25th meeting!



It has been a great summer for baby anoles in our garden!

☞Karen Rice, President

Suburban Salad Theme

The Suburban Salad President's theme will continue this year with a selection of fall vegetables and herbs offered during the Gardens on View tours after the September general meeting. By integrating salad and herb ingredients in our suburban gardens, we can add nutrition to our dinner tables and have lovely plants in our fall and winter gardens. Proceeds will benefit the Ways & Means / Other project fund and community donations.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
September 19 th	Garden Club Council Meeting	10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
September 22 nd	Fort Worth Iris Society Sale	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
	North TX Daylily Society Sale	
September 25 th	GGC General Meeting	Grapevine – Stacy's Furniture
	Gardens on View 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	The gardens of Sheri Jones, Joan Kowalski & Pat Mingus <i>Suburban Salad plants will be available for purchase.</i>
October 5 th	Registration Deadline (See flier in this issue.)	<i>Floods to Drought</i> – Gardening in North Texas, Regional Conference
October 9 th	Avant Garden Club (member of Ft. Worth Garden Club Council) Flower Show and Garden Tour <i>The Quotable Gardener</i>	10:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. Free Admission 4104 Harlanwood Drive Fort Worth, TX 76109 (West of TCU Campus) 817-927-4668
October 11 th	Gardeners on the Go (See related article in this issue.)	Frisco and McKinney

September Birthdays

Ron Anderson
Barbara Atkins
Ella Barber
Marilyn Bayer
Tina Boserup
Patty Brown
Al Capone
Jenny Capone
Diane Cauwels
Rachel Clark
Carmen Drew

Iasmin Friedheim
Peggy Harris
Peggy Reyher
Karen Rice
Babs Sidorowicz
Shari Stanfield
Bea Stevenson
Lisa Stockdyk
Marty Swindell
Beckie Underwood
Elayne Vick
Edie Williams



September's Birth Flower
Aster

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
October 13, 2012	<i>Floods to Drought</i> —Gardening in North Texas Tarrant County Master Gardeners Regional Conference	8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Resource Connection of Tarrant County, 2300 Circle Drive, Building 2300, Fort Worth 79119
October 20, 2012	<i>Plant Native—Plant Now</i> sale	Grapevine Botanical Gardens
October 30, 2012	West Texas Street Workday	BOO! Wear your fancy work boots and your Halloween costume.
November 3, 2012	<i>Along the Tracks</i> District II Fall Convention	<i>Hosted by Keller Garden Club</i> Villages of Woodland Springs Amenity Center 12209 Timberline Blvd Keller TX 76244
November 7 – 9, 2012	Gardeners on the Go (See related article in this issue.)	Exploring Gardens of South Texas

An Award Winner—Again!



Square Foot Garden
Grapevine Botanical Gardens

The Grapevine Garden Club was recently selected for a National Garden Club Award titled “Planting for Public and Special Places”. The third place \$100 award comes with recognition in the National Gardener summer 2012 issue. The award was given for a write-up submitted about the Public Edible Project of “Suburban Salad” where GGC donated vegetable plants and materials for the demonstration square foot garden in the Grapevine Botanical Gardens and for the vegetable plants and “Civic Seed” money that GGC has donated to the GRACE community garden.

✂Karen Rice
✂Linda Krimm

Plant Native – Plant Now Tree and Shrub Sale

Saturday October 20, 2012

GGC is partnering with the City of Grapevine's Tree Sharing Program in conducting a tree and shrub sale on October 20th at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens, 411 Ball Street, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

With the extreme drought and heat impacting our landscapes, better plant choices need to be considered. Fall is the best time for planting! You will be pleased to find that the *Plant Native – Plant Now* sale will feature native and adapted trees and shrubs that are hardy and not usually available at the local nurseries. They will be small enough (three to seven gallon) to transport in your vehicle and reasonably priced.



Eve's Necklace

To allow you time to consider your landscaping needs, a complete list of the plants for sale will be emailed to members prior to the sale.

Members have come to expect a post-sale following our spring plant sales, but this will not be necessary following this sale since the City of Grapevine will purchase unsold plants to use in other projects. Gardeners love a bargain, and GGC members will be given a 10% discount during the plant sale. There will not be a pre-sale or special orders.

Grapevine residents may register for the Grapevine Tree Sharing Program during the sale. Sample trees will be available to view and order. Prices associated with the Grapevine Tree Sharing Program are very reasonable! The purchase of up to two 30-gallon trees includes delivery, planting, and a six month - one time - warranty. Trees may be planted in the front or back yard following specific guidelines. Since many of our members are not Grapevine residents, GGC members in the following cities may participate at a higher but still great price: Bedford, Southlake, Colleyville, Euless, Trophy Club, Hurst, North Richland Hills, Coppell, Keller, and Westlake.

As you are aware, GGC, in cooperation with the Grapevine Parks & Recreation Department, would like to build a greenhouse at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. We believe a greenhouse will provide opportunities to expand the educational classes by creating a no-season growing environment. It will provide a living laboratory for hands-on lessons in plant propagation, floriculture, container gardening, fertilization, transplanting, and soil preparation.

The proceeds from the *Plant Native – Plant Now* sale will be dedicated to the greenhouse fundraising campaign. Please support our efforts by attending, buying, and volunteering to assist during the sale.

For further information, contact Chuck Voelker, *Plant Native—Plant Now* coordinator .

☞Chuck Voelker



American Beauty Berry



Monarch Butterfly on Fall Asters

Butterfly Flutterby

The City of Grapevine will host the 15th annual Butterfly Flutterby on Saturday, October 20th. There will be several butterfly releases as part of the migration of Monarch butterflies from Canada and the United States to their winter home in Mexico.

The Grapevine Garden Club booth will be in the middle of the fun, which includes a parade, butterfly exhibits, arts and crafts, and entertainment! Our booth will have educational materials, seeds, bouquets of flowers, caterpillars, and craft items to sell. ***We need heirloom plant seeds from GGC members' gardens. Please bring the seeds to the September general meeting!*** Check the sign-up sheets at the September GGC general meeting if you are available to share your time, sell craft items, explain the life cycle of butterflies, or contribute fresh flowers from your garden.

Please contact Gloria Land with any questions.

 **Gloria Land**

Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.

~**Nathaniel Hawthorne**

Grapevine Botanical Garden Docent Program

The Grapevine Botanical Gardens Docent Program will be very busy this year educating and entertaining many visitors. We will start this new year with Sunset Concerts in the Garden. Mark your calendar. The dates are October 6, October 13, and October 20. We would love to have you come and join us on those evenings around 6:30 to help with children's craft activities in the pavilion.

The activities will be during the first half of the concert only. After we clean up during intermission, you will be free to leave or stay to enjoy the second half of the concert. There will be a sign up sheet at the September meeting.

We also have another docent opportunity on October 12 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. working with children ages 4 to 12. We will provide them with an activity regarding the anatomy and physiology of plants followed by a tour of the gardens. It will be fun! Be sure to sign up at the September meeting.

If you are not a garden docent and are interested in becoming one, please contact Lisa Grove, gardener@grapevinetexas.gov. It's a fun program where you will meet lots of nice people who enjoy sharing the beautiful gardens with you. There will be many opportunities for working with children, planting and weeding the gardens, or giving garden tours to adults. We are planning a docent training session after the first of the year and hope to see many new faces as well as old friends.

Paula Wilson

Announcing—A New GGC Brochure

Our club brochure has been reprinted, this time without dates. The new brochure gives our annual events in the months they occur and a long list of program topics we have enjoyed in the past and those scheduled for general meetings this year. For exact dates of events and programs, please see our website (www.grapevinegradenclub.org).

If you need a supply of the brochure for an event or community posting somewhere, contact Theresa Thomas.

Elayne Vick



Poppies and ox-eye daisies are star plants in a member's spring garden.

History tells us it still boils down to digging and planting...

As a rule, August is a month when as a gardener I combine avoiding the heat of the day so I don't get a heatstroke while still managing to do my garden chores in the early morning hours. Tough time. However, while inside recuperating under the AC, I put the finishing touches on the history of the Grapevine Garden Club that I began in January. During the spring, my manuscript was edited and reviewed

by members Carolyn Ernst, Marion Brekken, Karen Rice, Barbara Atkins and PARD Joe Moore, Kevin Mitchell and Lisa Grove. Then it was ready for a final edit by Elayne Vick.

A lucky find halted the progress — the discovery of two ledgers found in a storage shed at a dwelling referred to as the Dunn-Barton house. You may be familiar with the bright yellow house located at the corner of Dooley and Hudgins. When Carolyn Ernst, president of the Grapevine Historical Society, realized the significance of the ledgers to the club's history, she handed them over to me. The ledgers contain minutes, treasurer's reports, and newspaper clippings from January 1932 to May 1953. Quite a find! What was especially significant was that the club's original constitution and by-laws were included.

Reading the ledgers has given me a wonderful perspective on the members of the club, hopefully enriching the completed history with members' endeavors. The most obvious impression is that the club continues to be involved with the concerns that bound its founders together. Projects and activities throughout the club's 80 years have reflected an effort to continue the objectives as originally expressed in 1932.



Some things haven't changed. We are still digging in the dirt. Notes from the January 18, 1945 meeting minutes: "Members of the club are sufficiently well versed in the art of digging, spading and planting to get the speaker's points about aching muscles, sore joints, and backs when doing this work with the body in the wrong position." In describing the program presented by Mrs. C. B. Strain, the Garden Club Notes column in the Grapevine Sun stated "If you would avoid having sore leg and back muscles, or that sacro-iliac condition which gives you a vicious pain at the most unexpected times, you should observe certain rules of posture when digging and hoeing in your victory garden this spring, or when attempting to keep that lawn mowed. Do keep the knees bent when digging and

spading. The position of the tummy is most important. Carry it in instead of out. When you lift a bushel basket of potatoes, bend the knees, pick up the basket and set it on the tummy. Never set it on the hip.”

Well there you go! Keep the tummy tucked in and maybe we can avoid the prediction that gardeners live longer but they all have bad backs.

I continue my work on the GGC history, adding bits of remarkable and essential information to the almost-finished document as I go through all the ledgers. Stay tuned. A fascinating finished club history is anticipated.

Joetta King

GARDENERS ON THE GO

Destination: Frisco and McKinney

Thursday, October 11th, 8:15 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.

Tour is limited to 25 members

Our first stop will be Shades of Green, a full-service nursery and landscape company specializing in organics, native, and well-adapted plants and trees. Following an introductory tour with the co-owner, Robert Wier, you'll have time to shop for annuals, perennials, trees, mulches, fertilizer, tools and stunning garden art and pottery. Not in the mood to shop? Take a leisurely stroll along the creek on this seven acre property.



Shades of Green

Be sure to check out their website, www.shadesofgreeninc.com, which has a plant care information segment that includes numerous lists including the top ten native plants to attract hummingbirds and butterflies. The history of Shades of Green and the co-owners friendship is also interesting reading.



Heard-Craig House

From Shades of Green the group will journey to historic downtown McKinney for lunch and shopping before a tour at the Heard-Craig House lead by Barbara Johnson, Executive Director of the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts. The Heard-Craig House, built in 1900, is one of the most

beautifully preserved historic homes in North Texas. The gracious hospitality of S. D. Heard and his wife, Lillie, made this residence a center of social, business, art, and literary activities. The family's heirlooms, art objects, personal memorabilia and furniture remain in the home today. Thanks to the foresight of the Heard's daughter, Kathryn (Katie), the Heard family home has been preserved so that future generations can "learn somewhat of the past." It was Kathryn Heard Craig's dream that her family home be used for the "education and enlightenment of the women of McKinney." Clubs with a cultural, literary or educational focus have had the privilege of meeting in the Heard-Craig facilities since 1971. The Heard-Craig House tour fee is \$5.00 to be paid on the day of the tour.

www.heardcraig.org

Tour attendees always look forward to viewing a residential garden, and we have been invited to visit the lovely garden and home of club member, Kathy Stone, in Frisco. Having seen the beautiful quilt created by Kathy for the club's spring funding project, you will also see evidence of her creative talent in the decorating of the home and a unique room dedicated to her quilting hobby. Although a relatively new landscape, the ten foot pyracantha adds an accent to the front elevation and provides an interesting contrast to the surrounding hawthorn and spiraea. Kathy's fondness for magnolias is reflected by the planting of eighteen in the landscape. Although the lavish seasonal bloom of shrubs, trees and vines may have passed before our visit, guests will find the landscape design and garden art of interest. Following a tour of the home and garden, take time to relax on the covered patio area with its lovely view of the back garden and enjoy a sweet treat and beverage before continuing the journey toward Grapevine.



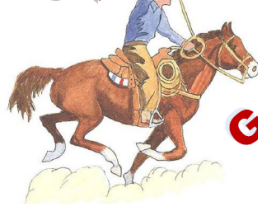
Gardens of Kathy Stone, Frisco

Contact Joetta King for further information and a tour reservation. Participants will receive the itinerary schedule, carpool information, and driving directions in advance by email. Members without email access who wish to attend the tour must provide a self-addressed/stamped envelope to receive tour information.

Joetta King



Floods to Drought



Gardening in North Texas

Tarrant County Master Gardener
2012 Fall Regional Conference
Saturday, October 13, 2012

Resource Connection of Tarrant County
Building 2300, Circle Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76119

Open to the Public

8:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

\$45 per person, includes box lunch and snacks

Steve McCauley, WFAA meteorologist — Weather Trends

Randy Weston, Weston Gardens — Native & Adapted Plants

Carol Feldman, landscape designer — Landscaping with Drought-Tolerant Plants

Dotty Woodson, water resources specialist — Harvesting Rainwater & Rain Gardens

Break-Out Sessions

Tree Survival in Extreme Conditions
EarthKind Landscaping
Extreme Insects: Bugs Out of Control
Wildlife in the Landscape
Drip Irrigation Demo
Copper Rain Chains Demo



Tours/Activities

Weston Gardens Tour
TCMGA Demonstration Gardens Tour
Make a Rain Barrel*
Make a Copper Rain Chain*
Make a Copper Rain Gauge*

* additional fee

More information and registration form at Tarrant County Master Gardener Association Web site:
www.tarrantmg.org Smartphone users: download a free QR code app and scan the above code
for more information. Registration ends October 5. Limited to 300 participants. Master Gardeners
earn 6 CEUs.

GARDENERS ON THE GO

Exploring Gardens of South Texas

November 7-9, 2012

Celebrating 80 Years of Dedicated Gardeners 1932-2012

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Wednesday, November 7 – Round Top

Chef's Choice Country Lunch at Festival Hill

Tour of Festival Hill gardens and concert hall with Henry Flowers

Overnight in Brenham at the Hampton Inn

Thursday, November 8 - Hempstead & Tomball

Peckerwood Garden - guided tour

Creekside Nursery - guided tour

Lunch at Hempstead Seafood and Steak

Liendo Plantation - guided tour

Arbor Gate "Where Home and Garden are One" - shopping

Overnight in Tomball at the Hampton Inn

Friday, November 9 – Humble

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens - guided tour

The tour is limited to 30 attendees. The first members to pay the expense fee will be given priority on the tour list.

Tour expense fee of \$51.50 must be paid no later than October 23. The expense fee will cover the cost of the Chef's Choice Country Lunch at Festival Hill, guided tours at Festival Hill, Liendo Plantation, Peckerwood Garden, Mercer Arboretum, and miscellaneous tour expenses. Anticipated expenses not covered by the tour expense fee would include hotel rooms, lunch and dinner meals, reimbursing driver for gasoline and shopping. **If you are interested in attending this tour, contact Joetta King.** Additional information will be sent to members who indicate an interest in participating.

Tour highlights:

Festival Hill is the site of an international classical-music festival headquartered in a 1000-seat, acoustically phenomenal concert hall. A marvelous array of restored period buildings are located on the 200 acres. Henry Flowers will conduct a tour of the concert hall and gardens following the Chef's Choice luncheon which will be served in the Menke House, built in 1902.

Listed in Rae Spencer Jones' *1001 Gardens You Must See Before You Die*, **Peckerwood Garden** had to be included! It is the creation of a professor of design, renowned artist and plant explorer, John Fairey, who for 41 years has collected unique plants. The garden brings together rare, drought-tolerant plants native to the southern United States and remote mountains of Mexico and Asia. Gardens are laid out as wandering woodland trails along the banks of a spring-fed stream. There are also beds dedicated to dry land plants.

Peckerwood Gardens



As its name implies, the primary interest of Julie Ryan's *Perennial Gardens of Texas* is perennials, but her discussion of John Fairey's 'An Artist's Garden' is wide-ranging with photographs that give an evolution of the garden. Worth reading!

Originally a Spanish land grant of 67,000 acres, **Liendo Plantation** was built in 1853 and was one of Texas' earliest cotton plantations. It was considered the social center of Texas receiving and lavishly entertaining early Texas dignitaries and notabilities. It is recognized as a Texas historic landmark and is listed on the national register of historic places. Volunteer docents familiar with the rich history of Texas and Liendo will lead guests through this historic landmark.

A visit to **Creekside Nursery**, a wholesale nursery located on 300 acres used for nursery production, will provide a behind-the-scenes view of how this nursery strives to stay abreast with current technology and automation.

Varbor Gate garden center has unique plants, home and garden décor, accessories and gifts, decorative gates for your shopping pleasure. You'll find yourself surrounded by beautiful display gardens that can't help but inspire your creativity. Thelma and Charles Mercer had a dream of sharing their small, private garden with the community. Through community support, their personal oasis along Cypress Creek has grown to cover 325 acres of East Texas Piney Woods. Showcased in the **Mercer Arboretum and Botanic garden** in both cultivated and natural areas is the region's largest collection of native and cultivated plants.

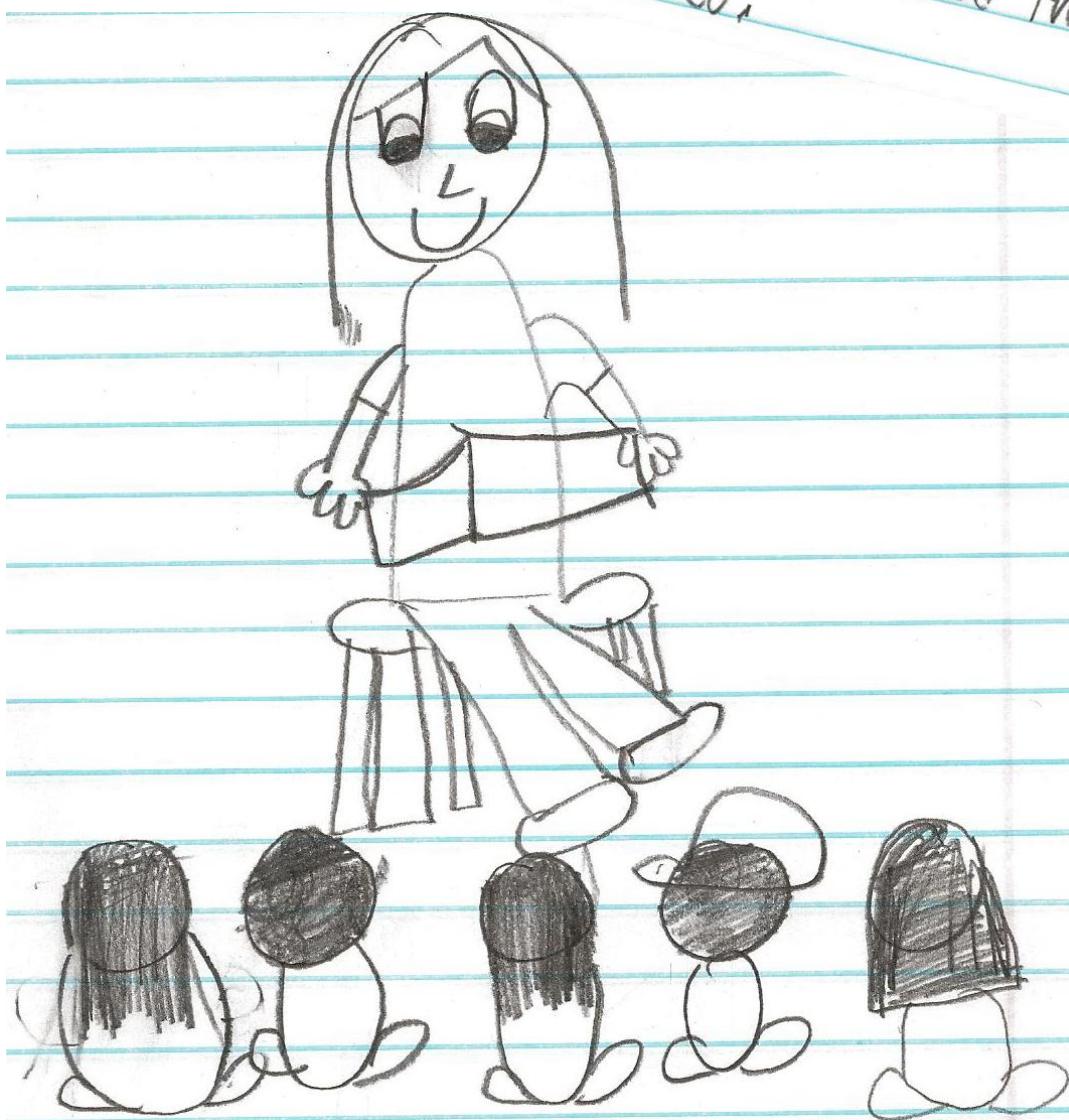
Joetta King

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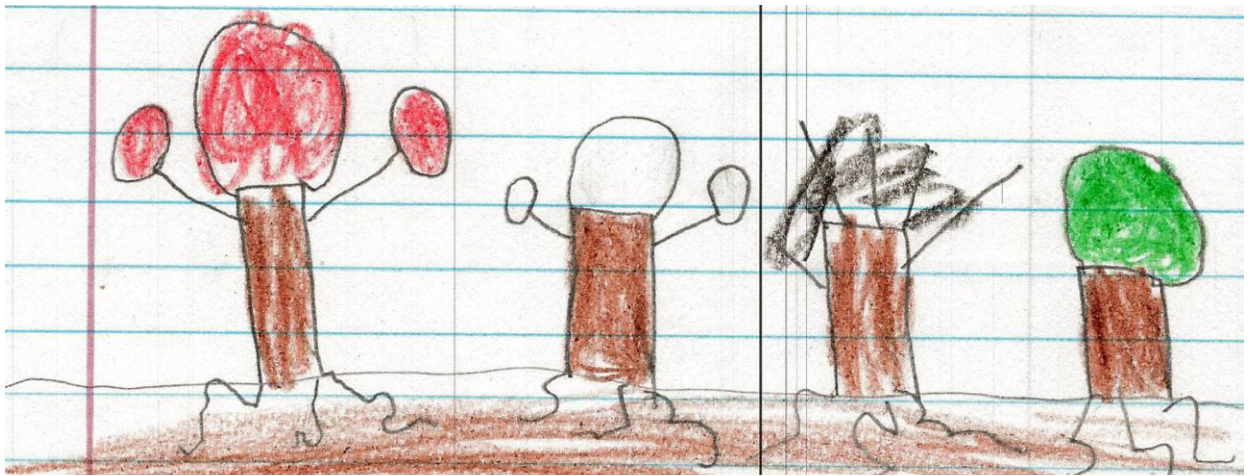
GGC Redbud Tree Project

May 10, 2012

Thank you for sharing your love of gardening with our class. We enjoyed the story and watching you plant the tree. Thank you for giving us each a Eastern Redwood tree that was fond and nice.



Thank you
for the trees you gave us and
the acorn root. Thank you for
the book The Happiness Tree.
I really enjoyed it. Thank you
for teaching us about trees.
I planted my acorn root and
there's a small sprout. Thank
you for coming & enjoyed
your presentation.



Thank you for coming to our class
and teaching us about red bud trees
and giving us trees to plant. My
plant is about a foot tall now. Thank
you for giving us the happiness tree
book. Our class has enjoyed reading
it, we read it if we are sad
our happy and has fun reading
it. So thanks a lot.

Thank you for coming to our class and teaching us about red bud trees. Thank you for reading us The Happiness Tree book and giving us a red bud to plant. I really enjoyed it when you came. I love planting my redbud tree, I like how the leaves are shaped as hearts.



Dear Grapevine Garden Club,
Thank you for reading
to us and giving us a tr
ee and the book. Thank
you for showing us how
to plant the tree. I like your
job. Do you come to classes
very often? Thank you for your
time. I can't wait to see
what the tree looks like.
Thanks for the pictures and
story. Thank you again for your
kindness Grapevine Garden Club.

ps. Did those trees
cost money?



**Praying mantis: Nature's Insect
Control Agent**

Image captured by Kathy Dohrer