



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

February 26, 2013

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, Sheri Jones: Pam Braak, Bev Bravo, Candace Kyler, Jo Ogletree, Lindle O'Neil, Angela Ozymy, Peggy Reyher, Sharon Swagerty, Elayne Vick

Grapevine Garden Club February Program *Surrounded by Color*

What a treat we have in store for February! We have a program combined with a hands-on workshop afterwards, both conducted by experts in their fields. Barbara Baker is well known to many of us through her service in Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. where she has filled several offices including president. She's also been president of the Fort Worth Garden Club and is a member of the elite design group, the Avant Garden Club. She will speak at our general meeting on color schemes for our home and landscape, followed by a demonstration of floral design.

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Sher Dunaway will conduct our noon workshop at the Mitchell House located in the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. Sher has a Master's Degree in Anthropology/Sociology from the University of Texas at Arlington. She also holds degrees in Art History, Interior Design, and Photography from the University of Texas at

Arlington, and she is a Tarrant County Master Gardener and Landscape Design Consultant. Sher gives numerous programs and workshops on gardening and photography through the Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau. She will instruct our members on parallel design using fresh flowers, an unusual and highly innovative arrangement.

As we did after the November and January general meetings, you can sign up and pay \$15 for a boxed lunch from Cliff's as you come into Stacy's on February 26. (A portion of the cost of the boxed lunches benefits our Greenhouse Project.) Then you can pick up your lunch after the meeting on your way out and bring it to the Mitchell House to enjoy before the workshop. Drinks will be provided there. You can also bring your own brown bag lunch to have with the group, whatever you prefer.

✂Elayne Vick

President's Message

Every week brings new discoveries out in the garden. As I was cutting back dead foliage and cleaning up leaf litter, I discovered new growth already poking out from under the soil. I just hope these new tender leaves stay hidden long enough to get by the last freezing days of winter, which we shall surely have before winter is over! But the anticipation grows with every passing week. The purple martin house is newly cleaned and the monarch waystation sign is prominently displayed. Now if we could only teach those butterflies to read.....

The plant sale dig team is ready to come to your neighborhood and help you divide your heritage plants for the plant sale. We have already begun digging and potting. We have obtained some small starts of three types of milkweed which will be featured at this year's spring plant sale. For more information see the articles in this newsletter.

Now that we have a new slate of officers for 2013-2014, you can help by volunteering for one of the many committee chairmen positions. These chairmen coordinate the projects and activities of the club, are part of the executive committee and are a tremendous asset to our president and officers. For a list of committee chairmen, see the yearbook pages 8 – 12. Your help is needed!

✂Karen Rice, President



Asclepias tuberosa
(milkweed, butterfly weed)
Bob Jones Nature Center
and Preserve

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
February 12 th	Work Day: 9:30 – 11:00 A.M. Wear RED for Valentine's Day.	West Texas Street Grapevine, TX
February 20 th	Garden Club Council Meeting 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
February 26 th	Workshop: Parallel Design with Fresh Flowers	Bessie Mitchell House (See related article in this issue.)
March 6, 2013	District II Spring Convention	Colleyville Garden Club

February Birthdays

Connie Bacon
 Dave Buhr
 Marge Carpenter
 Margaret Collins
 Tom Crook
 Sue Dake
 Dee Gates
 Dick Guckel
 Betsy Anne Marsh
 Barbara Munn
 Lindle O'Neil
 Dan Reed
 Valerie Reed
 Charlie Shiner
 Roy Stewart
 Joyce Wuetig



February's Birth Flower
iris

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
April 12, 2013	Prep Party for Flowercade	To be announced
April 13 – 14, 2013	Flowercade	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
April 20, 2013	Annual Spring Plant Sale	8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Grapevine Botanical Gardens
May 3, 2013	Redbud Tree Project	Grapevine Colleyville ISD
May 3 – 5, 2013	Bird Fest Texoma	Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, Sherman, TX



New Members

Cindy R. James
Elizabeth Jewett
Judie Porter

From My Garden to Yours – Passalong Plants

According to Steve Bender and Felder Rushing in their book, *Passalong Plants*, “Passalongs are plants that have survived in gardens for decades by being handed from one person to another. Recall the time you first received a particular plant and you’ll recall the person who gave it to you.”

Heirloom/passalong plants may evoke memories of relatives and neighbors that have since passed on or of garden club friends who have shared plants with you. As I stroll through our garden, I enjoy seeing Ed and Edith Pewitt’s yaupon holly tree, Dad’s hydrangea, Sylvan Sigler’s bluebonnets, and Pam Braak’s pigeonberry among other passalongs. Good memories of good people.

Passalong plants are what make the GGC plant sale unique from shopping at retail nurseries. The plants have been successfully grown in members’ gardens, have multiplied, and can now be shared.

The late Edith and Ed Pewitt were the ultimate passalong gardeners! If you visited their garden, you probably left with a plant in hand. In an article Edith wrote in 2007 about passalong plants: *Some of us are plant rescuers. In areas that will be cleared for development, the plants are saved and shared. In the early 1950s, before water was impounded in Grapevine Lake, Clara Bess Shelton and I drove down North Main Street to the Denton Creek bottom to the site of a farm. The house and barn were gone but plants remained. We dug irises, daylilies and a swamp rose. The descendants are growing in my garden today. The swamp*



Swamp Rose from Edith Pewitt
Rosa palustris scandens

rose multiplies by cutting up canes, and it is easy to root so I have potted and shared hundreds.

Barbara Munn is just one of the many who are growing the swamp rose, *Rosa palustris scandens*, as a result of a Pewitt passalong. The swamp rose will thrive in both wet and dry soil locations. It blooms in mid to late spring, stems are almost thornless, and it has a weeping appearance that makes it attractive even when not in bloom.

If you have more passalong perennials than you could possibly dig and pot for the plant sale, contact Paula Wilson. She is responsible for organizing plant digging parties in preparation for the plant sale. Her committee will be happy to come to your house and pot up the perennials that you want to donate to the plant sale. Pots, planting mix, and plant markers will be provided. All you need to do is point out the plants that you wish to have dug. The potted plants will remain at your house and be cared for by you until early April.

Most of us will be able to dig and pot our own passalong plants for the sale, but if you need potting supplies contact Chuck Voelker for a potting kit.

Want to be a part of a potting party? Don't be concerned if you don't see yourself as able to do a lot of digging. Tasks such as marking the identifying plant stakes or trimming a root ball for potting require minimal effort. Make friends and share gardening experiences as you work toward making this year's plant sale a success.

✂Joetta King

Digging Passalong Plants



Colleen Connor, Peggy Harris, Paula Wilson



Pam Braak, Karen Rice, Sally Hart

Spring Plant Sale Volunteer Opportunities

The annual plant sale is scheduled for April 20, starting at 8:00am, and your support is needed to make the sale successful. This is our big fund raising activity to support the scholarships awarded by the club. Sign-up sheets will be at the February 26th meeting. During the sale there will be two shifts, 7:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. More detailed work descriptions will be on the sign-up sheets at the general meeting.

- ♥ *Cashier/Holding Area* Store plants for shoppers while they continue to shop, collect the plants at checkout, and collect money from customers.
- ♥ *Set-Up* Receive plants collected during plant digs, determine pricing, arrange sale area, place signs and prepare for Saturday sale. The work will be done on Friday before the sale.
- ♥ *Clean-Up* Clean the sale area following the sale on Saturday.
- ♥ *Sale Support* Be at the sale, assist the customers with purchasing plants, take to holding area, and assist taking plants to car. Be available to help where needed.

☞Chuck Voelker

Flowercade 2013

Attention all gardeners and flower lovers! Let's start thinking about Flowercade, sponsored by the *Garden Club Council of Fort Worth*. Mark your calendars for Prep Day on April 12th.

Flowercade, April 13 – 14, 2013

Pot early to make your plants look their best! Start thinking about your designs and enter! I encourage you who have never participated to enter this year. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, find a signup sheet on each table at the February GGC regular meeting. Look for more information also at the March meeting.

☞Lindle O'Neil



Linda Krimm, Sarah Erickson
Flowercade 2012

Docent Training

GGC is a strong presence at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. Lisa Grove, Grapevine Botanical Gardens horticulturist, supervises and trains the more than thirty garden docents who lead tours and educational activities for school groups, scout groups, and other children and adult organizations. Two docents are on site most Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. until noon to answer gardening questions and to visit with the general public about the history of the garden.



Lisa Grove with Garden Docents

In addition to GGC members, Master Gardeners also serve as docents. A group of citizens called Friends of the Garden support the gardens in diverse ways but have not necessarily committed to serve as trained docents.

A docent training session was held at the Bessie Mitchell House at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens on January 24, 2013. Helping Lisa Grove in preparing participants for conducting docent tours and children's classes were Paula Wilbanks, Paula Wilson, Rachel Clark, and Joetta King.



Don't think that you have to be an expert horticulturist to be a docent. Your talents may be utilized in diverse ways such as helping with children's crafts or being a container garden demonstration assistant. Erin Vande Zande is a new docent who may be too involved with the care of baby Asa to participate in tours, but her talent as a photographer will be put to good use.

As Docent Chair Paula Wilson explained during her segment of training, children's groups visit the garden to study a diversity of topics such as butterflies, insects, birds, and photosynthesis. Craft materials and books are provided for use with the subject being studied. Although Lisa Grove would welcome your ideas for children's activities, she always has several craft activities and supplies on hand for use during the class.



Paula Wilson

Needs of the botanical gardens are diverse. Would you prefer to plant annuals, weed, or prune rather than help with children's classes or adult tours? Volunteer assistance in maintaining the garden is greatly appreciated, and you do not have to be a certified docent to work in the gardens. Lisa Grove would be delighted to visit with you about Friends of the Garden.

Contact Paula Wilson for information about the docent program. Put your talent to use in service at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens!

Joetta King

Seed Money Bears Fruit at Heritage Elementary

Volunteers consisting of PTA members, GGC members, and Tarrant County Master Gardeners are providing monthly Garden Club meetings for 2nd - 5th graders at Heritage Elementary in Grapevine. Recent activities have included a class on bugs followed by a bug hunt. Classes are taught soil preparation, how to plant seeds, entomology, conservation, and the care and maintenance of the students' individual vegetable plantings. The leaders encourage tasting and smelling herbs, as well as trying new vegetables. Plans for 2013 include building a 32 square foot shed to house gardening equipment.



*Shannon Dancila, Pam Braak,
Barb Munn, Harold Annis*



Judie Porter, Henry Cole

Birds get the club's attention in January

The last week of January was declared Bird Sanctuary Week in Grapevine by Mayor William D. Tate. GGC kicked off the week on Saturday, January 26, with a program sponsored by the club at the Grapevine Public Library. Dr. Ray Chancellor, an educator, naturalist, photographer, painter, and environmentalist, showed us many of his bird photos and talked for an hour and a half about the birds that migrate through our area and how we can make sure they are safe while they are here. He also gave tips about keeping a welcome habitat for the birds that live here all year.

*Karen
Rice*



*Ray
Chancellor,
Elayne Vick*



Then on Tuesday, January 29, many from our club journeyed north to view the winter birds at the Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. Situated 20 minutes from Whitesboro, this 11,320 acre preserve overlaps Lake Texoma and is a habitat for more than 328 recorded species of migratory birds. We were treated to a wildlife tour around marshes and upland habitat. Many thousands of snow birds have recently visited the area, and we saw a few of these plus other winter birds. Back at the visitor's center we learned more about the refuge and the animal wildlife to be found there which includes white-tailed deer, bobcat, river otter, grey fox, and 60 species of fish. It was a truly worthwhile trip.



A trip to the refuge with your family would be a great day trip. Visit the Friends of Hagerman website to find out about the adult and children programs offered or consider a 90-minute tram tour along Wildlife Drive. A three-day birding and nature festival, Bird Fest Texoma, will be held on May 3-5, and it includes field trips, seminars, workshops, and more – birding, photography, wildflowers, and native plants. David Sibley will lead a field trip, sign books, give a keynote presentation, and provide a demonstration of the illustration process for his books.

Elayne Vick

Putting on a New Face!

If you are a Facebook user, take a look at the recently updated GGC Facebook page. Just open your Facebook page and enter “Grapevine Garden Club” in the “Search for people, places, and things” field near the top center of the page. Our Facebook page has a new look thanks to Kathy Stone who recently took over the GGC Facebook administration. She is posting both recent and upcoming GGC events like our next general meeting program, plant sale updates, recent member tours, and gardening tips for current weather patterns. Lou Milner, Peggy Harris, and Miriam Ward are helping to provide content for the site. It’s a team effort!



This is a site you will want to check frequently, so bookmark it! And while you’re there, check “Like” and enter a few comments under your name. If you don’t have a Facebook page of your own yet, it’s easy to create one. Contact Kathy Stone if you need help.

✂Elayne Vick

Letter from Chloe Kim

Hi!

This is Chloe (Bum Hee) Kim who is one of the scholarship recipients from Grapevine Garden Club. I am currently attending the University of Texas at Austin and this is my second year.

I am writing this letter to thank you for your generous support for my education. With all your help I have continued my studying in biological science. My experiences here at UT have been so amazing that I can go out and say that I am fully enjoying my undergraduate studies here. I have figured out that genetic engineering is truly my interest and I am expecting to pursue this as my future career.

I have joined Dr. Finnell's lab at Dell's Pediatric Research Institute working on patient's genes that might be affecting birth defects. It has been truly intriguing to work with faculty and graduate students and listen to their experiences and perspectives.

I also had a great experience to work in Dr. Davies' project that studies micro-organisms that affect some farms in Arizona while I was taking my microbiology course. I was impressed by the fact that our studies in class can actually be applied to cutting-edge research in the field.

I just wanted to tell you that I am really appreciating your help and to share some of my experiences that I can have thanks to your help.

*Sincerely,
from Chloe Kim*

Desired Plants for 2013 Plant Sale

Anemone
Artemesia
Aster
Beautyberry
Brazilian Rock Rose
Clematis (Pitcheri)
Columbine
Cone Flower
Coral Berry
Coreopsis
Daisy
Datura
Gaura
Golden Groundsel
Gregg's Mist
Hibiscus, Hardy
Hyacinth (Grape)



datura

Indigo Spires
Lenten Rose
Lily (Crinum, Oxblood, Red Spider)
Loosestrife
Mexican Bush (Pineapple, Russian)
Mexican Bush Sage
Mexican Mint Marigold
Mint (Apple, Lavender, Peppermint)



Texas Gold Columbine

Moneywort
Oxalis
Passion Vine
Penstemon
Phlox
Pink Skullcap
Pipevine
Plumbago
Purple Heart
Rain Lily
Rudbeckia
Ruellia



passion vine
Favorite host plant of
the gulf fritillary
butterfly

Sage (Autumn, Black & Blue)
Sedum (Autumn, Dragon's Blood, Gold
Moss)
Snowflake
Society Garlic
Spiderwort
SunDrops
Texas Betony
Thyme
Turk's Cap
Winecup
Zexmenia



turks cap

Also—

Native Butterfly Plants to attract butterflies during their annual migration

If you have these plants in your garden and would like the club to thin them out while helping support our club, call Paula Wilson.

✂Chuck Voelker



Oxalis triangularis



spiderwort



Strawberry oxalis

CALADIUMS FOR 2013



TOM TOM

Color: Dark rose-red blotches with deep red central veins and medium green margins

Growth Habit: Short with very many small leaves.

Development:
Late

Height:
Medium-Short

Sun Tolerance:
Partial Sun

Use: 4 and 6" pots; semi-shaded areas of landscape.



CANDIDUM

Color: White with green netted venation and thin medium green border.

Growth Habit: Upright, strong with very large leaves.

Development:
Medium

Height: Tall

Sun Tolerance:
Shade Only

Use: Good for 4 and 6" pots but must de-eye for 4" pots; good in landscape in shade.



PINK BEAUTY

Color: Large medium pink spots and blotches with dark pink veins.

Growth Habit: Very strong and upright with medium number of leaves.

Development:
Early

Height:
Medium

Sun Tolerance:
Full Sun

Use: 4 and 6" pots, can be used in sunny location in the landscape



WHITE QUEEN

Color: Creamy white with green netted venation and dark red main central veins.

Growth Habit: Tall with very large and medium number of leaves.

Development:
Late

Height: Tall

Sun Tolerance:
Full Sun

Use: 4 and 6" pots with large tubers giving best color; use in semi-shaded and sunny areas



AARON

Color: Large white center with white veins and narrow green margins.

Growth Habit: Tall with few leaves but excellent in full sun.

Development:
Medium

Height: Tall

Sun Tolerance:
Full Sun

Use: 6" pots or larger; excellent landscape plant in full sun.



CAROLYN WHORTON

Color: Large medium pink blotches with red veins and green mottling.

Growth Habit: Large leaves, very upright and strong.

Development:
Late

Height: Tall

Sun Tolerance:
Full Sun

Use: 6" pots or larger; excellent background plant in landscape.

GGC Members Caladium Bulb Order Form 2013

It's time to order Caladium Bulbs for your spring planting and summer color. These will be #1 size, healthy and a good buy for our gardening friends! The orders this year will be **\$.55 per bulb, minimum order 10 bulbs please.** Contact Cindy Miller for additional information.

Please make your check out to Grapevine Garden Club.

Turn in this completed order form at the GGC meeting with payment attached no later than **March 1, 2013** or mail to Grapevine Garden Club, P.O. Box 811, Grapevine, TX 76099-0811. Bulbs will be available for pick-up in the latter part of March.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

CLUB NAME _____ Grapevine Garden Club _____

Total # of bulbs (10 bulbs minimum) _____

@ \$.55 each = _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____

SELECTION (10 bulbs minimum, each variety selected)

Candidum (White with green veins, Shade, Tall) Quantity _____

Pink Beauty (Large medium pink spots and dark pink veins
Full Sun, Medium) Quantity _____

Tom Tom (Dark rose-red blotches and deep red
central veins, med green margin, Partial Sun, Short) Quantity _____

Carolyn Whorton (Large pink blotches, dark
veins, green mottling, Full Sun, Tall) Quantity _____

Aaron (Large white center with narrow green
margin, Full Sun, Tall) Quantity _____

White Queen (Creamy white with green netted
veins and dark red central veins, Shade, Medium) Quantity _____

Note: You may select a different variety of caladiums, other than the above listed types. But please order a case (200 bulbs), or a half case (100 bulbs).

Also note: If you order Strap /Lance Leaved or Dwarf Leaved - the price is \$1.10 per bulb.