



GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

## THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

### January 22, 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, Val Reed,** Marion Brekken, Nancy Carlson, Dinah Chancellor, Sarah Erickson, Lisa Grove, Linda Krimm, Gloria Land, Therrie Mazur, Karen Pafford

### Grapevine Garden Club January Program, Workshop "Healing on Butterfly Wings"

For the January General Meeting, our speaker is Erin Prendergast, a registered nurse for 15 years and Master Gardener. With a love for butterfly gardening, Erin works at the Peggy A. Bell Women's Diagnostic and Breast Center at Presbyterian hospital in Dallas. Combining her two passions, she encourages breast cancer patients by telling them about the life cycle of the butterfly and the challenge these insects face while going through transformation.

We will learn more about building a butterfly garden, Erin's favorite plants, and the inspiration behind her organization, On Butterfly Wings.



Erin Prendergast



Mourning Cloak  
Butterfly

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### ***“Bringing Nature to a Standstill with Photography”***

After lunch, our District II Director Ginger Jones will treat us to a showing of her many garden photos. Plus she will have tips for us about how to take our own glorious shots in any garden.



Earlier plans to adjourn to the Mitchell House have changed, so we will be staying in our meeting room at Stacy's for lunch and the program afterward. You can bring your own brown bag lunch or, as we did after the November meeting, you can buy a box lunch from Cliff's Star Grill (near the door as you come into the Stacy building) to enjoy after this general meeting. With part of the cost of the lunch benefiting our Greenhouse Project, Cliff's is offering us an expanded menu from the November box lunch. A greeter at the downstairs door will offer you the menu for your lunch choice, and take your reservation and check for \$15 (the lunch menu will be available on our website for viewing before meeting date). Cliff's will deliver the lunches, drinks, and desserts to the 3rd floor around 11:30 so we can enjoy lunch with GGC friends before Ginger Jones' photography presentation at noon.

### **President's Message**

January brings new beginnings with spring time yearnings and plant sale planning, but endings arrive also with the passing of a notable and celebrated gardener friend and philanthropist.

Our mild winter has not been very conducive to sitting indoors and planning next year's gardening adventures. But a few rainy days will allow time to catch up on the latest garden catalogues and select new varieties of plants with which to experiment. It's so much fun to dream of beautiful flowers and the just picked freshness of garden vegetables. Hopefully the reality will be just as rewarding as the dream!



Many of you were friends of our illustrious gardener friend Dr. Edith Pewitt who passed away on 21 December 2012. Edith was a GGC past president and member of the club for 25 years. Edith was always so willing to share her knowledge, her plants, and her sunny attitude. She will be missed but we will remember her often as we benefit from her many contributions to GGC and to our community. You will enjoy reading about her many roles in GGC in the history book which will be available at this month's meeting.

## January 2013

I hope each of you will be able to take part in our meetings, workshops, tours, and other special events in January and February (see details throughout the newsletter). And then we look forward to spring as the plant sale committee works on details of the 20 April sale and will be asking for volunteers to help in all aspects of this event. In the meanwhile it is time to dig and divide those sought after heirloom plants!

✂Karen Rice, President

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Start date: Landscaping with Roses Series	The Rose Gardens of Farmers Branch (See related article in this issue.)
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club Council Meeting <i>All about Roses</i> Jeff Myers, FWBG Rose Garden	10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hummingbird Identification Training	John Bunker Sands Wetland Center 655 Martin Lane, Seagoville, TX
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>GGC General Meeting</b>	<b>Grapevine – Stacy's Furniture</b>
	<b>Workshop:</b> <i>Bringing Nature to a Standstill with Photography</i> Ginger Jones, District II Director	<b>11:30</b> (See related article in this issue.)
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Garden Docent Training</b>	<b>10:00 A.M. – noon</b> <b>Grapevine Botanical Gardens</b>
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Giving CPR to Birds through Habitat Protection</i> Dr. Ray Chancellor	<b>2:00 Grapevine Library</b> (See related article in this issue.)
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Gardeners on the Go</b>	<b>Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge near Sherman, TX</b>

### December Birthdays A Belated Happy Birthday!

**Elliot Agnew**  
**Sandra Cavanaugh**  
**Laurie Evans**  
**Ed King**  
**Sally Perexempel**  
**Joyce Quam**  
**Judy Reed**  
**Margaret Richter**  
**Margaret Telford**



**December's Birth Flower**  
*narcissus*

## January Birthdays



**January's Birth Flower**  
*carnation*

Suzie Agnew  
Susan Boelens  
Marion Brekken  
Margaret Brinson  
Suzie Cate  
Terry Curcio  
Madeline Fitzgerald  
Suzie Guckel

Vicki Haines  
Linda Harris  
Ann Hatch  
Mona Levingston  
Thierrie Mazur  
Nancy Moxom  
Catriona Noble  
Kathy Stone  
Paula Wilbanks

**Changes for the Yearbook? Notify Pam Braak by January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

# Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
February 12, 2013	West Texas Street Work Day	Wear RED for Valentine's Day.
February 26, 2013	Workshop: Parallel Design with Fresh Flowers	Bessie Mitchell House
April 20, 2013	Annual Spring Plant Sale	8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Grapevine Botanical Gardens

## New Slate of GGC Officers

The nominating committee (Val Reed, Elayne Vick, Joetta King, Gloria Land, Harriet Perrello) is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for 2013-14:

President - Pam Braak

1st VP - Elayne Vick

2nd VP - Chris George

3rd VP - Kathy Stone

Treasurer - Harriet Perrello

Recording Secretary - Evelyn Urbanosky assisted by Miriam Ward

Corresponding Secretary - Angela Ozymy

Publicity - Joetta King



## New Members

**Carole Nadeau**

**Margaret Telford**

A vote will be taken on this slate of officers at the January 22 GGC general meeting.



## Garden Docent Training



Lisa Grove

A garden docent training session is scheduled for Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to noon in the Bessie Mitchell house at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park. This training session is for both current docents and new docents. Lisa Grove, the Gardens' Horticulturalist, will be leading the session.

For those of you who are new to this program, it's a good opportunity to meet other docents and receive your Garden Notebook which is full of information about the Gardens. It will also give you the opportunity for a guided tour of the Gardens.

As a docent you will be leading garden tours and helping with children's educational activities like reading a book to them or making a craft. We already have docent opportunities lined up for this spring. The training sessions are always fun, and I hope to see many of you there.

**Paula Wilson**  
**Docent Coordinator**

## History of the Grapevine Garden Club

At the GGC general meeting on January 22, 2013, a new publication will be offered, *History of the Grapevine Garden Club 1932 – 2012*. Authored by Joetta King, this 81-page, perfect bound book contains the organization details, names of charter members, and accompanying facts and figures of the accomplishments of the club over the past 80 years. It will be invaluable to new club members and citizens who research city history, as a complement to books from the Grapevine Historical Society. These publications cover small town life and how the community developed during the past 80 years.



The club is selling these books for \$10 each as long as the supply holds out. Joetta will be available at the book display.

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The Grapevine Garden Club was formally organized in 1932, and we, the current membership, realized in January of 2012, that we were facing our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We hardly had time to make plans or even think about that astounding date for we were

heavily involved in hosting the District II Spring Convention and planning the launch of the Greenhouse Project. One member was thinking about it, however. Joetta King, a member for 28 years, knew the time was ripe for recognition of what the club had accomplished in Grapevine. She was familiar with the records stored in the archive room at the Grapevine Public Library. She had studied the scrapbooks, newsletters, and early meeting minutes in her fulfillment of many of the club's offices she had held over the years. She felt in her bones that it was time for 80 years of history to be recapped and brought to light.



"I didn't really intend to write a history," she says now. "It just evolved during the long-range preparation for the September 2012 general meeting program. Our theme, Every Member an Active Member, was an effort to encourage a wider range of membership participation in activities and projects. As I looked backward, I felt great pride in membership! That pride in the club and its accomplishments over 80 years pushed me to give recognition to the many, many wonderful members who have contributed to its success."

As Joetta worked on other GGC projects, the idea of a written history of the club kept her awake many nights. She ran the idea by several other members, and all agreed she was the one to do it. If anyone else wrote the history, it would be Joetta who would review it, so she might as well do it to begin with. The history book project began the winter of 2012.

Did she have any idea it would be such an effort? "NO! The research and writing was enjoyable. The editing process was tedious."

Never having written something so all-encompassing before, Joetta found the research to be enormous and time consuming. She spent hours at the library, poured over city history, and talked to city officials, Historical Society members, GGC members. She finally began to write, always revising when she found additional facts. While Joetta worked on the heart of manuscript, Elayne Vick began the foreword, the introduction, the plans for an index, the cover design, the very end – the defining front and back matter. And the editing went on, again & again. A style guide had to be developed & adhered to.

After a summer spent editing and rewriting, Joetta and Elayne thought they were almost through with the first draft. Then a city employee, Sallie Andrews, cleaned out a storage shed at a dwelling referred to as the Dunn-Barton house in Grapevine. When Carolyn Ernst, president of the Grapevine Historical Society, realized the significance of the ledgers discovered in the house to the club's history, she handed them over to Joetta. After a brief read, Joetta realized what historical gems the journals contained, so there

was nothing to do but stop, read, take careful notes, and decide what needed to be added to the draft. This took more time. A fall deadline passed.

Joetta was determined to recognize by name the club's charter members and succeeding members who worked on early projects. She made long lists of members and dug to get exact names, which was particularly difficult since women went by their husbands' names until the 1970s. Research became tedious in this matter. Joetta was finally able to determine the given name of all but three female charter members and five past presidents. She says, "It may not make a difference that we don't know the given names of these women, but there is a certain bothersome inequity in that."



All of this backtracking and research taxed her patience. She says, "I am still very concerned that I have failed to give sufficient credit to individuals who have contributed to the success of the club."



*One  
example  
of a GGC  
Project*



Yet what was so astounding to Joetta was the lengthy list of projects, the enormous amount of actual work the members did for the city. And the facts had to be right. If anything, history is a collection of facts, not wishes or maybes. She had a vision of what she wanted the finished product to be: "In reading the history, I hoped that new officers and chairs would have a better understanding of what had been accomplished in the past and give them a feeling of connection as they moved forward in accomplishing future goals of the organization. In addition, I wanted new members to be able to relate to the club's commitment to accomplishing objectives."

Finally, around the first of December, 2012, Joetta met with a committee of members who had provided valuable information and helped proof the drafts. They met to get a clear idea of how long the history would be, the various parts of the book, the acknowledgements, index, appendices, illustrative photos, cover design, number of copies – a list of measurable details. It took another month to clear up everything and deliver it to the printer. Printed copies will be available at the January 22 general meeting. Members insist that Joetta be stationed where the books are sold (for \$10 each)



so she can comply with every request to sign a book. She is embarrassed by this, but it is the privilege of every author to receive readers' gratitude — for the hard work, the time, the dedication to detail.

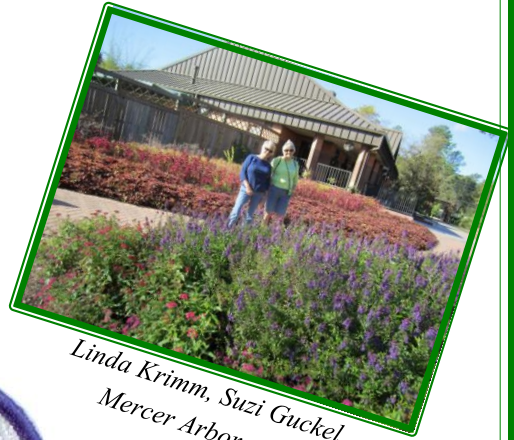
Thank you, Joetta.

Elayne Vick



Linda Harris, Mercer Arboretum

Images from  
"Exploring the  
Gardens of  
South Texas",  
November,  
2012 organized  
by Joetta King



Linda Krimm, Suzi Guckel  
Mercer Arboretum



Chapel Plaza, Festival Hill



Bev Bravo, Roman Ruins, Festival Hill



Evelyn Urbanosky, Miriam Ward,  
Sandy Kancavicus  
Entrance to Edythe Bates Old  
Chapel, Festival Hill



Liendo Plantation



## OOPS! (Sorry!)

If the GGC membership needs any more evidence that their newsletter editor is human and VERY prone to making mistakes, *here it is!* The list of hostesses for the November meeting was incomplete. Since all of us deeply appreciate being welcomed to every meeting with scrumptious goodies, here is the complete list of our November hostesses—with my apologies:

**Chair, Alexandra Taylor**, Tina Boserup, Dee Gates, Patty Hofer, Margaret Hutchins, Marilyn Johnson, Barb Munn, Pauline Robbins, Beverly Ryan, Joyce Wuetig

**Dinah Chancellor**

## Bird Sanctuary Week in Grapevine

### Proclamation

Grapevine's City Council will be issuing a proclamation declaring the last week of January 2013 as Bird Sanctuary Week. Although activities of the club related to the protection of wild birds have included continuous projects since its inception, it wasn't until 1981 that the GGC sponsored an ordinance for the protection of wild bird life. The City Council approved Resolution 81-19 on July 7, 1981, providing that the stated policy of the City of Grapevine is to support and enforce the State laws contained in the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to the conservation of bird life. Proclamations were signed in 1981 by William D. Tate, Mayor of the City of Grapevine, and in 1986 by Tom Powers, Mayor of the City of Grapevine, proclaiming the last week in January as Bird Sanctuary Week. Among other things, this proclamation states that the city encourages all citizens of Grapevine to conserve birdlife through care, feeding, and protection from danger.

*(See page 12 for Proclamation.)*

### Library program – Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 P.M.

Bird Sanctuary Week activities will include a kickoff program sponsored by the GGC, *Giving CPR to the Birds through Habitat Protection*, by Dr. Ray Chancellor at the Grapevine Public Library on Saturday, January 26 at 2:00 P.M. Dr. Chancellor will discuss birds of the local area and how important the protected habitat of the backyard and community open land is both to their global survival and local ecology. It will also be a wonderful time to learn how to make your backyard wildlife friendly. He will share his personal photographs that have been taken over the last 40 years in the local ecosystem and in his own backyard.

Dr. Chancellor is an educator, naturalist, photographer, painter, and an environmentalist with a special interest in the Eastern Cross Timbers where he has lived and studied for many years. He is past president of both the Central Texas Audubon Society and the Central Texas Astronomical Society. Currently, he is actively involved with the the Southlake Cove Ornithological Society and its efforts to preserve the local area's wonderful natural history heritage and ecosystem.

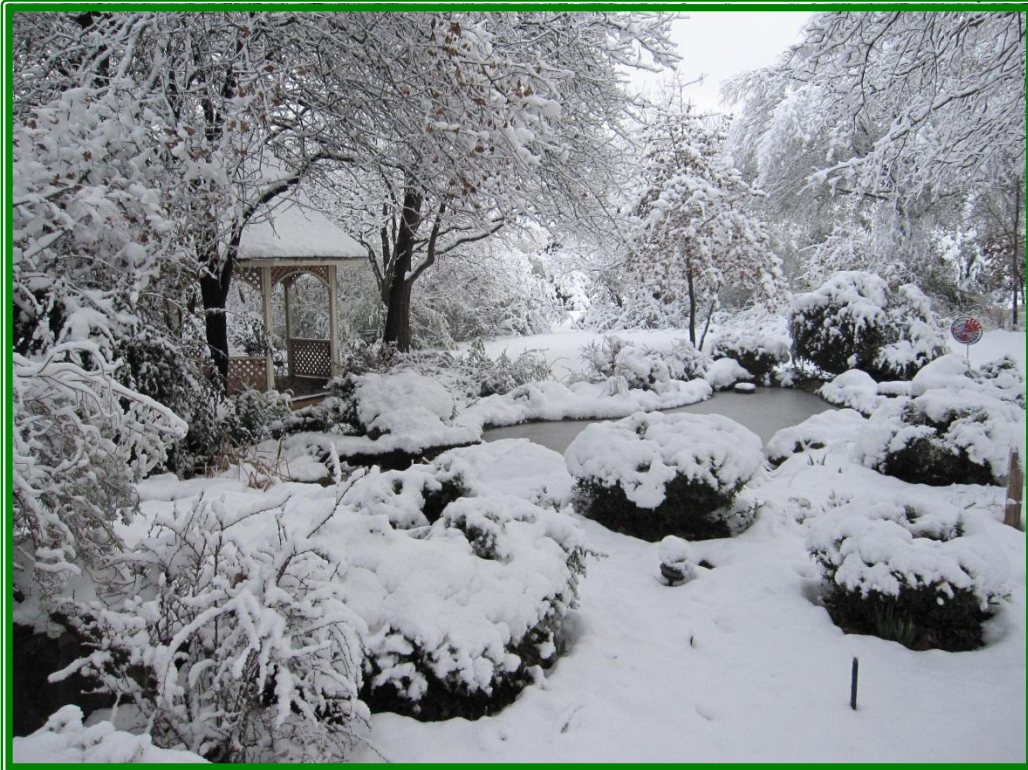


Many members had the privilege of attending the tour of Ray and Dinah Chancellor's garden in June 2010. It was a wonderful opportunity to observe how to create a landscape that includes all kinds of elements and plants, providing food, water and shelter for bird habitats.



*Autumn 2012: "Those are not just weedy piles of trash, they are **cover** for birds and wildlife!"*

*—Ray Chancellor*



*February 2010: "Even in the most severe winter weather, birds find what they need—  
water, shelter, and food."*

*—Ray Chancellor*



### **Birding Hikes with Ray Chancellor**

Dr. Chancellor is known for leading birding hikes in the area at no cost to participants. Even though I am a novice birder, I find his ability to identify the flora and fauna of the local ecosystem to be as fascinating as the bird sightings. For further information regarding birding activities, contact [raychancellor@aol.com](mailto:raychancellor@aol.com). In your email, include your name, address, and telephone number. In return you will receive the bird hike schedule, the Birding/Ecology eJournal, birding updates, and special educational event notices.

☞Joetta King

### **Gardeners on the Go – Tuesday, January 29 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge (HNWR)**

***Adults only – Contact Joetta King for tour reservation.***

Consider joining this tour to view the winter birds at HNWR, a haven for migratory birds and other wildlife. HNWR lies north of Whitesboro on the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma. The refuge is made up of water, marsh and an upland habitat which is home to over 338 recorded species of birds. The main focus at HNWR is to provide a winter home for thousands of waterfowl. Foremost among these are Canadian geese. Starting in November, geese by the thousands arrive at the refuge. Geese sighted may include white fronted and snow geese, with a scattering of the smaller Ross's geese. By late February, both grain and geese are gone. So, we are hoping that our guided tour on January 29 will allow ample viewing of the winter birds! Our visit at the refuge will be from 10 A.M. to noon and will include a one-hour introduction to the refuge in the visitors' center and a one-hour guided driving tour on the 2-mile Wildlife Drive, which travels by farm fields and wetlands. The 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. time frame includes a lunch stop which of course would be optional.



*Short Eared Owl*



*Green Heron*



*Whooping Cranes*

### **Birding Activity at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens (GBG)**

Every visitor to the GBG during the last week of January is invited to make a bird feeder (offer limited to one feeder per visitor). Supplies will be in the children's garden in the southeast portion of the garden across the creek. This is a stand-alone activity provided by the City Parks and Recreation & GGC. We hope you celebrate & enjoy Bird Sanctuary Week! For more information, contact Lisa Adams Grove at 817-532-7343.



# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the City of Grapevine recognizes the value of birds as an important natural resource that furnishes the citizens and the City economic benefits and values as a first line of defense against noxious weeds and insects that destroy landscaping and crops; and*

*WHEREAS, the City has supported bird life conservation for over 30 years; and;*

*WHEREAS, on July 7, 1981 the Grapevine City Council approved Resolution No. 81-19 for the protection of wild bird life and;*

*WHEREAS, the resolution provides that the stated policy of the City of Grapevine is to support and enforce the State laws contained in the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to the conservation of bird life.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, William D. Tate, Mayor of the City of Grapevine, Texas along with the City Council, residents and, City Staff do hereby proclaim the week of January 27 - February 2, 2013 as*

## "BIRD SANCTUARY WEEK"

*and encourage all Grapevine citizens to conserve bird life through care, feeding and protection from danger.*



A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "W. D. Tate", is positioned above the title of the Mayor.

Mayor, City of Grapevine

## Create a Bird Sanctuary and You'll Never Be Bored!

My husband used to “suggest” to me that our yard had enough native American Beautyberry shrubs in it, but this past November, after watching the robins and cardinals enjoy the bountiful harvest of berries, he has changed his mind. We have been constantly entertained by a whirlwind of bird activity in our certified Backyard Habitat. These berry-loving birds have cleaned our native American Beautyberry shrubs of all berries, and have managed to put on a comedic show at the birdbath and fountain. I think the berries must have fermented on the shrubs, as the birds became a bit “goofy” while eating and swimming in the birdbath and fountain!

Watching birds enjoy your yard is only one great reason to create a bird sanctuary and to have a certified Backyard Habitat. Many of you already have all the requirements in your gardens to qualify for a National Wildlife Federation Backyard Habitat **and** a Texas Parks Wildscape. These requirements are few: provide food, shelter, and water. So, what's keeping you from getting your garden certified??!! Let me know when your garden becomes certified!

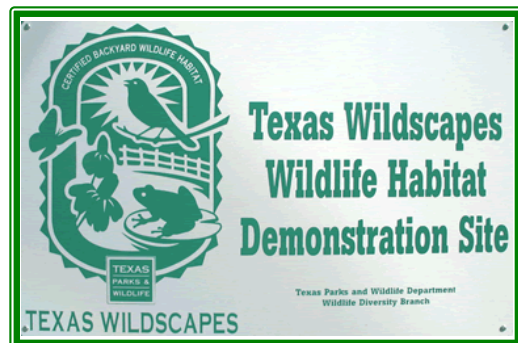
To see the complete habitat requirements and certification details, visit both websites at [www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat](http://www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat) and [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/wildscape](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/wildscape) (put your computer cursor on the websites above and hold down the CTRL key).

Certification will require —

- At least 50% native plants.
- Food for the wildlife year round. A feeder alone will not be considered, but if at any time there is not food available for the wildlife from plants, a feeder would then be required.
- Shelter for the wildlife. This might include various plant features, should include plants in each category—tall trees, understory, shrubs, bushes and wildflowers; may include nest boxes, brush piles, rock piles, toad houses and other shelter projects.
- Water in a useable, reliable form for the wildlife.

Wildscapes certification fee is \$15.00. To become certified as a Texas Wildscape, complete the **Texas Wildscapes Backyard Habitat Application** and mail it with the certification fee to—

**Texas Wildscapes  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, TX 78744**



Happy Gardening! And don't forget to feed the birds!

**Barbara Atkins**

## Interested In Being a Hummer Watcher?



*Black-chinned Hummingbird*

### TRAINING WORKSHOP

John Bunker Sands Wetland Center  
655 Martin Lane, Seagoville, TX

[www.wetlandcenter.com](http://www.wetlandcenter.com)

Saturday, January 19, 2013

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.



*Ruby-throated Hummingbird*

### Learn how to identify hummingbirds and how to garden for hummingbirds.

The training will prepare you to participate in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Texas Nature Trackers' annual hummingbird survey. Your participation as a hummer watcher will help TPWD to determine more about range, distribution, favored sites, and feeding habits of hummingbirds. The survey is also a way to share information about their natural history.

The training will be conducted by **Mark Klym**, coordinator of the Texas Hummingbird Roundup and Texas Wildscapes programs at the Texas Parks and Wildlife department. There is no cost for the workshop, but everyone must register. To reserve, send an email to Teresa Moss [tmoss@wetlandcenter.com](mailto:tmoss@wetlandcenter.com) or call **817-781-1568**. Space is limited, so registration will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

## West Texas Street Work Day!



Kathy Stone, Paul Ernst, Rene Herndon,  
Marianne Tuggle, 2011

**Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 9:30 A.M.**

Is it February already??? No, but it is closer than you think!!! Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> will be our first work day at the federal housing project on West Texas Street for the brand new year, **2013**. I think we should not start until **9:30** in case we wake up and it is chilly. So sleep in and come help us dig weeds, prune the roses and any other shrub we can get our pruner around, and let's have some fun.

Be sure to dress for the weather, it could be cold or it could be hot – one never knows around here. We should all wear RED, even though the GGC color is purple, which is a nice shade of red, but since it is just a couple of days before Valentines' Day, it just seems that we should wear RED, don't ya think?



Bring pruners, loppers, weeders or diggers and let's see what we can do. Be sure to let me know you are coming either via email or sign up at the January General Meeting, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This helps me and you in case I have to postpone the work day for some crazy reason (like a hail storm, sleet, 150% chance of rain or it is supposed to be 115 degrees and we should start at 7:00 A.M. instead). One never knows, don't ya know. It's TEXAS!

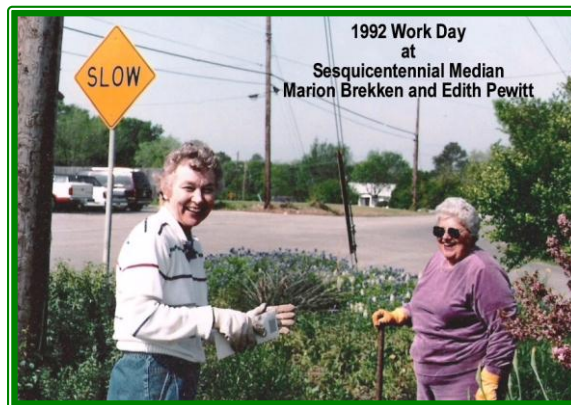
Let me know if you have any questions. I'm in The Book.



**Suzi Guckel, Chairman  
West Texas Street Project**

### A Perfect Example of a Real Volunteer

According to Mary Jo Tellin, Keep Grapevine Beautiful (KGVB) Executive Director and GGC member, Marion Brekken is the perfect example of a real volunteer. In recognition of over 20 years of contributing to a greener, cleaner Grapevine, Marion was recently honored by KGVB with a Lifetime Achievement Award. In describing Marion's contribution over the last 20 years, Tellin wrote that her "style and grace has bestowed knowledge and insight into all the decisions that had to be made to further volunteerism in Grapevine. She has always spoken out on what she believes in, always noticed the fine points that made a difference, and has volunteered in nearly all capacities in all types of weather. Her intuitiveness is always right on the money."



GGC member Marion Brekken was instrumental in organizing a group of concerned citizens to form the Grapevine Beautification Committee to clean up city roadsides, medians, and the Grapevine Lake area in 1992. After meeting with PARD representative Joe Moore for several years, the group was certified by Keep America Beautiful and the name was changed to Keep Grapevine Beautiful. In 2005 KGVB was incorporated and became an official 501c3 non-profit organization. It is a volunteer organization dedicated to a clean, litter-free, and beautiful Grapevine. Programs include waterway and park clean ups, recycling events, park renovation, and beautification projects. Mary Jo Tellin was officially appointed as KGVB Executive Director in 2008.

The connection between KGVB and GGC has continued through the years and most recently involved three projects.

We partnered to start Grapevine's first ever community gardens project in 2009. A garden established at GRACE helps fill the food pantry with fresh produce for clients. A second project involved establishing community gardening plots at the Heritage community garden on the property of Heritage United Methodist Church. A percentage of the production at the community garden is donated to GRACE. In addition to donating \$400 toward purchasing a storage shed, GGC members donated garden tools and supplies for the project and served as consultants on vegetable gardening.

The club participated in a project with Keep Grapevine Beautiful in 2012 to improve the 100 foot frontage area at Fire Station #2 located at 2801 Panhandle Drive and Dove Road. GGC members helped develop a landscape plan, purchase plants, and direct the planting efforts of the volunteer group. In addition, \$200 was donated toward purchasing plants for the project.

Liberty Park, location for the Torian Cabin, was a major landscape beautification project for GGC in 1998-1990. But only a few of the plants survived the changes the city made in later years, and due to a lack of proper maintenance, the Liberty Park landscape became unsightly. The area also needed to accommodate festival activities. Inspired by Get Growing National Planting Day, an initiative of Keep America Beautiful, KGVB volunteers in the fall of 2012, cleared the beds of overgrown plants, prepared soil for planting, and installed a design created by Lisa Adams Grove, City Horticulturist and GGC member. Paula Wilbanks and Pam Braak, also members, worked as team leaders under the direction of Mary Jo Tellin. It was encouraging to see that some of the plants such as the Texas persimmon survived as a reminder of GGC members' hard work in completing the original landscape project.



*"Lifetime Achievement Award  
In Recognition of Over 20 Years of  
Contributing to a Greener, Cleaner  
Grapevine  
Marion Brekken"*

GGC members are well aware of Marion's contributions to the community as she has been of service to our club for 31 years! The following is a list of years of her service as an officer and a chair, but it does not reflect her service as a committee member or volunteer at other activities such as the plant sale and Arbor Day programs. Recording Secretary 1984-86, 1995-96; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP 1986-87; 1<sup>st</sup> VP 1987-88; Publicity 1988-89; Budget 1988-92; Treasurer 1990-91, 1993-95, 2001 & 2002; Civic 1983-86, 1991-93, 1997-2000; Blue Star Highway 1999-2001, 2005-07; Educational Pavilion Treasurer 2007-08.

I personally will always remember Marion's participation in the many landscape beautification projects the club has sponsored over the years – planting bluebonnet seeds along roadsides, landscaping and maintaining beautification projects at the police department and library building on Dallas Road, five traffic medians, Liberty Park, Town Square, Farmers' Market and Heritage Center entrance, and Heritage Garden. Marion was there with shovel in hand!

☛Joetta King

### Mark Your Calendar

**2013 Annual Spring Plant Sale**

**Saturday, April 20, 2013**

**Heritage Park, 411 Ball Street, Grapevine Botanical Gardens, Grapevine, TX  
8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

This year's plant sale will feature heirloom plants plus sun and shade plants. We will be available to help dig up plants for donation. Please contact Chuck Voelke if you wish help digging plants. Volunteer sign-up sheets for the plant sale will be available at upcoming meetings.

☛Chuck Voelke

### Holiday Luncheon

A joyous time was had by 103 GGC members and guests attending our Holiday Luncheon held in December at the Lancaster Theatre! We enjoyed food prepared by Napolis from Grapevine. The program by Trinity High School's Show Choir, *Harmony*, got us all in a festive mood. A generous donation of \$1,165 was presented to GRACE, thanks to the members and guests attending. A special *Thank You* to Linda Harris for inviting the choir and to my wonderful committee: Candace Kyler, Cindy Miller, Lindle O'Neil, Tina Boserup, Casey Cogburn, Catherine LaCroix, Ann Fuller, Sharon Swagerty, Michelle Burger, Barbara Williams, Laura Keathley, Sharon Fisher, Phyllis Butts, Linda Krimm, Kathy Clark, Lyn Argenbright, Evelyn Urbanosky and Miriam Ward.

☛Joan Kowalski  
Holiday Luncheon Chair







Trinity High  
School's  
*Harmony*



*President Karen Rice & GGC 20+ yr member &  
Grapevine City Council member  
Sharron Spencer*



*GGC Members 20+ Years: Joetta King, Norma  
Worsfold, Jimmie Nell Cook, Rachel Clark, Marty  
Swindell, Edie Williams, and Marion Brekken. Not  
pictured Sylvan Sigler, Barb Atkins, Joan Stewart*



*Harriet Perrello presenting GRACE Donation*

## Landscaping with Roses

*Pam Smith, City Park Landscape Manager for Farmers Branch, graciously guided Gardeners on the Go participants on a 2010 tour of their incredible rose gardens. If you are interested in learning more, consider attending the following free Landscaping with Roses series.*

2013 is here and it is time once again for our annual FREE Landscaping with Roses series. You will see many new names for our event but names that are well respected in the horticultural world. Besides their knowledge, I believe they will share their passion. I hope to see you for one or all of the classes. **Please call** and register **972-247-4607** so we can plan accordingly.

 **Pam Smith**

<b>Landscaping with Roses</b> 2013 <b><u>FREE and OPEN to ALL</u></b> 7:00 PM Tuesday Evenings Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center 145050 Heartside Pl, FB, TX <b>REGISTRATION 972-247-4607</b>	JAN 15	Lessons from the Garden	Pam Smith
	JAN 22	Art in the Garden	Judy Fender
	JAN 29	EarthKind Landscaping	Steve Chaney
	FEB 5	Empress of the Garden	Mike Shoup
	FEB 12	Must Have Plants For the Landscape	Steven Chamblee
	FEB 16	*Rose Pruning*	<b>SATURDAY 10:00 am</b> *Hands on in the Garden *

**Pam Smith** – Park Landscape Manager for the City of Farmers Branch will share her favorite roses from the Rose Gardens of Farmers Branch.

**Judy Fender** – Dallas County Master Gardener will inspire you to put some whimsy and art into the gardens. This will be joint meeting with the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society providing a great opportunity to identify some of the old garden roses in your landscape.

**Steve Chaney** – Horticultural Extension Agent in Ft. Worth for Texas AgriLife and a member of the EarthKind team will present the a method of landscaping that can give all a green thumb.

**Mike Shoup** – Owner of the Antique Rose Emporium will share with us his new book ‘Empress of the Garden’. Learn about these lovely roses as their characters are described. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

**Steven Chamblee** - The Chief Horticulturist at Chandor Gardens and the ‘Native Son’ in Neil Sperry's monthly e-newsletter will reveal must have plants for your landscape.



Peggy, Bev, Joan  
Karen, Sarah & Harriet



*Tour,  
October 2010  
led by Pam  
Smith*





# 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.