



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

March 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
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THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES:

Chair, Cheryl Neumann: Sharon Fisher, Minnie Hall, Sally Hart, Laura Keathley,
Barb Morrell, Sally Simpson, Joan Stewart, Kathy Stone, Barbara Thompson

Grapevine Garden Club March Program *Sex in the Garden*

Janet Smith, a Master Gardener and retired teacher, is our speaker this month. Her topic is pollination. We will learn from Janet how wholly we depend on pollinators for food, drugs, fibers, and wood; how plants depend on pollinators for reproduction; and how pollinators depend on plants for their survival. Janet specializes in water wise gardening, Earth Kind gardening, rainwater harvesting, garden and wildlife photography, and butterflies. Her interest in butterflies is so serious that she made the trip to the migration destination of the monarchs in Mexico.

✂Elayne Vick

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President's Message

I recently read an article in the *Texas Gardener* titled "Why I Grow Dill." It was about planting enough dill to share with the caterpillars as well as having enough fresh dill to season a meal or two. That theme could be used for why we all garden. We love the resulting beauty our flowers and landscapes give us and the good tasting food we might grow. However, a greater pleasure is sharing our plants and knowledge with others. One excellent sharing opportunity is to offer divisions of your favorite plants as we prepare for the annual spring plant sale. The sale makes wonderful plants available for reasonable prices, and the resulting proceeds fund our scholarship and civic programs.



black swallowtail caterpillar



black swallowtail on dill

Our Greenhouse Project team continues to seek new sources of funds for donations to the project. There is now a pledge form available on our GGC website. We would like to get 100% of our club in the "given" column. We know the completed greenhouse will benefit GGC and the community in many ways which support the GGC mission of promoting interest in horticulture, conservation, and in education and service to the community. We thank you for supporting this project.

After taking a break for the winter, Gardens on View will resume after this month's general meeting with a special event at the Botanical Gardens. (See "Fun in the Gardens" in this issue.) Here is your opportunity to get inspired with ideas for your own spring gardening activities. There is always something memorable in the Botanical Gardens, whether it is a different type plant or a bed of beautiful tulips. It's just terrific to get out with our fellow GGC friends and enjoy the afternoon. Hope to see you there!

 **Karen Rice**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
March 20 th	Garden Club Council Meeting 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
March 26 th	Fun in the Gardens	Grapevine Botanical Gardens
April 9 th	West Texas Street Work Day 9:00 A.M.	West Texas Street Grapevine, TX

Fun in the Gardens

Come join us for fun in the Grapevine Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park directly following the March 26th general meeting. Lisa Grove, GGC member and Botanical Gardens Horticulturist, will conduct a short tour of the gardens' spring blooms and then hold a container workshop for all attendees. For \$10 Lisa will show you how to create a container garden you can take home. The fee will cover the cost of all materials. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy the company of your fellow GGC members as we have *Fun in the Gardens*!

☞Karen Rice

March Birthdays

Laura Ball
Dan Burger
Michele Burger
Dinah Chancellor
Mike Clark
Jimmie Nell Cook
Robin Gerner
Elizabeth Jewett
Sandy Kancavicus
Catherine LaCroix
Carole Lee
Carol Marchant
Cheryl Parkinson
Sharron Spencer
Susan Stanek
Mary Jo Tellin
Paula Wilson



March's Birth Flower
daffodil



Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
April 12, 2013	Prep Party for Flowercade	Joan Stewart's Greenhouse
April 13 – 14, 2013	Flowercade: <i>Floral Symphony</i>	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
April 20, 2013	Annual Spring Plant Sale	8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Grapevine Botanical Gardens
April 28, 2013	Southlake Garden Tour	See related article.
April 30, 2013	Gardeners on the Go	Athens, Texas
May 3, 2013	Redbud Tree Project	Grapevine Colleyville ISD
May 21, 2013	Spring Luncheon: <i>Come Grow with Us</i>	Trawick Pavilion at Grapevine Lake

Work Day on West Texas Street

Tuesday, April 9th, 2013, 9:00 A.M.

It is time for some foolishness and a little messing around in the dirt. I certainly hope 9:00 A.M. is not too early for most of you, but there will be lots to do that day. We will be weeding, of course, and clipping back a few things that need attention, and then we get to do the fun part and plant the summer color. Generally speaking everything looks wonderful. But because we have not spread much mulch these last few years, the beds look sort of bare in the mulch department. So we will need lots of hands that day to get the job done. Be sure to bring the necessary tools and dress for whatever the weather will be.



April 2011, West Texas Street



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I will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting, but don't hesitate to call or e-mail me if you can participate that day. The carrot for the day will be coffee or tea at Main Street Bakery after all the work is done. It is a good time to swap lies and talk about our aches and pains, so come and play with us and enjoy some good times.

Suzi Guckel, Chairman
West Texas Street Project

Docent Opportunities for April



Grapevine Botanical Gardens

We have two big events coming up in April that will require many volunteers. The first event will be on April 17th at 11:00 A.M. Tarrant County Master Gardeners will be visiting the Grapevine Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park as part of a tour they will be taking that day. The gardens will be their third stop of the morning. This will be a short visit. Instead of providing a guided tour, we will station docents throughout the gardens, and the visitors can tour the gardens on their own. The docents will be there to answer questions.

The second big event in April will be the DFW Airport Earth Day event that will take place at the airport on April 19th. The address is DFW Airport LiveWell Center, 3625 West Bear Creek Court. We will need volunteers from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Docents will help students make tissue paper roll bird feeders. This event is usually attended by approximately 700 students in grades K–6. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers. *Please note that this date is the day before the Plant Sale.*

Please find sign-up sheets at the March meeting, or you can contact Docent Chair Paula Wilson if you are available to help with either of these events.

Paula Wilson

Flowercade

It's time to think about FLOWERCADE! "Floral Symphony" is our theme this year.



Flowercade has been a tradition of the Garden Club Council of Fort Worth for decades. It began over 50 years ago as a spring celebration with a parade of horse-drawn carriages decorated with flowers. Over 20 years ago we began holding this flower show in the Fort Worth Botanical Garden Center. My, how far we've come!

Flowercade Floral Symphony will be held on April 13 – 14, 2013. The show has two divisions, Horticultural and Design. If you are interested in entering the

Design Division, please contact Lindle O'Neil as soon as possible. Advance Reservations are a must for design entries. Winners are awarded ribbons, and we do love getting those "Best of Show" awards.



Flowercade 2012

We will have a prep day Thursday, April 11th, in Joan Stewart's greenhouse. Details will be provided about horticulture specimens at the March Grapevine Garden Club general meeting and in the April newsletter. Most of our members know how to choose and prepare these specimens; however, we will review it for our newer members.

Not only are we asking you to either submit a horticulture specimen, a container grown plant, or enter one of the design divisions, we are also asking you to attend. It will give you a greater appreciation of the work the Fort Worth Garden Club Council does to put on this wonderful flower show.

If you have never participated in Flowercade, this may be the perfect year to enter a design or the best cut flower you can find in your gardens!

Lindle O'Neal

excerpts from GGC March 2012 Newsletter by **René Herndon**

Dig, Divide and Pot

For members who have many plants needing to be divided, plant digging parties at members' gardens are scheduled under the direction of Paula Wilson. The plant diggers arrive with shovel and trowel in-hand ready to dig, divide, and pot the plants.



Plant Digging Party at the Sigler Gardens

A recent dig was held at the garden of E.A. and Sylvan Sigler. Although E.A. is primarily interested in growing tomatoes, Sylvan has been growing and studying hybrid iris for over 50 years. The garden is a showplace in April when the 300 iris varieties are blooming and creating a rainbow of color! It has been her goal to add Dykes Medal irises to the garden. (North American Dykes Medal is the highest award of the American Iris Society. It is awarded to no more than one iris per year.) Membership in the North Texas Daylily Society increased her interest in hybrid daylilies, and Sylvan now grows about 40 varieties. Sylvan says, "Daylilies are easier to grow than irises. Irises require more work, consistent attention for best bloom performance." She enjoys hybridizing daylilies and irises. Her irises and daylilies are always of great interest to plant sale guests, but other passalong plants from the Sigler garden will include wood fern, daylilies, yellow columbine, society garlic, and coneflowers.



Sylvan Sigler

For many years when the irises were at peak bloom, Sylvan has held an Open Gardens event and invited GGC members to visit. The tradition will continue this year and the event will be announced by e-blast. This is an excellent opportunity to evaluate possible selections for your garden as well as to visit with Sylvan about iris cultivation.

The "Henry Duelberg" Salvia in Toni Moorehead's garden has grown so abundantly that a digging party was scheduled. This perennial favorite is valued by Toni because its deep blue blooms attract Monarch butterflies and many other pollinators. If you purchase this perennial at the plant sale, be sure to allow for mature growth (3'x 3'). The eight-inch-long flower spikes will bloom May – November.

If you haven't visited Toni's garden blog (signaturegardens.blogspot.com), you should! Incredible photos will inspire good choices of companion plants. In one herbaceous planting bed, Toni has combined "Henry Duelberg" Salvia with Rudbeckia "Goldsturm", Phlox paniculata, pink salvia greggii, cosmos, holy basil, and shasta



"Henry Duelberg" Salvia

daisies for a striking combination. If you need advice with pruning, fertilizing, weed control, and seasonal color, Toni's *Diggin' in the Dirt Newsletter* is an excellent resource. Toni advises that if you'd like to add some new plants to your garden, attending the Grapevine Garden Club Plant Sale is a great way to get heirloom plants at very inexpensive prices! She is one of the seminar speakers at the plant sale and will be talking about perennials at 10:00 A.M. that day.

Potting parties will continue! Contact Paula Wilson if you have more passalong plants than you could possibly dig and pot by yourself. Most of us will be able to dig and pot our own passalong plants for sale, but if you need potting supplies contact Chuck Voelker for a potting kit. As Neil Sperry wrote recently, "Sharing plants sows traditions."



"Henry Duelberg" Salvia, Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm', Phlox paniculata, pink salvia greggii, cosmos, holy basil, shasta daisies

✂Joetta King

Gardeners on the Go – *Fish to Flowers Tour*

Tuesday, April 30, 7:45 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Destination: Athens

- ♥ Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center: 10:00 A.M. – noon
- ♥ Lunch: 12:15 – 1:30 P.M. Suggested options, but choice determined by carpool group
- ♥ East Texas Arboretum and Botanical Society: 1:45 – 3:00 P.M.
- ♥ Tour fee – \$5.50 prepaid (no refunds)

Catch some memories at Texas' premier aquatic nature center and hatchery as we tour the visitor center and discover life under the water of Texas streams, ponds, and lakes. Over 300,000 gallons of aquarium exhibits offer an amazing view of nearly every major species of freshwater fish in Texas. Tour guests will view a dive show, marvel at prehistoric paddlefish and giant alligator gar, and take a guided tram tour of the hatchery ponds and wetlands.



arbor poppies

Following the guided tour, an optional half-hour segment is scheduled for you to explore the gardens on your own which may include meandering along two miles of woodland trails. Camouflaged frogs, insects, birds, and deer often scurry away as you pass. Make your way along winding, spring-fed streams connected by a 115-foot suspension bridge. Departure time from the arboretum will be determined by each carpool group depending on their free time exploration of the gardens.

The non-refundable tour fee, \$5.50, must be paid at the time you make a reservation for the tour at the March or April general meeting or by postal mail to Joetta King. Fee may be paid with cash or a check payable to Grapevine Garden Club. Reservation must be submitted no later than April 23. Members attending the tour will receive tour directions by email by April 27. If you do not receive email, provide a self-addressed/stamped envelope when you make your tour reservation.



arbor sunflowers

If you have questions about the tour, contact Joetta King (home phone or email).

Joetta King

February Workshop: *Parallel Flower Design*



Elayne Vick



*Minnie Hall, Kathy Stone, Suzi Guckel,
Gloria Land, Pam Braak*



Linda Harris



Kathy Clark

Many thanks to Sher Dunaway, workshop leader and Elayne Vick, 1st Vice President, Program for an opportunity to learn, create, and visit with friends.

Southlake Garden Tour

April 28, 2013 in Southlake

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Be sure to mark April 28th on your calendars for this year's Southlake Garden Tour. The tour is presented by the Perennial Garden Society of Southlake.



For 2013, the Southlake Garden Tour selected six beautiful gardens showcasing a variety of landscapes and gardening styles. During the tour you will discover outstanding examples of unique and inspirational garden designs at each of the six garden stops.

The Gardens

- ♥ **The Bredenberg Garden** -
Hill Country aesthetics in combination with sustainable practices
225 E Bob Jones Rd



Bredenberg Garden

- ♥ **The Chambers Garden** -
Shaded understory haven for perennials and pathways
107 Wilmington Ct



Foster Garden

- ♥ **The Foster Garden** -
English gardens with a Texas accent
1305 Wakefield Ct

- ♥ **The King Garden** -
Entertaining paradise surrounded by tropical color
710 Deer Hollow Rd

- ♥ **The Northcutt Garden** -
Finding beauty in objects that are often overlooked
1750 Hunters Creek

- ♥ **The Stone Garden** -
A multi-generational garden for the entire family
1502 Irion Ct



The Stone Garden

Demonstrations and Displays

In addition to an opportunity to view some of the premier gardens in Southlake, the Southlake Garden Tour traditionally strives to provide tour participants with information and understanding of responsible gardening related practices. To achieve this goal, Tarrant County Master Gardeners will be in each garden to answer questions. Experts will be on hand for related topics such as mosquito prevention and control, water conservation, pond management, and tree selection and care. Radio personality Marilyn Simmons will be available to address visitors' questions on square foot gardening.

Sponsors

The Southlake Garden Tour is pleased to welcome back Calloway's Nursery of Southlake as a Platinum level sponsor and is excited to welcome two new Platinum level sponsors, BNSF Railway and Alpine Materials. Also new this year is Gold level sponsor 360 West Magazine and Silver level sponsors Park Place Lexus of Grapevine and Orr Nissan of Corinth. Orr Nissan will host the homeowners and volunteers at a private event held the day before the tour, which will also recognize the Perennial Garden Society's tenth anniversary.

Garden Tour Tickets

Advanced tickets are \$8 and will be available at Calloway's locations in Southlake, Hurst, Arlington, and Flower Mound. Tickets will also be available at Marshall Grain in Grapevine and the North Richland Hills Farmers Market starting April 10th. Tickets sold the day of the tour are \$10 at any of the gardens and the locations mentioned above. Go to www.southlakegardentour.org for garden locations or contact Beckie Underwood, 817-488-6689, for more information.

✂Beckie Underwood

Come Grow with Us

Annual Spring Membership Luncheon

Tuesday, May 21 - 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Trawick Pavilion at Grapevine Lake

2700 Darren G. Medlin Trail, Grapevine



Do you need a good reason to be with friends and enjoy fabulous food? NO! Having enjoyed agreeable weather, delicious food provided by members, and great fellowship at the Trawick Pavilion at Grapevine Lake in recent years, members and their guests will again gather at the site on May 21st at 10:30 A.M. for the annual spring luncheon.

This convivial gathering is also an opportunity to acknowledge civic leaders who support the club's activities and to meet the newly elected slate of officers and scholarship recipients for 2013-2014. Luncheon sign-up will be available at the March and April general meeting. Or, you may email Phyllis Butts with your RSVP and what you are bringing, either salad or dessert. Members may invite a guest to the luncheon. Their name should be listed with your RSVP. You need to sign-up or RSVP by May 15.



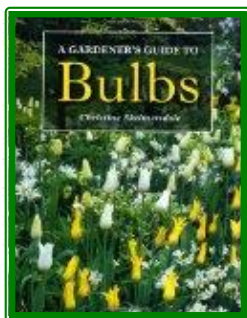
Luncheon Committee

As always, we are looking forward to having a great time together! Thank you, Valerie Reed, Spring Luncheon Coordinator.

✂Joetta King

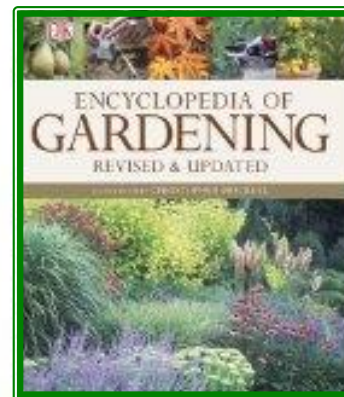
In Memory of Edith Pewitt

We recently lost Honorary Member, Dr. Edith Pewitt. Edith had served in many capacities since joining the Grapevine Garden Club in 1986. As is our custom, the Garden Club recently purchased two books in her honor for the Grapevine Public Library.



A beautiful book entitled, *A Gardener's Guide to Bulbs* by Christine Skelmersdale, is a detailed practical reference for gardeners and bulb enthusiasts. The book gives advice on choosing and growing bulbs, and it provides a list of the most common and interesting bulbs that can be grown throughout the year.

Encyclopedia of Gardening by Christopher Brickell was also purchased. This book covers the latest approaches to gardening, design essentials, and tools and materials. It demonstrates step-by-step techniques that reflect popular trends, and it also includes a glossary of plants.



Edith was very knowledgeable about plants, and she was always willing to share that knowledge and her plants with everyone. She will be missed.

✂Paula Wilson



PLEDGE/CONTRIBUTE

I want to help build the Greenhouse at the Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park !

Recognition Levels:

\$500 and more	Name on a bronze plaque in the Gardens
\$1,000 and more	Plus name engraved in stone
\$5,000 and more	Plus acknowledged as major donor in Garden Club and City publications concerning the Greenhouse Project

Name _____

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I would like to make a pledge of \$ _____ payable over:
_____ months OR

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