



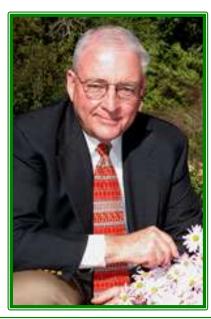
THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

November 26, 2013 SPECIAL EVENT A Morning with Neil Sperry Texas Home Landscaping: Planning and Plants

Palace Theatre
300 South Main Street,
Grapevine, Texas 76051
10:00 A.M.
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President's Message

My theme this year is "Welcoming Butterflies to our Gardens". And WOW did we do that at the annual Butterfly Flutterby at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. It was such a delight to watch those Monarchs slowly warm up in the sunshine and head for the Blue Mistflowers for a snack. Thanks to everyone for volunteering, especially our new members. This was a perfect opportunity for us to reach out to our community and share our love of the gardens and butterflies. And it was fun!

The fall plant sale organizer, Chuck Voelker, and his assistants, Karen Rice and Lisa Grove, put on another successful plant sale increasing our profit over last year by 74%!

The released Monarchs found a very welcoming home at the plant sale. And a special thank you goes to the Grapevine Parks and Recreation Department that quietly provides us with assistance in much that we do.

All the proceeds from these two events are going to the Greenhouse Project.

I've always loved those seemingly delicate and cheerful daffodils in early spring, but now I appreciate their toughness after hearing Keith Kridler's talk at our last regular meeting. I look forward to the GGC tour of his daffodil farm next spring. In August, I found some daffodil bulbs in the garage that had somehow been there since the previous fall. Poor things, their tunics (skins) were definitely crispy brown. I soaked them in water for a couple of hours as instructed by Keith and planted them. I'm quite confident that they will come up in February.



November in the Heritage Elementary Garden one of our President's favorite projects

I hope to see all of you at "A Morning with Neil Sperry" on November 26th, our final fundraiser for the Greenhouse Project. More information about this very special event is in this issue of the GGC November newsletter.

President

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Date | Event | Location |
| November 26 | A Morning with Neil Sperry | Palace Theatre Grapevine, Texas |
| December 3 | Holiday Luncheon | Lancaster Theater Main Street, Grapevine, TX |

November Celebrations

Tami Bannister
Lynne Carpenter
Marcia Deacon
Emily Galpin
Patty Hofer
Margaret Hutchins
Michael Marchant
Malissa May
Joy Mayo
Marty Mazur
Susan McCarley



Lou Milner
Nancy Moffat
Cyndia Moore
Jo Ogletree
Paula Pafford
Harriet Perrello
Joan Pierce
Judie Porter
Sharon Steele
Norma Worsfold



New Members

Judy Brisco
Lynne Carpenter
Carolyn Chance
Chelsea Chance
Wendy Essex
Ginger Halepaska
Dee Huston
Dorothy Mattingly
Mary McCallister



Help Make the Dream a Reality!

Over the course of nearly three years, GGC members have worked on numerous projects and activities to raise funds to build a greenhouse at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. As we approach our final funding event, we are thrilled to sponsor *A Morning with Neil Sperry* on November 26th at the Palace Theatre, 300 South Main, Grapevine.

There may be tickets available on the day of the event at the Palace Theatre box office, but don't depend on it! Buy tickets (\$15.00) in advance at Marshall Grain (Grapevine) or Calloway's (Hurst

and Southlake). Sarah Erickson may also be contacted for purchasing tickets.

After the Sperry event, consider having lunch in Historic Downtown Grapevine with your gardening friends. Invite a new member to join your group! Have you walked the greenhouse trail at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens? Take a stroll through the gardens after lunch and see the location site for the greenhouse. As the greenhouse trail signs suggest – *help make the dream a reality* – by supporting this funding effort!

The GGC gives a very special thank you to member James Smith who through his association with Neil Sperry persuaded him to offer this program as a fund raising event with no speaker fee. As a result, all ticket proceeds will benefit the greenhouse project!

Ask Neil – Would you like Neil Sperry's help with a plant question?

Neil's program *Texas Home Landscaping – Planning and Plants*, from 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. will be followed by a 30-minute question and answer session. Attendees will have an opportunity to approach an aisle microphone to ask their question. However, time is limited! Be concise with your one question!

Consider the other wonderful options Neil provides to have your gardening questions answered.

In each issue of Neil Sperry's e-gardens newsletter, he chooses questions of the greatest general reader interest and answers them. Send questions, along with

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photos, to: Ask the Experts, c/o Neil Sperry's Gardens, P.O. Box 864, McKinney, TX 75070. You can sign up to receive Neil's free monthly electronic newsletter at www.neilsperry.com.

Chat with Neil on Facebook. Search 'Neil Sperry' on www.facebook.com. You can post your question and include a photo.

Make Neil a regular part of your weekend by listening to WBAP 820AM on Sundays from 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Let Neil answer your gardening questions by calling 1-800-288-WBAP (9227). If you are listening on the FM dial, the signals are now 99.5 HD-2 (primarily available on newer car radios). The program streams at www.wbap.com.



Sperry Event Committee: Co-chairs Beckie Underwood and Sarah Erickson, and members Debbie Smith, Linda Krimm, Lisa Adams Grove, Elayne Vick, Joetta King, and Pam Braak

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Ho! Ho! Ho! And Happy Holidays!

Pssst! Don't forget to make your reservation for the Grapevine Garden Club Holiday Luncheon if you haven't already! The date is Tuesday, December 3rd at the Lancaster Theatre on Main Street in Grapevine. Social time begins at 10:30 A.M. The cost is \$23.00. Come and enjoy "Tuba Christmas", a brass instrument group, and a meal catered by Esparza's.



Final reservations (check or cash necessary) will be accepted on November 26th at the Neil Sperry program or you can mail me your check by this date. Cash donations for GRACE will be accepted at the luncheon. So put away your gardening clothes and join us for a festive event!

⋓Joan Kowalski Holiday Luncheon



Looking for a new holiday recipe?

Did you know that our most frequently requested hostess recipes are collected and published every year in a GGC cookbook? See

www.Grapevinegardenclub.org/publications.html for downloadable copies!

&Karen Rice

Big Thank You!

I want to thank all the GGC members who volunteered to help with the "Plant Native – Plant Now" fall plant sale. Below are a few of the details from the plants, trees, and shrubs offered for sale.

- ▼ Items Sold 727
- ♦ Profit \$4000
- Customers 150

These numbers represent twice what was accomplished last year. In addition, we had customers from over 25 zip codes. The most common method of finding out about the sale was hearing from a friend, so keep spreading the word about our two plant sales.



Thanks again for your help with this successful sale. I look forward to getting in the gardens for our Spring Plant Sale on April 26th. As before, we will be having "digging parties" for most of the plants. This will be another chance to volunteer!

& Chuck Voelker Plant Sales

2013 Award Applications

It's that time of year where we take pride in all the accomplishments of the club's educational and civic projects for 2013. Many wonderful GGC members have contributed their time and energy to the execution of these projects that carry out the GGC mission in service to our club and the community. The following

award applications have been submitted to the Texas Garden Club District II Award Chairman. Stay tuned for spring announcements of how GGC rated!

Texas Garden Club Award Applications Submitted:

- ▼ Youth Environmental Contest Evelyn Urbanosky and Miriam Ward for the poster contest "Making the World Better and More Beautiful" (TGC 9)
- Fire Station #2 Relandscape Project Pam Braak, Karen Rice, Lisa Grove (TGC Pocket Garden 2013)
- Seed Money 2013 Barb Munn and committee (TGC Community Service)
- History Joetta King and the History of GGC book (TGC Club History)
- TGC Club application for Gold rating outstanding projects and service to the community



GGC History Book donated to Grapevine Library

National Garden Club Award Applications Submitted:

- Civic Achievement West Texas Street Project Suzi Guckel and team (NGC N-1 Aiii)
- ▼ Garden Center Botanical Gardens and Docents Lisa Grove and Paula Wilson (NGC N-2 Aiii)
- ▼ Youth Horticulture Education Youth classes, Redbud Tree Program and scholarships Lisa Grove, Val Reed, Sheri Jones (NGC N-8 Aiii)
- Publications Newsletters Dinah Chancellor, Editor (NGC N-12#3 Aiii)
- Publications History Joetta King and the History of GGC book (NGC N-13#4 Aiii)
- Yearbook Kathy Dohrer, Chairman (NGC N-16 A6)
- ▼ Landscape Design of Church Gardens Toni Moorehead for design of a restive courtyard area and maintaining her church campus (NGC N-28 C)
- Conservation Education Birds January educational session, city
 proclamation and Hagerman tour Joetta King, Elayne Vick (NGC N-41 Aiii)
- ▼ Butterfly Butterfly Flutterby event, library program, QR code tags Linda Krimm, Gloria Land, Elayne Vick and a host of others! (NGC N-43 Aiii)
- Outdoor Classrooms and Nature Trail focused on native planting areas and outdoor classes related to the natural environment - Lisa Grove (NGC N-74 Aiii)

&Karen Rice Awards

West Texas Street Work Day October 29, 2013



Resident Martha, Suzi Guckel and Pat Mingus

The day started out cool and a little cloudy, but it was a glorious day to once again dig in the dirt with friends. We had a great turnout. Twenty-five members and one guest came to join in on the fun. We even had some of the residents come to visit or help us dig in the dirt. Halloween is always fun because we can *act up* and *dig up* and *eat up* some treats—no *tricks* this year! We had some great costumes even if several folks came as gardeners. We really missed the "dirty ole man" this year but I guess he had another neighborhood to terrorize.

We were able to weed and gently prune in the beds. Then the fun part began! We planted eleven flats of beautiful pansies, ten bags of daffodils and a couple of red salvia greggii to spruce up the neighborhood before we headed over to Main Street Bakery for coffee and conversation.

Thanks so much to Susan Boelens, Terry Curcio, Peggy Harris, Vicki Haines, Kris Botterman, Denise Francis, Candace Kyler, Tina Boserup, Susan Sporl, Susan Stanek, Nancy Searl, Angela Ozymy, Joetta King, Paul Ernst, Pat Mingus, Barbara Atkins, Rene Herndon, Carole Lee, Linda Krimm, Marilyn Bayer, Sarah Erickson, Thierrie Mazur, Pam Braak, Greg Braak, and a special thank you to guest Griselda Mata who came to help at this community project. See you at the Neil Sperry presentation later this month!

Suzi Guckel West Texas Street Project

Sarah Erickson, Angela Ozymy, Marilyn Bayer, Terry Curcio, Kris Botterman, Barb Atkins, and Susan Sporl



GGC Special Project - Butterfly Planting Area in Parr Park

In early November, GGC members seeded the north end of Parr Park with a wildflower mix that will be attractive to butterflies. A stretch of the bike trail along Route 26 just east of Kimball Road was also seeded. President Pam Braak chose this special project for the club in support of the National, Regional and Texas Garden Club themes which focus on educational opportunities and protecting and conserving our natural resources. Over 90 pounds of seed were used over the combined area of 4.5 acres. GGC donated \$50.00 toward this project and helped spread the seed. About 40 butterfly friendly nectar plants were also contributed and planted by the team of volunteers. Many thanks to the participation of Miriam Ward, Suzi Guckel, Joetta King, Pam Braak, Greg Braak, Karen Rice, Chuck Voelker and Lisa Grove.

&Karen Rice



Suzi Guckel, Lisa Grove, Joetta King, and Miriam Ward



Chuck Voelker and Greg Braak



Karen Rice and Lisa Grove

Wildlife Management at DFW Airport

Mark your calendar for an interesting program in January at the Grapevine Public Library during Bird Sanctuary Week.

Wildlife Administrator, Cathy Boyles, works in the Operations Department at DFW Airport. She will speak at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, January 25 at the library. Cathy has worked for the airport since 2006, and as the airport's Qualified Airport Wildlife Biologist, her job is to ensure airport compliance with Federal Aviation Administration, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Texas Parks and Wildlife required rules and regulations as they pertain to wildlife hazards at the airport. She has many engaging stories about finding, identifying, and dealing with wildlife within the confines of the airport. She has developed the airport's Wildlife Stewardship campaign and promoted wildlife strike awareness to minimize hazards to aircraft safety. Come hear how the airport's wildlife program strives to ensure the highest standards of safety, while balancing stewardship of the airport's resources.

Elayne Vick Program



The Hazard



Immature Hawk
Contemplating the Hazard



Dickcissel, DFW Airport



Cathy Boyles at the Smithsonian Institute's Feather and DNA Lab with a Roseate Spoonbill

Gardeners on the Go announces two tours not listed in the GGC Yearbook, so make a note!

All About Daffodils

Keith and Sandy Kridler's Sleepy Hollow Farm Date TBD – Mount Pleasant, Texas



Ice Follies Daffodils

There was significant interest in the daffodil program by Keith Kridler in October, and members expressed a desire to visit his daffodil farm. The tour to Mount Pleasant will need to have a flexible date to allow us to see the daffodils in peak bloom. During the first week of February 2014, Keith will recommend the tour be scheduled either during the last week of February or during the second week of March. So, read the February newsletter for tour updates and details.

A Shangri-La Journey

April 16-18, 2014 – Orange, Texas (2nights/3 days)

Small-town charm and world-class culture await you in Orange, Texas! Although this tour is in the planning stage, please consider traveling with GGC friends on another educational adventure.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Shangri-La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center

Since the publication of the book Lost Horizon in 1933, the term "Shangri-La" has represented a place of beauty, peace and enlightenment. In Orange, a modern Shangri-La has been recreated with the best of both nature and gardens. Nestled within 252 acres, Shangri-La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center contains more than 300 plant species in nine formal gardens. The Nature Center includes educational outpost tours along Adams Bayou, a state-of-the-art bird blind to observe nesting birds at Ruby Lake.



Shangri-La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center

Shangri-La is the first project in Texas and the 50th project in the world to earn the U.S. Green Building Council's Platinum Certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for New Construction (LEED-NC). In 2009, it was named by the American Institute of Architects as one of the world's top 10 projects for exhibiting sustainable architecture and green design solutions.



Our visit to Shangri-La will include:

- Walking tour of the formal botanical gardens led by a knowledgeable guide. The walk is a little over one mile and takes approximately two hours.
- A boxed lunch from the Star and Crescent Moon Café
- Boarding a pontoon boat for an Outpost Tour and taking a short ride on Adams Bayou to one of the outposts in the Cypress/Tupelo Swamp. A guide will be on board to provide information and interpretation. The tour takes approximately 1½ hours.



W.H. Stark House

The **W.H. Stark House,** which was constructed in 1894 in the Queen Anne architectural style, features a distinctive turret, stained glass windows, and ornate woodwork in cypress and long leaf yellow pine. The 14,000 square-foot home stands much as it did at the turn of the 20th century, with fifteen rooms of the W.H. Stark family's original furnishings, personal effects and decorative art collections, including American Brilliant Period cut glass, porcelains and other 18th and 19th century decorative accessories.

The **Stark Museum of Art** houses one of the nation's most significant collections of American Western art, American Indian art and the complete porcelain American Bird Series by Dorothy Doughty.

OPTIONAL TOUR ACTIVITIES:

Swamp Tour aboard an airboat (<u>www.airboatridesinc.com</u>) is being considered for Wednesday, 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Experience the flora and fauna of the Blue Elbow Swamp, Sabine River and surrounding estuaries while taking an exciting airboat ride. See the abundant wildlife such as alligators, nutria, raccoons, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Gallinule Rail, Bald Eagle, turtles, deer and much more. This is a bird watcher's paradise and a nature lover's dream. Enjoy learning about the hundreds of years old Cypress trees and travel down old logging routes while exploring the waterways of Southeast Texas. (\$25.00 pp for groups of 15 or more – \$20.00 pp for groups of 20 or more.)

The **Frances Ann Lutcher Theatre** is a 1,450-seat performing arts facility. Twenty-two seats in the lower balcony have been reserved for our tour group to attend an evening with **Jeanne Robertson.** Heard daily on Sirius/XM Radio's Family Comedy Channel, and recipient of every top honor in the speaking profession, in her positively hilarious style, 6' 2" humorist, Jeanne Robertson, captivates audiences with her stories of friends, family, and life with her husband, "Left Brain," as she delivers clean comedy with class that will have you rolling in the aisles. This is an optional tour activity for Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 P.M. (The cost is \$30.00 pp, 20 or more \$28.00 pp.)

ON YOUR OWN OPTIONS:

- ▼ Tony Houseman State Park located at the Texas Travel Information Center with its 600 foot boardwalk that crosses Blue Elbow Swamp and takes you closer to the area wildlife. This is number one on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail.
- Fishing on the banks of the Sabine River
- Shopping at the Farmers' Mercantile
- Improving your golf game at the Players Club Driving Range or play golf at Sunset Grove Country Club (reciprocal privileges honored)

GGC tour expense fee has not been finalized, but it is anticipated to be about \$40.00 and will cover the cost of Shangri-La guided tours and lunch, admission and tour at the Stark Museum of Art and W. H. Stark House, and miscellaneous tour expenses. Anticipated expenses not included in the \$40.00 fee would be hotel expenses, other lunch and dinner meals, optional activities and reimbursing driver for gasoline.

If you are interested in attending this tour, contact Joetta King. Additional information will be sent to members who indicate an interest in participating. Don't wait too late to make a reservation for *Shangri-La Journey Tour* and indicate if you are interested in participating in the two optional activities! The basic tour is limited to 26 attendees and optional activities are limited to 22 participants!

[Descriptions of these venues were taken from Stark Cultural Venues and Airboat Rides publications and websites.]

₩Joetta KingGardeners on the Go

Gardeners Find Inspiration with Avant Gardeners

The inspiration provided by Barbara Baker's beautifully decorated home and gardens was enough to satisfy attendees on the November tour to Fort Worth. But, to also see the floral arrangements created by the Avant Gardeners interspersed throughout the home was a definite lagniappe!



Sarah Erickson

The flower show schedule given to each attendee offered insight into the design categories and entries that would be displayed in the various rooms. The Avant Gardeners' goal – We hope our creations and horticulture specimens are a bit of inspiration to you, and visiting our Holiday Flower Show is a quiet and relaxing time away from all the upcoming bustle. Their goal was achieved and exceeded our expectations! GGC members, Rachel Clark & Marty Swindell, are active in Avant Gardeners, and their floral designs were stunningly creative and beautiful. I am always befuddled by how to interpret a designated class category into a floral design.



Rachel Clark

Rachel's design class specified that her creation must reflect a *Child's Christmas Memory*. Rachel noted, "The rich colors of the season and the decorated Christmas cookies with their sprinkles of color were favorites of mine. Also, my family always did puzzles at Christmas time and this design reminds me of fitting puzzle pieces together." Rachel shared that the floral container was a gift from the late Edith Pewitt's collection and that the palm spaths were a gift from Suzie Guckel.

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Marty Swindell's design class was *Crisp Air and Falling Leaves* and having been studying design forever it wasn't surprising to see that she was a blue ribbon winner.

It was a pleasant day and a great opportunity for some of the new members to get acquainted with experienced members!



Guided tour with Barbara Baker and GGC members, Sarah Erickson, Gloria Land, Kathy Stone, Harriet Perrello, René Herndon, and Pam Braak



Karen Rice, Harriet Perrello, Kathy Stone, and Pam Braak



Marty Swindell



Elizabeth Jewitt, Sharon Swagerty, Ann Fuller & Susie Emmons

Plan to join the next tour which is a birding hike at Grapevine Lake on January 18 with Dr. Ray Chancellor. The hike is a kick-off for Grapevine's Bird Sanctuary Week – January 19-25.

Solution Joetta King Gardeners on the Go

Gardens on View

Thank you to all of our October hosts and hostesses for sharing their beautiful gardens (and Halloween decorations in the case of Jim and Ann Fuller). Ann, your gardens and decorations were adorable. Joetta and Ed, your gardens are beautiful, as usual. Iasmin and Joe, we are so sorry you were not home to hear the ohs and ahs over your fantastic gardens. Thank you, Karen and Chuck, for hosting in their stead. We had over 50 visitors to our Gardens on View.



Chuck Voelkel and Karen Rice preview Iasmin Friedheim's tropical garden on the October Gardens on View.

Marge Carpenter Gardens on View



BOO! Halloween at the Gardens of Jim and Ann Fuller enjoyed by Barbara Thompson and Ann Fuller

Garden Club Art Contest a Success

The Grapevine Garden Club, with help from the Grapevine Colleyville Independent School District, sponsored an art contest in conjunction with the Butterfly Flutterby. Deborah Highfill, lead art teacher, and others from five area schools assisted in this effort. Given the theme, "Making the World Better and More Beautiful", students from preschool through fifth grade submitted seventy-six entries. Grand prizes were awarded in three categories (Sprouting Artists – preschool, Budding Artists – Kindergarten through second grade, and Blooming Artists – third through fifth grade) and first, second, and third place prizes were given in each age group. The contest was judged by three local artists. Grand prize and first place winners have been displayed for the public to see in the children's section of the Grapevine Library.

Evelyn Urbanosky and Miriam Ward chaired the art committee. Other GGC members assisting were Linda Krimm, Lyn Argenbright, Kris Botterman, Terry Curcio, Kriste Frederick, Barbara Nunn, Margaret Meharg, Barbara Williams, and Joan Kowalski.

wLinda Krimm

Art Contest Awardees



Sprouting Artist Grand Prize Winner Ella Carlin – Preschool



Budding Artist Grand Prize Winner Sydney Haygood – Silver Lake Elementary Title: Let's Recycle





Blooming Artist Grand Prize Winner
Jeremiah Lastinger – Dove Elementary
Title: Out of the Storm and
Into the Light

Fall Gardens and Art Tour

(See Itinerary in GGC June Newsletter.)





Gilcrease Museum -Mausoleum Friendship Garden



Philbrook - Jo Ogletree, Karen Rice, Donna Bigham (guide), Evelyn Urbanosky



Linnaeus – Chuck Voelkel & Karen Rice



Crystal Bridges - Barb Munn, Joan Stewart & Linda Harris



Crystal Bridges



Philbrook – Karen & Dick Pafford



Philbrook



Peel Museum – Andy Lunch log cabin

Butterfly Flutterby A HUGE Success for Everyone

THANK YOU to the Garden Club members who volunteered for the Butterfly Flutterby. The number of volunteer hours (787) and the number of members who worked (100+) is outstanding. We don't remember a time when so many members were involved in one project.

Moving the BFFB to the Grapevine Botanical Gardens was an excellent idea and great publicity for the Gardens. We demonstrated that the Garden Club, Convention and Visitor Bureau and Parks and Recreation Department can work together to put on a wonderful community event. And the BFFB earned over \$2300 for the Greenhouse project. Overall the Butterfly Flutterby was a huge success for everyone.

Winners of the BFFB Raffle

- Central Market Gift Basket
- Kroger Fountain
- City of Grapevine Rain Barrel
- K and B Enterprises Copper Spinner
- Cindy Crook Original Oil Painting

Julie Gilmer Marion Brekken Shelly Hudson René Herndon

Gayle Wren

Solution Linda Krimm **Solution** Control Land Project Co-Chairs



Preparation Day



Newly emerged Monarchs sip nectar from fresh flowers from GGC gardens.





Face Painting



Kids' Crafts



Scavenger Hunt

November, 2013 Thanks to our Raffle and Butterfly Flutterby Sponsors!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE BUTTERFLY FLUTTERBY

















