



# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

## April 22, 2014

*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, Carmen Drew**, Lyn Argenbright, Sharon Beach, Kriste Frederick, Marian McDevitt, Jo Ogletree, Jenny Singleton, Evelyn Urbanosky, Miriam Ward

### April Program: *Garden Harmony 101*

Our speaker for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> general meeting will be Steven Chamblee, chief horticulturist for Chandor Gardens in Weatherford and editor and author for Neil Sperry's GARDENS magazine. Steven is also an adjunct Instructor at Tarrant County College and Texas Christian University. His topic is garden harmony, something we all search for. Come join us.

☛ **Elayne Vick**  
**Programs**



*Chandor Gardens, Weatherford, TX*

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## President's Message

This spring has been a long time coming. But recently, it has been fun while checking the garden to find some plants valiantly emerging from its winter slumber. I fear that there may be some plants that just didn't survive the winter, but guess what that means? Plant shopping! Yeah! Our **Survive and Thrive Plant Sale** is scheduled at just the right time for replacing those lost or underachieving plants. Be sure to mark your calendar for **April 26<sup>th</sup>** from **8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.** As a GGC member, you will get a 10% discount and you will find plants that you won't easily find elsewhere. Karen Rice and Lisa Grove have been out shopping the wholesale nurseries for hardy plants and the GGC Digging Committee has been busy digging a very large number of heirloom plants that have successfully been growing in other members' gardens. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors about the sale. Our best advertising is word of mouth.

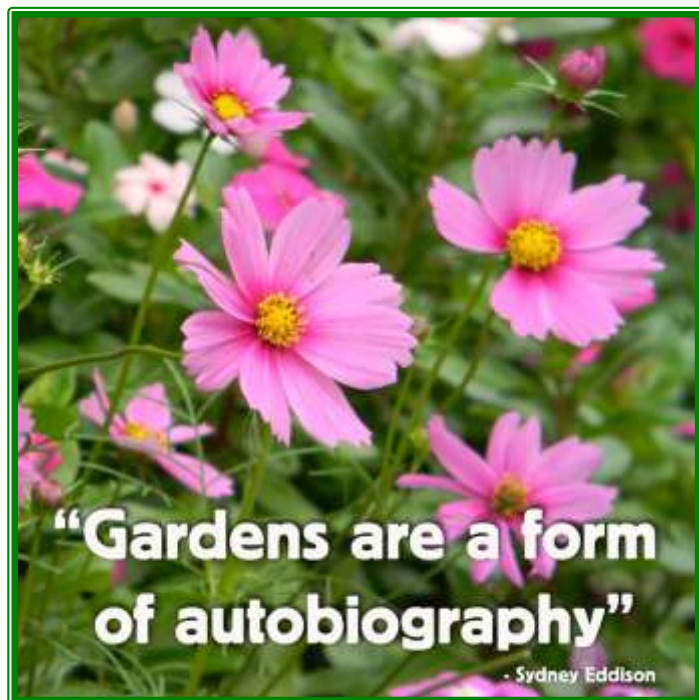
**Flowercade**, the flower show organized by the Fort Worth Garden Council, will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup> as well. Be sure to contact Lindle O'Neil or Rachel Clark if you would like to participate or attend.

Volunteers are needed for members to participate in the **Redbud Program** taking place in early May. This is a great opportunity to share your love of gardening with young children in a school setting. Contact Barb Munn.

**Gardens on View** will be taking place after the April general meeting. It's always fun to see other gardens and get ideas. Information will be available at the meeting.

Once you've finished reading this newsletter, I hope you will get out and enjoy your garden.

**Pam Braak,**  
President



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day: Sign up w/Suzi Guckel	West Texas Street, Grapevine
April 16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gardeners on the Go— fully booked	<i>A Shangri La Journey</i> Orange, Texas
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gardens on View	Watch for details.
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Day Flowercade	Joan Stewart's Greenhouse
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Plant Sale	Grapevine Botanical Gardens
April 26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Flowercade	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

## Dues are DUE

At the next General Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Grapevine Garden Club will continue collecting dues for the renewal of current memberships for the upcoming **2014–2015 Club Year**. While quantities last, renewing members will receive a card from Better Homes and Gardens that they can mail for a free year's subscription. Hurry! Quantities are limited.

The dues for an individual membership remain at \$30 and dues for a family membership remain at \$35. Please mark your calendars and come prepared to renew. The club prefers to accept cash or checks for these renewals.

 **Chris George**  
Membership

## April Birthdays

Sharon Beach  
Kris Botterman  
Carolyn Chance  
Minnie Hall  
Bruce Herndon  
Pat Howard  
Marilyn Johnson  
Linda Krimm  
Mikaela May  
Margaret Meharg



Cindy Miller  
Pat Mingus  
Kevin Mitchell  
Barbara Morrell  
Barbara Nunn  
Barbara Oldani  
Linnea Philip  
Beverly Ryan  
Kimberly Singel  
Alexandra Taylor  
Shane Wilbanks

# Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	GGC Spring Luncheon	Trawick Pavilion, Lake Grapevine
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Gardeners on the Go Tours	Celina and McKinney, Texas
June 1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	National Garden Week	
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Gardeners on the Go National Garden Week Tour	Kathy Clark's Gardens Fort Worth Botanical Gardens Fort Worth, Texas

**Lisa Anderson**  
**Sandy Guthrey**  
**Holly Ihrig**  
**Doris Kritz**



**Joe Krimm**  
**Linnea Philip**  
**Cameron Rouze**  
**Jan Wilson**

## *New Members*

### Update from Plant Sale Coordinator—Final Summary

As the date of the plant sale approaches, a few thoughts from the coordinator—  
(See a few more details below this update.)

- 🌱 The sale date is April 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00 A.M. at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens, 411 Ball Street.
- 🌱 The plants available will be those that have proven successful in our area. Most will be pass-along plants from members' gardens and selected by the digging groups.
- 🌱 Most customers come because they heard about the sale from someone else, so tell your friends and neighbors about the sale. Make out your list and come to ensure you get the plants you want. A final list of plants available at the sale will be sent by email to members the week of the sale.
- 🌱 Seminars will be given on topics important to plant selection, planting, and maintenance of your planting areas.

- 🌱 The plant sale volunteers will be contacted prior to the sale as a reminder of when and what they signed up to do. The sale has become more popular, so please fulfill your volunteer time slot.
  - 🌱 GGC members receive a 10% discount at the sale, an even better reason to come to the sale.
  - 🌱 Cash or checks are the preferred methods of payment.
- See you at the sale!

**🌿 Chuck Voelker**  
**Plant Sale Coordinator**

### Spring Plant Sale—*Survive and Thrive*

The **GGC 2014 spring plant sale is Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>** at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. Sale hours are **8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.** Free seminars will be offered at the Education Pavilion near the plant sale area. You will not want to miss these informative sessions!



*Education Pavilion*  
*Grapevine Botanical Gardens*

**9:00 A.M. – *Drought Tolerant Plants* – Barbara Atkins** A GGC member since 1991, Barb is a Southlake resident, Denton County Master Gardener (inactive) and organic gardener using no chemicals. Barb will talk about ways to have a beautiful garden using drought-tolerant and native plants, organic soil amendments, skillful watering techniques, and reduction of lawn grasses. Barb has learned the most about gardening in Texas from a trial and error method and will share her “survival of the fittest” solutions.

**10:00 A.M. – *Designing a Rain Garden – For the Curious to the Serious – Real Rain Gardens for Real People. Rain Gardens from Simple to Complex* – Lynne Carpenter** A GGC member since 2013, Lynne is an Irving resident. She is an artist by training with formal degrees in both horticulture and landscape architecture. Developing a rain garden encourages the harvesting of rainwater runoff to a planted depression allowing it to soak into the soil thus diverting it away from streets and sewers. Lynne will be talking about areas of a home landscape that would benefit from installation of a rain garden and covering the basics of how to design a rain garden including what type of plants to use.

**11:00 A.M. – Year-Round Color for Your Garden –Toni Moorehead** A GGC member since 2002, Toni is a Grapevine resident and Tarrant County Master Gardener. Toni will discuss the many plants that you can incorporate into your garden to add color all year long. She will share what she has learned over her years of gardening for using plant colors, textures, and shapes to make your garden a place of interest through every season.

This year's featured plant categories are drought tolerant, heirloom, and butterfly plants. The article in the GGC March Newsletter described the characteristics of these categories of plants. Here is a sample list of the varieties of plants that will be available. Many plants fall into multiple categories but they will only be listed once.

*Drought tolerant plants* include – fall aster, four nerve daisy, blackfoot daisy, pink skullcap, sages and salvias, turk's cap, coneflower, oxalis, sedums, penstemon, yarrow, and grasses.

*Heirloom plants* include – specialty “named” varieties of iris and daylilies, phloxes, Jerusalem sage, columbine, lycoris, and black eyed Susan.

*Butterfly nectar plants* include – summer phlox, coreopsis, lantana, and bee balm. *Butterfly host plants* include – milkweeds, herbs like dill and fennel, artemisia, penstemon, yarrow, rue, and passion vine.



*Jerusalem Sage*



*Bee Balm*

Many of the plants being offered for sale are native to Texas. The definitive plant availability list will be distributed via email in the week of April 21<sup>st</sup> so look in your email inbox!



*Passion Flower*

✂Karen Rice

April 2014



## Flowercade 2014

Flowercade Theme—

**TEXAS UNDER SIX FLAGS  
OUR TEXAS HERITAGE REFLECTED IN  
FLOWERS**

**April 26 – 27, 2014**

*“The theme will demonstrate changes that made the State of Texas great and powerful.”*

Prep day is Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to noon at Joan Stewart’s greenhouse. Contact **Lindle O’Neil** or **Rachel Clark** for more information.

☞ **Lindle O’Neil**

☞ **Rachel Clark**  
**Flowercade**

## *Gardeners in Tropical Paradise*

### **Annual Spring Membership Luncheon**

**Tuesday, May 20 – 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

**Trawick Pavilion at Grapevine Lake**

**2700 Darren G. Medlin Trail, Grapevine**

### **PARADISE:**

**Perfect Ambience Radiating Aromas**

**Directly Into Serene Environment**



Wow! How could you possibly not want to be involved in something like that! Our annual picnic this year will be filled with color, music, song, and dance from the islands. Will it be interesting? Have I piqued your imagination? What on earth has been planned? Come and see – you won’t be disappointed.

Luncheon sign-up sheets will be available again at the April general meeting. Or, you may email Edie Williams with your RSVP and an indication that you will be providing a 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.

As always, we are looking forward to having a great time together! Thank you!

☞ **Valerie Reed**

**Spring Luncheon Coordinator**

## Pass on your love of gardening to teachers at Grapevine Elementary!



Have you ever stood in a nursery pondering which plant would really survive in your garden? Or looked at a sad shrub in your yard and wondered what it could possibly need? If you're lucky, you had a good neighbor or friend who kindly gave you the advice you needed.

Grapevine Elementary is building a Nature Discovery Center and needs friends who can share gardening advice. You don't need to be an expert in hybridizing orchids or agronomy. We just need everyday gardeners to help with simple questions: people who grow roses or herbs or spring-blooming bulbs or butterfly plants. If you can help a local school increase its gardening knowledge, please contact Betsy Marsh. She will add your name to an email group that will receive occasional emails from teachers and volunteers. Thank you!

✂Betsy Marsh

## Gardeners on the Go

Since April is the last meeting this year at Stacy's, you may register for the tours at that general meeting or contact Joetta King by email or home phone.

### *Exploring Celina Area – From Trees to Wine Vines!*

Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:55 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**Tour is limited to 30 attendees. Pack a lunch.**



Our first stop will be **Chambersville Tree Farms** where rose expert, Greg Martin, will show us around before you begin to shop at this 266-acre 'nearly'

organic tree farm. In addition to the 35 varieties of Japanese maples, over 20 varieties of crape myrtles, and over 200 varieties of roses, you will find numerous other trees and shrubs available. Check their website for availability, planting and delivery services for our area. If you are unable to attend the GGC tour, consider registering for RoseDango, May 3, which will feature a full line up of speakers and tours of the gardens. [www.chambersvilletreefarms.com](http://www.chambersvilletreefarms.com) [www.rosedango.com](http://www.rosedango.com)



You will have the opportunity to purchase daylilies following a brief talk by owner, Tim Thompson, at **Three Creek Gardens**. According to Thompson who is a grower and hybridizer, “Daylilies are among the easiest to grow perennials with attractive foliage from February to early December and blooms that can last from late April to July. We also evaluate established

daylilies to determine which varieties perform best in North Central Texas. We have tested over 2,000 varieties and currently recommend just over 100 of these to our customers.” [www.threecreekgardens.com](http://www.threecreekgardens.com)

**Eden Hill Farm and Vineyard** is a working farm that harvests farm fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs. The major portion of land is dedicated to growing wine grapes and producing award winning wines. Sustainable practices are used in the vegetable garden and rain water provides all the water to the winery. Water is a precious resource in Texas and Eden Hill contributes to that water conservation. Tour attendees will enjoy a talk on “Wine Grape Growing in Texas” by Linda Hornbaker, a Collin County Master Gardener while enjoying your brown-bag lunch. Afterwards, explore the interesting parts of the property including a potting shed, chicken coop, and commercial asparagus bed. The vineyard, which was planted in 2008, contains Tempranillo and Orange Muscat grapes. Other Texas wines produced by Eden Hill are Blanc Du Bois, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chambourcin and Roussanne. Take time to sample their wines and take a bottle home!

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



*Eden Hill Winery  
Tempranillo Grape*

A suggested \$5 donation will be accepted from attendees on the day of the tour to be given to the Collin County Master Gardeners in acknowledgement of Linda Hornbaker's hospitality and program.

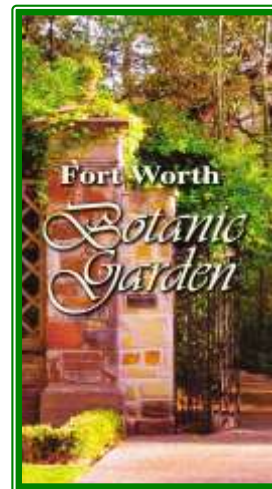
### *Celebrating National Garden Week*

**Fort Worth Botanic Garden and**

**Clark Residential Garden**

**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 A.M. – 2:45 P.M.**

Experience guided tours at the **Fort Worth Botanic Garden** with Tarrant County Master Gardeners (TCMG) before taking in the beauty of the recently renovated rose gardens.



If you seek the best in specialty plants and new varieties, the **Trial Garden** is the place to go. Hundreds of species of perennials are grown and evaluated here, and you just may be surprised which ones have the right stuff to graduate to permanent plantings in the Botanic Garden. Come and learn with TCMG **Susan Miller**...and don't miss the Giant Bluebonnet that looms nearby!

TCMG, **Nancy Curl**, will be our guide for the **Backyard Vegetable Garden** which is an educational working farm where children of all ages can learn about the exciting world of plants, insects, and seasonal gardening. The half-acre farm includes a children's farm house, raised bed gardens, ground beds, a fruit orchard, greenhouse, and a covered pavilion.

From the frothy waterfall framed with sparkling floral color to the soothing brook laden with ferns, the tour with **Cindy Woelke** of the **Perennial Garden** has something for everyone. Chefs will appreciate the culinary herb collection and photographers will be delighted by its beauty.



*Oval Rose Garden*

If there is time, take a self-guided tour of the **Oval Rose Garden** and **Lower Rose Garden** before leaving the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. The historic **Oval Rose Garden** will enchant you with its classic design, charming gazebo, and, of course, hundreds of roses. "The Oval" features the cream of the crop of Texas-acclimated roses. Classic European elegance and grandeur is the hallmark of the **Lower Rose Garden**. Inspired by

Italy's renowned Villa Lante and accentuated with vista views, this garden is a natural for weddings and garden parties. Thousands of supple rose blossoms create an environment that both excites the senses and soothes the soul.

A suggested \$5 donation will be accepted from attendees on the day of the tour to be given to the Fort Worth Botanical Society in acknowledgement of the Tarrant County Master Gardeners conducting the guided tours.

[Descriptions of the various gardens were taken from [www.fwb.org](http://www.fwb.org)]

Enjoy a casual lunch with gardeners at the **Buffet Restaurant** at the **Kimbell Art Museum**. Relax in the ambience of one of the most beautiful modern buildings in America and enjoy Shelby Schafer's famous homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, quiche, and desserts.



*Clark Gardens*

We will end the National Garden Week Tour with a visit to **Tobin and Kathy Clark's residential garden**. Tobin and Kathy Clark decided to relocate from Arlington to Fort Worth in 2011 to 'downsize' their property. Tobin's strong interest and cultivation of cacti and succulents influenced the development of their landscape. Their garden serves as a wonderful example of efficient water usage. In order to raise awareness of wasteful water usage, the Fort Worth Water Department and BRIT partnered in 2013 to challenge area homeowners to create the perfect, water efficient landscape and compete in the EcoScape residential landscape contest. The Clark landscape won second place in the EcoScape contest. (Kathy has been a member of GGC since 2007.)

Driving directions and tour information will be emailed to tour attendees about a week before the tour dates. If you signed up for a tour and do not receive this email, call Joetta! If you do not receive email, you must provide a self-addressed stamped envelope (per tour) at the April general meeting or have a friend who receives email update you.

**Joetta King**  
**Trips and Tours**

## Docent Training

On March 14<sup>th</sup> twenty-five new and returning docents met at the Mitchell House in the Grapevine Botanical Gardens for docent training by Lisa Grove. New docent manuals were distributed that had been prepared by the Docent Manual Committee of Paula Wilson, Sandy Rosenstiel, and Rachel Clark. Electronic copies of the docent manual are available for those who did not attend. Lisa conducted a tour of the Gardens and every participant received a six pack of annuals.

**Pam Braak**



*Joetta King*



*Lisa Grove*



*Docents in the  
Bessie Mitchell House*



*Garden Tour with Lisa Grove*



*Susan Stanek, Paula Wilson, Joetta King, Paula Wilbanks*



*Barbara Thompson, Claire Alford*



*Marion Brekken, Linda Krimm, Barb Atkins*

## Container Garden Workshop

Attendees at the March 25<sup>th</sup> container garden workshop, conducted by Lisa Grove and Karen Rice, learned about the elements of a container garden, how to properly assemble the container for maximum success, and then selected plants suited to their own growing conditions and personal tastes. The workshop was enjoyed by 32 members and everyone left with a smile on their face and a touch of spring in their pots! Thanks also goes Chuck Voelker for his invaluable help.



*Soil Control Chair,  
Chuck Voelker, Joan Kowalski*



*Karen Rice,  
Workshop Chair*



*Lynne Carpenter*

**Karen Rice**  
**March Workshop Chair**



*Paula Jones*



*Debbie Smith, Mary Ledeboer, Jo Ogletree*



*Dee Huston, Elizabeth Jewett*

## Margaret Bell McCord Tribute

The family of Margaret Bell McCord recently came to Lisa Grove, the Grapevine Botanical Gardens Horticulturalist, to ask if they could plant a tree in honor of Margaret who passed away recently. Margaret loved the Gardens and walked there frequently. They felt planting a tree in her memory in the place that she loved would be a fitting gesture. Unfortunately trees are no longer being planted in the Gardens so Lisa suggested a donation to the Greenhouse Project in an amount that would be permanently recognized. This was a perfect solution for the family so they began organizing and followed through.



Members of the family from all over the country recently gathered at the Mitchell House for a Celebration of Margaret's Life. Lisa thoughtfully provided them with saplings to take home and plant in their own gardens in memory of Margaret.

What a lovely tribute to the Gardens!

☞Pam Braak

## Norma Worsfold Memorial Gift to Grapevine Library

The Grapevine Garden Club recently purchased two books in memory of long-time member, Norma Worsfold, who had an interest in growing roses. The book titles are *David Austin's English Roses* and *Old Roses*. Both books are by author, David Austin, who is a rose breeder, specialist grower, and proprietor of one of the United Kingdom's leading rose nurseries. These books provide valuable information on soil preparation, planting, pruning, and propagation to both the rose-grower and the rose-lover, and they are filled with beautiful, colored illustrations. The books have been placed in the Grapevine Public Library.



☞Paula Wilson  
Outreach

## Former Scholarship Recipient - Cameron Rouze

I would like to update you on my son, Cameron. He received your Grapevine Garden Club Scholarship while attending Oklahoma State University. In May of 2013, Cameron graduated with a degree in Landscape Architecture. Cameron is now working as a Landscape Architect Designer for PaisajeVivo which is a Landscape Architecture firm in Lima, Peru. We are very proud of Cameron and happy he is getting to live an adventure while practicing his new profession that the Grapevine Garden Club helped make possible. Your scholarship has made a difference in helping Cameron to achieve his goals. He has begun a career in Landscape Architecture and seems to have maintained the passion for adding beauty into landscapes. His mother and I would like to thank you and Grapevine Garden Club for your support and participation in Cameron's education.

I have just completed a membership application in Cameron's name. I hope that the Grapevine Garden Club knows that they truly are making a significant impact in young people's lives and futures with their scholarships. Please express our appreciation to your members. Hopefully, Cameron will return to the U.S. in the next year and maybe he can come visit the Grapevine Garden Club.

Thank you again,

**Don Rouze**  
**Father of Cameron Rouze**



*Cameron Rouze, Oklahoma State University*



*Cameron Rouze, Machu Picchu, Peru*

# *Monthly General Meeting Hostess Committee*

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**Make new members and guests feel welcome!**

**Monthly Hostess Chair** will coordinate with hostesses for the assigned month to determine table decorations and refreshments to be served.

**Hostesses** provide simple refreshments and table decorations, welcome guests, assist in room set up and provide general cleanup following the meeting.



**Pick a month to serve as a hostess**  
September, October, November, January, February, March, or April  
**and wear the purple apron with pride!**