



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

May 20, 2014

Lakeside Picnic - 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Arrival Social 10:30 A.M.
Lunch 11:00 A.M.
Meeting 11:45 A.M. at the
Trawick Pavilion on the shore of Grapevine Lake

Come celebrate the club's Gold Garden Club of the Year (2013) award from the Texas Garden Clubs, the installation of our 2014–15 officers, and our scholarship recipients as we gather at the Trawick Pavilion at Lake Grapevine for our annual spring picnic.

We ask that you sign up to bring either a salad or dessert with Edie Williams by May 15th. Keep in mind that salads are in higher demand than desserts. Members may invite a guest and their name should be submitted at the time of your RSVP. Members attending will receive further details through email. If you need directions, please ask a friend who is receiving the email update you. Wal Reed Luncheon Coordinator



Val Reed & Committee's Spring Luncheon Invitation



Spring Luncheon 2013

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President's Message

The Spring Luncheon at Trawick Pavilion is just around the corner. This is a fun event where we can socialize and celebrate another great year. At this meeting, we will introduce the scholarship recipients and install new officers.

The plant sale was a great success and we all thank Chuck Voelker for organizing this large and profitable event which enables us to give out scholarships and donate to other civic projects. Special thanks go to Karen Rice and Lisa Grove who repeatedly scouted out the right plants at various wholesale nurseries and tirelessly drove many miles to purchase them. But that was not all. If you visited Chuck and Karen's backyard any time from early February until the end of the plant sale, you saw the 'GGC Nursery' where they tended and watered hundreds and hundreds of plants for weeks and months on end. So when you see these three at the luncheon, be sure to say "great job".

Flowercade was a new experience for me. I went to Joan Stewart's greenhouse just to check out the prep day and found the activity fun and infectious. So I drove back home and clipped several specimens and returned to Joan's to learn about placing the specimens in the green bottles and labeling them. Imagine my amazement when I visited Flowercade the next day and found that I had won three ribbons! Our club had the most entries of any garden club and we won over a hundred ribbons. Outstanding! Our members also made an impressive showing in the design competition. Congratulations to Carol Dowd, one of our new members, who won the Horticultural Excellence award, the top award, for her stunning orchid.

This has been a year of learning for me and I thank all the members who have offered guidance, suggestions, and humor. Gardeners are the **best** and GGC is an amazing organization because of all of you. **Pam Braak**

President

Installation of 2014/2015 Officers:

President – Pam Braak

1st Vice President, Programs – Sharon Swagerty 2nd Vice President, Membership – Barb Munn,

assisted by Linda Harris

3rd Vice President, Communications – Karen Rice

Recording Secretary – Evelyn Urbansky, assisted by Miriam Ward

Corresponding Secretary – Angela Ozymy

Publicity - Harriet Perrello

Grow

Pam Braak at Shangri-La

CALENDAR OF EVENTS							
Date	Event	Location					
May 28 th	Gardeners on the Go Tours	Celina and McKinney, Texas					
June 1 st – 7 th	National Ga	rden Week					
June 6 th	Gardeners on the Go National Garden Week Tour	Kathy Clark's Gardens Fort Worth Botanical Gardens Fort Worth, Texas					

Dues are DUE

At the lakeside picnic on May 20th, the Grapevine Garden Club will continue collecting dues for current membership renewals for the upcoming **2014–2015 Club Year**. The dues for an individual remain at \$30 and dues for a family remain at \$35.

Membership

Statistics indicate that slightly more than half of our current members have renewed their memberships to date. Dues must be paid by June 1st to insure that your information and picture appear in the GGC Yearbook. A personal note from your newsletter editor: I rely heavily on our yearbook! GGC continues to grow and we want to get to know each other by name. We also want to acknowledge the contributions you make to GGC projects by identifying your presence in pictures of our many events. This becomes easier when your picture and other information appear in the GGC Yearbook! So don't hesitate a moment longer! Renew your membership so we can see your attractive face in the 2014–2015 GGC Yearbook!

&Dinah Chancellor Newsletter

May Birthdays

Pam Braak Chelsea Chance Cindy Crook Susan Cullen Sarah Erickson Marci Junge Rita Klosinski



Debi Meek Carol Milner Debbie Monahan Pauline Robbins Sylvan Sigler James Smith Miriam Ward

Save the Datex!

DateEventLocationOctober 8thFall Plant SaleGrapevine Botanical Gardens



New Members

Wendy Dugas Christine Gape

Congratulations!

Kevin Mitchell

New Director
Grapevine Parks and
Recreation Department



2013 - 2014 Grapevine Garden Club Seed Money - Civic

Environment: The goal of this program is to foster interest in gardening and the outdoor environment among children. Our group of volunteers consisting of PTA members, parents and Tarrant County Master Gardeners runs a monthly after school Garden Club for 3rd through 5th graders. We maintain a garden with perennials, roses, vines, shrubs, vegetables and herbs. The garden is open to the public at all times.



Grapevine Elementary PTA Environmental Committee: This project is designed to promote interest in flowers and gardens, and educate the school community about the importance of using native plants to conserve resources and provide wildlife habitat. The long-term goal is to create a nature discovery center for hands-on-learning.



Green Team for Professional Development Education Center: This project encourages young learners to explore the vast world of gardening, horticulture and much more. GGC is revamping the outdoor education experience for students in multiple programs including Bridges, Vista, Occupational Prep classes and In Home Training programs.

Grace Community Garden: Grace Community Garden currently operates two plots and ten raised beds at the Grace Food Pantry and ten raised beds at First United Methodist Church's Heritage location. All plots have been adopted by the community and most of the produce grown is given to the Grace Food Pantry. Master gardeners work with volunteers to promote interest in gardening by teaching them how to cultivate organic produce that contributes to a healthy diet for needy families in the Grapevine area.

Seed Money Committee: Edie Williams, Rene'Herndon, Nancy Moxom, Pam Braak, Sheri Jones, Karen Rice

Bring Back the Monarchs - Wildflower Butterfly Habitat Project

The focus by the club on 'all things butterfly' began at the Grapevine Public Library in September 2013 with Jenny Singleton's program titled *The Monarchs of Fall* and continued with our participation in Butterfly Flutterby in October. Our fall and spring plant sales have also emphasized planting butterfly host and nectar

plants in home landscapes.

President Pam Braak chose the special project, Butterfly Wildflower Planting, 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. The objective was to provide nectar and host plants for butterflies and create an attractive butterfly wildflower garden to be enjoyed by visitors and to increase public awareness of butterfly migration, butterfly gardening, and conservation of butterfly habitat.



Crimson clover



Over 90 pounds of seed were used over the combined area of 4.5 acres. The seed was Texas/Oklahoma wildflower mix and a butterfly hummingbird blend. GGC planned the project with PARD support, donated \$50 towards this project, and helped spread the seed. About 40 one - gallon butterfly nectar plants (value approximately \$200) were also donated by GGC and planted by a team of eight GGC volunteers that included Karen Rice, Lisa Adams Grove, Miriam Ward, Suzi Guckel, Joetta King, Pam Braak, Greg Braak, and Chuck Voelker. The wildflower areas are marked with 'Wildflower Butterfly Habitat, No Mowing, No Herbicides' signs designed by GGC and PARD.

The Butterfly Wildflower Planting was started in 2013 in conjunction with the Grapevine Parks and Recreation Department (PARD). Karen Rice and Lisa Adams Grove spearheaded the project. In early November 2013, GGC members seeded the north end of Grapevine's Parr Park walking and bike trail with a wildflower seed mix that will attract butterflies. A stretch of the walking and bike trail along Highway 26 just east of Kimball Road was also seeded. (The area seeded is between the paved trail and the rail tracks.)



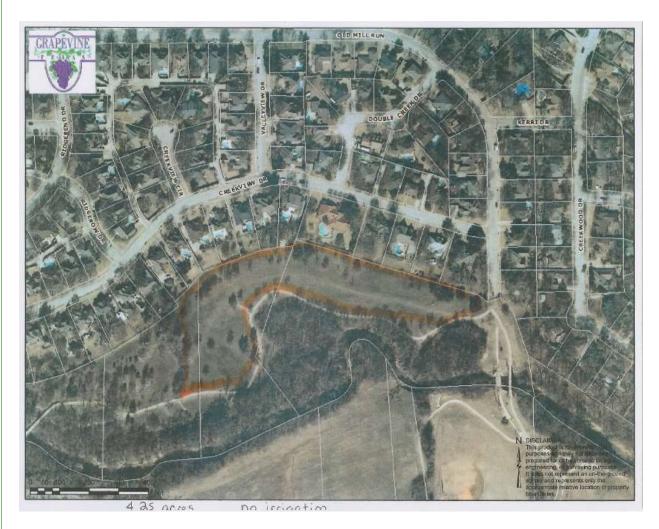
Suzi Guckel, Lisa Grove, Joetta King, Miriam Ward



Chuck Voelker and Greg Braak

The largest and showiest wildflower seeding this spring is located in Parr Park, 3010 Parr Lane. If you decide to visit the Wildflower Butterfly Habitat at Parr Park and are not in the mood for a long walk from the parking lot, turn east on Old Mill

Run from Pool Road and follow Old Mill Run until it dead ends. Park at the end of Old Mill Run and walk south entering Parr Park on the concrete trail and head west (right) onto the trail north of Big Bear Creek. Joan Kowalski was walking this trail and was pleasantly surprised to see a large sweep of crimson clover (Trifolium incarnatum) in bloom. Recent sightings included Texas paintbrush (Castilleja indivisa) and winecup (Callirhoe involcrata). Send your photos of the wildflowers discovered in the butterfly habitat to Karen Rice. The designated butterfly area is approximately 4.25 acres and is highlighted on the following photo map.



Karen Rice applied for a *Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas Grant Program* sponsored by the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) (www.npsot.org) in partnership with MonarchWatch (www.monarchwatch.org). GGC received a grant award of \$150 and will use it to further this project by purchasing rooted milkweed plants (Asclepias tuberose, Asclepias incarnate and other varieties, if available) and plant them in the designated Wildflower Butterfly Habitat.

The *Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas* project was established to raise public awareness for Monarch Butterfly conservation, to produce and distribute milkweeds that support reproduction by Monarch Butterflies and to restore Monarch habitat throughout the Texas migration flyway. Some of the funding for the garden grant program was provided by Monarch Watch, an educational outreach program based at the University of Kansas that engages citizen scientists in large-scale research projects. Additional funds were raised by Native Plant Society chapters or came through generous individual gifts.

Only a small percentage of the seed mixture used in November was butterfly weed. Placing established plants in the butterfly habitat will jump start the area with a selection of rooted Monarch Butterfly host plants. Our goal is to substantially increase the Monarch Butterfly host plant availability. This project is a continuing project for GGC which will monitor the areas and reseed annually until the butterfly areas are fully established. We estimate the total volunteer time for this planting project to be about 60 hours (sourcing, purchasing, planting and monitoring) and involved 8 to 10 club volunteers. If you are interested in participating in this project, contact Karen Rice.

Solution Joetta King

Another Golden Year for Grapevine Garden Club 2013 NGC, SCR and TGC Awards

These awards are for projects in the 2013 calendar year. GGC was honored to receive awards at the state, regional and national level for its outstanding projects, member participation and community impact. For a list of previously announced District II awards see the article in the March 2014 GGC Newsletter pages 10-11.

National Garden Club Award

NGC Wildflower Award + \$300 (based on N-74 Aiii Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails − Grapevine Botanical Gardens)

SCR Awards (South Central Region is AR, NM, OK, TX)

- SCR#2 Civic Development Award (West Texas Street) Honorable Mention
- **SCR#4** Club Yearbook Theme, Class IV − Creative use of theme carried throughout the program incorporating NGC objectives − 3rd place
- SCR#14 Other Worthy Publication Historical Value Award + \$10
- **SCR#14 Newsletter** − **single club, multi-page** − 1st place

Texas Garden Clubs Awards

- **TGC Gold Club of the Year** 96 points + \$50
- **TGC Gold Rating** 674 points

- **▼ TGC Award 9 Ina Brundrett Achievement for Sponsoring Youth Poster Contest, Non-competitive** Achievement Award + \$25 (Butterfly Flutterby Poster Contest)
- **▼ TGC Design Consultants Council Award** Check for \$50 based on GGC history best projects of plantings for public areas
- **▼ TGC Certificate of Award for Contributions** Contribution of \$'s for various TGC supported projects
- N-1 Aiii Civic Achievement (West Texas Street) 1st place
- N-2 Aiii Garden Center 1st place
- N12#3-Aiii Publications Newsletters 1st place
- N13#4-Aiii Publications History 1st place for Publication Landscape
- N-16A6 Yearbook 1st place
- N-41 Aiii Conservation Education (Birds)
 − 1st place
- N-43 Aiii Butterfly Butterfly Award 1st place
- **President's Report** 1st place

<u>District II Garden Club Member of the Year – Linda Krimm</u>

Outstanding service to GGC, District II and TGC for 2013



Linda Krimm

Butterfly Planting Area in Parr Park wins Awards

GGC Special Project - Spring Update

As reported in the November 2013 GGC newsletter article page 9, GGC members and Grapevine PARD seeded the north end of Parr Park and a stretch of the bike trail along Route 26 just east of Kimball Road with a butterfly attracting wildflower mix. GGC President Pam Braak chose this special project in support of the National, regional and Texas garden club themes which focus on educational opportunities and protecting and conserving our natural resources. This project has recently won two awards! The Native Plant Society of Texas has awarded GGC \$150 from the *Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas Grant Program*. This money is designated to purchase milkweed. And *Monarch Watch* has awarded GGC a flat of milkweeds for the project. We hope you have had the opportunity to walk by these areas to watch the progression of wildflowers as these areas get established.

&Karen Rice Awards

2014 Spring Plant Sale Wrap-Up

From This



Digging Party at Barbara & Doug Munn's Kneeling: Beverly Gill, Susan Boelens, Paula Wilson, Karen Rice; Standing: Elizabeth Jewett, Peggy Harris, Greg Braak, Chuck Voelker, Barbara Munn, Doug Munn and Catriona Noble



Digging Party at Sandy Cavanaugh's Crouching: Beverly Gill, Susan Stanek and Catriona Noble; Standing: Paula Wilson, Elizabeth Jewett, Pam Braak, Greg Braak, Peggy Harris & Karen Rice

To This



The 2014 Spring Plant sale was a huge success. Thanks to all the volunteers who opened their gardens so we could dig, the digging parties, the buyers that purchased commercial plants, the volunteers who helped haul the plants, the seminar speakers and the crew that helped out during the sale. And of course to everyone who purchased plants at the sale. When it was over we recorded a net

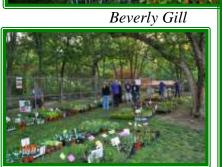
profit of over \$10,500 which will be awarded as scholarships and to civic projects in the local area.

We started with 1000 heirloom plants and 2200 commercial plants and sold or donated all but 100 plants that are now resting in Grapevine's tree farm waiting on their next chance of going to a good home. That is a record low number of remaining plants indicating that we had an excellent selection and that the customers bought lots of plants. We processed approximately 350 customers, more than ever before, and it seems that most were there early, ready for the plant sale gates to open. It was very busy for the first couple of hours, but everyone was ready to help get customers checked out.

Thanks again to everyone who had a part in the sale. We will be holding our 2014 Fall Plant sale on October 18, with the theme, "Plant Native – Plant Now". We will have selected trees and shrubs along with fall color perennials. So if you missed the fun at the spring sale, your chance to volunteer is right around the corner.



EChuck Voelker Plant Sale Coordinator



Shade Plants



Line forms at 8:00!



Ready to Open



The Credit Card Crew Linda Krimm, Harriet Perrello, Greg Braak and Gloria Land

Barb Atkin, Barb Munn

Flowercade 2014

Flowercade 2014, on April 25 – 27 at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, was a huge success with many Grapevine Garden Club members bringing home awards. Carol Dowd took top horticultural honors receiving the Crystal Bowl and ribbons for horticultural excellence for her container of an orchid plant. Ann Fuller also won a Crystal Bowl & a Novice Award in the Design Division for her table setting. Candice Kyler won the Award of Merit ribbon for her Double Knock-out Rose.



Carol Dowd in her greenhouse

This is the second year in a row that a member of Grapevine Garden Club has won top horticultural honors. This year the club brought home a total of over 120 ribbons and awards. Following is a list of our members who submitted entries and the awards they won.

Name	Horticultural Excellence Award	Grower Choice Award	Award of Merit	Novice Award	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Honorable Mention
Horticulture Div	vision							
Barb Atkins					2	1		
Laura Barnes					3	1	3	
Pam Braak					2	1		
Marge Carpenter					2			
Rachel Clark					1			
Kyle Cowart						2		2
Carol Dowd	<i>1</i> *	1			2			
Suzi Guckel					5	3		1
Peggy Harris					3	2		2
Renée Herndon					2			
Joetta King					2			
Linda Krimm					1		3	
Candace Kyler			1		2	3	1	
Mary Ledeboer					2	1	2	
Bob Ledeboer					1			
Barbara Munn					5	3		
Jo Ogletree					2	4	1	
Lindle O'Neil					2		1	
Debbie Smith					4			
Alex Taylor					9	4	1	3
Evelyn Urbanoski						1		
Marian Ward						1		

Name	Horticultural Excellence Award	Grower Choice Award	Award of Merit	Novice Award	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Honorable Mention
Design Division								
Rachel Clark						1		
Ann Fuller				1				2
Marty Swindell & Alexandra Taylor						1		
Marty Swindell							1	
Marge Carpenter &							1	
Wendy Essex							1	
Mary Ledeboer & Rachel Clark								1
Mary Ledeboer								1
Photography Div	vision							
Ella Barber					5	1	2	5
Joan Kowalski TOTALS: 126	1	1	1	1	1 58	1 31	16	17

*Note: Carol Dowd took top horticultural honors for 2014

We would like to personally thank all the members who participated in Flowercade to help make this such a successful event. **&**Lindle O'Neil







Carol Dowd's Orchid

GGC Flowercade Top Award Winners



Ann Fuller's Design

Congratulations to GGC Scholarship Recipients!

The GGC Scholarship Committee, Rene Herndon, Edie Williams, Nancy Moxom, Pat Mingus chaired by Sheri Jones, is pleased to announce the 2014 GGC Scholarship recipients.



<u>Mikaela May</u> is a 3rd year recipient of the GGC Scholarship Award and attends Tarleton State University majoring in Agricultural Education with a minor in Horticulture. Mikaela is the youngest Certified Texas Master Florist in the state.

<u>Lauren Boyle</u> is a 2nd year recipient attending Stephen F. Austin University majoring in Environmental Science. Lauren has begun training for Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Certification.

<u>Miranda Fatum</u> is a 1st year recipient, a 2014 graduate Grapevine High School. Miranda plans to attend the University of North Texas majoring in Ecology for Environmental Science. At present, Miranda is an active member of the Ecology Club at GHS.

Scholarships

Redbud Tree Donations



Val Reed, Barb Munn, Dinah Chancellor, Alex Taylor

One of our club's projects is to present third grade students in three schools a beautiful Eastern Redbud tree to plant at their home. This year on May 2nd and 9th, 16 volunteers from the GGC demonstrated proper tree-planting techniques to 12 classes in the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD. These trees were generously donated to us from Grapevine Parks and Recreation Department for the 13th year. Special thanks to the following volunteers: Cindy Miller, Linda Krimm, Chuck Voelker, Sharon Swagerty, Beverly Gill, Dinah Chancellor, Alexandra Taylor, Val Reed, Terry Curcio, Kris



Chuck Voelker

Botterman, Lyn Argenbright, Miriam Ward, Evelyn Urbanosky, Debbie Smith, and Holly Ihrig. Please check out our Facebook page for more photos of this event.

&Barbara Munn Redbud Tree Project



West Texas Street Work Day, April 8, 2014



Gloria Land and Guests, Epic Earth Day

Images of Shangri-La; Orange, Texas



Winey Wood Winery - Joan Pierce, Joan Stewart, Linda Krimm, Karen Rice, Chuck Voelker, Sylvan Sigler, Joe Krimm



Shangri-La Gardens - Epiphyte Greenhouse - Ray Chancellor, Kathy Dohrer



Shangri La Gardens Outpost Tour –Jo Ogletree, Evelyn Urbanosky, Miriam Ward, Dinah Chancellor, Karen Rice, Chuck Voelker



Neches River



Shangri-La Gardens – Circle Room sculpture



Shangri-La Gardens – Cypress Gate



Pontoon Tour, Neches River and The Big Thicket

Kneeling: Greg Braak and Joetta King, Tour Director; Left to Right: Sylvan Sigler, Dick Pafford, Lindle O'Neil, Karen Pafford, Jim O'Neil, Joan Pierce, Candace Kyler, Karen Rice, Harriet Perrello, Ray Chancellor, Joan Stewart, Dinah Chancellor, Pam Braak, Kathy Dohrer, Chuck Voelker, Linda Harris, Jo Ogletree, Cheryl Jarrell

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program comes to Grapevine!

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for Tarrant County will be presenting its Home Horticulture Program module on *Irrigation and Fruits & Nuts* in Grapevine on Saturday, 12 July 2014. The day long course is part of the Master Gardener program series but is open to anyone interested in these topics. The class will be co-hosted by Grapevine PARD and held at the Bessie Mitchell house at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. A tour of a local vineyard will be included as part of the program. Please join us as we learn about irrigation and fruits & nuts. To register or for more information see the Earth Kind Application under the "Education" section on the Tarrant County Master Gardener home page http://www.tarrantmg.org or contact Billie Hammack at 817-884-1296 blhammack@ag.tamu.edu The fee for the course is \$45.

&Karen Rice

