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THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

April 26, 2016

Grapevine Concourse Meeting Facility
3800 Fairway Drive, Grapevine Golf Course
Regular meeting site: Grapevine Convention Center
1209 S. Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051
Social 9:30 A.M. Meeting and Program 10:00 A.M.

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES:

Chair, Miriam Ward, Lyn Argenbright, Nancy Carlson, Brenda Doty, Sandy Guthrey, René Herndon, Marian McDevitt, Angela Ozymy, Karen Pafford, Judie Porter, Jenny Singleton, Evelyn Urbanosky, Jan Wilson

April Program: *Rose Parade Experience*

If you have ever built a homecoming float with crepe paper and chicken wire, you must not miss this month's program! Marilyn Cox, Tarrant County Master Gardener, shares one of her life's goals: to participate in the design and preparation of the magnificent floral decorated floats we see in the annual Rose Parade. It's a far cry from crepe paper and chicken wire!

Candace Kyler
Programs



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President's Message

Happy April to everyone! We have several big events coming up this month for the Garden Club. First is our Spring Survive & Thrive Plant Sale to be held Saturday, April 16, 8:00 - 12 P.M. at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. Be sure to tell your family, friends and neighbors about this sale. Quoting, Pam Braak, former GGC President and Master Gardener, "Karen Rice and Lisa Grove have been visiting many wholesale nurseries to bring us the plants everyone is looking for plus some new and interesting ones. And of course the digging parties have been active potting up perennials in members' gardens that do well in our area. Remember that GGC members get a 10% discount at the sale. The proceeds from the sale fund our scholarship and civic projects." So do bring your checkbook, credit card or cash, and I'm sure you will bring home a new addition—or more—for your garden.

Also happening at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens on the same day, April 16th, is EPIC Earth Day. A family-friendly event, there will be vendors on hand, prizes, opportunity to make a Spaghetti Garden among other activities. Also on hand will be the GRACE donation truck which will be receiving gently used clothing.

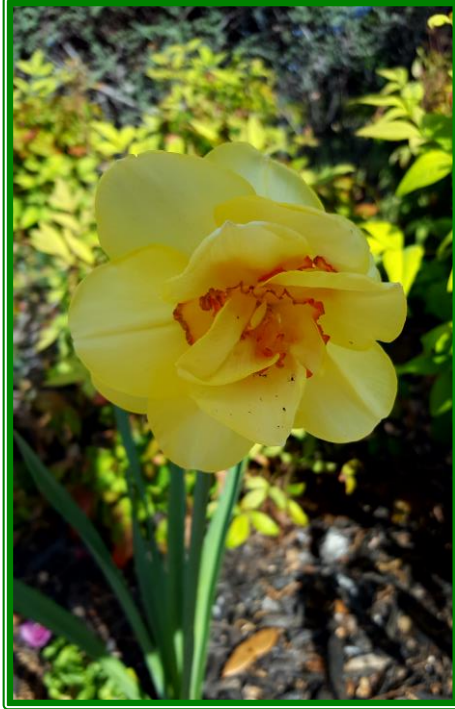
Several of our fellow GGC members attended the District II Spring Convention in Alvarado, Texas. Grapevine Garden Club received numerous awards which you will read about later in this issue. You should be very proud of our club as we received the honor of "Gold".

Don't forget about Flowercade 2016 coming up on April 23rd - 24th at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens.

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that our April 26th General Meeting will be at a 'new' location for the April 26th date (only). We will be meeting at the Grapevine Concourse Meeting Facility, 3800 Fairway Drive (Grapevine Golf Course). As of this April Newsletter, Fairway Drive remains open. If we are advised that it has been closed, I will send out directions prior to the April 26th meeting with route information.



Our April speaker is a special treat. Marilyn Cox, Tarrant County Master Gardener, will speak about the behind the scenes construction of the floats that participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade that is held yearly in Pasadena, California.



So, please take the time to read through this Newsletter for more information on all the GGC April happenings. I am taking the liberty of including two pictures with my President's Message. One picture is of the Tahiti daffodils I bought from our GGC Ways & Means Plant Sale. The squirrels lost on this—all my bulbs appeared! The other photo is my Texas Betony (*Stachys coccinea*) in full bloom. I'm sure as you walk around your yards, you are seeing plants that 'wintered' well and are blooming early!

☞ Sharon Swagerty
President

Dues Are DUE!

Our 2016 - 2017 annual dues will be collected at our GGC general meeting in April and at the May Spring Luncheon. They remain the same as last year: \$30 for individual memberships or \$35 for family membership. To expedite the process, please have your check ready to drop in the basket at the Membership Table. OR, if you prefer, you may pay by cash or credit card.

☞ Barb Munn
Membership

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
April 12 th	Work Day	West Texas Street, Grapevine
	Rose Trial Garden	West Dove Loop Road at Shady Brook Drive
April 16 th	Spring Plant Sale	Grapevine Botanical Gardens Heritage Park, Grapevine
	Epic Earth Day	
April 22 nd	Flowercade Prep Day	9:30 – 11:30 A.M. Joan Stewart's Greenhouse
April 23 rd – 24 th	Flowercade	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
April 27 th	Bagging Party, Redbud Project	Joan Kowalski's House
April 28 th & 29 th	Redbud Tree Project	See article in this issue.
May 2 nd	Gardeners on the Go	Benbrook and Fort Worth (See promotional flier.)
May 3 rd	Work Day	West Texas Street, Grapevine

April Birthdays

Sharon Beach
Kris Botterman
Tina Bruns
Carolyn Chance
Wendy Dugas
Sue Eichelberger
Minnie Hall
Bruce Herndon
Roxanne Hussien
Marilyn Johnson
Linda Krimm
Margaret Meharg



Cindy Miller
Pat Mingus
Kevin Mitchell
Barbara Morrell
Chuck Nadolski
Barbara Nunn
Barbara Oldani
Linnea Philip
Beverly Ryan
Lea Schorr
Alexandra Taylor
Martha Turner

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
May 24 th	GGC Spring Luncheon	Trawick Pavilion Lake Grapevine
June 5 th – 9 th	National Garden Week Tour	Brandywine Valley Gardens in Pennsylvania and Delaware
June 7 th – 13 th	National Garden Week	



Larry Jewett
Nancy Lewis
Patty Mersenski
Bruce Wermuth
Sherry Wermuth
Chris Wermuth

Spring Plant Sale Update

First, thanks to all the volunteers and members who either permitted us to dig in their gardens or who did the digging. As a result, we have a good selection of plants to offer at the plant sale. The various sale coordinators will send a reminder concerning what you volunteered to do and when you should be at the sale.

In the past, our best publicity for the sale has been GGC members. So in addition to your attendance at the sale, please tell your friends, neighbors and other gardeners about the sale. **It is April 16th at the Grapevine Botanical Garden, starting at 8:00 A.M.** Remember that all GGC members receive a 10% discount on everything.

A preliminary plant list follows – a full detailed list will be emailed to members the week of the sale. If you have any questions, please contact me or Karen Rice.

☞ **Chuck Voelker and Karen Rice**
Plant Sale



Monarchs on Gregg's Mistflower

varieties, elephant ears, ferns – varieties, hostas – varieties, guara, Gregg's mistflower, helleborus (Lenten rose), heuchera – varieties, hymenocallis, inland sea oats, lamb's ear, Jerusalem sage, lantana, lycoris – varieties, Mexican mint marigold, Missouri primrose, oxalis, pavonia, penstemon - varieties, phlox – summer varieties, plumbago, rosemary, rudbeckia - varieties, ruellias, salvias - varieties, skullcap, spiderwort, strawberries, turk's cap, Texas betony, rain lilies, zexmenia and much more!

Plants for the plant sale – artemisia, butterfly weed (native varieties and tropical), fox tail fern, fall aster, aloe vera, dragonwing begonia, calylophus (Texas primrose), canna, cast iron plant, catmint, clematis, columbine, coreopsis, crinum lilies, daisy (blackfoot, copper canyon, shasta, four nerve), daylily, fennel, sedums –

Flowercade 2016: Bee-ing Active Grows A Bee-utiful Garden

Don't forget that our flower and art show is just around the corner—Flowercade, April 23 and 24 at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens! We will be meeting at Joan Stewart's greenhouse on Friday morning, April 22nd from 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. Her address is in the GGC Yearbook.



Ann Fuller in Joan Stewart's Gardens

While there, we will be receiving your horticulture entries, fairy gardens, designs, and photography. Come be sociable and help us identify and label plants and flowers. We always learn a lot from each other! From there we will take a lunch break and head to Fort Worth Botanical Gardens to display our pretties. And on Sunday, we will go pick up everything—including our ribbons! If you would like to help with any or all of these activities, come on down!!!

Ann Fuller
Flowercade

Seriously, please enter for the fun and experience of it! Call me with questions and I will get answers for you. If you can't get to Joan's on Friday morning, call me and bring your entries to my house prior to April 22nd.

Gardens on View Please join us after the General Meeting on April 26th as we tour Leana Sloan's and Paula Knobe's (non-member) gardens. Directions will be sent a week before the April meeting.

Marge Carpenter
Gardens on View



West Texas Street Work Day Tuesdays, April 12th and May 3rd, 9:00 A.M.

Greetings to all from jolly ole England. I will be flying home the day before our next work day on West Texas Street, which is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 12th, so come help prop me up!!!!

We will be doing some weeding after a very mild winter and a warm spring and probably pruning some of the shrubs just a little. But the really fun part is planting our summer color, spreading a little mulch and drinking coffee on Main Street.

The Committee has been working very hard these past couple of weeks to be sure everything is ready for us so bring your tools and a smile and I'll bring the water so we all stay hydrated. Let's all play in the dirt together.



April 2014:

Kneeling—Linda Krimm, Vicki Haines, Nancy Searl, Terry Curcio, Carolyn Ernst, Mike Clark, Joetta King, Jo Ogletree, Beverly Gill, Susan Stanek; Standing—Paul Ernst, Barb Atkins, Elizabeth Jewett, Chuck Voelker, Lisa Stokdyk, Marge Carpenter, Pam Braak, Carol Dowd, Joe Krimm, Debbie Boyle, Suzi Guckel, Laurie Evans, Chris George, Margaret Meharg, Val Reed

**☞Suzi Guckel, Bruce Herndon, Candy Cawley,
Pat Mingus, Joe Krimm, Jamie Moser & Sandy Guthrey
The West Texas Street Project Committee**

Hostess Sign Up for 2016 - 2017



March 2015 Hostesses:

Marge Carpenter, Lindle O'Neil, Candace Kyler, Sharon Pignolet, Sharon Beach, Margaret Meharg, Debbie Smith (Chair), Claudia Hatchell

Please sign up at our April general meeting to be a hostess for the September 2016 - April 2017 Grapevine Garden Club general meetings. As a hostess you will provide refreshments, put tablecloths on tables, welcome guests, and help with general cleanup following the meeting.

The sign up sheets will be on the sign up table before and after the meeting. So look for the bright green clipboard and sign up!

**☞Barbara Morrell
General Meeting Hostess Co-Chair**

PETAL PUSHERS: *Flower Power, Double Your Pleasure, Double Your Fun, and UM UM GOOD!*

Our annual spring luncheon is quickly approaching, on Tuesday, May 24th—hopefully at the Trawick Pavilion, Lake Grapevine—weather permitting. Come dressed for the occasion in your favorite 50's outfit and be ready to have fun, enjoy wonderful fellowship, and sample some of the best food you will ever place in your mouth! Bring salad/desserts for 10 (sign up sheets will be at our April general meeting) and your recipes. Your dish labels will be available on the morning of the picnic. Social starts at 10:30 followed by lunch and a short program for scholarships and initiation of new officers. We look forward to seeing each one of you!



Val Reed
Spring Picnic

Spreading the News!



Michele and Dan Burger

We are "spreading the news" about the importance of trees—also known as the **GGC Redbud Tree Project!**

Each year we visit several elementary schools. This year we are visiting Cannon Elementary at various times on Thursday morning, April 28th and Silverlake Elementary at 12:30 P.M. that same day. On Friday, April 29th we will be at Dove Elementary at 1:45 P.M.

We will do a simple presentation, lasting approximately 45 minutes, to a class of third graders. First, after introducing ourselves as a member of the Grapevine Garden Club, we will discuss the importance of trees. This year we will be reading the picture book, *Who Will Plant a Tree?* by Jerry Palotta. Then, we will demonstrate the proper way to plant a tree while talking about the process of

photosynthesis. At the end of the day, the teachers will give each child a redbud seedling, along with planting information, to take home to plant. All of the materials—planting information, potting supplies for the demonstration, book to be read and seedlings—will be boxed up and given to the presenters.



Bagging Party, 2015

*Penny Hardy, Pat Mingus, Thierrie Mazur,
Phyllis Butts, Kris Botterman. Harriet Perrello*

We will be boxing and bagging at Joan Kowalski's house at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 27th. Those who have offered to be at the "bagging party" or as a presenter in the classrooms should expect an email shortly as a reminder of their time and place to be present. Many thanks to all of you who are helping us "spread the news about trees"!

Joan Kowalski
Redbud Project Chair

Linda Lou Hunsucker Harris **January 27, 1940~March 6, 2016**

Since joining the Grapevine Garden Club in 2005 Linda Harris' support of club events was not highly spotlighted, but she served as General Meeting Hostess Chair (2 years), Assistant 1st Vice President (1 year), Assistant 2nd Vice President (2 years) and served as a General Meeting Monthly Hostess (5 years.) Some members are behind the scenes workers while others are more visible! Being somewhat reserved, Linda quietly accomplished her duties showing organizational skills probably honed by rearing three daughters while her husband served for 22 years in the Air Force living on bases in Michigan, California, Texas, Florida and New Mexico.



Barb Munn, Linda Harris, 2015

Having traveled on every overnight road trip taken by Gardeners on the Go during my ten years as coordinator, I quickly learned that Linda was onboard with any trip! Traveling together we learn about each other, and Linda's devotion to her

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family, commitment to church service, enjoyment in playing in marathon bridge tournaments, avid fan of the Texas Rangers, ardent reader, and being an enthusiastic world traveler with her husband John were all revealed.

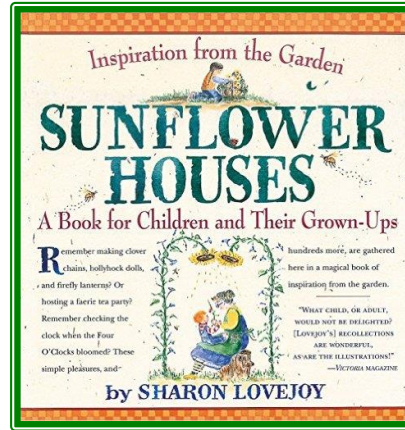
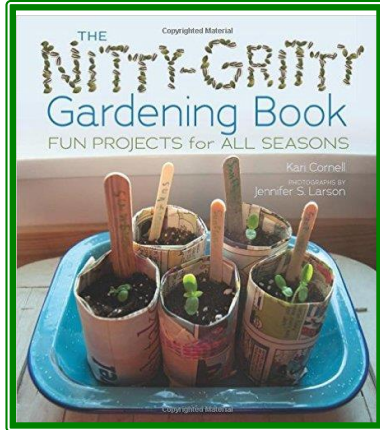


Linda Harris, 2010

The books selected for the GGC donation to the Grapevine Public Library in Linda's memory seem very appropriate considering her love of gardening and the years she spent

inspiring youth as a Girl Scout Leader. *The Nitty-Gritty Gardening Book: Fun Projects for All Seasons* by Kari Cornell and *Sunflower Houses: A book for Children and Their Grown Ups* by Sharon Lovejoy may provide needed inspiration to members who can share these stimulating projects with the youngsters in their life.

Joetta King



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District II Spring Convention and Award Presentations

On March 29, 2016 fifteen Grapevine Garden Club members took the opportunity to travel to Alvarado, Texas to attend the District II Spring Convention. Some of you may wonder what goes on at a District Convention. It was an enjoyable morning –consisting of good conversation with fellow gardeners, an opportunity to see the delightful table decorations made by the Alvarado Garden Club, and a great lunch. Three charming fairy garden table decorations were door prizes. TGC President, Carol Moore, was in attendance and she talked about various activities in the State of Texas and her passion for recycling.



Front: Joetta King, Miriam Ward, Candace Kyler; Back: Margaret Meharg, Evelyn Urbanosky, Linda Krimm (District II Director), Sharon Swagerty (GGC President), Barb Munn, Chuck Voelker, Karen Rice, Ann Fuller, Pam Braak, Debbie Smith, Lindle O'Neil, Sarah Erickson

Karen Rice (GGC), Awards Chair for District II, created a display board showing all the awards presented to the various Garden Clubs in District II. It is indeed amazing to see the amount of time and work that our fellow Garden Club members have put forth during the past year.

You will read in this Newsletter the detailed summary of the awards that Grapevine Garden Club was awarded. Many thanks go to Pam Braak and Kate Dohrer for their time spent in preparing all the award applications. As you will read, we received more than just a few awards And to think, I thought I was overwhelmed by just completing the President's Report!

There were two lovely raffle items which we could purchase tickets to win. Evelyn Urbanosky (GGC) was the very lucky winner of the Leaping Frogs quilt (pictured) which came with a beautiful picnic basket and dishware.



After lunch, we were invited by the Johnson County Herb Society to tour the Chisholm Trail Museum and Herb Demonstration Garden. The Herb Society members were very informative. Their garden was like stepping back into the late 1800's. Several of the members were dressed in period costume and talked with us about the various herbs in their Demonstration Garden.



Please do consider attending the 2016 Fall Convention. I'm sure you will enjoy yourself!

Sharon Swagerty
President

District II Awards Won

20 FIRST PLACE, 1 SECOND PLACE, 1 CITATION

COMMUNITY AWARDS:

Parr Park Wildflower Preservation	1 st
Parr Park Civic Proj w/Wildflowers	1 st
Youth Art Contest	1 st
West Texas Street	1 st
Bird Sanctuary Week	1 st
Conservation Education	1 st
(Epic Earth Day, Plant Sale, Redbud)	
Butterfly Flutterby	1 st
"Seed Money" Project	2 nd
Club Service	Citation
(Scholarships & Bulb Planting)	

**GRAPEVINE BOTANICAL
GARDENS AWARDS:**

Young @ Heart Classes	1 st
Docent Program & The Garden	1 st
Youth Classes	1 st
Youth Environmental Tours	1 st
Outdoor Classroom & Tours	1 st



**COMMUNICATION
AWARDS:**

Newsletter	1 st
Cookbook	1 st
Yearbook	1 st
Website	1 st
Publicity Press Book	1 st

.....and.....

OTHER AWARDS:

President's Report	1 st
Club Program Award	1 st
(Toni Moorehead's program on pruning)	
Rose Trial Gardens	1 st

**DISTRICT II
GARDEN CLUB
OF THE YEAR**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED
IN THESE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING 2015. GOOD JOB!!**

**☞Pam Braak
☞Kate Dohrer
Awards Chairmen**



District II Garden Club of the Year

presented to

Grapevine Garden Club

Linda Brown
District II Director
Karen Rice
District II Award Chairman
29 March 2016



**Gardeners on the Go:
Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center (Denton) and
Tulip Fields (Pilot Point)
March 15, 2016**



Tour Group at Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center (Denton)



*Texas Tulips - Terry Curcio,
Mary McCallister*



*Texas Tulips - Karen Rice,
Elizabeth Jewett*



Texas Tulips - Ella Barber

Container Gardening Workshop, March 22, 2016



Workshop Leaders: Karen Rice, Chuck Voelker, and Lisa Grove



Ella Barber



Phyllis Butts

How much do you know about Monarch Butterflies? Click on the link below to take the National Wildlife Federation quiz!

Dinah Chancellor

http://blog.nwf.org/2016/04/how-much-do-you-know-about-monarch-butterflies/?s_email_id=20160407_ACT_ENG_Monarch_Quiz_ACT

Gardeners on the Go: April 5, 2016 Metro Maples and Weston Gardens



Tour Group at Metro Maples



Xavier & Julie Garza – Metro Maples



*Joyce Quam & Feline Friend –
Weston Gardens*



*Barbara Williams, Joan Stewart, Sef Crollett,
Elizabeth & Larry Jewett, Ginger Jones, Minnie Hall,
Thierrie Mazur, Sylvan Sigler – Weston Gardens*



*Joetta King, Candace Kyler, Margaret
Meharg, Lisa Anderson, Ann Fuller, Debbie
Smith – Weston Gardens*

April 2016

Annual Spring Plant Sale

Grapevine Garden Club

Survive and Thrive

Botanical Garden at Heritage Park

411 Ball Street, Grapevine



Saturday, April 16, 2016

8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Proceeds benefit the clubs' scholarship and civic programs

Master Gardeners available for Guidance.

Featuring drought tolerant plants, heirloom perennials, and butterfly nectar and host plants appropriate for our area.

See the GGC booth at EPIC Earth Day.

For more information, please visit

www.grapevinegardenclub.org



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GARDENERS ON THE GO

Learn About Roses and Create Garden Art

Benbrook and Fort Worth

Monday, May 2 – 9:05am - 3:00pm

Tour costs:

\$2 paid on day of tour (Fortner honorarium to FW Rose Society)

\$15 TCMGA workshop fee paid when you register for a workshop – no later than April 18.

(Cash or check (payable to Grapevine Garden Club)).

The tour begins with a visit to the **rose garden of Herschell and Cheryl Fortner** both of whom were awarded the American Rose Society (ARS) Bronze Metal for outstanding service to the Fort Worth Rose Society (FWRS). After you've oohed & aahed over the Fortner rose garden, enjoy your brown- bag lunch in the **TCMGA demonstration gardens at the Tarrant County Resource Center**.

TCMGA Rose Demonstration Garden



Tarrant County Master Gardeners, Nancy Curl and Pat Higgins, have organized two workshops in which you may participate at the Tarrant County Resource Connection. When the **\$15 workshop fee** is made you have a choice of participating in the papercrete or the cement leaf workshop depending on available space. Each workshop is **limited to 15 participants**. Although you may not participate in a workshop, consider visiting the Demonstration Garden Project at the Resource Connection which includes several gardens – rose, herb and perennial, vegetable,

native and adaptive grasses.

Papercrete Workshop



TCMG Patti Casey



Cement Leaf Workshop



TCMG Dick Pafford



Projects will not be painted or stained during the workshops.

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