

June 2016



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THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

June 2016

A thousand thanks to the Spring Luncheon Committee—Valerie Reed, Chair



*Dinah Chancellor, Evelyn Urbanosky,
Chuck Voelker, Ann Fuller*

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President's Message

It is hard to believe that the 2015--2016 Grapevine Garden Club year has come to a close. We had such a wonderful time celebrating our successes at our Spring Luncheon! We achieved Texas GOLD Garden Club of the Year thanks to the worthwhile volunteer work we did. I want to thank Pam Braak and Kate Dohrer who filled out the numerous award applications! My personal thanks to Val Reed and her wonderful team of "Petal Pushers" for their hard work in making the Spring Luncheon happen. I'm sure you enjoyed seeing the members who wore their favorite Fifties outfits! We have some great pictures scattered throughout the newsletter for you to enjoy.

I personally cannot believe the amount of rain we are experiencing here in Texas. Everything has greened up and the flowers are truly striking. Hopefully, you have some special flowers awash in your yard as well. A while ago I picked up a special little frog with a flower umbrella, and it is certainly keeping him nice and dry in the yard as you can see in the photo. Unfortunately, when I knelt down to take this picture, I soon realized just how soggy my yard is!



While you enjoy your summer, please remember that there will be opportunities available to participate in our Club activities as soon as the Club year begins. We always need volunteers for the Fall Plant Sale and the Butterfly Flutterby that both occur on October 15th at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. This is a great way to become involved in our Club and make friends.



After dusting off my personal crystal ball (☺), I know that eventually the rain will stop, the weather will warm up, and we should have a great summer ahead of us. My wishes for you are that you enjoy the summer, take lots of pictures (as those of us who are going on Joetta's last scheduled trip to the Brandywine area are planning on doing), make good memories with friends and family, and rejoin us in September! We anticipate another great year of GGC speakers, programs, great outings, and volunteer work in our community!

As I said in my June, 2015 President's Message—as the old song lyric says, "See you in September"!

☺ Sharon Swagerty

**GGC Members with
Summer Birthdays**



JUNE

Lisa Anderson
Lyn Argenbright
Marcy Blagg
Kathy Clark
Carol Dowd
Carolyn Ernst
Alexandra Evans
Chris George
Helen Hastings
Holly Ihrig
Steven James
Sheri Jones
John Kancavicus
Joetta King
Joan Kowalski
Candace Kyler
Gloria Land
Robert Ledeboer
Harold Leurs
LaJune McCrea
David Meadows
Angela Ozymy
David Quam
Debbie Smith
Marianne Tuggle
A.C. Urbanosky

JULY

Peggy Anderson
Linda Barraclough
Judy Briscoe
Phyllis Butts
Candace Cawley
Susie Emmons
Ann Fuller
Sally Hart
Doris Hill
Anne Hogue
Cindy James
Priscilla Keifer
Gretchen Lyne
Eloise Myers
Cheryl Neumann
Duff O'Dell
Karen Pafford
Roy Steele
Sara Stover
Theresa Thomas
Sherry Wermuth
Nancy Winslow

AUGUST

Greg Braak
Neal Brinson
Nancy Carlson
Carol Chick
Colleen Connor
Sef Crollett, Sr.
Kate Dohrer
Paul Ernst
Julie Garza
Sandy Guthrey
René Herndon
Allen Hilton
Mohammed Hussien
Larry Jewett
Paula Jones
Camille Kissell
Doris Kritz
Lynn Kugler
Nancy Lewis
Dorothy Mattingly
Marian McDevitt
Toni Moorehead
Carole Nadeau
Cyndi Powell
Sandi Rosenstiel
Jenny Singleton
Leana Sloan
Liz Sobolik
Nancy Sporn
Joan Stewart
Barbara Thompson
Evelyn Urbanosky
Jackie Wasson
Janice Zeleny

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
June 14 th	Rose Trials (See May 2016 Newsletter for more information.) Questions? Contact Pam Braak or Lisa Grove.	Dove Loop at Shadybrook Grapevine, Texas
July 5 th		
August 2 nd		
September 6 th		
August 17 th	Citizen Forester Training (See May 2016 Newsletter for more information.)	Grapevine Botanical Gardens

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
Sept. 27, 2015	Gardens on View—after the GGC September general meeting	TBA: See article about herbs & vegetables available for purchase at one of the gardens.
Oct. 15, 2016	Fall Plant/Shrub/Tree Sale	Grapevine Botanical Gardens Heritage Park
	Butterfly Flutterby	

Final Deadlines!

GGC Membership Renewal and Yearbook

If you wish to continue your membership in the Grapevine Garden Club and have not already done so, please submit your renewal payment by Friday, July 15, 2016 so your photograph and contact information will appear in the 2016–17 GGC Yearbook. Mail your payment of \$30.00 for individual and \$35.00 for family membership to P.O. Box 811, Grapevine, TX 76099-0811. If you have questions, please call Membership Chair, Cheryl Neumann.

If your contact information is incorrect or has changed since last year's Yearbook, please send an email to either Miriam Ward or Evelyn Urbanosky. In addition, if you do not have a photo in the yearbook or would like to update your old one, you may attach it with the email.

☞ Evelyn Urbanosky
 ☞ Miriam Ward
 GGC Yearbook

GGC LEADERSHIP

Officers 2016-2017

President- Sharon Swagerty

1st VP Program – Candace Kyler

Assisted by Margaret Meharg

2nd VP Membership – Cheryl Neumann

Assisted by Jamie Moser

3rd VP Communication – Karen Rice

Recording Secretary – Phyllis Butts

Corresponding Secretary – Terry Curcio

Treasurer – Ella Barber

Assisted by Pam Braak

Publicity – Susie Griffin



Committee Coordinators 2016-2017

Awards Applications

♥ (District, State and National) – Pam Braak and Kate Dohrer

Communications Media

- ♥ E-mail – Harriet Perrello and Ed King
- ♥ Newsletter – Dinah Chancellor and Julie Garza
- ♥ Outreach – Terry Curcio
- ♥ Website – Kathleen Thompson
- ♥ Yearbook – Evelyn Urbanosky and Miriam Ward
- ♥ Scrapbook – Laurie Williams
- ♥ Archivist – Karen Divers
- ♥ Photographer/Flicker – Ella Barber and Pam Braak
- ♥ Facebook – Miriam Ward

GGC LEADERSHIP

CONTINUED

Community Projects and Service

- ♥ Civic Liaison – Margaret Meharg
- ♥ Civic Coordinator – Ginger Jones
- ♥ BFFB Coordinator – Gloria Land & Margaret Meharg
- ♥ GBG Docents – Cindy Miller
- ♥ Scholarship – Pat Mingus
- ♥ Redbud Tree Project – Candy Cawley
- ♥ West Texas Street – Suzi Guckel
- ♥ Youth Programs – Val Reed
- ♥ Senior Programs – Debbie Smith – acting Lisa Grove
- ♥ GBG Liaison – Lisa Grove

Funding- Ways and Means

- ♥ Spring Plant Sale – Ella Barber & Ginger Jones
- ♥ Fall Plant / Tree Sale – Ella Barber & Ginger Jones
- ♥ Ways and Means, Other – Sheri Jones

Social Activities

- ♥ General Meeting Hostesses – Lindle O'Neil and Jim O'Neil
- ♥ Holiday Luncheon – Elayne Vick
- ♥ Spring Luncheon – Lyn Argenbright
- ♥ New Member Welcome Event – Sarah Erickson
- ♥ Parliamentarian – Carolyn Ernst

Special Events & Activities

- ♥ Flowercade – Ann Fuller
- ♥ Seed & Plant Exchange – Therrie Mazur & Sef Crollett Sr

Trips and Tours

- ♥ Gardeners on the Go – Annemarie Garlin & Ginger Jones
- ♥ Gardens on View – Marge Carpenter

Botanical Garden Docent Opportunities for June - Tours

Calling all docents! Volunteers are needed for the following opportunities in June:

Friday, June 17 10:00 A.M.	Primrose Hidden Lakes - 30 students ages 7-10 Tour and activity
Monday and Tuesday, June 20 and 21 10:00 A.M.	Kidd Academy - 25 students ages 5-11 Tour and activity
Friday, June 24 10:00 A.M.	Primrose - 30 students ages 6-7 Tour and activity
Tuesday, June 28 1:00-3:00 P.M.	Childtime 1206 - 30 students ages 5-11 Tour and activity

Botanical Garden Docent Opportunities for June - Classes and Camps

June 13, 14, 15, 16 9:00-11:00 A.M.	Little Gardener Camp - Bugs - ages 3-6 Children will learn about butterflies, crickets, ladybugs, and ants. Story time, activity and tour of garden
June 8, 15, 22, 29 9:30-10:30 A.M.	Survival Games - Plant ID - ages 7-13 Children will learn how plants are identified, why they are important, and an ID walk in Lakeview Park
Monday, June 27 10:00 A.M.-Noon	Young Gardeners at Heart - Tiny Terrariums Participants will assemble a mini garden in a jar and learn about succulent plants and their care.

Please sign up if you are interested or let me know and I will sign you up.
Thank you!



Val Reed, Docent

Cindy Miller
GBC Docents

2016-2017 Grapevine Garden Club Scholarship Recipients

The Grapevine Garden Club Scholarship Committee reviewed thirteen applications and selected four recipients, each one to receive a \$2,500 scholarship for the 2016-2017 academic year.



*Joanna Lambert, Amy Lambert,
Ashton Bisballe, Miranda Fatum,
Sheri Jones*



*Amy Lambert, Joanna Lambert, Ashton Bisballe,
Miranda Fatum*

Miranda Fatum, daughter of Russ and Gail Fatum, graduated from Grapevine High School in 2014. Miranda will soon complete her sophomore year at University of North Texas in Denton. This is her third year to be selected as a scholarship recipient. Miranda's major is Ecology for Environmental Science. She was an active member of the Ecology Club in high school, and at UNT volunteers with the Environmental Discovery and Adventure program. She states she has always been interested in conserving and protecting plants and animals. Miranda's goal is to become a wildlife biologist, teaching others how to protect native plants and animals and participating in conservation efforts.

Ashton Bisballe, daughter of Jeff and Jennifer Bisballe of Grapevine, will be a 2016 graduate from Grapevine High School. She will be attending Tarleton State University and plans to major in Agriculture Education. She has participated in a diverse program with FFA, everything from raising lambs to being on the floriculture team. She has been able to include many agriculture courses in her high school curriculum, including floral design, ecology, and principles of

managing resources. It's not surprising that her goal is to become a high school Agriculture teacher where she can share her knowledge of horticulture and agricultural studies. She also hopes to coach a floriculture team.

Amy Lambert is the daughter of Henry and Rachel Lambert from Colleyville. She will be a 2016 graduate from Grapevine High School. She plans to attend Louisiana State University and major in Environmental Management. She has an interest and passion in the preserving of the wetlands in Louisiana, possibly by the use of native vegetation. Amy has been Vice President and active participant for two years in the Grapevine High School Garden Club. Look for Amy's wetlands article in this newsletter.

Joanna Lambert is also the daughter of Henry and Rachel Lambert from Colleyville. She will be a 2016 graduate from Grapevine High School. Joanna will also be attending Louisiana State University. (She and Amy are quadruplets and all four will be at the same University.) She plans to major in Plant and Soil Systems with a concentration in horticulture. She has had a lifelong fascination with plants, as evidenced by the bookshelf in her room. She has been a member of FFA, worked at Market Street in the floral department, and is the founder and two-year president of the Grapevine High School Garden Club. Some of her honors include being a certified level one florist in the Texas Floral Association and one of highest scoring members in the FFA Floriculture Team contests.

✂ Sheri Jones
Scholarships

Wetlands—A Childhood Concern Becomes a Lifelong Passion

Louisiana loses a football field of land every hour. That's over 2,000 square miles since the 1930s! It has been called the fastest disappearing land mass on the face of the earth. The reason for this loss is complex, but much of it is due to the thousands of pipeline canals cut into the marsh by oil companies over the past seventy-plus years. These cuts permit salt water into the marsh which kills the vegetation and allows erosion to take over. Vast miles of marsh have been converted to simply open gulf. This change eliminates many freshwater estuaries that contribute to growing a large variety of seafood. Sixty-six percent of all gulf seafood comes through Louisiana including shrimp, blue crab, oysters, tuna, red-snapper, drums, catfish and crawfish. If you love seafood, the health of Louisiana's wetlands should be very important to you.



Louisiana Wetlands

A second reason for the loss is that the barrier islands are disappearing due to hurricanes. These islands protect the marsh. Marshes absorb the tidal surges during a hurricane which therefore protects the towns and cities from flooding. The storm surge from Hurricane Rita in 2005, which hit the Texas/Louisiana border, came inland over fifteen miles of marsh. My family saw sugar cane dying in the fields from salt water near my grandma's house for the first time ever.

Why should this epidemic be important to you since you live in Texas not Louisiana? Well, when you are planting your garden and tending to your lawn, does it matter if your neighbor is a lazy gardener and has a bunch of dandelions and crab-grass in his yard? Will your neighbor's yard affect your yard? Of course it will!!! Your neighbor's yard and environment affects your yard and environment. The same is true with neighboring states! What happens in Louisiana can happen to Texas. Hurricanes such as Rita can make landfall anywhere along the gulf coast and people need to know how to reduce the damage as much as possible. One of the most practical proposals is vegetative planting, which places native plants in threatened systems and allows the root systems to form a more solid basis for soil.

Amy Lambert
2016-17 GGC Scholarship Recipient

GGC Loves Gardens to View!



We will be viewing members' gardens after our general meetings in September and October. Please contact Marge Carpenter if you would like to share your garden in either of those months.

☞Marge Carpenter
Gardens on View

September 27, 2016 – Herbs and Fall Vegetables

A selection of herbs and fall vegetables will be available at one of the Gardens on View sites to be visited after the September general meeting. These plants are perfect for your home garden or to intersperse in your flower beds for an edible landscape.

☞Karen Rice

Nest Supply Center

Use your slinky from the Spring Luncheon to build a Nest Supply Center.

Supplies

- ♥ Slinky
- ♥ Pipe Cleaner
- ♥ Scraps of cloth and yarn



Instructions

- ♥ To Make a Nest Supply Center for your backyard birds, open the slinky in a circle and secure the two ends with a pipe cleaner.
- ♥ Fill the slinky with scraps of cloth and yarn and hang in a tree where you can watch them come for supplies to line their nests.
- ♥ Refill the slinky as often as they come back for supplies and you may find that you have a yard full of beautiful song birds.



☞Gloria Land

Wine Cork Birdhouses

Having served on the spring luncheon committee for four years before becoming chair in 2010, Val Reed has merged her joy for living and contagious laughter into a party planner deluxe. What a fabulous May luncheon and a great way to end her tenure as chair! Clay and Valerie thrive on and no evening would be complete without a glass of wine in their beautiful backyard garden. How appropriate that a wine cork birdhouse graces their entertainment center with a welcome “Pub Open” sign!



Val Reed



Ed King appreciates all the members who have purchased the birdhouses. Their donations have contributed \$502 toward the Club's scholarship program! Thanks also to those who donated corks. Please keep saving them as more corks are needed to continue the project. And when you drop off your corks, you can tour Ed and Joetta's garden and enjoy a glass of wine or iced tea on their lovely patio!

☞Joetta King

Texas Spiny Lizard – Egg Laying Event

One day last week Chuck came out to the front yard while I was gardening and said, “You have to see this – a Texas spiny lizard is digging up your garden.”

Right away I suspected it would be a nesting site. Sure enough, the lizard spent the rest of the day – until nightfall! – digging a hole, laying her eggs and cleaning up after the dig. After laying the eggs, she will not come back to the nest. We will watch for baby lizards to hatch after about 43 days.

☞Karen Rice



Digging the perfect hole



Nose encrusted with dirt,
ready to lay her eggs



Neat and tidy the next day

Gardener Highlight – Diane Cauwels

No matter how many times you visit a member's garden, there is always something new to see. Diane and Mark Cauwels' Grapevine garden has been on Gardens on View numerous times, and it was recently included in the Promenade Garden Tour where it was described as "the outdoor masterpiece of Diane Cauwels." You would think from the extensive plantings that it was maintained by a crew of gardeners. No! Diane, a recently certified Master Gardener, created the landscape design, selected and installed the plants, and does all the maintenance. In addition, she acted as general contractor for the construction of the stone retaining wall and steps to access the lower backyard garden. Diane enjoys sharing her gardening experience with others and is available for design and consultation for the do-it-yourself gardener. She has been a GGC member for twelve years.

Diane's focus on selecting perennials that will thrive in shady spots and those suitable for sun is impressive. Strategically placed sitting areas invite you to linger and enjoy the seasonal blooms, contrasting foliage texture and shape, and unique garden art. Of all the beautiful plants seen during Promenade, the eye-catching bear's breech (*Acanthus mollis*) with its shiny dark-green leaves and striking 3-foot tall bloom stalks of white flowers clasped by purple seemed to generate the most inquiries – possibly because it is not commonly used in Texas gardens nor listed in regional books. Complementing the purple in the bicolor *Acanthus* bloom, purple-leafed *Oxalis triangularis* was planted nearby. Both plants were thriving in the Cauwels' garden and should be considered for your shade garden.



Acanthus



*Jurassic variegated
begonia*

In addition to the dramatic impact of *Acanthus*, the other plant that impressed me was the colorfully patterned and velvety foliage of the Jurassic variegated begonia. Used in a container shaded by an arbor, it inspired me to not only rely on bloom for color but to incorporate more plants with unique foliage in my landscape.



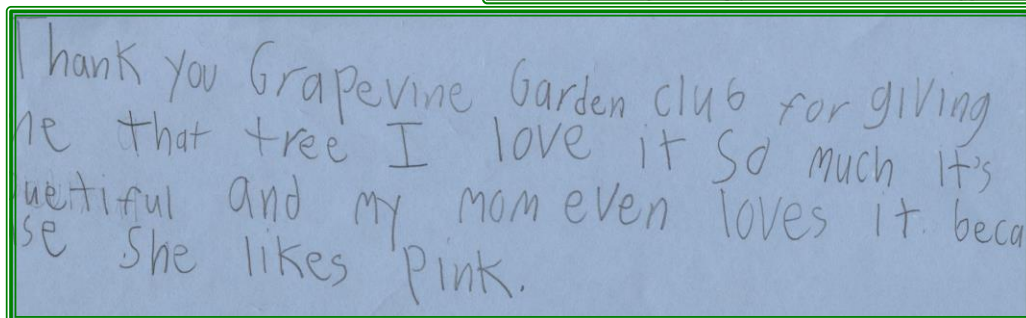
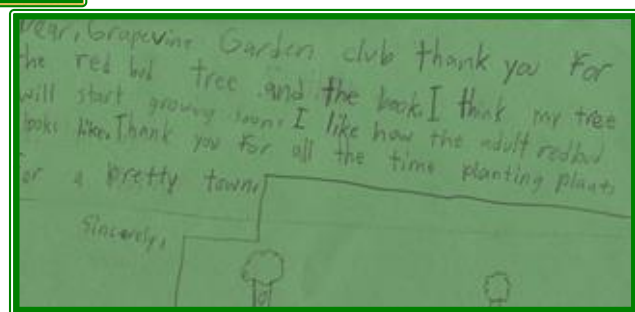
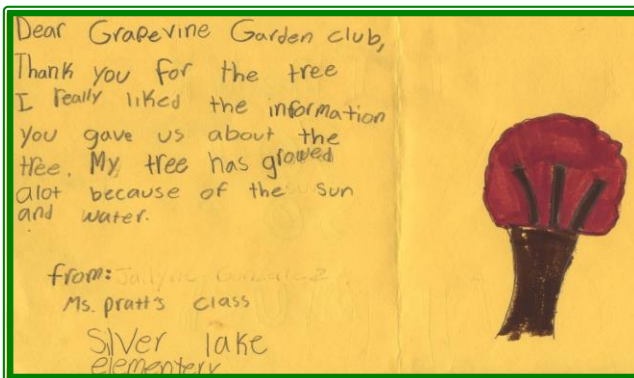
Brugmansia

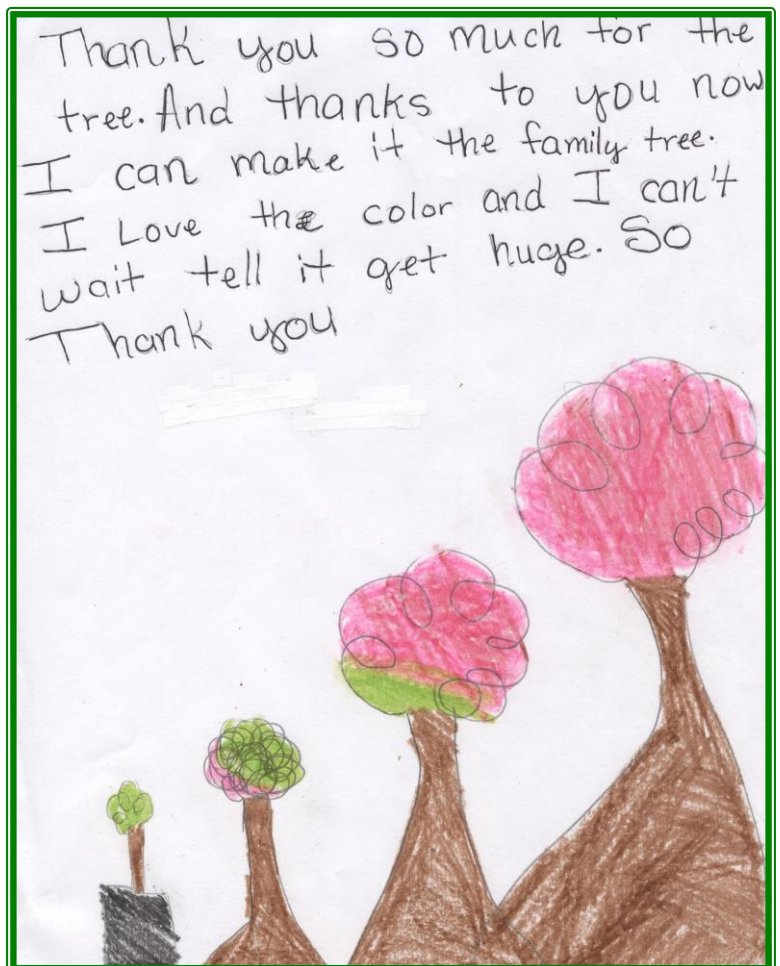
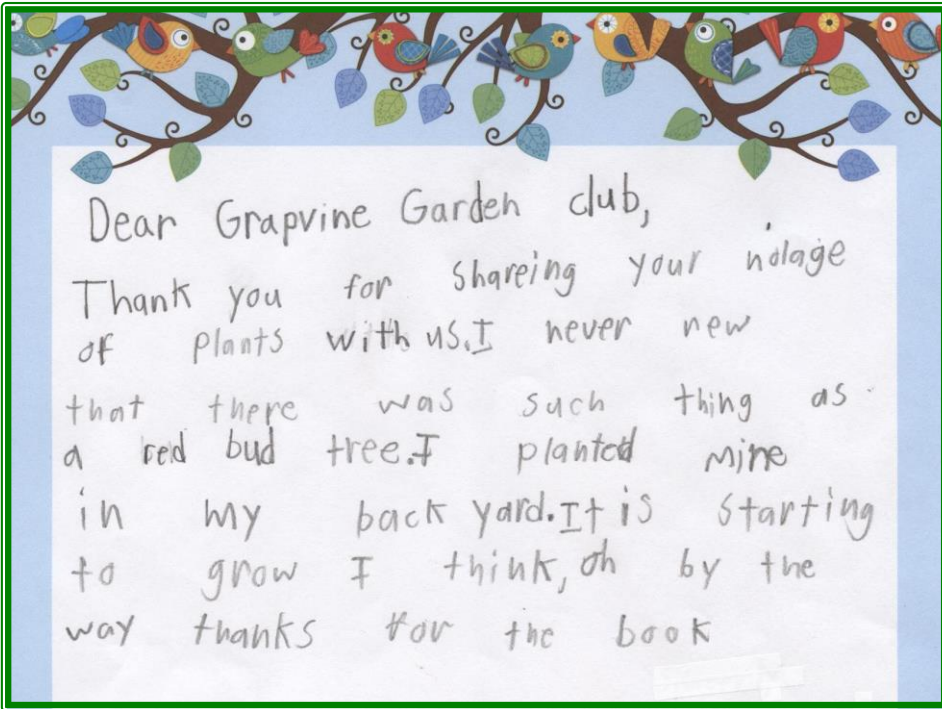
Diane has successfully planned for a succession of bloom. She takes delight in the spring-blooming Texas Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*) with its violet, wisteria-like flowers that have a grape Nehi scent. Diane commented that although it is considered a little tender in our area, it has done well in her garden for twelve years.

While early spring blooms may have passed their peak, Diane's garden is now enjoying the riveting display of Brugmansia with its voluminous tubular peach flowers draping from the shrub along with other summer-blooming perennials. Diane stores the Brugmansia in the garage every winter as it is considered tropical in our area and might not survive outside.

✿Joetta King

Redbud Program Student Notes





AWARDS



TEXAS GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR



The District II awards were listed in the April 2016 newsletter. Below are the State, South Central Region and National awards won by GGC. In total we won 20 State, 7 Regional and 6 National awards and a total of **\$1,525** and a silver tray. What a haul! Congratulations to all the members who participated and a big thank you to **Lisa Grove, the Grapevine Botanical Gardens and Grapevine Parks and Recreation Department** who make it possible for us to give back to our community and win awards.

Award Name	Project Name & Coordinators	Texas Garden Club	National Garden Club	South Central Region
COMMUNITY				
Wildflower Preservation Award TGC	Parr Park Butterfly garden <i>Lisa Grove & Karen Rice</i>	1 st Place Plus \$25		
Youth Poster Award TGC -9	Youth Art Contest during Butterfly Flutterby <i>Evelyn Urbanosky & Miriam Ward</i>	1 st Place		
Civic Achievement N-1	West Texas Street Project <i>Suzi Guckel</i>	2 nd Place		1 st Place Plus \$25
Conservation N-6	Bird Sanctuary Week <i>Joetta King</i>	1 st Place		
Civic Projects with Native Plants N-73	Parr Park Butterfly area <i>Lisa Grove & Karen Rice</i>	1 st Place	Runner Up Plus \$750	
Youth Program SCR-13	Children's Programs at Botanical Gardens, Redbud Project, Scholarships, Butterfly Flutterby, Art Contest, Earth Day			1 st Place Plus \$50
NGC President's Special Projects	Frightened Frog <i>Karen Rice</i>		1 st Place Plus \$200	

COMMUNICATIONS				
Publications N-12	Newsletters <i>Dinah Chancellor</i>	1 st Place		1 st Place
Cookbooks N-13	Cookbook <i>Barbara Atkins</i>	1 st Place		
Yearbook N-16	Yearbook <i>Evelyn Urbanosky & Miriam Ward</i>	1 st Place		3 rd Place
Publicity Press Book N-44	Publicity <i>Harriet Perrello & Elayne Vick</i>	1 st Place		
Website N-63	Website <i>Kathleen Thompson & Karen Rice</i>	1 st Place		

GRAPEVINE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Community Concern TGC	Young at Heart classes at Botanical Gardens <i>Lisa Grove</i>	1 st place	1 st Place Plus \$25
Garden Center N-2	Grapevine Botanical Gardens & Docent Program <i>Lisa Grove & Cindy Miller</i>	1st Place	Overall Winner Plus Silver Tray 1st Place
Youth Horticulture Education N-8	Youth Classes at Botanical Gardens <i>Lisa Grove & Val Reed</i>	1st Place	
Youth Environmental Education N-54	Youth Tours at Botanical Gardens <i>Lisa Grove</i>	1st Place	
Outdoor Classrooms N-74	Botanical Gardens tours and activities <i>Lisa Grove</i>	1st Place	Runner Up Plus \$250

OTHER AWARDS

Club of the Year	Based on points	1 st Place Plus \$100	
President's Report TGC	President's report <i>Sharon Swagerty</i>	1 st Place	
Horticulture Award of Merit TGC	Rose Trials <i>Lisa Grove & Pam Braak</i>	1 st Place Plus \$50	
Club Program Award TGC	Pruning Program for general meeting Prepared & Presented by <i>Toni Moorehead</i>	1 st Place	1 st Place Plus \$25
Certification of Appreciation TGC	For Contributions	Certificate	
Sweepstakes Award SCR	Outstanding Achievement – South Central Region For winning the most awards		Certificate Plus \$25

✿ Pam Braak & Kate Dohrer Awards Chairs





June 2016



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

2015-2017 PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

"Service in Action" Awards

The Frightened Frog

FIRST PLACE

Extra Large Club

GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB

Grapevine, Texas

May 6, 2016

Sandra H. Robinson
Sandra H. Robinson, NGC President 2015-2017



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