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## THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

**March 28, 2017**

***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 MARCH HOSTESSES:

**Coordinator, Pam Braak**

**Hostesses: Ella Barber, Debbie Boyle, Michelle Burger, Phyllis Butts,  
Dinah Chancellor, Carolyn Ernst, Chris George,  
Candace Kyler, Sharon Pignolet, and Lisa Stokdyk**

### March Program:

#### ***Herbs in Your Edible Landscape***

Laura Miller, Tarrant County Extension Agent – Commercial Horticulture, will discuss the integration of edible plants into the traditional landscape. Herbs in a landscape provide texture, color, and fragrance, and can be used for medicinal purposes as well as in our cooking.

**☞Candace Kyler  
Programs**



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## President's Message

My goodness, as my dear, departed Texas mother-in-law would say, this has certainly proved to be a very unusual winter! Up North, my family in Chicago has never experienced a January or February without a measurable snowfall. Here in Texas, we are seeing our trees, perennials, shrubs, and bulbs starting their growth cycles earlier than normal. I took the opportunity to walk around my yard and see what has decided to "early" bloom. As you can see from the pictures, both my Mountain Laurel (*right*) and Purple Leaf Plum tree (*below*) are ready to welcome spring!



On Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Grapevine Garden Club will host the District II Spring Convention. This is a unique opportunity to share lunch, stories, and fellowship with garden club members from across our District. The Spring Convention Committee has planned an enjoyable day and I hope you will consider attending this event. I know you will not be disappointed! Registration is due by March 20<sup>th</sup> and you can view more details, along with the registration form, in this Newsletter.

Flowercade will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully you will find the perfect flower, stem, or plant to exhibit and win an award! We will be meeting at Joan Stewart's greenhouse to prepare our specimens prior to taking them to the Fort Worth Botanic Garden on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. With this early blooming season, hopefully you will find some "award-winners" to bring and exhibit over Easter weekend! Look for additional information in this Newsletter and on the GGC website.

Plants looking a bit crowded? The GGC Dig Committee would welcome the opportunity to help thin out those plants you would like to donate to the GGC Spring Plant Sale. And for those bare spots that need a few new plants, the GGC Spring Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

With all that said, please mark your calendars with these dates. We look forward to a couple of very busy GGC months ahead as our crazy winter becomes a beautiful Texas spring.

 Sharon Swagerty

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rose Trial Garden	8:00 A.M. N. Side Dove Loop / Shadybrook
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	9:00 A.M. West Texas Street, Grapevine
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to Submit Photographs for Flowercade	Contact Ann Fuller
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Worth Garden Club Council Meeting	Fort Worth Botanic Garden
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to Register for District II Convention	See Registration Form on the last page of this Newsletter
March 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Gardeners on the Go: Charleston and Savannah Tour	Charleston, SC Savannah, GA
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop: Container Gardening	1:00 – 2:30 P.M. Greenhouse Grapevine Botanical Gardens

## March Birthdays

Becky Boyd  
Debbie Boyle  
Dan Burger  
Michele Burger  
Chris Carroll  
Dinah Chancellor  
Mike Clark  
Jimmie Nell Cook  
Elizabeth Jewitt



Sandy Kancavicus  
Catherine LaCroix  
Carole Lee  
Carol Marchant  
James O'Neil  
Linda Papendorf  
Sharron Spencer  
Susan Stanek  
Paula Wilson



Please welcome our new members:

Beverly Breunig  
Steve Breunig  
Betsy Marsh

The Grapevine Garden Club now has 273 members!

 Cheryl Neumann  
Membership

# Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	District II Spring Convention	Barb Munn's Home and Gardens Keller
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Flowercade Prep Day	Joan Stewart's Greenhouse Grapevine
April 15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Flowercade	Fort Worth Botanic Garden
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	West Texas Street Grapevine
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Worth Garden Club Council Meeting	Fort Worth Botanic Garden
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Spring Plant Sale	Grapevine Botanical Gardens
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Redbud Tree Program – Bagging Party	Greenhouse Grapevine Botanical Gardens
April 27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Redbud Tree Program – School Presentations	GCISD Elementary Schools
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gardeners on the Go: Chandor and Clark Garden Tours	Weatherford
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	GGC Spring Luncheon	Trawick Pavilion Lake Grapevine
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fairy Garden Workshop	Marshall Grain Company Grapevine

## Membership News

As sure as I know the Spring equinox starts on March 20, 2017, I am also sure we will start collecting dues at our March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.



Yes, it is that time again! Annual dues for 2017-2018 are due now. The dues remain at \$30.00 for an individual membership and \$35.00 for a family membership. Though the club prefers checks and cash for renewals, credit cards are accepted as well.

Among the many benefits of membership are discounts for purchases from several local nurseries and a free magazine subscription as follows:

- ♥ Blooming Colors Nursery, Grapevine – pick up your discount card at the Membership table when you check in for the General Meeting;



- ♥ Marshall Grain Co., Grapevine – tell the Marshall Grain cashier that you are a member of the GGC to receive your discount;
- ♥ **NEW!** - Grow It Land Designs & Garden Center, Coppell – tell the Grow It cashier that you are a member of the GGC and you'll be given a discount card; and
- ♥ A FREE subscription to *Better Homes & Gardens* or **NEW!** *Martha Stewart Living* magazine. Details to follow.

So as you prepare your gardens for the upcoming growing season, please prepare your check, too, and drop it in the basket at the Membership table in the foyer of the Convention Center at the March General Meeting.

✂Cheryl Neumann  
Membership Chairman

### Our Fabulous February West Texas Street Work Day

As Valentine's Day dawned, the monsoons arrived and washed away our work day on West Texas Street, so we all rolled over and went back to sleep! We certainly need the rain and didn't want to scare it away, so we postponed our work day. WOW!!! What a difference a week makes!!!



*The West Texas Street Work Crew*

## March 2017

We woke up to a sunny day that was just right so our mighty group got to work. We had all the flowerbeds looking great in about 1-1/2 hours and, of course, then it was time to go drink coffee and visit over on Main Street – and visit we did!

A big thank you to Susan Cullen, Sheri Jones, Terry Curcio, Susan Stanek, Joetta King, Cora Wade, Debbie Boyle, John Erickson, Robin Pond, Lefty Mitchell, Angelia Ozymy, Carole Lee, Rhonda Ackley, Babs Sidorowicz, Susan Boelens, LaJune McCrea, Harriet Perrello, Chuck Nadolski, Joe Krimm, Bruce Herndon, and Candy Cawley.

We have two upcoming work days on the calendar for West Texas Street. On Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll be mulching all the beds, and on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, we'll be adding some glorious spring color. Please join us on one – or BOTH – of these work days! I guarantee coffee and fun will be on the agenda as well! The Committee looks forward to seeing YOU!

☞Suzi Guckel, Chairman  
☞Candy Cawley, Sandy Guthrie, Bruce Herndon,  
Joe Krimm, Jamie Moser, and Paula Wilbanks, Co-Chairmen

### District II Spring Convention

There's still time to register to attend the District II Spring Convention which will take place on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. in Barb Munn's spectacular gardens. The registration form with full details of this event can be found on the last page of this Newsletter. Registrations are requested by March 20<sup>th</sup>, please.

☞District II Spring Convention Committee

### Rose Trial Update

The next examination date for the Rose Trial Garden is Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.

☞Pam Braak  
Rose Trial Garden

### Caladium Bulb Arrival!



The 8,000(!) caladium bulbs ordered by our members will be available for pick-up in the first part of April at my house. More information to follow.

☞Sheri Jones  
Ways and Means

## We Dig Plants!

Thank you to those members who have allowed us to dig in their gardens – Peggy Harris, Catriona Noble, Barbara Nunn, Karen Rice and Chuck Voelker, Suzi Guckel, Barbara Thompson, Dinah and Ray Chancellor, and Paula Wilbanks.



And thank you to the following members who participated in Digging Parties – Robin Pond, Joetta King, Elizabeth Jewett, Debbie Monahan, Carole Nadeau, Susan Boelens, Terry Curcio, Colleen Connor, Peggy Harris, Vicki Haines, Catriona Noble, Greg and Pam Braak, Phyllis Butts, Linda Krimm, Chuck Voelker, Suzi Guckel, Annemarie Garlin, Karen Rice, and Sheri Jones.

AND thank you to the members who are digging and potting plants in their own gardens for our Spring Sale. If you need additional potting kits, please contact us.

There is still time to schedule a Digging Party in your garden if you have any of the following plants to donate:



*Mexican Mint Marigold*

Anemone, Artemesia, Aster, Beautyberry, Brazilian Rock Rose, Clematis (Pitcheri), Columbine, Cone Flower, Coral Berry, Coreopsis, Daisy, Datura, Gaura, Golden Groundsel, Lenten Rose, Lily (Crinum, Oxblood, Red Spider), Loosestrife, Mexican Bush Sage, Mexican Mint Marigold, Mint (Apple, Lavender, Peppermint), Moneywort, Passion Vine, Penstemon, Phlox Texas Pink, Pink Skullcap, Pipevine, Plumbago, Purple Heart, Rudbeckia, Ruellia, Sage (Autumn, Black & Blue, Indigo Spires, Mexican Bush, Pineapple, Russian), Sedum (Autumn, Dragon's Blood, Gold Moss), Snowflake, Society Garlic, Spiderwort, SunDrops, Texas Betony, Thyme, Winecup and Zexmenia.

And we still have shifts available for Cashiers and Assistant Cashiers for the Plant Sale on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please stop by our table at the March meeting to sign up.

**Ellie Barber and Ginger Jones**  
**Spring Plant Sale Co-Chairs**



### Spring Plant Sale

Mark your calendar and tell your family and friends! Don't forget – all current GGC members get a 10% discount at the Plant Sale!

- ♥ Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- ♥ Grapevine Botanical Gardens (see attached flyer)



*A Plethora of Plants to Choose From!*



*Along with Expert Assistance!*

The following article originally appeared in the March 2014 issue of our Newsletter. Thank you to Karen Rice for her thorough explanation of the plants featured in our Sale.



The GGC Spring Plant Sale is approaching, and this year's featured plant categories are drought tolerant, heirloom, and butterfly plants. But what do we mean by these categories? Let's start with definitions.

Drought tolerant plants – A plant that is drought tolerant doesn't always mean that it is a native plant. Drought tolerant plants do need water to get established. Other environmental conditions (soil condition, mulching, weed control, etc.) allow drought tolerant plants to thrive. Once established, these plants can withstand long periods of dryness without deterioration. This is increasingly important with landscape watering restrictions.

Heirloom plants – There are many widely debated definitions of heirloom plants, but for our purposes we mean a cultivar of plant that is grown and cultivated by a community of gardeners. Our GGC gardeners share a wide variety of plants that have been reliable in their gardens and known for beautiful flowers, wonderful scents, or attracting butterflies or hummingbirds. We also offer hard to find natives, or plants that fill special niches like those shady but dry spots or even something that blooms well into the heat of summer. So our definition of "heirloom" is a GGC gardener-friendly plant that is tried and true.



**Butterfly plants** – We define butterfly plants as those plants that provide nectar or larval food for a butterfly. We typically divide this group into nectar and host plants. Some host plants also provide nectar like the butterfly weed which is used by monarchs to lay their eggs as well as a nectar plant for many other species of butterflies.

**Butterfly nectar plants** – Taste receptors on a butterfly's feet help it find its host plant and locate food. Butterflies are drawn to flower clusters where nectar is plentiful, or to flowers that have extra large petals. Butterflies have shown an amazing range of color preferences between the various species, but as a general rule, flowers that are bright colors like pink, red, yellow, purple, and orange attract the most butterflies. Large blocks of color are easier for them to detect while in flight, so grouping a single color of each flower species you intend to grow acts like a giant sign advertising ample nectar.



**Butterfly host plants** – Butterflies are much more selective in their choice of host plants. Typically only a few plant types for each butterfly meet host status criteria. For example, attracting black swallowtails to your yard is easy when you plant fennel, dill and parsley. These host plants will frequently be overrun with black swallowtail caterpillars so plant plenty. Monarchs and queens use milkweed, giant swallowtails use citrus trees, and Henry's Elfin uses redbud trees.

**Submitted by Karen Rice**



## Flowercade 2017

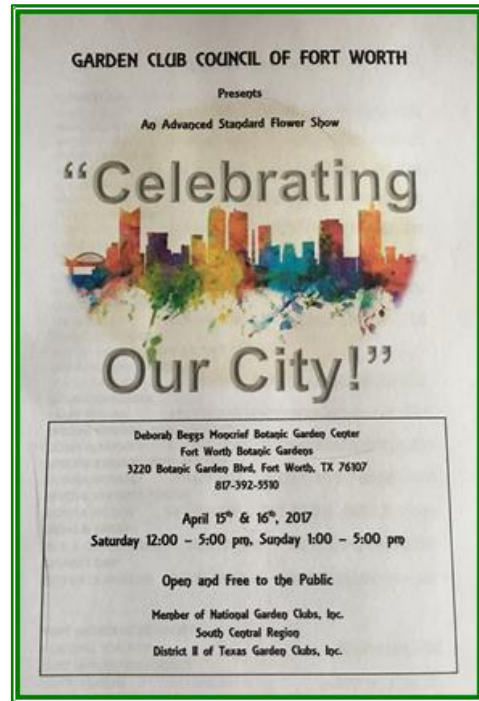
### Theme: “Celebrating Our City!”

It's time for Flowercade! Complete Flowercade information, including specifics about the Horticulture, Design, Special Exhibits, and Photography divisions, categories of entries in each division, and the schedule, are posted on the GGC website –

<http://www.grapevinegardenclub.org/>.

Click on *Publications* and find the third column labeled *Other*. It is currently the first item on the list, *Ft. Worth Garden Club Council Flowercade Schedule 2017*.

And see page 14 of this Newsletter for some inspiring photos from last year's Flowercade.



We have an early deadline for photography!!! Your photographs need to be in my hands absolutely no later than March 14th! They will be judged and displayed at Flowercade and then returned to you. Please note the following:

- ♥ Photos must be 5x7 or 8x10;
- ♥ Either matted on top of matte board or framed with matte board; and
- ♥ An id card must be affixed to back of work (I have these).

April 14<sup>th</sup>! That's the day we get together at Joan Stewart's greenhouse to prep our horticultural specimens for Flowercade. Joan lives at 309 Drexel in Grapevine. We'll get started at 9:00 A.M and finish at 12:00 Noon, and even if you can only come for a little while, please join us for the fun! Bring your flowers and branches, and we will help you with naming and displaying them in a wine bottle. When the prepping is done, we'll take all these beauties to Fort Worth for the show.

If you choose to do a design of any kind, please notify me so I can make sure the Fort Worth Botanical Garden people reserve a space for you. I will be happy to take your table setting to the show and set it up for you. Just set it up in your home,

take a snapshot, pack everything carefully in a box and I will put it together exactly as you planned!

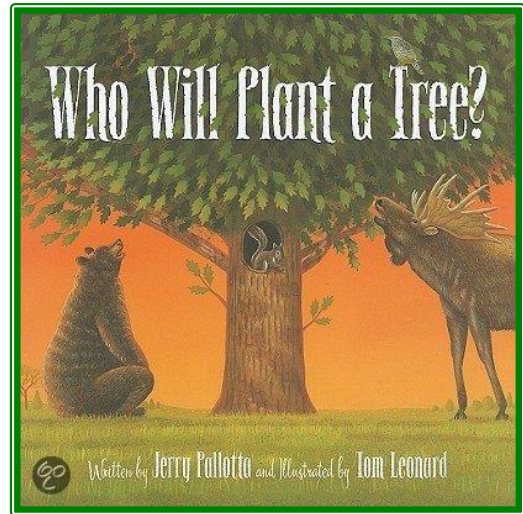
Can't wait to see you!!!



☞Ann Fuller  
Flowercade

## Redbud Tree Program

If you enjoy working with children and sharing your love of gardening, save these dates! On Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, we will visit third grade classrooms at Colleyville, Dove, and Cannon Elementary schools. Volunteers will read a short book, *Who Will Plant a Tree?*, to the children, discuss the importance of trees, explain photosynthesis, and demonstrate how to plant a tree. Each child will receive a redbud seedling to take home and a copy of *Who Will Plant a Tree?* will be added to their classroom library.



Don't remember what photosynthesis is? Or not sure you can explain it to a roomful of third graders? Not to worry! A lesson plan will be provided, and you can work alone or with a partner.

In order to prepare the redbud seedlings, a “Bagging Party” will be held at the new greenhouse at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Every year the GGC receives thank you letters from children who have enjoyed the classroom presentations – and are thrilled to receive a little tree of their own to plant at home! Please sign up at the March General Meeting to be a presenter at one or more schools and/or to help bag the trees. And don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

☞Candy Cawley  
Redbud Tree Program



## **Gardeners on the Go**

### **Chandor and Clark Garden Tours, Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Gardeners on the Go will travel to Weatherford, Texas to visit the beautiful Chandor Gardens and its 1930's Palladian style mansion which was primarily used as an artist studio by the original owner. After the tour, participants will enjoy a catered lunch to be served in "The Great Room," and then drive to the renowned Clark Gardens for a lovely stroll and self-guided tour.



*Chandor Gardens*

The cost of this trip is \$31.00 and covers the entrance fees to both gardens, the mansion, and lunch. The carpool will depart from Marshall Grain in Grapevine at 8:00 A.M.

At this time the trip is full, however we have started a waiting list. Please let us know if you're interested in going and we'll add your name to the waiting list.

### **Marshall Grain Fairy Garden Workshop, Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

In recognition of National Gardening Week, please join us for a workshop to create your very own, one-of-a-kind fairy garden! This workshop will be held at Marshall Grain in Grapevine on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Instruction will begin at 10:00 A.M. and will last approximately one hour. The cost is \$35.00 which will include the container, soil, plants, and five fairy garden decorative items.



Please sign up at the March and April meetings, or email Ginger Jones or Annemarie Garlin.

**☞ Annemarie Garlin and Ginger Jones  
Gardeners on the Go Co-Chairs**



## Annual Spring Luncheon Boot Scootin' Boogie



Dust off those cowboy hats and boots and join us at the Annual Spring Luncheon honoring the Grapevine Garden Club scholarship recipients! Enjoy delicious food as we acknowledge civic leaders and friends who support our Club! Stomp those cowboy boots to give a big “thanks, y’all” to our outgoing officers – and a big “howdy, y’all” as we install the 2017-2018 GGC officers!

Here are the particulars:

- ♥ Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
- ♥ Trawick Pavilion at Lake Grapevine
- ♥ 2700 Darren G. Medlin Trail, Grapevine

Can you help us? The Committee needs twelve clean half-gallon Blue Bell ice cream cartons. (Look at it as a chance to eat Blue Bell for a good cause, y’all!) Just bring your cartons to Edie Williams at the sign-up table during the March and April General Meetings.

Edie will also be taking reservations and noting your choice of providing a salad or dessert for the luncheon.

As always, we look forward to having fun together, so mosey on over to the Trawick Pavilion, pardner, and join the party!

**Phyllis Butts**  
**Spring Luncheon Committee**



*Having Fun at Last Year's Luncheon*



*2016 Awards Presentation*

Have you ever admired a plant's foliage or a particular bloom growing in your garden? Do you take pleasure in creating an attractive table setting? Have you taken an especially nice nature photo? Do you have a potted plant that is thriving? Do you love the artistry of creating a floral arrangement? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Flowercade is for YOU!



# FLOWERCADE

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to Submit Photography  
April 14<sup>th</sup> – Prep Day at Joan Stewart's Greenhouse  
April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – **Flowercade!**



**Horticulture**

**Design**

**Photography**



**Check out the GGC website or contact Ann Fuller, Flowercade Chair, for details or questions. Unleash your creative side! Participate in Flowercade!**







# ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

**SURVIVE & THRIVE**

**GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB**



**Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park**

**411 Ball Street, Grapevine**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

**9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.**

Proceeds benefit the Club's 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.





## Grapevine Garden Club hosts the District 2 Spring Convention

### **Bee Serious About Pollination (BSAP ASAP)**

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

**10:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**Salad Luncheon and Award Presentation**

**At the home of Doug and Barbara Munn**

**1621 Treehouse Lane N., Keller, 76262**

When Doug and Barbara built their home twenty-seven years ago, briars entangled 89 oak trees on their acre lot. Not having gardened previously, she decided she needed to learn how to garden – fast! She started taking horticulture courses from TCC and joined the Grapevine Garden Club and Tarrant County Master Garden Association. She and Doug also grabbed their gloves, trowel, pruners, shovels, and rakes, built a greenhouse and started diggin' in the dirt. And they have not stopped yet!

Over the years, Barbara and Doug have enjoyed many hours in their ever-changing landscape. Beneath the same oak trees, the Munn's enjoy their Azaleas, Hydrangeas, various types of Ferns, Hostas, Columbine, Aucubas, Aralias, and annuals for additional color. There are also Roses, Iris, Salvias, Cleome, Poppies, Larkspur, Chrysanthemum Pacifica and bulbs in their sun beds. Each direction of the house tells a separate story with a different array of 24 varied gardens. Their special place for morning coffee is their Serenity Garden, pictured above.

The Convention will start with presentation of the District Awards by Karen Rice and her "Bee Keeper". Then after a short business meeting and the 2017-2019 District officer installation, we will enjoy a catered salad luncheon under tall oak trees. Before you leave the local area, you are invited to tour the Grapevine Botanical Gardens and newly constructed Greenhouse. Join us as we *Bee Serious About Pollination* at the District 2 Spring Convention.

**As a courtesy to the Club, send your registration before March 20.**

Send completed registration form with a \$25 check payable to Grapevine Garden Club, to Julie Garza, 548 Arbor Brook Lane, Coppell, TX 75019. Questions? Call Barb Munn 817.337.4955 Driving directions will be emailed when registration is paid.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to tour the Grapevine Botanical Garden and Greenhouse. \_\_\_\_\_

***Please circle all that apply:***

**Garden Club:** President Member Delegate Alternate

**District:** Officer Chairman Life Member

**Region:** Officer Chairman Life Member

**First-Time District II Convention:** Attendee Guest

**NGC Flower Show Judge:** Master Life Accredited Student Emeritus Instructor

NGC Landscape Design Consultant NGC Garden Study Consultant NGC Environmental Consultant

TGC Design Consultant Texas Master Gardener

**Council:** President Delegate Member

**State:** Officer Trustee Director Chairman Life Member

**National:** President Officer Chairman Life Member

Former National President Former State President