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## THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

#### May 24, 2016

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

#### PETAL PUSHERS!

Have you signed up to attend the Spring Luncheon? If not, WHY NOT?! We will meet at the Trawick Pavilion at Lake Grapevine—weather permitting—and will greet old and new friends, meet our scholarship recipients, install our officers for the 2016-2017 year and sample the best food ever! Come dressed for the occasion in your favorite 50's outfit and be ready to have fun. **RSVP YES only by Friday, May 20, 2016** to Edie Williams and let her know you will bring a salad or dessert to feed 8-12 people. Be sure to bring a serving utensil. We will collect recipes from everyone (or sources, if you do not cook!) to publish in our GGC 2016 Cookbook.

## **Solution** Val Reed Luncheon Coordinator



Spring Luncheon 2012

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#### President's Message

Mother Nature has certainly been kind to us fellow Texas Gardeners this year. With the abundant rain and lack of a freeze, we are seeing many more of our flowers appearing in better shape than ever! I am personally seeing flowers blooming in my yard that haven't chosen to put on such a display before. Hopefully your yard is producing a showy display as well.





The month of May brings the conclusion of our Garden Club year. We get to celebrate as a group our friendships, our successes, our memories, scholarship awards, and of course good food! We will also be installing the GGC officers for the 2016-17 year. At present, the Trawick Pavilion is still on target to be our venue for the Spring Luncheon. Hopefully you have signed up to be present at this event. I know we are in for a good time!

While you are at the Spring Luncheon consider saying thank-you to several people who made significant contributions to GGC this year. Our Spring Plant Sale was a huge success due in large part to Karen Rice and Chuck Voelker. Joetta King is 'retiring' from Trips & Tours. As a participant of her planned outings, I offer a big 'thank-you' for her hard work and dedication which made these outings the great events they were. Lisa Grove was always there for our club, whether ordering plants, redbud trees, helping us with the Rose Trial Garden, docent work, or just making sure our volunteers had food at our Butterfly Flutterby or Earth Day events! I'm sure you know of at least one person you can give your personal 'shout-out' to!

These names are just some of the many people who helped make our Club the Texas Gold Club of the Year. In addition to them, I personally want to thank all of you for your support, guidance and contributions to GGC! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Luncheon!

**Sharon Swagerty** 

#### **Installation of 2016/2017 Officers**

President: Sharon Swagerty
1st VP Programs: Candace Kyler,
Assisted by Margaret Meharg \*\*
2nd VP Membership: Cheryl Neumann \*\*
Assisted by Jamie Moser \*\*

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Communications: Karen Rice

Treasurer: Ella Barber \*\*
Recording Secretary: Phyllis Butts
Corresponding Secretary: Terry Curcio
Publicity: Susie Griffin \*\*

\*\*New Officers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Event	Location
June 5 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	National Garden Week	
June 5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	National Garden Week Tour	Brandywine Valley Gardens in Pennsylvania and Delaware
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Citizen Forester Training	Grapevine Botanical Gardens



At the lakeside picnic on May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Grapevine Garden Club will continue collecting dues for current membership renewals for the upcoming **2016–2017 Club Year**. The dues for an individual remain at \$30 and dues for a family remain at \$35.

Membership

### **May Birthdays**

Pam Braak
Chelsea Chance
Susan Cullen
Sarah Erickson
Emily Galpin
Annemarie Garlin
Marci Junge
Rita Klosinski
Carol Milner
Debbie Monahan



Kathy Nelson
Tom Neugent
Jackie Peel
Pauline Robbins
Virginia Shannon
Sylvan Sigler
James Smith
Diane Sopko
Miriam Ward
Elaine White

#### Hostess Sign Up for 2016 - 2017



Hostesses April 2015

Please sign up at our spring luncheon 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. Look for the bright green clipboard and sign up!

&Barbara Morrell General Meeting Hostess Co-Chair

#### Lisa Lockwood

# Welcome New Members!

**Mark Lockwood** 

#### West Texas Street Workday

We had a great work day, good weather and the coffee was especially good!!! Thanks so much to all our wonderful volunteers who weeded, pruned, transplanted, planted and spread 40 bags of mulch. We worked hard and when we left West Texas Street in our rear view mirrors, it looked wonderful!



Elizabeth Jewett, Tom Vogt and Charee Vogt

Thanks to Kathy Pierson, Chuck Nadolski, Elizabeth Jewett, Babs Sidorowicz, LaJune McCrea, Betty Hughes, Terry Curcio, Peggy Harris, Charee Vogt, Tom Vogt, Sarah Erickson, John Erickson, Karen Pafford, Nancy Carlson, Ray Morrell, Susan Sporl, Candace Kyler, Minnie Hall, Joetta King, Angelia Ozymy, Harriet Perrello, Barbara Thompson, Thierrie Mazur and Seth Crollett.

A special thanks to Tom and Charee Vogt who helped Joe Krimm pick up all the mulch and to the rest of the committee—Candy Cawley, Sandy Guthrie, Pat Mingus and Jamie Moser, for all their help with the prep work for this project. Just like any big project, lots of behind the scenes work goes on. Many thanks to all of you!

Suzi Guckel, Chairman West Texas Street Project

#### **Spring Plant Sale Final Report**

The 2016 Spring Plant Sale held in April was a huge success. We made over \$10,000 profit from the sale. The money raised goes back into the community for the many civic projects and scholarships that the club provides.



Thanks to all the volunteers who made the plant sale possible. We had 2,225 pass along plants from members' gardens and 3,675 commercial plants. We have donated some of the remaining plants to area civic projects. We still have some plants that need a good home, so look around your garden and see if you have any

bare spots that need to be filled. Also, over the summer we will have work days at the Tree Farm to tend to any remaining plants. Please contact Ella Barber if you would be interested in helping or want to purchase any plants.



Barbara Morrell, Nancy Moxom, Lindle O'Neal, Harriet Perrello, Sarah Erickson



Ella Barber, Sally Hart, Ginger Jones, Karen Rice, Chuck Voelker Plant Sale Leadership

As a reminder, we will have our Fall Plant Sale on October 15, so mark your calendars. We will have selected trees and shrubs and fall color perennials.

**Ella Barber Plant Sale** 

#### **Plant Sale Plants**

There are nice plants remaining from the spring plant sale. For information on available plants or to make an appointment to see them, please contact Karen Rice.

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#### Flowercade 2016

Grapevine Garden Club was in the Flowercade spotlight once again this year!!! We started with a fun morning on April 22! Lots of members arrived at Joan Stewart's greenhouse with their horticultural specimens, photographs and dishes! I think we all learned a little bit more about identifying our plants—and had fun doing so. The dishes for the design entries were packed with care, ready for their tables, and the



Ann Fuller's Picnic Table Setting

photographs were matted and ready for their spot on the viewing table. The Fort Worth Botanical Garden was awaiting our work, so we set about getting our plants

in place and our photographs on the wall, and started setting up our tables with their place settings!

Saturday, Sharon Swagerty and I had the opportunity to follow the judges and serve as scribes. What an education!!! Sunday, we picked up our exhibits and collected our awards!!!

#### In Horticulture, GGC won:

- 57 blue ribbons
- **♦** 38 red ribbons
- 12 yellow ribbons
- **♦** 8 honorable mentions

Barb Munn won the "Award of Merit" for her tassel fern AND the "Grower's Choice Award" for her artillery plant with pepperomia.



Barb Munn, Joan Kowalski, Suzi Guckel, Joyce Quam

#### In Design, we won:

- **♦** 1 blue ribbon
- 2 red ribbons
- 1 yellow ribbon
- ◆ 3 honorable mentions

  Mary McCallister won the blue ribbon for her table setting.

#### In Photography we won:

- 2 blue ribbons
- 2 red ribbons
- 2 yellow ribbons
- **▼** 5 honorable mentions



Ann Fuller and Cheryl Neumann

Ella Barber won a "Special Award" for her photo of a rose.

A very special "Thank You" to Sharon Swagerty who stood by me from start to finish, and to Candace Kyler and Jim and Lindle O'Neil who drove back and forth to Fort Worth helping to get everything set up and broken down. And much appreciation goes to all the participants for helping make this event a special one!!!

Until next year, I will leave you with this-----

You come from the Earth You return to the Earth and In between, You Garden.

Anon.

**S**Ann Fuller Flowercade

#### Who Will Plant a Tree?



Candy Cawley, Peggy Harris, Kris Botterman,Mary McCallister, Marcy Blagg, Ginger Jones

Members who participated were: Rhonda Ackley, Lyn Argenbright, Kris Botterman, Marcy Blagg, Michele and Dan Burger, Candy Cawley, Dinah Chancellor, Terry Curcio, Annemarie Garlin, Suzi Guckel, Peggy Harris, John Erickson, Ginger Jones, Candace Kyler, Nancy Lewis, Mary McCallister, Barb Munn, Joyce Quam, Sharon Swagerty, Miriam Ward, and Evelyn Urbanosky. We also had a Boy Scout, James, who helped as he worked towards his Water and Soil Conservation badge. A special thanks to Lisa Grove and the City of

A huge thanks goes out to a terrific group of Grapevine Garden Club members for working at the bagging party and presenting the Redbud Program at Cannon, Dove and Silverlake Elementaries. Many of our volunteers complimented the teachers and children for being very attentive and full of great answers and questions as well. We are hoping that we instilled a love for trees and gardening. Who knows! Some future Grapevine Garden Club members may be in the making!



Candy Cawley

Grapevine for the book we read to the students—each classroom received one for their classroom library—and for the redbud seedlings that were presented to the

children to take home to plant. The newspaper sleeves used to bag the seedlings were donated by the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

**⋓**Joan Kowalski Redbud Program

#### **Civic Seed Program Update**

This program promotes the study of horticulture, floral design, environmental awareness, and protection and conservation of natural resources. The applicant group must be non-profit, civic, or a Grapevine Colleyville ISD-based group. Each group must submit an application including their plans for the grant money. So far, the committee has awarded four grants. The first two grants, GRACE Community Garden and Heritage Elementary PTA, were discussed in previous newsletters.

The third recipient is the BUZZ group from Cross Timbers Middle School. BUZZ stands for Building Utopias with Zip and Zeal. This group of problem solving students studies the plight of butterflies and bees and hopes to increase awareness of the dilemma these special pollinators face. They plan to use the grant money to create a bee and butterfly garden at their school.



Lisa Grove with BUZZ Group

The fourth recipient is the Grapevine Elementary PTA Environmental Committee. Creating programs and resources to enhance students' appreciation and understanding of the natural world is the goal of this PTA group. Last year, they were able to create a new Herb and Sensory garden with the help of the Civic Seed Program. This year, they are looking forward to adding some limestone sawed block edging to the garden with the awarded funds.





Grapevine Elementary Grade Two



**&Debbie Smith**Civic Seed Program

#### **Grapevine Rose Trials**

#### for Possible Rose Rosette Disease (RRD) Resistant Cultivars

The Rose Trial group has been taking data on a monthly basis for eleven months now. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at Dove Loop and Shadybrook and evaluate our 72 rose bushes for diseases, insects, size and general appearance. Anyone is welcome to join us, any month. The purpose of the trial is to find Rose Rosette resistant varieties. We are testing 16 different varieties of shrub roses and 2 climbing roses. Some look fabulous, some not so good. It's been a difficult eleven months starting with planting at the end of June right before the blast furnace of summer began, followed by several record deluges.

So far only one rose in our trial garden has succumbed to RRD, one of the Wedding Bells. The protocol requires us to leave it in place which is NOT the suggested practice for home owners. We are trying to find out if the infected roses' neighbors are infected by RRD, which so far has not happened. If you find a rose in your garden infected with Rose Rosette Disease, you should dig all the rose plant including the roots. Bag the plant before removal, cut it at ground level and then dig out the plant's roots. Soil need not be removed. Clean tools and put on fresh clothing before moving to a disease-free plant or area.

**®**Pam Braak





Rose Rosette Disease on Wedding Bells Notice the Witches' Broom growth pattern.

#### Summer Program on Trees of the Botanical Gardens - August 17th

Would you like to learn about tree varieties at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens? There will be a Citizen Forester (CF) meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Bessie Mitchell House from 12:00 noon to 1:30 P.M. It will be a brown bag gathering with a short CF business meeting starting at noon. At 12:30 P.M. Lisa Grove will talk about identifying features for trees in the Botanical Garden. We will follow up with a short "tree" scavenger hunt in the garden. GGC members are welcome to come to this informational session. This is a great opportunity to meet some of your regional Citizen Foresters and to learn about tree varieties. To register for the program, please contact Karen Rice.

# Simple Compound Bi-pinnately Compound Needles or Acicular Opposite Leaves Alternate Leaves Awi-Shaped Needles Needles Needles Needles

**Texas A&M University** 

#### May 2, 2016 Tour: Rose Garden of Herschell and Cheryl Fortner



Miriam Ward and Joetta King



May 2, 2016 Tour: TCMGA Demonstration Gardens at the Tarrant **County Resource Center** 

Cement Leaf Class: Annemarie Garlin, TCMG guide, Evelyn Urbanosky, Miriam Ward, Ginger Jones, TCMG Pat Higgins, Peggy Harris, Barb Munn, Margaret Meharg

