



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR



December 2, 2014 Holiday Luncheon



Grapevine High School Jazz Choir sings their show stopper, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer!



Festive tables, delicious food, good friends!

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Lisa Grove, Greg Braak, Cindy Miller

President's Message

The festive Holiday Luncheon was a great opportunity to socialize and meet new people. Many thanks to Joan Kowalski and her committee for putting on such a special event.

Now we have a short lull in garden club activity but there are still things to do in the garden. I have that one last bag of bulbs to plant and bird feeders to keep full. And of course there are all those leaves. Many leaves!

We have a very small lot but it contains 11 mature post oaks. When Greg and I were younger, we raked and bagged our huge quantity of leaves. But after many sore muscles and sending an untold number of plastic bags to the landfill that will be there for hundreds of years, we've learned a better method. It's a four step process:

1. **Rake or blow most of the leaves onto the lawn.**
2. **Run the mower over them using the mulching blade.**
3. **Attach the bag to the mower which chops up the leaves even more and collects them.**
4. **Press them into paper bags.**

You would be surprised how many leaves you can pack into a **paper bag** after they have been shredded. Of course some of those shredded leaves go back into the flower beds for winter mulch or into the compost. Some we give away to other composters, but many bags go out on the curb. I am so thrilled that **Grapevine** now has Yard Waste Recycling pick up, which we just call **Green Garbage Days**. Mark your calendars for the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. This relieves the guilt I've felt for years for sending perfectly good compostable material to the landfill encased in plastic. If you don't live in Grapevine, check with your city to see if they plan to institute this sort of program.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and check back in January when we will start 2015 with some bird activities, a great program by Toni Moorehead, an opportunity to have your garden tools sharpened by Chuck Voelker, and a workshop after the meeting.

☞Pam Braak



At the Holiday Luncheon our generous members donated \$1,657 to GRACE.



GRACE staff, Stacy Pacholick, Director of Programs, and Rusty Thigpen, Pantry Manager, accept members' donations from Pam Braak.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, who will come up with a slate of officers for 2015–2016, was elected at the November 25th meeting. They are Chris George, Sheri Jones, and Sarah Erickson. The two appointed members are Karen Rice and Harriet Perrello. If you have a suggestion for someone to fill an officer position, please contact a committee member. The committee will present a slate of officers at the January 27th meeting.

☞ Pam Braak



Tool Sharpening Offered

Chuck Voelker will be offering to sharpen your garden tools in January and February for a small donation to the garden club. If you have shovels, hoes, hedge clippers, or hand pruners that you would like sharpened, contact Chuck to arrange a time or a drop-off of tools.

☞ Chuck Voelker

Happy Birthday!

Elliot Agnew
Angeline DePauw
Laurie Evans
Ed King
Mike Meek
Sally Perexempel



*December Birth Flower
narcissus*

Joyce Quam
Mendie Schmidt
Connie Snyder
Margaret Telford
Kathleen
Thompson



New Member, Alexandra Evans

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
January 25 th – 31 st	Grapevine Bird Sanctuary Week	January 25 th - 31 st
January 30 th	Gardeners on the Go: Bird Sanctuary Week Tour	Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center Cedar Hill, Texas
February 17 th	Work Day	West Texas Street, Grapevine, Texas
April 18 th	Spring Plant Sale	Botanical Gardens Grapevine, Texas
April 18 th -19 th	Flowercade	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

Pre-Grand Opening of the New Grapevine Ice House Museum



While the Grapevine Garden Club was raising funds for a greenhouse, the Grapevine Historical Society was raising funds and building a new museum building for displaying the artifacts removed from the Cotton Belt Depot. Museum Curator Carolyn Ernst of the Historical Society says, “While there is slightly more space in the new museum’s exhibit area, our main gain is the storage and work space, which is not open to the public. We have eliminated the need for renting outside storage and our items are now readily accessible and we can work on them onsite — a big plus.”

GGC donated \$1,000 to the Museum Building Fundraising Campaign. Donors were invited to attend a pre-tour and brunch on Saturday, November 15, celebrating the completion of the Grapevine Historical Museum. Elayne Vick represented our president.



*Museum Curator Carolyn Ernst,
GGC representative Elayne Vick*

The new museum is located in the Ted R. Ware Plaza Settlement to City Museum Complex and is housed in the Ice House building at 206 West Hudgins. This is the third location for the Grapevine Historical Museum since it was dedicated in 1973. The Grapevine Garden Club was instrumental in saving the inactive Cotton Belt Depot from being demolished in 1972. Under the direction of Alberta Nettleton, GGC president, the club sponsored the restoration of the old depot as a historical landmark and museum. It was located in Heritage Park – current location of the Grapevine Botanical Gardens – where it remained until 1992. According to Carolyn Ernst, Alberta and other garden club members were the nucleus of a group of citizens who worked hard to preserve Grapevine's history as the Grapevine Historical Society. Alberta Nettleton served as the first president when the state of Texas granted a charter to the Grapevine Historical Society. In 1973 GGC was made a charter member. It was inspiring to hear Lifetime GHS member, Janis Roberson, relate GGC's contribution in her presentation of the history of GHS during the opening ceremony.



Shane Wilbanks, Jo Ann Standlee, Carolyn Ernst, William Tate, Sharron Spencer

The front exterior of the new museum replicates the appearance of the Grapevine Ice Company building originally built in 1940. The Ice House was an important and thriving business in Grapevine's development into the 1970s.

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. and on Sunday from 1 P.M. until 4 P.M. The museum is **closed on Monday**. The telephone is 817-410-3526. Be sure to visit soon!

✂Elayne Vick

Butterfly Flutterby

At a recent meeting with the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Butterfly Flutterby (BFFB) Committee learned some exciting news about the **2013 BFFB event**. One butterfly, number SGA 307, tagged on October 19, 2013 was recovered or sighted in El Rosario, Mexico on February 27, 2014. This little guy traveled 938 miles from Grapevine to El Rosario. What a feat.



The Convention and Visitors Bureau also submitted the BFFB event to Texas Festivals and Events Association and won a **Gold Award** for Best Educational Program for events under \$75,000. They also won a **Bronze Award** from the International Festivals and Events Association for Best Educational Program for an event with a budget under \$250,000.

The Grapevine Garden Club is proud to be part of this annual event.

✿Linda Krimm, Gloria Land
and the BFFB Committee

Gardeners on the Go

Grapevine Bird Sanctuary Week Tour – Cedar Hill

Friday, January 30

Tour fee: \$12 per person – paid on the tour date

Requirements: Minimum of 10 / Maximum of 20

Naturalists say that Cedar Hill is a place where two climax ecosystems collide creating a unique environment for many rare plants and animals. A jewel set into this huge greenbelt is the nationally-recognized Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center.



Dogwood Canyon

Our 90-minute birding adventure will include an introduction highlighting sustainable features of the LEED Gold-certified Audubon Center, a slide presentation, and a hike on the Canyon Floor Trail with its avian habitat and rare flora. This ADA accessible half - mile round trip trail gets you up close and personal with some of the features which make the area special. For example as you walk on the trail, look for tight clusters of the scaly-barked Shin Oak which are often marked by the horizontal feeding holes of the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

In addition to more details about the Audubon Center, you will also find bird-feeding basics, choosing and using binoculars and field guides, and other helpful information for birders at www.dogwoodcanyon.audubon.org.



Yellow-bellied Sapsucker from a painting by Louis Agassiz Fuertes

Enjoy lunch with friends at Dick's Uptown Café in Cedar Hill's Uptown Village after our tour at the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center.

Hopefully this tour will inspire you to begin landscaping your property by creating a habitat for birds. GGC yearbook (page 16) lists members who have created national and/or state backyard wildlife habitats. Talk with them or visit their gardens. It isn't complicated – simply provide food, water and cover for our feathered friends.

You may register for this tour with Joetta King by home phone or email. Driving directions and tour information will be emailed to tour attendees about a week before the tour date. If you register for a tour and fail to receive the tour information, contact Joetta. If you do not use email, you must provide a self-addressed, stamped, size 10 envelope to receive tour information.



GGC extends special congratulations to Kathleen Thompson for her successful organization of the 3rd annual Grapevine Veterans Day parade, November 8, 2014.

BECOME A CITIZEN FORESTER

**Interested in learning about trees?
Willing to volunteer to care & maintain public trees?**

Citizen Forester 2015 Training Class 30 hours classroom instruction & field training

6 Wednesdays

**January 28, February 25, March 25, April 8, April 29 and May 20
9 A.M. – 4 P.M.**

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\$50 registration fee

(free registration for Grapevine residents)

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**Bessie Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens
Grapevine, TX**

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Application deadline is Thursday, January 15th

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**For more information contact: Pat Fairchild 817-846-4490
or Grapevine Parks & Recreation Facebook page.**

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Volunteer service required: 20 hours per year

Citizen Forester Volunteer Activities

- Planting trees
- Conducting inventories & assessments of local parks
- Maintaining tree inventory
- Pruning trees in medians and corridors
- Staffing educational outreach events
- Inspecting parade routes



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