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GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR



## December 8, 2015 Holiday Luncheon



***Holiday Luncheon Committee:*** Linda Krimm, Harriet Perrello, Margaret Meharg, Miriam Ward, Terry Curcio, Joan Kowalski (Chair), Pat Mingus, Evelyn Urbanoski, Ann Fuller, Lynn Argenbright, Phyllis Butts, Kathy Clark, Carole Nadeau

## Our Holiday Luncheon – A Joyful Celebration!

A great celebration was enjoyed by 122 members and guests at the Lancaster Theatre! All were delighted by the meal prepared and catered by Clemente Espinosa and the joyous sound of "Ovation", jazz choir of Colleyville Heritage High School under the direction of Thomas Rinn. It was a great beginning to our holiday season!

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A huge "Thank You" to my committee—Lyn Argenbright, Phyllis Butts, Terry Curcio, Ann Fuller, Kathy Clark, Harriet Perrello, Miriam Ward, Carole Nadeau, Linda Krimm, Cindy Miller, Mary McCallister, Pat Mingus, Evelyn Urbanosky and Margaret Meharg!

And, thanks to the entire group for joining in singing a GGC version of "Twelve Days of Christmas"! A collection for GRACE totaled \$1,587.00. Thank you for your generous donations! Wishing all a very joyous season!

**Joan Kowalski**  
**Holiday Luncheon Chair 2015**



*Lindle & Jim O'Neil, Minnie Hall*



*Sheri Jones, Pat Mingus, Cindy Miller*

*Colleyville Heritage High  
School Jazz Choir,  
Ovation*







*Barb Munn and Linda Harris*



*Ginger Jones and Annemarie Garlin*



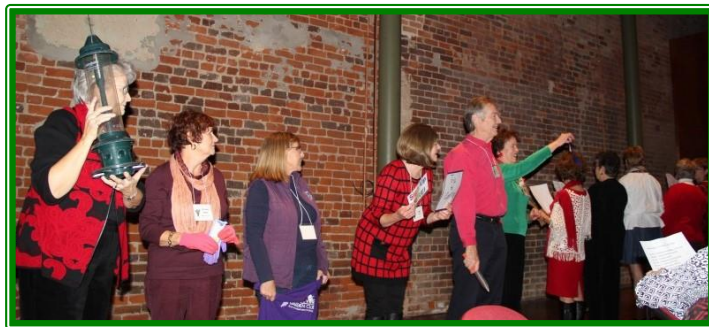
*Sharon Swagerty, President; Pam Braak, Immediate Past President; and Catriona Noble*



*Chris George, Dinah Chancellor, Tammy Womack, Suzi Guckel, Linda Krimm, Barbara Nunn*

#### Twelve Days of Christmas GGC Style

- 1st day - A squirrel proof feeder in my tree
- 2nd day - 2 pairs of garden gloves
- 3rd day - 3 purple t-shirts
- 4th day - 4 awesome touring plans
- 5th day - 5 silver soil knives
- 6th day - 6 first place ribbons
- 7th day - 7 newsy newsletters
- 8th day - 8 bulbs for planting
- 9th day - 9 invaluable yearbooks
- 10th day - 10 one gallon black pots
- 11th day - 11 butterflies fluttering
- 12th day - 12 bags of brown mulch



### President's Message

This year, 2015, finds us a short single weekend before the arrival of Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure you are playing a quick catch-up to get your household ready, whether setting up decorations, stringing lights, purchasing presents or just completing all the important to-do's on your list, as am I.

The weather we have welcomed after the heavy rains over Thanksgiving has allowed me to plant daffodil and crocus bulbs. One of my grandsons who visited over the holiday helped me plant bulbs and asked when they would flower. He seemed disappointed when I said probably next year in the March timeframe. I told him I would take a picture and send it to him. I'm planning on checking out a garden store or two to see what 'new' bulbs I can add to my garden before the weather turns 'difficult' again.



*Crocus speciosus conqueror*

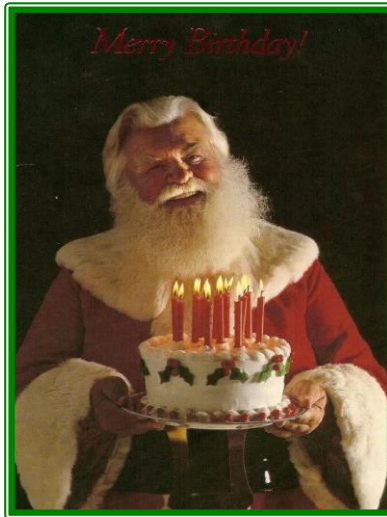
The GGC Calendar has many great speakers and workshops lined up for 2016, so we have much to look forward to! Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season, and a healthy, happy New Year 2016!

**Sharon Swagerty**



## Happy Birthday!

**Elliot Agnew  
Angeline DePauw  
Karen Divers  
Tina Hilton  
Elyse Huetti  
Ed King  
Sally Perexempel**



**Robin Pond  
Joyce Quam  
Mendie Schmidt  
Connie Snyder  
Margaret Telford  
Kathleen Thompson**



**New Members,  
Robin and  
Robert Pond**



# Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop: Great Backyard Bird Count	Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens
January 24 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bird Sanctuary Week	Grapevine, Texas
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Gardeners on the Go: Bird Sanctuary Week Tour	John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, Seagoville, Texas
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	West Texas Street, Grapevine, Texas
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Workshop: Homeowners Guide to Sprinkling Systems	Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Workshop: Container Gardening	
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Plant Sale	Grapevine Botanical Gardens
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Flowercade	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

Letters from Santa Project, December 2, 2015



Joan Kowalski



From: Tommie



Chuck Voelker

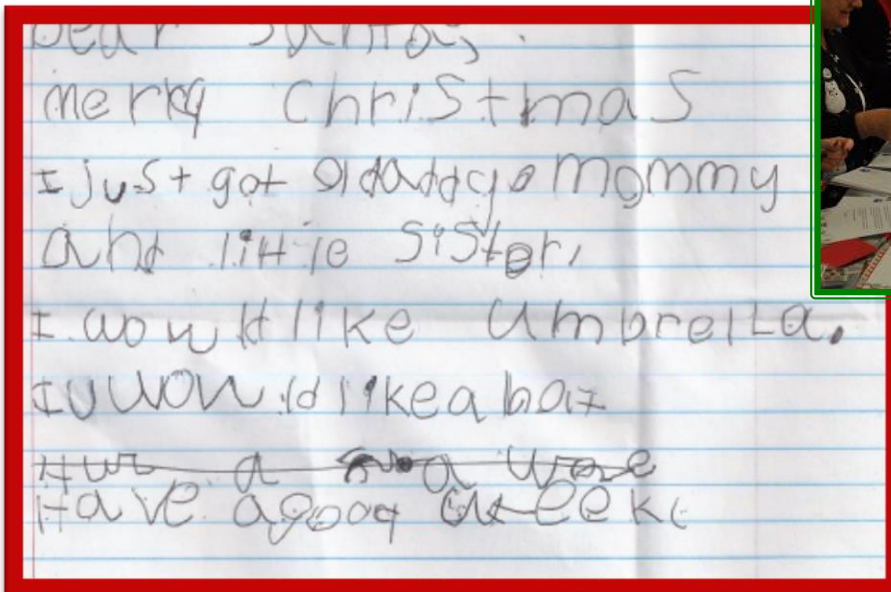
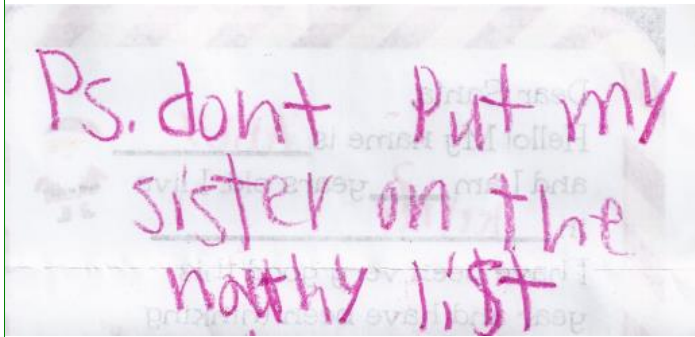
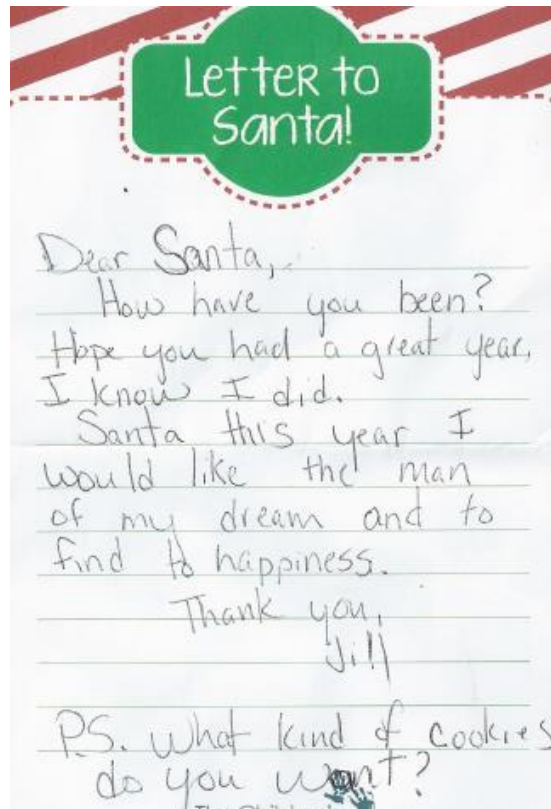


Your friend,  
Cason





Candace Kyler



## Gardeners on the Go

**Bird Sanctuary Week Tour – John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, Seagoville  
Thursday, January 28 – 8:45am-1:45pm**

**Tour fee - \$8 per person paid of the day of the tour**

**Tour limited to 30 attendees**

One of our major concerns is water conservation and protection of wildlife, so a visit to the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center was selected as a destination during Bird Sanctuary Week. The Wetland Center resides in the middle of the East Fork Wetland Project which was designed to filter treated wastewater and supplement the water supply for north Texas. It is one of the largest constructed wetlands in the United States.

As an educator at John Bunker Sands Wetland, Maureen Nitkowski will offer an introduction to the Wetland Center facility and offer insight into the important function of the wetlands. After graduating with a BS in biology and minor in chemistry, she worked for the National Marine Fisheries doing research on microbes found in marine sediments and the effects of contaminants on the marine environment. Later Maureen worked for the forestry branch of a regional water authority and for a specialty garden center. Graduate courses in biology and the humanities followed through the years. Since moving to Texas fourteen years ago, Maureen has completed the Master Gardener and Master Naturalist trainings in Ellis County. She has earned “Specialist” certificates in several areas of the Master Gardener program and enjoys teaching the public about using native plants, conserving water and stewardship.

Of special interest to birders is that the Wetland Center also serves as a haven for wildlife. Bundle up and bring your binoculars as we will take a walk on the boardwalk for a birding opportunity. In winter, the number of birds is higher than during the summer because thousands of migratory birds descend on the area.





Following our visit at the Wetland Center, consider having lunch with friends in Seagoville. **Joetta King, Trips and Tours**

You may register for tours with Joetta King by home phone, email or at a general meeting. 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, please contact Joetta. If you do not use email, you may provide a self-addressed, stamped, size 10 envelope at the general meeting.

### Gardeners on the Go: Texas Discovery Gardens, November 10, 2015



*Heliconius butterfly  
from South America*



**FARMERS  
BRANCH**  
*Parks and Recreation*

## LANDSCAPING 2016



**Jan 19 Putting the Green into Your Lawn**

Pam Smith

Park Landscape Mgr. Farmers Branch



**Jan 26 Compost—Gold for Your Soil**

Dr. George Damoff

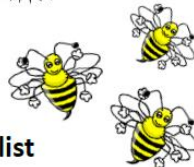
Adjunct Professor SFA



**Feb 2 To Bee or not to Bee**

Janet Smith

North Texas Master Naturalist



**Feb 9 Suppressing the Thorns of Rose Growing**

Claude Graves

Dallas Area Historical Rose Society



**Feb 16 No Fail Container Gardens**

Lee Alexander

Texas Certified Nursery Professional



**All Classes are Free and Open to All**  
**7:00 pm**

**Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center**

**14050 Heartside Pl**

**Reserve a Space for One or All**

**972-247-4607**



**Sat. Feb 6 ROSE BINGO Dallas Rose Society**

**FARMERS  
BRANCH**

*Manske Library*

**2—5 pm**

**13613 Webb Chapel Rd.**

**Farmers Branch, TX 75234**



## Sat. Feb. 20 Hands on Rose Pruning Clinic 10am—12pm

**2610 Valley View**

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

**DALLAS ROSE SOCIETY ON HAND**



Landscaping 2016 is a series of classes designed for gardeners of all levels. The classes are stand alone so that you may attend as many as you like. One thing is for certain, each will provide inspiration for your own garden.

The Rose Pruning Clinic is an excellent way to learn how to prune different roses while making a great contribution to The Rose Gardens .

Rose Bingo—Again, the Dallas Rose Society has invited us to their fund raiser with the opportunity to win some coveted roses from growers across the country. This was a great event last year and not to be missed this year.