



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

January 27, 2015

Stacy's Furniture & Accessories

Community Room, 3rd Floor 1900 South Main, Grapevine

Social 9:30 A.M. Meeting and Program 10:00 A.M.

We thank our members for continuing to carpool and to park in the outer slots to allow Stacy's customers to park near the store entrance.

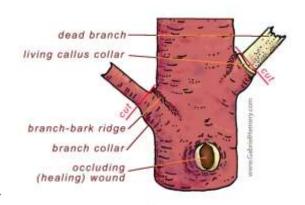
THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES:

Chair, Marion Brekken, Michele Burger, Phyllis Butts, Nancy Carlson, Susie Emmons, Holly Ihrig, Sheri jones, Barbara Munn, Karen Pafford, Judie Porter.

January Program:

Pruning --- The Whole Shebang!

Toni Moorehead, Master Gardener, professional landscaper, and GGC member, will present an informative talk on pruning. Topics will include trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses. Toni will demonstrate tools and provide pruning techniques that will prove useful in our home garden care.



President's Message

As I write this, winter has most definitely made an appearance in Grapevine. But never fear, winter never lasts long here and soon it will be time to work in the garden again. But there are many activities planned this month to get you out of the house to learn new things and socialize with fellow members. Look through this newsletter for information on our general meeting with speaker Toni Moorehead, workshop titled "Grass vs. Weed", a trip to Dogwood Canyon Audubon



Center and a trip to Fort Worth Botanic Gardens' fabulous Begonia Species Bank. I hope you will all participate. Having an active and involved membership has definitely contributed to the success of our club.

Congratulations to those members who volunteered, or were gently persuaded, to become officers of GGC for 2015/2016. These women took on the opportunity to lead and give back to the organization so that it can continue to thrive. Bravo!



Thank you all for understanding and accepting the temporary noguest policy. The end is now in sight. We will move to our new home at the Grapevine Convention Center for our March 24th meeting. This will allow us to continue to grow our membership and include guests at meetings.

President



For the most up-to-date member information, pick up your yearbook addendum at the January 27 GGC general meeting. If your information in the current yearbook is incorrect, please email Phyllis Butts (yearbook page A-10) with changes. If your picture does not appear in the yearbook, Phyllis will be ready at the January and February general meetings to take your photo.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
Date	Event	Location		
January 21	Garden Club Council of Fort Worth	FW Botanic Garden. "Stress- Free Gardening," by Lisa Grove		
January 27	GGC General Meeting	Stacy Furniture, Grapevine		
January 27	Workshop (1:00 pm) – "Grass vs Weeds", by Lisa Grove	Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens		
January 30	GOG – Bird Sanctuary Week Tour	Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, Cedar Hill		
January 25 – 31	Grapevine Bird Sanctuary Week			
February 11	GOG – Begonia Species Bank and Propagation	FW Botanic Garden		
February 17	West Texas Street Workday	Grapevine		
February 24	GGC General Meeting	Stacy Furniture, Grapevine		
February 24	Workshop (1:00 pm) – "Soil Amendments", by Kim Sorensen	Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens		
March 24	GGC General Meeting	Grapevine Convention Center		
March 24	Workshop (1:00 pm) – "Container Gardening", by Lisa Grove and Karen Rice	Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens		

January Birthdays

Suzie Agnew David Barber Eloisa Beller

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Susan Boelens

Marion Brekken Margaret Brinson

Suzie Cate

Rachel Clark

Shirley Conner

Terry Curcio

Madeline Fitzgerald Susie Griffin



Suzi Guckel Vicki Haines Linda Harris

Ann Hatch
Melissa Hinze
Thierrie Mazur
Nancy Moxom
Catriona Noble
Sharon Pignolet
Susan Sporl
Kathy Stone
Paula Wilbanks
Jan Wilson

The GGC nominating committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the 2015-2016 GGC club year:



President – Sharon Swagerty

1st VP Programs – Candace Kyler

Assisted by – Diane Cauwels

2nd VP Membership – Barb Munn

Assisted by – Linda Harris

3rd VP Communications – Karen Rice

Treasurer – Kathy Stone

Recording Secretary – Phyllis Butts

Corresponding Secretary – Terry Curcio

Publicity – Elayne Vick

The election of officers will be held at the January 27, 2015 GGC General Meeting. Thank you to the nominating committee: Harriet Perrello, Sheri Jones, Chris George, Sarah Erickson and Karen Rice **Exercise**

Upcoming Workshop: Grass vs Weeds

Date: January 27 Location: Mitchell House Time 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Lisa Grove (Grapevine PARD Horticulturist) and Rusty Walker (Grapevine PARD Athletics Foreman and President, Texas Sports Turf Managers Association) will present "Grass vs Weeds." This workshop will cover grass and weed identification, steps to proper lawn care, and how to make sense of lawn care product ingredients lists. Maximum attendance is limited to 60.

Future Workshops at the Mitchell House

Date: February 24 Amendment to the (Soil) Constitution: Building healthy soil in your landscape 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Presented by Kim Sorensen (Alpine Materials Customer Service Manager). What are healthy soil, mulching and hardscape choices? What to use and why. Registration required. Maximum attendance is limited to 60.

Date: March 24 Container Garden – A bright spot for your doorstep. 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Lisa Grove (Grapevine PARD Horticulturist) and Karen Rice. Get ready for spring by constructing a container garden for your door step or patio. Registration and \$15 materials fee required. Maximum attendance is limited to 30.

Gardeners on the Go

Begonia Species Bank Tour – Fort Worth Botanic Gardens February 11, Wednesday 9:35 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\$5pp tour fee will be collected on the day of the tour Tour limited to 30 attendees

While experiencing our winter season, visiting a heated greenhouse with colorful begonias and exploring with friends should be a 'good time was had by all' morning. Plan to join us at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens as we learn about maintaining a living and expanding collection of the Begonia Species Bank and preventing the loss of a begonias species.



Following a guided tour of the collection, attendees will have an opportunity to participate in a propagation activity and be able to take their propagated begonia home. In addition to the free begonia which you will propagate, additional begonias will be available for purchase at \$5 per 6" pot.

GGC former member, Tamsin Boardman, was one of the founding volunteers of the Begonia Species Bank. Sadly, Tamsin retired as a volunteer last year. The collection was started in 1983 by Kelton Parker, a greenhouse staff member soon to become curator. The current curator, Deborah Garrett, and Master Gardener volunteers will be with us during our visit. Garrett wrote that the collection has had its ups and downs, but is now going strong with 13 dedicated volunteers. "We have over 1000 different species and hybrids in the collection and have recently been accepted to the North American Plant Collections Consortium as the largest begonia collection in the U.S."

Following the Begonia Banks Species Tour, you and your traveling companions will be on-your-own. Tour hours (9:35a.m. - 2:00p.m.) include carpool meeting time and lunch. Several lunch options will be included with tour directions for your consideration. Instead of joining the carpool group, you may prefer to travel independently or form a carpool group and meet us at the Deborah Moncrief Garden Center at 10:15a.m.



Taddie Hamilton, TCMG and volunteer at the greenhouse

You may register for the tour with Joetta King by home phone, email or at the January 27th 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, contact Joetta King. If you do not use email, you must provide a self-addressed, stamped, size 10 envelope at the January meeting.

Solution Solution Solution



Stress-Free Gardening

On Wednesday, January 21 you are invited to hear Lisa Grove talk about great gardening tips at the Garden Club Council of Fort Worth. Location: Fort Worth Botanic Garden / Deborah Beggs Moncrief Garden Center. Social time starts at 9:30 a.m., followed by the program. Did you know that gardening is one of the best calorie burning activities in which you can participate? Learn ways to complete your garden tasks without putting added stress on your body. Lisa will share tips on easier ways to complete garden tasks and review some innovative ergonomic tools that will make garden chores a breeze. She will demonstrate simple common sense methods to get the job done and how to use tools to your advantage.

Civic Seed Grant Program Update

The Civic Seed Grant program promotes the study of horticulture, floral design, environmental awareness, and protection and the conservation of natural resources. The applicant group must be civic, nonprofit, or a GCISD based group. Each group must submit an application, and their plans for the grant money. To date, the committee has awarded three grants.

The first recipient is GRACE Community Garden, which is a part of GRACE Outreach Program. The garden produces year round, and the food is given to the neighboring GRACE food bank. They will be using the \$200 grant to purchase mulch and new seedlings for their spring garden.



Lisa Grove, Karen Rice, Caryn Hutchinson, Pam Braak, and Debbie Smith at GRACE Community Garden



Debbie Smith, Lisa Grove, Corynthia Dorgan, Erin Gerdes, and STAR Garden Club

The second recipient is Silver
Lake Elementary. Erin Gerdes
heads up the STAR Garden Club.
This group is made up of 100
students, 6 teachers, and 1 parent
volunteer. They provide an
opportunity for students to learn
about and experience gardening,
in a hands-on way. Per Erin, "Our

students love to plant, observe, and harvest in the garden. They

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especially love to taste the foods they grow!" They are using the grant money to purchase large pots to add fruits and herbs to their garden.

The third recipient is
Grapevine Faith Christian
School. Jana Klefeker and the
second graders plant a
vegetable garden each year.
They plant sunflowers and
pumpkins in the spring,
various lettuces and radishes
in the fall. These are shared
with the school at their annual
Thanksgiving Feast. Potatoes
are planted in the spring,
which later become french
fries, shared with the school.



Lisa Grove and second grade students

They will be using the grant money to purchase fertilizer and minerals to enrich the soil, as well as new seeds and plants

This program has been a great opportunity for outreach in the community. The Committee and I have enjoyed seeing all the young gardeners and overall enthusiasm for the program. We are still accepting applications at this time. Please see the GGC website for an application and more information.

Debbie Smith Civic Coordinator

Quilt Raffle

One of our members, Colleen Connor, has donated a gorgeous quilt for us to raffle. We will be selling raffle tickets at the January and February meetings. Tickets will be available at the Ways and Means table. We will draw a winner at the February meeting. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each.

Proceeds will go towards the Grapevine Garden Club. Thanks for your support.

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GGC Members Caladium Bulb Order Form

It's time to order Caladium Bulbs for your spring planting and summer color. These will be #1 size and healthy.

The orders will be \$0.55 per bulb, minimum order 10 bulbs please. Please make your check out to GGC. Contact Cindy Miller (Yearbook page A-44) for additional information.

Turn in this completed order form with payment attached no later than **February 5, 2015** or mail to Cindy Miller. Bulbs will be available for pick-up the latter part of March. Pick-up will be at Cindy's house.

NAME	
PHONE	
E-mail	
Total # of bulbs (10 bulb minimum) @ \$0.55 each	
Check enclosed \$	
SELECTION (10 bulbs minimum, each variety selected	d). See page 10 for more info.
Candidum (White with green veins, Shade, Tall)	Quantity
Pink Beauty (large medium pink spots and darks pink Veins, Full Sun, Medium)	Quantity
Tom Tom (Dark rose-red blotches, and deep red central Veins, medium green margin, partial sun, short)	Quantity
Carolyn Whorton (Large pink blotches, dark veins, Green mottling, full sun, tall)	Quantity
Aaron (Large white center with narrow green margin, Full sun, tall)	Quantity
White Queen (Creamy white with green netted veins And dark red central veins, shade, medium)	Quantity
NOTE: You may select a different variety of caladiums, or	• •

please order a case (200 bulbs), or a half case (100 bulbs).

Also NOTE: If you order Strap/Lance Leaved or Dwarf Leaved the price is \$1.10 a bulb.

IUMS FOR :



TOM TOM

CANDIDUM

PINK BEAUTY

WHITE QUEEN

AARON

CAROLYN WHORTON















Growth Habit: Short with very many small	medium green margins	Color: Dark rose-red blotches with deep red central veins and

Growth Habit: Upright, strong with very large leaves.

netted venation and thin Color: White with green

Color: Large medium

medium green border.

Growth Habit: Very strong and upright blotches with dark pink spots and pink veins.

with medium number

medium number of with very large and Growth Habit: Tall

leaves.

excellent in full sun with few leaves but

Development: Medium

Sun Tolerance: Full Height: Tall

Use: 6" pots or larger excellent landscape plant in full sun.

semi-shaded areas of

landscape.

Use: 4 and 6" pots;

Sun Tolerance: Partial

4" pots; good in landscape pots but must de-eye for

in shade.

can be used in sunny

giving best color, use

Use: 4 and 6" pots with large tubers

Sun Tolerance

Full Sun

Height: Tall

in semi-shaded and

sunny areas

location in the

landscape

Use: 4 and 6" pots,

Use: Good for 4 and 6"

Sun Tolerance:

Full Sun

Medium-Short

Height:

Sun Tolerance

Height: Medium

Shade Only

Development:

Late

Height: Tall

leaves.

Development:

of leaves.

Medium

Development:

Development:

Late

Early

center with white Color: Large white veins and narrow

Color: Large medium pink

blotches with red veins

venation and dark red

main central veins. with green netted

green margins.

Color: Creamy white

Growth Habit: Tall

leaves, very upright and

strong.

Growth Habit: Large and green mottling.

Development:

Sun Tolerance: Full Sun

Sun

Height: Tall Late

Use: 6" pots or larger, excellent background plant in landscape.

Grapevine's Bird Sanctuary Week January 25-31







Carolina Wren

Cardinal

Tufted Titmouse

The Grapevine Garden Club sponsors the city's proclamation for Bird Sanctuary Week, whose purpose is to... "encourage all Grapevine citizens to conserve bird life through care, feeding and protection from danger." GGC provides the following information to help focus on birds. We hope you choose one or all of these ideas to help conserve our local and migrating bird populations.

Create a Bird Sanctuary and Protect the Birds this Winter

Winter weather can be hard on us humans, but it can be especially difficult for the birds that do not migrate to warmer climates. That's where we step in to provide winter food for all the birds that remain in our yards. Cardinals, titmouses, Carolina wrens, chickadees, goldfinches, woodpeckers all need food, water and shelter throughout the cold months. The natural foods and water may not be available for these birds, so that's where we step in to help! *Create a Bird Sanctuary Backyard Habitat!*

Provide a variety of feeding stations: a tube feeder for the perching birds, a flat feeder for seed-loving cardinals and others, and a suet feeder for those clinging birds will make a well-rounded feeding area. By providing housing and evergreen plantings throughout the yard, we are also helping to protect them from cold winds and winter snows. Black oil sunflower seeds are the favorite food for cardinals. And don't forget to always provide a fresh water source!

Watching birds enjoy your yard is only one great reason to create a bird sanctuary and to have a certified Backyard Habitat. Many of you already have all the

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requirements in your gardens to qualify for a National Wildlife Federation Backyard Habitat <u>and</u> a Texas Parks Wildscape. These requirements are few: provide food, shelter, and water. So, what's keeping you from getting your garden certified??!! Notify Barb Atkins (Yearbook page A-3) when your garden becomes certified so we can add you to the list!

To see the complete habitat requirements and certification details, visit both websites at www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat and www.tpwd.gov.tx.us./wildscape or Google Texas Parks and Wildlife/Wildscape.

Tour: Dogwood Canyon Audubon

On January 30, members will be visiting the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center in Cedar Hill to learn about the LEED Gold-certified Center and take a birding hike on the Canyon Floor Trail in acknowledgement of Grapevine's Bird Sanctuary Week. The tour has an attendance limit and is currently at capacity. However if you wish to be placed on a waiting list for the tour, contact Gardeners on the Go Coordinator Joetta King by email or home phone. Description of the tour is available in the December 2014 GGC newsletter.

Botanical Garden Activities

Visitors to the Grapevine Botanical Garden the week of Jan 25-31 can make a tissue roll bird feeder to take home or hang in the garden. This is a great activity for the youngsters in the family.

▼ The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) Feb 14 - 17

What is the GBBC and how does one participate? The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are. All you do is count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the GBBC. Then you enter your results on the GBBC website by clicking "Submit Your Bird Checklist" on the home page. Instructions and lists of birds that can typically be found in your area are available. To get started, look at the right side of the webpage under **GBBC Toolkit** at http://gbbc.birdcount.org/. It's fun, easy and can be done from the comfort of your backyard viewing area.

Solution Example 2 We have a solution Solution



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Grapevine recognizes the value of birds as an important natural resource that furnishes the citizens and the City economic benefits and values as a first line of defense against noxious weeds and insects that destroy landscaping and crops; and

WHEREAS, the City has supported bird life conservation for over 30 years, and;

WHEREAS, on July 7, 1981 the Grapevine City Council approved Resolution No. 81-19 for the protection of wild bird life and;

WHEREAS, the resolution provides that the stated policy of the City of Grapevine is to support and enforce the State laws contained in the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to the conservation of bird life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William D. Tate, Mayor of the City of Grapevine, Texas along with the City Council, residents and City Staff do hereby proclaim the week of January 25 – January 31, 2015 as

"BIRD SANCTUARY WEEK"

and encourage all Grapevine citizens to conserve bird life through care, feeding and protection from danger.



Mayor, City of Grapevine

Rose Rosette Disease

Many of you have been hearing about rose rosette disease and would like to learn more about the symptoms and the impact of the disease in Texas. There is a very informative June 2014 video on the subject given by Dr. Kevin Ong of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab. To watch this 30 minute video follow this link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpeMzwSBLb8&feature=youtu.be

& Karen Rice

NORTH TEXAS ROSE ROSETTE ERADICATION CONFERENCE



ROSE ROSETTE DISEASE HAS SPREAD THROUGH NORTH TEXAS HAVING A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR ABILITY TO GROW HEALTHY ROSES. THIS VIRAL DISEASE REQUIRES EFFECTIVE, COMMUNITY WIDE CONTROL STRATEGIES TO ERADICATE THIS DISEASE, JOIN US FOR THIS INFORMATIVE EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015, 9:00 AM TO 12 PM REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:30 AM

WHERE: TEXAS A&M RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER
WHITEHURST EDUCATION BUILDING
17360 COIT ROAD, DALLAS, TX 75252

FEATURED TOPICS

- Rose Rosette Disease: Virus, Symptoms, and Control Greg Church, Ph.D., County Extension Agent, Plant Pathologist
- Rose Rosette Vector: Erlophyld Mites Mike Merchant, Ph.D., Entomologist
- Managing Rose Rosette Disease in the Landscape Claude Graves, Consulting Rosarian
- Rose Industry Perspectives on Rose Rosette Disease Mark Chamblee and Mike Shoup
- Avoid the Monoculture: Create a Diverse Landscape Collin County Master Gardeners

This conference is designed for Landscape and Nursery Professionals, Property Managers, Master Gardeners, and Home Owners Associations in North Texas. Pesticide Applicators will receive 3 Continuing Education Units.





COLLIN COUNTY ROSE SOCIETY

FREE REGISTRATION

includes great information and recommendations from experts

Pre-register by calling 972-548-4232 on or before January 16, 2015.

Special accommodation requests should be received by January 16, 2015.

For more information: http://collin.agrilife.org

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.



Tool Sharpening Help!

It is winter in Texas and Chuck needs something to do before the Spring Plant Sale. Here is how you can help him, and the GGC. He will clean and sharpen your garden tools this winter, and have them ready to go for the spring. All you need to do is put your name on them, bring them to a general meeting, and he will clean, sharpen and bring them back to a general



meeting. If this does not work for you or the tools will not fit in your car, he will pick up and deliver. What a deal! Tools he will sharpen: shovels, hoes, pruners, hedge clippers, and lawnmower blades (if you can remove them). Call him for anything else. (Yearbook page A-69) For this service you can give a modest donation to the GGC Ways and Means. Chuck will give you a receipt for the work with the recommended donation (usually \$2 - \$5 for each tool) and you can pay at the general meeting. What is simpler than that? And if you are worried about the condition of your tools, no names will be taken for tool abuse. If you have any questions, give him a call.

EChuck Voelker, Tool Guy

West Texas Street Workday

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 9:00 a.m.

Holy Smokes, it is 2015 already and time to look forward. We have lots to do, including West Texas Street. Put February 17th on your calendar at 9:00 a.m. and we'll get things cleaned up in the beds. I sure hope the cold weather has gone on vacation that week, but if not, dress warmly. Bring your pruning shears, weed diggers and let's spruce up the place. It will be a good time to spread mulch, so we need a couple of folks to pick up some mulch. Let me know if you can help out in that way.



Joe Krimm, Joyce Quam, Carolyn Ernst, Linda Krimm

I'll have the signup sheet at the January Meeting. Remember the "carrot" is coffee on Main Street when we have completed our mission. I look forward to seeing you at the January meeting. Look for the sign-up clipboard and show your support. It will be shortly after Valentine's Day so come join us and work off that box of chocolates with us. Any questions? Call me. I'm in the yearbook (page A-24).

Coordinator, West Texas Street Project





Holiday Luncheon Wrap-Up

Ninety-eight members and 16 guests enjoyed the Holiday Luncheon at the Lancaster Theatre on Tuesday, December 2. Thanks to Sharon Swagerty for arranging to have the Grapevine High School Mustang Jazz Choir under the direction of Crystal Townzen entertain us with their festive music! Clemente Espinoza and his staff did an excellent job preparing and serving our delicious meal. A special thanks goes out to the Luncheon Committee: Kris Botterman, Phyllis Butts, Terry Curcio, Kathy Clark, Mary McCallister, Pat Mingus, Carole Nadeau, Ann Fuller, Kriste Frederick, Margaret Meharg, Evelyn Urbanosky, Miriam Ward, Lyn Argenbright and Cindy Miller. We presented a check to GRACE for \$1657 through the donations of our members. A fun time was had by all who attended!

Chair, Holiday Luncheon



Holiday Luncheon Wrap-Up, continued









