



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

March 24, 2015

Grapevine Convention Center
1209 S. Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051
Social 9:30 A.M. Meeting and Program 10:00 A.M.
Please see the article and map to our new meeting location.

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES:

Chair, Debbie Smith, Ella Barber, Linda Harris, Kathy Holliday, Candace Kyler, Angela Ozymy

March Program: The Delight of Daylilies

Tim Thompson, Three Creek Gardens, has a passion for growing/crossbreeding daylilies which results in hardy, new varieties specifically for our area. He will share his expertise developed through years of testing and evaluating thousands of Hemerocallis in his nursery just outside of McKinney, Texas.

Sharon Swagerty Programs



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President's Message

As you know by now, we are moving to the Grapevine Convention Center starting with our March 24th meeting. The new space is bigger so that we can accommodate members and guests and continue to increase our membership. It may take a month or so to settle into our new environment but in the meantime let me know if you have any suggestions. If you have never been to the Convention Center, check the article in this newsletter for directions. The official address is on South Main Street but the building is actually on Municipal Way.

Because the February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, the chairs of various spring activities were not able to get members signed up to volunteer. Please take a moment to contact those chairs and sign up. We are a busy garden club at this time of year and need your help. There is no better way to get to know people than to work beside them while having fun.

At the January 27th Workshop about "Grass vs. Weeds", Rusty Walker from the Parks and Recreation Department mentioned that Grapevine would most likely be moving into Stage 2 Water Restrictions in March. This means that we would only be allowed to water once a week. The idea makes me almost panic. Many of us have very sandy soil that does not hold moisture at all. And there aren't many plants that like dry shade and sandy soil. It will be a challenging summer for me that will require some difficult choices and lots and lots of mulch.

So is this the year for you to switch to drought tolerant perennials? Be sure to mark your calendar for our Survive and Thrive Plant Sale on April 18th. Come and check out all the choices – even some for dry shade like Lenten Roses and purple oxalis.

Pam Braak President



My Lenten Roses after our recent snowfall



The March 24th meeting will be at the Grapevine Convention Center

1209 S. Main Street Grapevine, Texas 76051.

Please notice that the Convention Center is actually on Municipal Way, next to the library. Turn off Main

Street at East Vine Street at the Convention Center sign.

LOOK FOR THE BALLOONS!

Turn right on Municipal Way. Turn left into the Convention Center parking lot. LOOK FOR THE BALLOONS!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS					
Date	Event	Location			
March 10 th	Workshop: Soil Amendments (rescheduled from February 24 th)	1:00 – 2:30 P.M. Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens			
March $21^{st} - 22^{nd}$	Collin County Master Gardeners Garden Show	Meyers Park Event Center McKinney, TX 75071			
March 24 th	Workshop: Container Gardening	1:00 – 3:00 P.M. Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens			
April 7 th	Gardeners on the Go	8:45 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Lake Forest Park, Denton			
April $10^{th} - 11^{th}$	FWBG Plant Sale	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens			
April 17 th	Flowercade Prep Day	9:00 – 11:00 A.M. Joan Stewart's Greenhouse			
April 18 th	GGC Survive and Thrive Plant Sale Epic Earth Day	Grapevine Botanical Gardens Heritage Park, Grapevine			
April 18 th – 19 th	Flowercade	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens			

Dues are DUE!

Our **2015 - 2016** annual dues will be collected at our GGC general meetings the months of March, April and at the May Spring Luncheon. They remain the same as last year: \$30 for individual memberships or \$35 for family membership. Please renew at the Membership Table in the foyer of the Convention Center.

&Barb Munn Membership

Debbie Boyle
Dan Burger
Michele Burger
Dinah Chancellor
Mike Clark
Jimmie Nell Cook
Elizabeth Jewitt
Sandy Kancavicus
Catherine LaCroix



March Birth Flower, Daffodil

Carole Lee Carol Marchant James O'Neil Linda Papendorf Cyndee Pollio Sharron Spencer Susan Stanek Paula Wilson

Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location	
	Tarrant County Master Gardener	Resource Connection	
April 25 th	Plant Sale	1800 Circle Drive, Fort Worth	
	Prairie Fest	Tandy Hills Natural Area, Fort Worth	
	Spring Festival in the	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens	
April 25 th – 26 th	Japanese Garden	Fort worm botanical Gardens	
	Plano Garden Tour	www. planogarden. org	
April 29 th – May 2 nd	Gardeners on the Go	Little Rock and Hot Springs,	
May 2 nd	Gardeners on the Go	Arkansas	
May 5 th	Work Day	West Texas Street, Grapevine	
May 26 th	GGC Spring Luncheon	Trawick Pavilion, Lake Grapevine	
May 28 th	Gardeners on the Go Tours	Celina and McKinney, Texas	
June 7 th – 13 th	National Garden Week		



David Meadows Lynn Prater



How many times have you heard that? I'll bet several! However, I really mean it. Since the February GGC meeting was canceled, you missed the opportunity to volunteer for the 2015 Spring Plant Sale on April, 18th. There will be sign-up sheets at the March GGC general meeting so look at the categories needed, and rush to the table and sign-up, before all the spots are filled. Since this is the only meeting prior to the sale, it will be your best opportunity to take advantage of this special offer.

Volunteers are needed for two shifts—holding area, plant hauling, cashiers, assistant cashiers, helping customers carry plants, and a few other tasks. A description of the duties will be on the sign-up sheets. We also need help the week of the plant sale to set up the area and haul and organize the heirloom plants. The plant sale starts at 8:00 A.M. so the first shift will start at 7:30 A.M. The second shift will be from 10:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

You can also contact me prior to the next meeting to get the job you want. Otherwise, let me know if you have any questions.

Spring Plant Sale Coordinator

Digging Parties

It's time to start thinking about our Spring Plant Sale that will be on Saturday, April 18th, at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park. In preparation for that day, we need to take a look at our gardens and see what perennials we have that we would like to donate to the sale—and start digging!

If you would like, we can schedule a "Digging Party" for you. Please contact Paula Wilson to make arrangements to have a Digging Party. A group of garden friends will come to your house with one gallon pots and landscape mix to pot up your donations. All you have to do is point out the plants you want to donate to the sale. We are asking members to hold these potted plants at their homes until the week before the Plant Sale. Your plant donations are so important to the success of our sale. Our customers want these tried and true plants because they trust our expertise. Schedule your Digging Party today!



Plant Digging Party at the Guckel Gardens 2013: Susan Stanek, Pam Braak, Karen Rice, Chuck Voelker, Paula Wilson (Peggy Harris in background)

№Paula Wilson Plant Sale Digging Parties

Bulb Orders—Soon Ready for Pick Up

Caladium bulbs have been ordered and will be ready for pick up at my home during the following times:

- Saturday, March 28th 10:00 A.M. 12:00 noon
 Monday, March 30th 10:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M.
- **▼** Tuesday, March 31st 11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M.



Tom Tom

My address is in the GGC Yearbook. If these times do not work for you, just let me know and we will work something out. Thanks for your orders!!

Solomon Seal bulbs have also been ordered. They will be delivered in April. The price per bulb is \$8.50. When you have a chance, either mail me a check for your bulbs or give it to me at the March general meeting. If you have forgotten the number of bulbs you ordered, just send me an email and I will let you know.

> **©**Cindy Miller **Ways and Means**

Botanical Garden Docents Needed

We currently have a list of docents who are interested in giving tours at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. We are now in need of new volunteers to help us out with our many requests for tours. Training is provided and docents can choose to lead tours for adults or children.

If you think you might be interested, please give me a call or e-mail me for additional information. Thank you.

> **EXECTION** Miller **GBG Docents**



Flowercade 2015 Theme: Art in Bloom - As I See It Get your flower shears sharpened and put on your creative hat for this year's flower show!

Dates:

April 17 for prep day—9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Joan Stewart's greenhouse April 18 - 19 for the show in Fort Worth

For over fifty years, Flowercade has been a "way for our Council members to display their talent in flower design and horticulture exhibits from their own gardens". The show is now held at the Fort Worth Botanical Garden Center.

There are 3 Divisions:

Horticulture

Design

Special Exhibits (includes photography)

For those who have never entered before, it's as simple as going out into your yard and snipping the prettiest flower or leaf and bringing it to Joan Stewart's greenhouse on Prep Day. Or submit your best photo of a plant or the birds and the bees! How about a Monarch sipping nectar? We will take care of the rest! Participants do not need to go to the show, though we would love for you to see it.



An email will be coming soon with rules and more information. Let's have fun and put the Grapevine Garden Club on the winner's list—again!

SAnn Fuller Flowercade

Hostess Sign Up



2013 General Meeting Hostesses

Please sign up at our March and April general meetings to be a hostess for the September 2015 - April 2016 Grapevine Garden Club general meetings. As a hostess you will provide refreshments, welcome guests, and help with general cleanup following the meeting.

The sign-up sheets will be out on the sign-up table before the meeting and will be distributed around the tables during the meeting. So look for the bright green clipboard and sign up!

&Barbara Morrell General Meeting Hostess Co-Chair

The History of Earth Day and What it Can Mean

Earth Day began on April 22, 1970 and is now celebrated worldwide. It is recognized as a day to reflect on our planet, our environment and what we can do to protect them. Events are coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network (EDN) and are celebrated in more than 192 countries each year.



The idea for Earth Day originated with Gaylord Nelson, a former Senator from Wisconsin, after he

witnessed the ravages of the 1970 oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. On the first Earth Day, millions of Americans demonstrated for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups which had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness, and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realized they shared common values.

These protests and demonstrations eventually led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Act. The Federal Occupational Health and Safety Act aimed at "in-plant pollution" also passed with the support of a coalition of labor and environmental groups.

In 1990 another big campaign was launched and Earth Day went global, lifting environmental issues onto the world stage. Earth Day 1990 gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide and helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. The Earth Summit in Brazil made important steps toward addressing climate change and preserving bio-diversity. More than a dozen countries established eco-labeling programs to guide consumers toward environmentally preferable goods and services.

The EDN continues to broaden their base of support for environmental programs, to rekindle public commitment and to build community activism around the world through a broad range of events and activities. Earth Day is the largest civic event in the world, celebrated simultaneously around the globe by people of all backgrounds, faiths and nationalities. Currently more than a billion people participate in Earth Day events each year.

Youth are the most important age group to influence in order to continue the ideals of Earth Day. They have the most important stake in keeping our planet healthy because they will be the caretakers of the earth long after we gone. The Grapevine Garden Club has an opportunity to impact our youth by participating in Grapevine's Earth Day Celebration on April 18th. The possibilities of building a clean and healthy world for generations to come are endless. Volunteer to be a part of saving the planet. Information Source: www.earthday.org

&Linda Krimm Epic Earth Day

Volunteer for Grapevine's Epic Earth Day Celebration April 18th—Same Day as the Plant Sale!! 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

The Grapevine Parks and Recreation Department will be celebrating Earth Day in the Grapevine Botanical Gardens with eco-friendly demonstrations and opportunities to recycle, shop, and play. In support of the Earth Day celebration, we will need volunteers to help in the "Kids-Eco-Play" area with crafts and games. Call or email Linda Krimm or sign up at the GGC general meeting in March.

∞Linda Krimm Epic Earth Day

Gardeners on the Go

Tuesday, April 7 – 8:35 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Denton and Highland Village Wildflower Hike & Outdoor Learning Center Tour fee: \$5 per person – paid on the tour date Tour limited to 25 attendees

Jim Varnum, a self-taught student of nature and a North Texas Master Naturalist, will lead us on a 90-minute wildflower hike at Lake Forest Park in Denton. The hike will be on natural, unpaved trails. Since Varnum also gives programs on birds, trees, prairies and land preservation, you may find the tour includes tidbits on those as well as wildflowers.



Jim Varnum

While walking in this park in 2012, he found about 325 plant species – some of which were unique. Lake Forest Park is big enough that we will see quite a variety of botany. Get ready for a good time as Varnum's repertoire is chock full of interesting nature trivia and a few bad nature jokes. When asked about his

philosophy and interest on the natural world, he quotes author Ellen Parr – "The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity."







Asclepias tuberosa

Having worked up an appetite during the wildflower hike, we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant before going to Heritage Elementary in Highland Village where we will tour the Texas Our Heritage Outdoor Learning Center (TOH).

The Outdoor Learning Center was the creation of Belinda Nichols, the principal of Heritage Elementary. Her science teacher background gave her the wisdom to know that children learn lessons best when they are touching, seeing, smelling and hearing. The garden was created to help children gain an appreciation of nature, history and the natural diversity available in Texas.

However, the garden did not have a planting plan so it stumbled after a few years. Elm Fork Texas Master Naturalist and Master Gardener, Janet Gershenfeld, was contacted by Ms. Nichols to redesign the garden. Gershenfeld partnered with Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, Joan Stanley and the two redesigned the area into ten Texas eco-regional climate zones. Parent volunteers, community volunteers, Boy Scouts, garden clubs, local businesses, Heritage teachers and students were involved in the redesign project following Gershenfeld's design. The gardens incorporate only native Texas plants in design vignettes of the Gulf Coast, Plains and Prairies, Edward Plateau, Cross Timbers, Piney Woods, and Trans Pecos areas. Gershenfeld continues to serve as the project manager for Heritage TOH garden.

Four years ago when principal Toby Maxsom came on board, he requested the addition of technology to the project. Master Naturalist specialists, Ron and JoAnne Fellows, were instrumental in fulfilling this aspect. The team of four Elm Fork Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists, Janet Gershenfeld, Joan Stanley, Ron

and JoAnne Fellows, rotate the displays monthly to cover all 10 zones in the interpretive center during the school year.

For more information on TOH go to *You Tube - Texas Our Heritage-HD. mp4* (This article was compiled from information provided by Janet Gershenfeld and internet research.)

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

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We're having a blast!

Annual Spring Membership Luncheon Tuesday, May 26th – 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Trawick Pavilion at Lake Grapevine 2700 Darren G. Medlin Trail, Grapevine



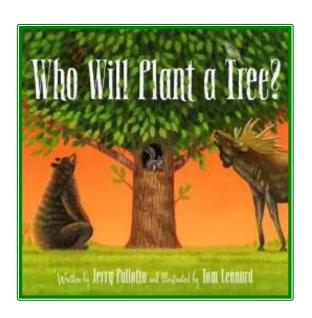
It is almost time to party! Get ready to celebrate the many successful events and projects of the past GGC year. Enjoy delicious food provided by members and the camaraderie of members and their guests at the Trawick Pavilion at Grapevine Lake on May 26 at the annual spring luncheon.

This convivial gathering is an opportunity to acknowledge civic leaders who support the club's activities and to meet the newly elected slate of officers and scholarship recipients for 2015 - 2016.

Luncheon sign-up sheets will be available at the March and April general meetings. Or, you may email **Edie Williams** with your RSVP with an indication that you will be providing a salad or dessert. Members may invite a guest to the

luncheon. Their name should be listed with your RSVP. You need to sign up or RSVP by May 15.

GGC Redbud Program



Each year members of the Grapevine Garden Club visit several third grade classrooms in the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD. One or two members will be presenting to each class. Our program consists of discussing trees, reading a tree related picture book (which is then left for the classroom library) and demonstrating the proper planting of a tree. Each child is then given a redbud seedling at the end of the day to take home and plant. This program takes approximately 45-60 minutes.

This year we will visit Grapevine Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary, and Timberline Elementary. The dates set are Thursday, May 7 at 1:00 P.M. and Friday, May 8 at 1:30 P.M. The book being read this year is *Who Will Plant a Tree?* by Jerry Pallotta. In this story different animals inadvertently "plant" trees and lastly a class of children do the same. This book is chock full of beautiful illustrations and provides a great opportunity to discuss different seeds, leaves, bark and the importance of trees.

Volunteers will be needed in singles or pairs to present our redbud program to a classroom of third graders. Also, volunteers will be needed early during the week of May 4 to bag the seedlings, to staple information to the bags, and to box up the seedlings ready to be taken to the schools.

Consider volunteering for one or both of these activities. Sign-up sheets will be available at the March meeting.

凌Joan Kowalski Redbud Program Chair

West Texas Street Project Workdays February 6 and February 19, 2015

We were small, but mighty for both of our workdays this February!!!

On February 6th seven of us planted 200 peach tulip bulbs donated by Lisa Grove and the City of Grapevine, in the two new city flowerbeds at the corner of Church and West Texas Streets. Thanks so much to Joe Krimm, Sheri Jones, Sally Hart, Joyce Quam, Joetta King, and Lisa Stokdyk. As the soil was VERY hard, we were all thankful that Joe had brought his trusty drill and auger or we would still be there planting tulip bulbs.



Pam Braak, Sally Hart, Nancy Searl, Sheri Jones, Elizabeth Jewett, Sarah Erickson, Suzi Guckel, Joe Krimm and kneeling, Lisa Stokdyk

Due to inclement weather, the February 17th work day was postponed for two days. Nine of us gathered on February 19th and started working on the sunny side of the street. As another 100 tulip bulbs were donated by Lisa Grove and the City of Grapevine (this time pink), Joe Krimm and Elizabeth Jewett along with Joe's trusty drill and auger, set about planting bulbs on each side of the residents' sidewalks leading up to their doors. The rest of us began pruning roses, cutting back liriope, and digging up some of the weeds that had materialized during our warmer days this month. Due to the inclement weather, no mulch was spread. That is a task we will do this spring getting ready for another warm, dry summer.

Thank you so much Elizabeth Jewett, Sheri Jones, Pam Braak, Lisa Stokdyk, Sarah Erickson, Joe Krimm, Sally Hart and Nancy Searl. It was so nice that many of us were able to gather at Main Street Bakery for some hot coffee and hot chocolate. Often we are so busy with our daily lives we don't get a chance to just visit. Be sure to put May 5th on your calendars for our next workday on West Texas Street.

Suzi Guckel, ChairmanWest Texas Street Project

Bulb Planting Projects: West Texas Street & Other Grapevine Sites



Convention & Visitors Bureau: Lisa Grove & Sharon Pignolet



West Texas Street: Joe Krimm AUGER MAN!



Downtown Grapevine:
Joetta King



West Texas Street: Suzi Guckel & Lisa Stokdyk

Civic Seed Program Update

The Civic Seed 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 Grapevine Colleyville ISD - based group. Each group must submit an application and their plans for the grant money. So far, the committee has awarded three grants mentioned in the previous newsletter, and one new grant in February.

Grapevine Elementary PTA Environmental Committee has received the latest grant. The group is led by Betsy Marsh, GGC member and parent volunteer who has put a tremendous amount of time and effort into the school's World of Wonder Nature Center. They plan to use the grant money to purchase moss boulders for the Monarch Waystation. The boulders will serve as puddling spots where butterflies can ingest valuable minerals and nutrients as they sip the water that collects there. In the Herb and Sensory Garden, the boulders will serve as a seating area for students. Funds will also be used to purchase mulch and fertilizer for existing perennial and vegetable beds.



Betsy Marsh, Debbie Smith, Val Reed, Karen Rice and Lisa Grove

This is just another example of how the Civic Seed Program is a wonderful opportunity for local schools and community groups. Applications may still be submitted. Please see the GCC website for more information.

Solution Debbie Smith Civic Coordinator

CITY OF GRAPEVINE CLEAN BRUSH & YARD WASTE RECYCLING

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, the City of Grapevine/Republic Services will pick up tree limbs, brush, leaves, plant clippings, twigs, and grass clippings in approved containers. These items will be diverted from the landfill and converted into mulch and compost by Living Earth at the Arlington Landfill.

Remember to place your yard waste in 30 gallon lawn and leaf paper bags (available at Lowes or Home Depot) or a garbage can no more than 33 gallons or 50 lbs. in weight. Place brush in large piles behind the curb. Plastic bags with leaves or grass clippings will **NOT** be accepted on Clean Brush days.

We as gardeners can lead the way in encouraging recycling of yard waste. If you see a neighbor in Grapevine putting out their leaves or yard waste on the wrong day or in plastic bags, take a moment to politely explain the Clean Brush & Yard Waste Recycling Plan.

The dates for the rest of 2015 are:

March 4 and 18

April 1 and 15

May 6 and 20

June 3 and 17

July 1 and 15

August 5 and 19

September 2 and 16

October 7 and 21

November 4 and 18

December 2 and 16



GARDENS ON VIEW

NEEDS YOUR GARDEN for after the April meeting.

Get Advice



Share Ideas

Contact: Marge Carpenter

Gardeners on the Go— Begonia Species Bank Tour, Fort Worth Botanic Gardens February 11, 2015



Twenty-three GGC members visited the Begonia Species Bank.



Phyllis Butts, Joan Kowalski, Janice Zeleny



Elayne Vick

Elizabeth Jewett, Lynn Carpenter, Elayne Vick, Miriam Ward, Barb Munn, Phyllis Butts, Joan Kowalski, Janice Zeleny, Ann Hatch, Priscilla Keifer





CONGUER YOUR



The CRUD CRUISER

is coming to you





The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event has been scheduled for Grapevine Residents Only at 501 Shady Brook Drive here in Grapevine on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 8am to 11:30am. For more information call (817) 410-3330.

Scrap Metal

We CAN ACCEPT the following:

- - *Motor Oil

 - *Pest Strips
- Hobby Chemicals *Solvents
- **Drain Cleaners**
- Fertilizer
- Light Bulbs
- Gasoline
- Herbicides

- * Chemicals
- * Paints/Stains
- *Paint Thinners
- *Pesticides

- * Photo Chemicals *Pool Chemicals
- *Oil Filters
- Sneakers
- *Transmission Fluid * Books *Varnishes
- *Tires
- * Garden Tools
 - * Hearing Aids

* Computers

* Hard Drives

* Televisions

* PDAs

* Cell Phones

* Re-Use Items

* Eye Glasses * Mattresses

Ink & Toner Cartridges

- *HAZ WASTE
- * Paper Shred * Styrofoam
- *ELECTRONICS * Electronics
 - *SHREDDING

 - *RE-USE DONATION
 - *ADOPTIONS
 - * VACCINATIONS

 - *FOOD DONATIONS

We CAN NOT Accept:

- * Unknown Waste
- * Ammunition
- * Explosives
- Medical Waste
- * Pharmaceuticals
- * Radioactive Material
- Closed Cylinders (i.e. Extinguishers)
- * Commercial / Business Waste







GET RID OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WAST

Grapevine Residents who cannot make this event date:

Household hazardous waste may be dropped off at the Environmental Collection Center located at 6400 Bridge Street in Fort Worth (817) 871-5257. The ECC hours are Thursday & Friday 11am - 7pm and Saturday 9am - 3pm