





# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

## May 26, 2015

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

Come celebrate the club's Garden Club of the Year (2014) award from Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., the installation of our 2015–16 officers, and our scholarship recipients as we gather at the Trawick Pavilion at Lake Grapevine for our annual spring picnic.

We ask that you sign up to bring either a salad or dessert with Edie Williams **by May** 15<sup>th</sup>. Keep in mind that salads are in greater demand than desserts. Members may invite a guest and their name should be submitted at the time of your RSVP. Members attending will receive further details through email. If you need directions, please ask a friend who is receiving the email update you.

## **Solution** Val Reed Luncheon Coordinator



Val Reed having a Splishing, Splashing good time!



Spring Luncheon 2012

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#### President's Message

It is time again for the annual Spring Luncheon at the Trawick Pavilion. We always have good food and fun at this year-end event while we honor our scholarship recipients and install the new officers. It has been a great year culminating with winning the Texas Garden Club's Garden Club of the Year. It is time to celebrate.

When I was elected, I was an extremely reluctant president—mostly because of my dislike of public speaking. But during my term as I stood at the podium and looked out at the membership, there were always smiling, encouraging faces that made it so much easier. Thanks for that.

At my installation, I received the gavel and a task list which included this statement from former president, Sarah Erickson: *This is a big job, but very rewarding.* 



Pam Braak, Chanticleer Gardens, Pennsylvania

"Gee", I thought. "Rewarding"! That sounds like a quaint old fashioned notion. But now after my two-year term, I totally understand what she meant. It's been a great opportunity for me to meet many new people, catch the infectious enthusiasm of the board, and get much closer to my Grapevine community.

A big thank you to the officers and chairmen who offered me guidance and who operated like a well-oiled machine. And to all of you, thanks for your involvement in this garden club. **Pam Braak** 

**President** 

#### **Installation of 2015/2016 Officers:**

President: Sharon Swagerty \*\*

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Candace Kyler \*\*, Assisted by Diane Cauwels \*\*

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Barb Munn, Assisted by Linda Harris

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Karen Rice Treasurer: Kathy Stone

Recording Secretary: Phyllis Butts \*\*

Corresponding Secretary: Terry Curcio \*\*

Publicity: Elaine Vick \*\*

\*\*New Officers



CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Event	Location
<b>June</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	National Garden Week	
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Gardeners on the Go	Echo Springs Blueberry Farm
	National Garden Week Tour	Murchison and Frankston, Texas

# Dues are DUE

At the lakeside picnic on May 26<sup>th</sup>, the Grapevine Garden Club will continue collecting dues for current membership renewals for the upcoming **2015–2016 Club Year**. The dues for an individual remain at \$30 and dues for a family remain at \$35.

\*\*Barb Munn Membership\*\*

## **May Birthdays**

Pam Braak
Chelsea Chance
Cindy Crook
Susan Cullen
Sarah Erickson
Michele Hoffman
Marci Junge
Rita Klosinski
Debi Meek
Carol Milner



May Birth Flower, Lily

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

#### Hostess Sign Up for 2015 - 2016



Hostesses April 2015

Please sign up at our spring luncheon to be a hostess for the September 2015 – April 2016 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 Kyle Cowart Martin Cowart Beyda Foster Gretchen Lyne Bonnie McHugh



Jackie Neugent
Tom Neugent
Duff O'Dell
Lena Schorr
Virginia Shannon
Leana Sloan

### New Members

#### **How Do We Spend Our Money?**

Perhaps you have wondered how our club spends our income. Our income comes from different sources and each source has a different use: civic projects, operating activities and social events:



The money we raise at the Plant Sales and Butterfly Flutterby is used exclusively for our community activities which include Scholarships, our Seed Program for grants to local school and community gardens, The Redbud Program at GCISD elementary schools and The West Texas Street Project, a low income housing neighborhood where we create and maintain flowerbeds.



Our membership dues are used to cover operating expenses; those things that allow us to run the organization and present general meetings. These expenses include honorariums for our program speakers, the cost of the yearbook, newsletter, insurance, our storage unit rent, and dues to the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. among others.



The money we use for fun stuff like the Holiday Luncheon, Hospitality, and the Spring Luncheon all comes from the profit on Ways & Means items. So members' purchases of caladiums, other bulbs, gardening gloves, etc. allow us to have enjoyable social events.



The Greenhouse Project funds are kept in a separate bank account and good records are kept of donors.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Pam Braak President

# GGC wins 2014 'Garden Club of the Year' at Texas Garden Club Convention.

At the Texas Garden Club State Convention April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Tyler, GGC received awards for many 2014 projects previously recognized by District II in addition to being named the 2014 Garden Club of the Year. Thanks go to our great member volunteers who make our projects so outstanding! District II and state awards are listed below with a short description and a listing of the lead Chairmen / contributors to the projects. The newest sets of Texas Garden Club (TGC) and South Central Region (SCR) awards are in red. South Central Region consists of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico.

- TGC CLUB OF THE YEAR + \$100
- TGC Gold Club of the Year
- ♣ TGC Gold Club Service Award with 1061 pts for donations and financial contributions
- SCR#2 Civic Development Award Honorable Mention for West Texas Street – Suzi Guckel
- SCR#3 Club Program 1<sup>st</sup> place + \$25 "Year-round Color" program *Toni Moorehead*
- SCR#4 Club Yearbook Theme Class IV − 2<sup>nd</sup> place − Phyllis Butts, Editor
- SCR#6 Community Concern 1<sup>st</sup> place + \$25 "Young at Heart" Senior classes Lisa Grove, Paula Wilson
- SCR#13 Youth Program Honorable Mention Direct work with youth in classes, tours, Redbud Tree Program, scholarships Lisa Grove, Val Reed, Paula Wilson & Cindy Miller, Barb Munn, Sheri Jones
- SCR#14 Newsletter for single club, multi-page Honorable Mention
   Dinah Chancellor, Editor

#### DISTRICT II CLUB OF THE YEAR

- N-1 Civic Achievement − Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place, TGC 1<sup>st</sup> place
  West Texas Street low income housing planting bed workdays − Suzi Guckel
  Chairman
- N-2 Garden Center Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place, TGC 1<sup>st</sup> place
  Grapevine Botanical Gardens Garden center for horticulture and education,
  GGC member docents and garden plantings volunteers *Lisa Grove*Horticulturist, *Paula Wilson and Cindy Miller* Docent Coordinators, *Linda Barraclough*, garden volunteer

- N-6 Conservation − TGC 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  Bird Sanctuary Week − Proclamation and conservation activities − *Joetta King*, *Lisa Grove*
- N-8 Youth Horticulture TGC award Youth horticulture education – PARD youth classes – Val Reed, Lisa Grove
- N-12#3 Publications Newsletters Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place, TGC 1<sup>st</sup> place Newsletters – *Dinah Chancellor* Editor
- N-13 Publication Cookbook Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place, TGC 1<sup>st</sup> place
  Publication of the GGC cookbook based on Spring Luncheon recipes − *Barbara Atkins* Editor
- N-16A6 Yearbook − Dist II 2<sup>nd</sup> place, TGC 2<sup>nd</sup> place Yearbook − *Phyllis Butts* Editor
- N-41 Conservation Education − Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place, TGC 1<sup>st</sup> place
  EPIC Earth Day, Plant Sale Seminars, Redbud Tree Program − Gloria Land,
  Karen Rice, Barb Munn Coordinators
- N-43 Butterfly − Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place, TGC 1<sup>st</sup> place
  Butterfly Flutterby, Monarch Butterfly Program, Art Contest, Plant Sale − Pam Braak, Linda Krimm, Gloria Land, Evelyn Urbanosky, Miriam Ward, Chuck Voelker, Lisa Grove
- N-63 Website Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place, TGC 1<sup>st</sup> place *Kathleen Thompson*, website administrator
- N-73 Civic Project with Native Plants Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place, TGC 1<sup>st</sup> place Parr Park wildflower area *Pam Braak*, *Lisa Grove* coordinators
- N-74 Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails − Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place, TGC 1<sup>st</sup> place Grapevine Botanical Gardens classes, docent tours focus on outdoors, nature and conservation − *Lisa Grove, Paula Wilson and Cindy Miller, Val Reed*
- President's Report Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place President's report of achievements for the year – Pam Braak
- **▼ District II Director's Citation**Co-hosting the Butterfly Flutterby community event *Pam Braak and Linda Krimm*
- ▼ TGC Award Community Service Dist II 2<sup>nd</sup> place Civic Seed Money Grants – *Edie Williams* Chairman
- ▼ TGC Award Community Concern Dist II 3<sup>rd</sup> place
  Young at Heart Sr. Classes *Lisa Grove and Paula Wilson* Coordinators
- ▼ TGC Club Program Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place
  Program given by a member, documented and summary appropriate for other clubs. *Toni Moorehead*, "Year-round Color for Your Garden"
- ▼ TGC Wildflower Preservation Dist II 1<sup>st</sup> place
  Parr Park wildflower area *Pam Braak*, *Lisa Grove* coordinators

Congratulations to all the many member volunteers who made these projects a success.

**GGC** Awards



Award Recipients April 2015 General Meeting

#### Flowercade 2015

The Grapevine Garden Club wins awards again this year!!! Flowercade was held at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with the theme, *Art in Bloom—As I See It*. GGC members met at Joan Stewart's greenhouse on April 17<sup>th</sup> to ready our horticulture exhibits. Four of us traveled to Fort Worth with all of our flowers, plants, fairy garden, table designs and photographs.



Candace Kyler, Pam Braak, Lynn Carpenter



Joetta King, Joan Stewart

GGC won 101 ribbons! Our top prizes included:

- Carol Dowd the Growers Choice award and the Horticultural Excellence Award for her orchids
- René Herndon the Aboreal Award for her smoke tree
- Joan Kowalski the Award of Merit for her photograph of a honey bee on a flower

Thanks to everyone who participated to make this event so special! We all had a lot of fun! See you next year!



Ann Fuller enjoying Joan Stewart's roses



Carol Dowd's Orchids

## **S**Ann Fuller Flowercade



Joan Kowalski's Photograph



René Herndon's Smoke Tree

#### **2015 Spring Plant Sale Results**

The 2015 Spring Plant Sale on April 18<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. First, we sold nearly all the plants and second, we made over \$10,000 profit from the sale. I hope everyone had a good time and had the opportunity to take a few plants home. Thanks to all the volunteers that made the sale fun and profitable. The money raised goes back into the community for the many civic projects and scholarships that the club provides. A special thanks to the seminar speakers and the Grapevine City Parks and Recreation Department for their support.



**&**Chuck Voelker Plant Sales

#### **Save Your Seeds!**

As your flowering plants go to seed, please save your seeds for the Seed Table at our GGC regular meetings. Thanks!

Thierrie Mazur Seed Table



#### West Texas Street Workday May 5, 2015

What a glorious day we had to play in the dirt. After hearing threats of terrible rain for days, as it grew closer to our workday the weather got better and better. It ended up raining Tuesday night just in time to water in all our hard work.

There were 22 of us. I want to extend a special thank you to Chuck Voelker and Bruce Herndon for going above and beyond by picking up 50 bags of mulch at Plant Shed on Monday and delivering it early Tuesday morning. Pam and Greg Braak were life savers as they showed up at my house to help get all the plant flats delivered to West Texas Street. What a great bunch of folks we have in our club!

We began with a brief meeting to talk about what was to be done. Then since some of my early birds had already been busy distributing plants to the appropriate complex, we were ready to get busy. Weeds were dug as well as volunteer trees, invasive vines and violets and then annual color and a few perennials were planted. Some of the perennials were left from our plant sale in April and others came from my garden as well as Barb Thompson's. Trees were trimmed and a new bed was installed at one of the complexes at the top of the street. Thanks to member Dick Pafford, we were able to install edging that he donated. It was a great effort by all on that day, even though it was a long morning. Unfortunately, we only had a few left to eat hamburgers on the patio at Sonic that afternoon. I know we all slept well that night.



Terry Curcio, Thierrie Mazur, Berbara Thompson, Sarah Erickson, Sharon Pignolet, Angela Ozymy



Thierrie Mazur, Kathy Dohrer, Harriet Perrello, Suzi Guckel, Dick Guckel

A big thank you to Thierrie Mazur, Margaret Meharg, Kathy Dohrer, Harriet Perrello, Pam Braak, Greg Braak, Chuck Voelker, Dick Guckel, Sandy Guthrey, Barbara Atkins, John Erickson, Sarah Erickson, Angela Ozymy, Terry Curcio, Bruce Herndon, René Herndon, Candy Cawley, Barb Thompson, Sharon Pignolet, Sally Hart, Jamie Moser and Tina Bruns.

Have a great summer, everyone, and we'll see you in the fall.

Suzi Guckel West Texas Street Project

#### **Redbud Tree Program**

Thanks to many, the Redbud Tree Program was a success this year! First there was the bagging party. We bagged, stapled, boxed and counted. Participating in this "party" were: Pat Mingus, Penny Hardy, Thierrie Mazur, Tina Bruns, Phyllis Butts, Kris Botterman, Harriet Perrello, Terry Curcio, Miriam Ward and Evelyn Urbanosky. Many hands made this task fun and fast!

We visited three campuses this year: Bear Creek, Grapevine and Timberline Elementary Schools. The book, *Who Will Plant a Tree?* by Jerry Pallotta was read to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes, the importance of trees was discussed and a planting of a

seedling was modeled. Each child then took a seedling home to plant in his/her own yard and the teachers added the book to their classroom libraries. The presenters were: Cindy Miller, Michele Burger, Dan Burger, Suzie Agnew, Tina Bruns, Val Reed, Mendie Schmidt, Dinah Chancellor, Candy Cawley, John Erickson, Chuck Voelker, Miriam Ward, Evelyn Urbanosky, Terry Curcio, Kris Botterman, Penny Hardy and Mary Ledeboer. Thanks to all for spreading the importance of trees to a new generation of gardeners!



Bagging Party: Penny Hardy, Pat Mingus, Thierrie Mazur, Phyllis Butts, Kris Botterman, Harriet Perrello



Bagging Party: Tina Bruns, Evelyn Urbanosky, Miriam Ward, Terry Curcio



Dinah Chancellor, Candy Cawley, Chuck Voelker, John Erickson, Grapevine Elementary



Ticket

Val Reed, Suzie Agnew, Tina Bruns, Cindy Miller, Mendie Schmidt, Bear Creek Elementary



Terry Curcio, Evelyn Urbanosky, Mary Ledeboer, Kris Botterman, Miriam Ward, Penny Hardy, Timberline Elementary



Michele and Dan Burger, Bear Creek Elementary

A special thanks goes to Lisa Grove for ordering the seedlings and the books. Thanks also to the City of Grapevine for purchasing the seedlings and books for us!

**⋓**Joan Kowalski Redbud Tree Program

Gardeners on the Go Friday, June 12 – 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. National Garden Week Tour No tour fee or attendance limit

Pick, buy and eat blueberries and blackberries while on a tour at **Echo Springs Blueberry Farm** located between Murchison and Brownsboro on 60 acres. There are 96,000 blueberry bushes and 5 acres of blackberries and you may either pick your own or buy those already picked. According to the owners, Ivan and Phyllis Vaseleniuck, the berries' superior taste comes from the labyrinth of natural fresh water springs flowing under the ground.

After sampling the blueberry coffee at the Best Little Blueberry Store in Texas, browse the tasting table for products sold such as homemade jams, jellies, muffins, cookies, pies, natural soaps, and skin care products as well as unique gifts. The store specializes in sugar free and gluten free pastries and is the domain of Phyllis Vaseleniuck.

Planning to pick your own berries? Wear comfortable, closed shoes and bring appropriate sun protection gear, hats, lotions, etc. and possibly insect repellent. Echo Springs supplies picking baskets and bags for you to carry the berries home. If traveling a distance in the heat, plan to bring a cooler for your berries' return trip.





Tour the processing lines with Ivan Vaseleniuck where experienced berry handlers grade and package berries for shipment. He will also talk about the planting and care of blueberries and answer any questions regarding berry production.

You will either be enjoying your brown-bag lunch in the shaded picnic area at Echo Springs Blueberry Farm or journeying on to Frankston restaurants to enjoy lunch before shopping at Pandora's Box.

According to the owner, JoBeth aka JB, you will find everything you never knew you needed at **Pandora's Box.** It is a treasure trove of antiques, primitives, garden art...to the coolest junque! Even the most seasoned gardener may find a plant they never knew existed in the outdoor garden area that will be the perfect addition for their landscape. So, save room in the car trunk for your purchases!

**Solution** Joetta King Trips and Tours

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

The Civic Seed Program promotes the study of horticulture, floral design, environmental awareness, and protection and 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 four grants that were mentioned in previous

newsletters, and one new grant in March.

Grapevine High School Garden Club is the final grant recipient of the program for 2014-2015. Led by Heather Boyt, the Agriculture Science teacher, and Joanna Lambert, a student in the garden club, the group's purpose is to spread horticultural knowledge and improve the GHS courtyard. They hope to make the courtyard a more inviting place for students to enjoy.

Debbie Smith Droves

Debbie Smith, Lisa Grove, Joanna Lambert, and Heather Boyt

Funds will be used to purchase mulch, fertilizer, and a variety of plants and flowers to improve the visual appeal of the courtyard.

The Civic Seed Program has been a wonderful way for the Grapevine Garden Club to interact with local school and community groups. Grants have enabled many children and adults to expand their garden knowledge and environmental awareness.

\*\*Debbie Smith\*\*

**Civic Seed Program** 

Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses. 

\*Alphonse Karr\*

French critic, journalist, novelist

#### Gardeners on the Go: Arkansas Gardens and Nature Centers April 29 – May 2, 2015



Moss Mountain Farm—Participants in alphabetical order: Ella Barber, Pam Braak, Susan Brouillette, Marge Carpenter, Ray & Dinah Chancellor, Kathy Dohrer, Dee Gates, Penny Hardy, Linda Harris, Elizabeth & Larry Jewett, Marilyn Johnson, Sandy Kancavicus, Joetta King (tour organizer), Joan Kowalski, Lynn Kugler, Linda Krimm, Carole Lee, Toni Moorehead, Barbara Munn, Harriett Perrello, Karen Rice, Joan Stewart, Evelyn Urbanosky, Chuck Voelker, Miriam Ward, Barbara Williams

### **May 2015**



Joetta King, Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center



Wildwood Park for the Arts



Garvan Woodland Gardens



Kathy Dohrer, Casa de Olsen



Ella Barber, Marge Carpenter, Dinah Chancellor, Marlsgate Plantation

#### **Four Fast Facts about Monarch Butterflies**

- 1. Monarchs know the right direction to migrate even though they have never made the journey before. They have a sun compass, with receptors in their antennae—and use an internal magnetic compass on overcast days.
- 2. Milkweed is the one and only host plant for monarch caterpillars.
- 3. Monarch populations have dropped 90 percent in the past 20 years due to massive habitat destruction and pesticides.
- 4. The grassland prairies that run through the middle of our country provide one of the most crucial monarch habitat corridors in the world.

National Wildlife Federation

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