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THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

November 24, 2015

Grapevine Convention Center
1209 S. Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051
Social 9:30 A.M. Meeting and Program 10:00 A.M.

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES:

Chair, Linda Krimm, Suzie Agnew, Ella Barber, Jimmie Nell Cook, Madeline Fitzgerald, Dee Gates, Marci Junge, Doris Kritz, Beverly Ryan, Margaret Telford

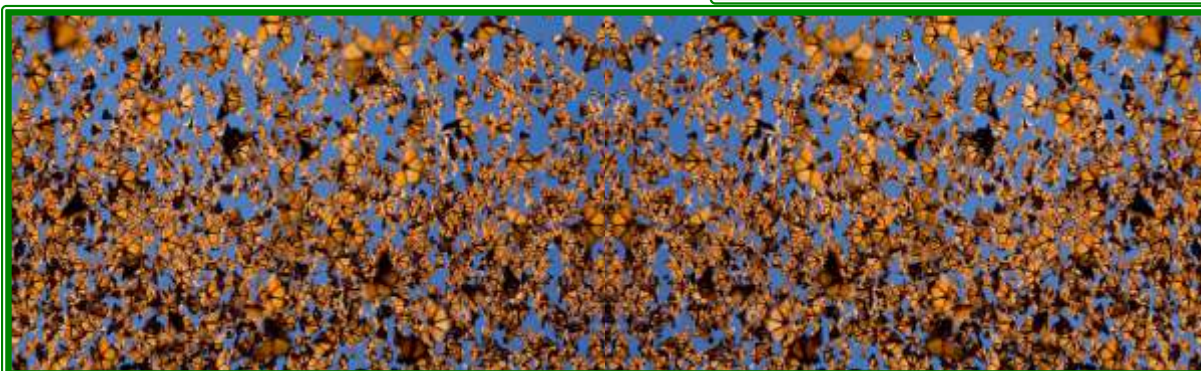
Grapevine Garden Club November Program

“Where Do Monarchs Go in the Winter?”

Inquiring minds want answers to questions such as: *Do all Monarchs make the trip? How do they know how to get there if they have never been before? How do they survive such an arduous journey?* Gail Manning, Entomologist and Education Director at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, will discuss the life cycle, survival needs, and the research necessary to track our marvelous Monarch butterflies as they journey to their winter home.

**✂Candace Kyler
Programs**

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President's Message

We now find ourselves in the month of November and with that brings the upcoming major holiday of Thanksgiving. I would like to express *my* thanksgiving for everyone who gave their personal time to make Butterfly Flutterby and the Plant Sale the successes they were for Grapevine Garden Club. It is you our members who make the Garden Club the special group that we are!

At our next General Meeting in November, we will be asking you to consider purchasing some of the items that our fellow members have crafted. There will be several tables available for you to peruse and get your holiday shopping started.

Please check the GGC website to see what events are available for you to attend before our November General Meeting.



On a gardening note, I have been watching the little artichoke plant that I bought at one of our Gardens on View in September. I'm hoping that I just might have an artichoke for Thanksgiving! Yours in gardening,

☞ Sharon Swagerty

Nominating Committee

If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee for the selection of officer candidates for the GGC, please contact Sharon Swagerty. The process of nominating and electing officers is very important to

the continued success of our organization. The committee's duties are to find the best candidate for each office. The nominating committee will be presented and elected at the November general meeting. The nominating committee will then prepare a slate of officer candidates for the 2016 – 2017 club year which will be presented at the January 2016 general meeting.



☞ Sharon Swagerty

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | Event | Location |
|-------------|----------------------|--|
| November 24 | Holiday Craft Bazaar | Grapevine Convention Center, before/after the general meeting |
| December 8 | Holiday Luncheon | Lancaster Theatre 300 S. Main Street, downtown Grapevine 76051 |

November Birthdays

Lynne Carpenter
Martin Cowart
John Erickson
Beyda Foster
Penny Hardy
Kathy Holliday
Margaret Hutchins
Malissa May
Joy Mayo
Marty Mazur
Lou Milner



Cyndia Moore
Jamie Moser
Jackie Neugent
Jo Ogletree
Harriet Perrello
Geneva Phillips
Joan Pierce
Kathy Pierson
Judie Porter
Lynne Prater
Sharon Steele
Laurie Williams

Karen Divers
Sue Eichelberger
Annemarie Garlin

Welcome
New Members

Liz Sobolik
Kathy Pierson

Save the Dates!

| Date | Event | Location |
|---------------|--|---|
| January 26 | Workshop: Great Backyard Bird Count | Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens |
| February 9 | Work Day | West Texas Street |
| February 23 | Workshop: Homeowners Guide to Sprinkling Systems— Irrigation System Basics | Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens |
| March 22 | Workshop: Container Gardening | Grapevine Botanical Gardens |
| April 16 | Spring Plant Sale | |
| | Epic Earth Day | |
| April 23 - 24 | Flowercade | Fort Worth Botanical Gardens |

GGC Craft Bazaar—NOT to be Missed!

Great gifts will be available at the Garden Club Holiday Bazaar held before and after the November 24th General Meeting. Michelle Burger will be selling homemade fudge. Karen Divers will have chunky cowl knit scarves. Peggy Harris will have knitted hats, hair combs, beaded knit stitch markers, and turquoise jewelry. Barb Munn will have some surprises. Chuck Voelker has donated some suet feeders and birdhouses. Contact Sally Hart if you would like display space (\$7 donation to GCC).



Ways and Means will have a new supply of the lovely Quick Reference Nature Guides for \$5 (list price, \$7.95). Along with Birds, Butterflies, Snakes, and Wildflowers of North Texas and Dragonflies of Texas, we will have 2 new titles: Spiders of Texas and Trees of Central Texas (includes our area). These brochures provide wonderful pictures and information; the Birds of North Texas brochure includes pictures and details on most of the birds of prey discussed by our October speaker.

A new shipment of gloves will be available as well as kneelers and Joyce Chen scissors. We will also have stationery and earrings.

☞Sally Hart
Ways and Means/Other

There will be a limited supply of shade loving Giant Leopard (Farfugium Gigantea) plants available at the November 24th meeting. They are in 1 gallon pots and will be \$10 each. If you would like to reserve one of these plants, please email Karen Rice.



☞Karen Rice
Plant Sale team

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Just 30 days (or so) till our festive GGC Holiday Luncheon! The FINAL day for reservations is the next general meeting, November 24th!



*Shane & Paula Wilbanks, Marci Junge
Holiday Luncheon, 2014*



Holiday Luncheon 2014

The Grapevine Garden Club Holiday Luncheon will be held Tuesday, December 8th at the Lancaster Theatre, 300 South Main Street, Grapevine. Social time is 10:30 A.M. followed by the luncheon at 11:00. The cost is \$23. The menu this year will be stuffed chicken breast—baked and stuffed with ricotta cheese and spinach and topped

with a sundried tomato sauce served with snow peas and smashed sweet potato, bread and butter, house salad and iced tea. Dessert will be blueberry cobbler - catered by Clem Espinosa. Check, cash or credit card for \$23 will be accepted at the November meeting. No reservations will be accepted at the door.

Entertainment will be provided by Colleyville Heritage High School Jazz Choir, *Ovation*, under the direction of Thomas Rinn arranged for us by our Program Chair, Candace Kyler.

As always, cash and check donations for GRACE (Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange) will be accepted at the door.

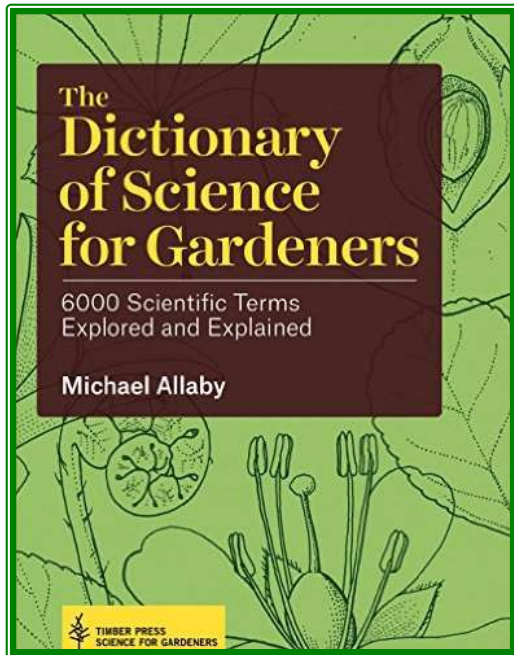
Hope you will be able to join us for this festive meal!

.....Fa, La, La, La, La, La,,La, La,La!!!!!!!

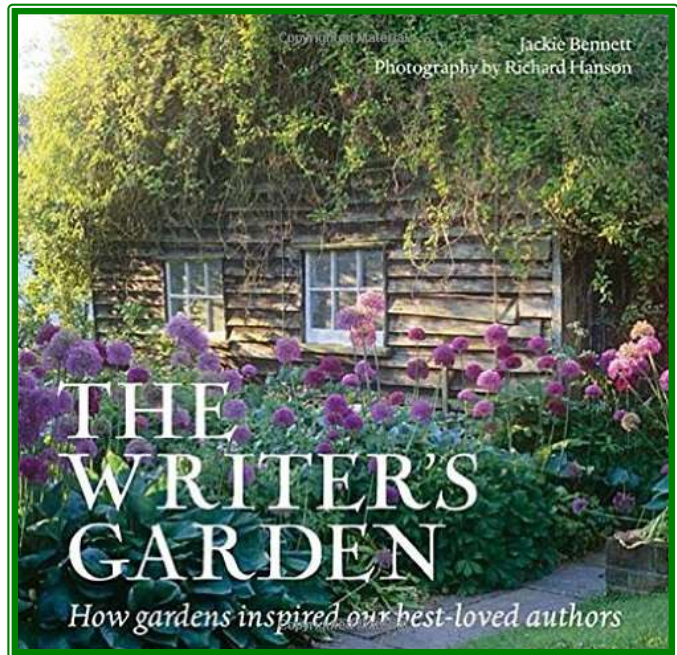
**☞Joan Kowalski
Holiday Luncheon Chair**

In Memoriam

The GGC has purchased two books to be placed in the Grapevine Public Library in memory of Shane Wilbanks who was instrumental in the development of the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. The two books we purchased are:



The Dictionary of Science for Gardeners by Michael Allaby



The Writer's Garden - How Gardens Inspired Our Best Loved Authors by Jackie Bennett

**Terry Curcio
Outreach**

October 13, 2015 West Texas Street Work Day



We had a great work day last month—beautiful weather, great friends, good coffee, and happy neighbors. A few brave souls came in costume but a lot of us just came in our scary morning faces, yours truly included.

Our new Committee was hard at work, checking out the property, making suggestions and taking action. I really appreciate Bruce Herndon and Joe Krimm taking action by getting John Erickson and Chuck Voelker onboard to remove the huge Vitex that had been planted 1½ feet from a front porch, a Rose Rosette diseased rose bush, and to dig out an old stump that we had been working around for 8 years. Thanks to Candy Cawley and Jamie Moser for taking the bull by the horns and pulling the notes together for each of the flowerbeds—a critical endeavor prior to our work day on WTS.

We weeded the beds, planted shrubs donated by Kathy Stone, Candy Cawley and Jamie Moser, planted some beautiful pansies and spread a little mulch. It was a perfect sunshiny day so we worked up an appetite for some good coffee and pastry and had a great time visiting afterwards.

A special thanks to Susan Stanek, Terry Curcio, Babs Sidorowicz, Sheri Jones, Barb Thompson, Pam Braak, Greg Braak, LaJune McCrea, Candace Kyler, Margaret Meharg, Harriet Perrello, Chuck Voelker, Angelia Ozymy, Carole Nadeau, Cheryl Newmann, Elizabeth Jewett, Dee Huston, John Erickson, Sarah Erickson, Karen Pafford, Nancy Carlson, Minnie Hall, Sharon Swagerty, Sharon Pignolet, Phyllis Butts, Wendy Dugas, Chuck Nadolski, Debbie Mahon, René Herndon, Nancy Searl, Barbara Atkins, and Linda Krimm. Be sure to put February 9, 2016 on your calendar. That is our next work day. Can you believe it? **2016!**

Thanks from all of us to all of you!

☞Suzi Guckel, Chair
☞Candy Cawley, Jamie Moser, Pat Mingus, Sandy Guthrie,
Bruce Herndon and Joe Krimm, Co-Chairs

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
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Thanks to all the members who volunteered or purchased plants at the 2015 Plant Native – Plant Now sale on October 17th. We had a great time, visited with previous customers and learned about some new plants. When all the receipts and bills are paid, the club should be able to add around \$3200 to the civic and scholarship funds. This is one of the key fund raising events for GGC and through your



volunteer time and plant purchases, we can continue our community support activities.



If you thought the fall sale was fun, get ready to support the spring sale when we will have digging parties and more than twice as many plants for your spring planting. We will start the spring sale activities in late February.

**☞Chuck Voelker
Plant Sales**

Butterfly Flutterby, October 17, 2015

A thousand thanks to the GGC members who contributed 620 volunteer hours to make this event a resounding success again this year!

**☞Margaret Meharg
☞Gloria Land
Butterfly Flutterby**



*Evelyn Urbanosky and
Miriam Ward, Butterfly Flutterby
Ambassadors and Co-Chairs of
the Children's Art Contest:
"The Journey of the Butterfly"*



*Grand, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prize winners are on display in the
Grapevine Public Library. Other winners are in The Rec Center.*



Science Center



"You can tell male and female Monarchs apart by looking at their wings."



Newly released Monarch



GGC Booth

Gayle Hall presented a \$2,000 check to Sharon Swagerty and Kathy Stone in appreciation of GGC volunteer hours for the City of Grapevine. The funds will be used to supplement rental fees for locations used for general meetings within the city.



Gardens on View October 27, 2015



Homeowner Debbie Giacotti & Phyllis Butts



Giacotti front entry



*Ella Barber's gardens—
Phyllis Butts, Joetta King,
Sally Hart, Ann Fuller, Ella Barber, Elayne Vick*



Bruce and René Herndon's gardens

Gardeners on the Go: Canton, October 29, 2015



Lyn Argenbright, Evelyn Urbanosky, Marion McDevitt, Miriam Ward



Carole Nadeau, Debbie Monahan



*LaJune McCrea, Barbara Sidorowicz,
Elyse Huettl*

Arbor Day November 6, 2015



Ceremonial planting of an Autumn Blaze Maple at the Grapevine Recreation Center

GGC was represented by Karen Rice, Chuck Voelker, Pam Braak, Greg Braak, Dick Pafford, Adele Claeson, Joetta King, Ed King, Lisa Grove, Kevin Mitchell, Sharron Spencer, Ella Barber, and Candace Kyler.

Veterans Day Parade November 7, 2015

A group of fourteen garden club members (four of whom are veterans) gathered to march in the Grapevine Veterans Day Parade. We decorated the 'Garden Club Truck' (as we fondly call Chuck's pickup) and rode up Main Street in style. Lisa Grove and the Parks Department obtained wildflower seed packets which we gave away as we walked the parade route. We all enjoyed the event and salute our veterans!

✂Karen Rice



Candace Kyler, Dick & Suzi Guckel, Margaret Meharg, Marian McDevitt, Thierrie Mazur, Miriam Ward, Karen Rice, Evelyn Urbanosky, Chuck Voelkel, Joetta King



Ed King tries on Joetta's hat.



Volunteer!! Get Involved!!

We have a busy club and it may be difficult to keep up with all the activities. So please mark these dates in your calendar now and plan on volunteering. These are activities where GGC members give back to our community.

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| West Texas Street | February 9 | West Texas St and Church St See Suzi Guckel. |
| Spring Plant Sale | April 16 | Grapevine Botanical Gardens See Sally Hart. |
| Epic Earth Day | April 16 | Grapevine Botanical Gardens |
| Flowercade | April 22-24 | Fort Worth Botanic Gardens See Ann Fuller. |
| West Texas Street | May 3 | West Texas St and Church St See Suzi Guckel. |
| Redbud Program | May (TBA) | GCISD Elementary Schools See Joan Kowalski. |



Ongoing volunteer opportunities:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Botanical Garden Docents | Various | Tours, classes and plantings See Lisa Grove & Cindy Miller. |
| Hospitality Hostesses | Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr | At general meetings See Marianne Tuggle/ Barb Morrell. |

Check your yearbook for details. Meet new people and have fun!

 Pam Braak

Wildflower Planting

They arrived at Parr Park wearing brown or blue vests and big smiles. These were the fourteen girls from Girl Scout Troops 1425 and 1405 and Daisy Troop 1402 who came to help us sow eighty pounds of wildflower seeds in a four-acre area of Parr Park. They pushed spreaders filled with seeds that in some cases came up to their shoulders. They used hand spreaders to sow some bags of seeds that they brought with them and Lisa Grove helped them plant some daffodils. The event was a big success for both kids and adults.



On your mark, get set, push!



Spreading the last bits at the bottom by hand



Preparing the seed to spread using hand spreaders

This is the third autumn for seed sowing in this ongoing project. Experience has taught us which seeds should be included and which should not. Lisa Grove and Wildseed Farms have come up with a custom mix for our area which includes:

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|---|---|
| Black eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia</i> | Tickseed <i>Coreopsis</i> |
| Clasping coneflower <i>Dracopis amplexicaulis</i> | Rocket larkspur <i>Delphinium ajacis</i> |
| Indian blanket <i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> | Coneflower <i>Echinacea</i> |
| Lemon Mint <i>Monarda citriodora</i> | Plains coreopsis <i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i> |
| Drummond phlox <i>Phlox drummondii</i> | Showy primrose <i>Oenothera speciosa</i> |
| TX bluebonnet <i>Lupinus texensis</i> | Standing cypress <i>Ipomopsis rubra</i> |
| Red corn poppy <i>Papaver rhoeas</i> | TX paintbrush <i>Castilleja indivisa</i> |
| Mexican hat <i>Ratibida</i> | Butterfly weed <i>Asclepias</i> |

GGC members applied for Monarch Waystation designation this year on behalf of the City of Grapevine. Milkweed and other butterfly friendly nectar plants have been planted each spring since 2013.

There is a second area along Highway 26 that is part of our Wildflower Planting project. This is the third annual planting for this area also. Staffing for this project was much different from the Parr Park planting!



Our GGC Highway 26 Wildflower Team in their snazzy green safety vests

GGC participants: Lisa Grove, Karen Rice, Chuck Voelker, Pam Braak, Greg Braak, Dick Pafford, Barb Atkins, Suzi Guckel, Peggy Harris, Evelyn Urbanosky, Miriam Ward, Jenny Singleton, Adele Claeson, Joetta King, Thierre Mazur, and Sef Crollett

AWARDS UPDATE



GGC Awards



**District
II,
Texas**

Our 2015 GGC award applications are on their way to their first stop, District II. Thanks to everyone who produced publications, organized and volunteered at all of our successful activities during the year.

AWARDS

Newsletter
Yearbook
Cookbook
Website

West Texas Street
Rose Trials
Redbud Program
Civic Seed Money
Art Contest

Parr Park Butterfly Garden
Bird Sanctuary Week
Butterfly Flutterby
Docent Programs
Toni's pruning program