



GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

September 23, 2014

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, Val Reed, Linda Barraclough, Lynne Carpenter, Dinah Chancellor, Kathy Clark, Ann Fuller, René Herndon, Anne Hogue, Linda Krimm, Mary Ledeboer

Grapevine Garden Club September Program

To get our Garden Club Season—pardon the football reference—off to a great start, the speaker for our first meeting will be our recently promoted, very own, new Director of Grapevine Parks & Recreation, Kevin Mitchell. We all know that it is a challenge to have healthy trees in our North Texas climate. Kevin will address the topic, "Best Trees for North Texas". He will talk to us about the best trees to plant, how to landscape our yards with trees for maximum property value, and how to plant, trim, and care for them so they become a long lasting welcome addition to our lives.

✂ Sharon Swagerty, Programs

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President's Message

Welcome back to another year of learning and fun. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and that you are ready for another great year to begin. September and October are busy months for the garden club with meetings, Gardens on View, three tours and of course the Plant Native Plant Now sale and Butterfly Flutterby both on **Saturday, October 18th**. We need lots of volunteers for that day so be sure to sign up at the September meeting.

When I travel, I always enjoy taking garden tours and visiting public gardens. And I like to collect garden art ideas. These are some I photographed this summer.



Easy fountain



Papercrete Mushrooms



Spiff up an alley

See you all at the meetings and at the many upcoming garden club and community activities. Join in, learn something new, and have fun.

☞Pam Braak

Hot Off the Press!!!

The *Grapevine Garden Club Yearbook 2014-15* will be available for pickup at the September General Meeting.

**☞Phyllis Butts
Yearbook**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
September 23	Gardens on View after the regular GGC Meeting	The Gardens of— Cindy Crook, Jo Ogletree, Suzi Guckel & Lizann Cullen
September 30	Gardeners on the Go: Discover Denton – Historical Preservation & Gardens	8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Denton, Texas
October 6	New Member Coffee 10:00 A.M.	Grapevine Botanical Gardens Mitchell House
October 14	Gardeners on the Go: Avant Gardeners' “Mad Hatter’s Tea Party”	10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Home of Barbara Baker Fort Worth, Texas
October 18	“Plant Native—Plant Now” Sale 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	Grapevine Botanical Gardens
	Butterfly Flutterby 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	

September Birthdays

Ron Anderson
Barbara Atkins
Ella Barber
Marilyn Bayer
Drew Carmen
Diane Cauwels
Rachel Clark
Carmen Drew
Peggy Harris
Peggy Reyher



*September Birthday Flower
aster*

Karen Rice
Cameron Rouze
Babs Sidorowicz
Shari Stanfield
Lisa Stokdyk
Marty Swindell
Beckie Underwood
Elayne Vick
Travis White
Edie Williams

Welcome New Members!

Terry Beaver
Jenna Chitwood
Stephen James
Lynda Krupa
Elaine White
Travis White



Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
October 21	Work Day	West Texas Street Grapevine, Texas
October 23	Gardeners on the Go: Elmer W. Oliver Nature Park	Mansfield, Texas
November 5	Gardeners on the Go: UNT Sustainable Tour	Denton, Texas
December 2	Holiday Luncheon	Lancaster Theater Main Street, Grapevine, TX

Membership News

A big welcome to each of our 190 members as we begin our new club year!

As one of our membership benefits, discounts are offered at two local nurseries:

- 🌱 Blooming Colors – Please pick up your discount card at the Membership Desk.
- 🌱 Marshall Grain – Simply tell them you are a member of Grapevine Garden Club.

Forms for our FREE subscriptions to the Better Homes & Gardens magazine are also available at the Membership Desk. These must be completed and mailed by September 30th.

The Membership Committee would greatly appreciate new (or nearly new) garden gifts for our monthly door prizes. Please bring your donated prizes to our general meetings. Thanks.

🌿 Barb Munn
Membership

GGC Seed Exchange

Fellow gardeners, fall is here and it's time to deadhead flowers, thin plants, and divide bulbs & extra plants for next year. Please remember our seed exchange table if you encounter extra seeds, bulbs, or plants. Please place seeds in paper envelopes with the following information: 1) name of plant 2) color of flower 3) height of mature plant 4) plant in sun or shade 5) whether the plant is invasive 6) whether the plant is a perennial or an annual.



In the envelope with the seeds, please place a preservative pack to help seeds dry out without danger of mold or mildew. (These preservative packs are often found in medication containers or in boxes with new shoes.) Please bring your donations to the general meetings and leave them at the seed table. **ALSO NEEDED** are old envelopes that don't stick, or are yellowed, or earmarked for disposal. These can be repurposed for packaging seeds for the seed table. Thank you for sharing.

☞ **Thierrie Mazur**
Seed Exchange

Ways and Means

The Grapevine Garden Club will be offering a variety of spring bulbs to **purchase** and **reserve** at the September meeting.

Bulbs available for **purchasing** include, **Crocus speciosus** and **Crocus speciosus 'Albus'**. (See pictures and descriptions below.)

Bulbs available to **reserve** for pick-up at the October meeting are as follows:
Bakeri Lilac Wonder/Tulip, Tulip: Turkestanica, Muscari: Aucheri: Blue Magic, Snow Flake, Daffodil: Hill Star: Daffodil: Jonquilla Pipit

Forms to reserve bulbs will be available at the Ways and Means table.

☞ **Cindy Miller**
Ways and Means

Bulbs for fall planting 2014 – \$10 a bag (\$9 for GGC members)

- ☛ **Crocus (Speciosus)** – elegant violet blue to mauve flowers; are easy to naturalize; 1800; most floriferous; early fall, 3” – 5” – 15/bag
- ☛ **Crocus: (Speciosus Albus)** – spectacular pristine white flowers with a yellow heart; very vigorous; early fall, 2” – 5” – 9/bag
- ☛ **Tulip: Bakeri Lilac Wonder (Acuminata)** – sunny yellow heart and lilac pink petals; mid-spring, 6” – 8” – 15/bag
- ☛ **Tulip: Turkestanica** – white petals with orange center; multiflowering and fragrant; a repeat bloomer in the garden; early spring, 1875 – 6” – 8” – 15/bag
- ☛ **Muscari: Blue Magic (Aucheri)** – fertile flowers at the top are bright sky blue with white lobes; darker blue flowers are at the bottom; mid-spring (a great forcer), 4” – 8” – 15/bag
- ☛ **Snow Flake** – critter proof, pendulous pure white bells – heirloom – naturalizes, mid to late spring, 12” – 18” – 9/bag
- ☛ **Daffodil: (Hill Star)** – lemon yellow petals and a halo at the base; longer and broader white cup with buff shading; two to three flowers per stem; late mid-spring, 14”-16” – 9/bag

- 🌱 **Daffodil: Jonquilla (Pipit)** – 2–3 luminous yellow flowers per stem but the cup quickly turns white; mid-spring, 14” – 16” – 9/bag



*Crocus
Speciosus*



*Crocus
Speciosus Albus*



*Tulip: Bakeri
Lilac Wonder*



Tulip Turkestanica



*Muscari
Blue Magic*



Snow Flake



*Daffodil
Hill Star*



Daffodil: Pipit

Scholarship Committee Proposal

Historically the Grapevine Garden Club has awarded scholarships of \$2000 per year, usually to three recipients. It was proposed at the September board meeting that this be increased. Standing Rule #5 in our bylaws, states: “The scholarship will be in the amount of up to \$2000; or, if funds are available, additional scholarships may be awarded.”



*Scholarship recipient, Cameron Rouze,
Oklahoma State University*

The following motion was made at the September 4th GGC Board Meeting. “It is moved that Standing Rule #5 be changed to state: The scholarship will be in the amount of \$2500; or, if funds are available, additional scholarship amounts may be awarded.” The motion was seconded and passed at the board meeting. This motion will be presented at the general meeting on September 23rd. If passed by the membership, this change would go into effect for the scholarships awarded for the 2015-16 year.

🌸 Sheri Jones
Scholarships

You Are Invited!

This year the Grapevine Garden club will host a New Member Coffee on Monday, October 6th, at 10:00 A.M. at the Mitchell House (411 Ball Street, Grapevine, TX 76051). All members who have joined since September of 2013 are invited to attend. A myriad of garden club projects and activities will be showcased and information about becoming involved will be presented. Best of all, the fellowship of new friends who share your gardening enthusiasm will be a great opportunity at the coffee. For more information, contact Sarah Erickson.

☞Sarah Erickson

Fall Plant Sale Oct 18th, 2014

The plant sale committee has been busy over the summer collecting great species of trees, shrubs and perennials to offer at the fall plant sale. A complete list will be sent out prior to the sale. Many of the plants are Texas natives or well adapted to this area. There will be butterfly nectar and larval host plants like Gregg's blue mist and fall asters, butterfly weed, fennel, and pipevine.



Tree sale workday - Chuck Voelker, Karen Rice, Greg Braak, Peggy Harris

Do you like white flowers in your garden? We will have an assortment of white flowering plants available such as a white passion vine, kidneywood, lizard tail, roughleaf dogwood, and white coneflower.



Eve's Necklace

And let's not forget gardening for the birds. Our club will celebrate Bird Sanctuary Week in January. But now is the time to plant trees and shrubs that provide fruit or berries that birds love. Carolina buckthorn, rough leafed dogwood, eastern red cedar, persimmon, Eve's necklace, fig trees and Mexican plum are all trees that provide food for the birds. Shrubs providing berries include American beautyberry, elderberry, leatherleaf mahonia, pidgeonberry, prairie flameleaf sumac, and possumhaw holly.

Many of these species are understory trees or shrubs. They provide food as well as shelter for the birds and can fit into your existing landscape. You can find these plants at the GGC fall plant sale. Come early for best selection!

Plant Native—Plant Now!

The GGC Fall Plant Sale will be held on October 18, 2014 at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. At the *Plant Native – Plant Now* sale we offer trees, shrubs and perennials that are Texas native or adapted. And fall is the best time to plant them. The sale is held in conjunction with the city of Grapevine's *Butterfly Flutterby* event. We will also have a variety of butterfly nectar and larval host plants. A list of the sale items will be sent out prior to the sale.



Passion flower, larval host of the gulf fritillary



gulf fritillary

☞Karen Rice

Volunteers are needed to help with the sale and a sign-up sheet will be at the September GGC meeting. Help is needed for the holding area, cashiers/assistant cashiers, sale setup and pricing, and general assistance during the sale. By volunteering, you will learn about the items for sale and work alongside other GGC members. All first shift volunteers for the plant sale and Butterfly Flutterby will be allowed to shop before the sale is open to the general membership and public. So sign up and get the opportunity to fill your garden with the plants you want. All GGC members will receive a 10% discount for all purchases. Proceeds benefit the GGC scholarship and civic projects.

☞Chuck Voelker
Plant Sale

Celebrate the Monarch at Butterfly Flutterby, Saturday, October 18th

The Grapevine Garden Club will be a big part of the Butterfly Flutterby celebration as the Monarchs migrate from Canada to Mexico via the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. The free, family-friendly event will include a parade, butterfly exhibits, arts, games, crafts, and the annual native tree and shrub sale! There will be several butterfly releases and the winners of the GGC Kids Art Contest "Caring for Our World" will be announced. We will sponsor a booth with educational

materials, seeds, flowers, caterpillars, and fun items to buy. *Don't miss the cutest bug boxes for kids of all ages!*

The combined Butterfly Flutterby and Native Tree and Plant sale is our club's biggest volunteer effort and is a great way to kick off the new garden club year. We need members to volunteer to help with crafts, play games, perform science experiments, explain the life cycle of the butterfly, sell trees, sell shrubs, hold plants, answer gardening questions, and assist in many other ways to make these events successful. Choose the job and time that works for you – 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. or 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. The sign-up sheets will be available at the September general meeting.



Monarch caterpillar

We need heirloom plant seeds from GGC members' gardens. Please bring the seeds to the September general meeting! (See the article in this issue by Therrie Mazur.) As the annual Butterfly Flutterby date gets closer, we need Club members to check their gardens for caterpillars in any stage! The children love seeing the real thing, instead of just pictures.

Saturday, October 18th promises to be a fun and educational event for GGC members, families, friends, grandparents and the community. Don't miss it! Questions? Contact Gloria Land or Linda Krimm.

Linda Krim
Butterfly Flutterby

Kids Art Contest **"Caring for Our World"**

The Grapevine Colleyville ISD and the Grapevine Garden Club will again sponsor a Kids Art Contest for students in grades K-5. The theme for the contest is "*Caring for Our World*". The purpose of the contest is to give students an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of how to care for our world through an original drawing.



Entries will be judged by local artists. Winners will be announced during the annual *Butterfly Flutterby* on Saturday, October 18th. Garden Club members with children or grandchildren in grade K-5th are eligible to enter the contest even though students do not attend a GCISD school. Contest rules and entry forms are available from Miriam Ward or www.grapevinegardenclub.org

Miriam Ward
Butterfly Flutterby Art Contest

Flowercade 2015



Looking ahead to Flowercade in April, those who are interested in participating (I am assuming that is everyone!), should attend the Avant Gardeners' "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" Flower Show in Fort Worth! (See *Gardeners on the Go* below.) The most entertaining way of doing this is to sign up for the Gardeners on the Go field trip on October 14th! We will be attending the show and having lunch too! See you there!!!

Ann Fuller
Flowercade

Gardeners on the Go

You may register for a tour with Joetta King by home phone, email or at the September 23rd meeting. Driving directions and tour information will be emailed to tour attendees about a week before the tour dates. 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 (per tour) at the September meeting.

Discover Denton – Historical Preservation & Gardens

September 30, Tuesday – 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Members and their invited guests

\$5 donation will be collected on the day of the tour to cover fees and honorariums.

Painted Flower Farm is a small family-owned nursery that specializes in herbaceous perennials either native or adapted to the rigors of growing in North Texas. These plants have been selected primarily for resistance to the hot dry summers in North Texas. Tour attendees will receive a 10% discount on all purchases. Go to www.paintedflowerfarm.com for their current inventory and prices.

Nuckels Wildlife Habitat Garden

Almost two years ago, Joyce and Don Nuckels put their property in the ghost town of Stoney in western Denton County under the Texas Parks and Wildlife Management program as their agricultural tax exemption. To do so, they had to agree to meet certain guidelines. The Nuckels chose neotropical songbirds and

butterflies as their target species. The practices they are attempting to implement are:

- 🌱 habitat control - increase plants that help, decrease ones that hinder
- 🌱 census counts
- 🌱 supplemental water provision and food supply
- 🌱 shelter - birdhouses, brush piles, etc.

The Nuckels have realized that in order to have the "good" they must contend with some of the "bad". If gardeners want the good bugs, they must have the bad bugs for them to eat. We must have caterpillars if we want butterflies. Brush piles and fallen trees must be tolerated because they provide protection and nesting sites for birds and insects. Some "weeds" need to be left because they are needed for nectar and caterpillar food.

A wildlife habitat is managed with a balance of nature as a goal. What we humans consider pretty is not always what nature needs to be healthy. Decaying leaves and twigs are needed to feed soil microbes so we have healthy soil. There is even a place for snails and slugs as they help speed the decaying process!

Having grown up on a ranch in central Texas, Joyce had always been intrigued by wildlife and plants. Many of the plants and rocks in Nuckels' landscape came from the ranches of her father and brothers. After retiring twelve years ago from teaching school, Joyce became a more active gardener and received Master Gardener and Master Naturalist certification. She is a member of Twilight Garden Club in Denton. She wrote, "I am fortunate to have a husband who is willing to help me carry out my whims. The wildlife habitat was made possible with his support."

The two photos of the Nuckels' garden show two very different habitats – one watered only by nature and the other receiving supplemental water through a drip system. (*Can you guess which is which?*)



Herbison Rose Garden

When James (Jim) Herbison started growing roses, he soon exceeded his home property and that of his daughter's backyard. Running out of room to cultivate, Jim sought alternative property. Jim and Janet Herbison located property for which the City of Denton had previously denied building permits because of a creek running through part of it. Located at the back of a dead-end dirt road, it proved to be just what was needed!

Although he referred to the property as "poison ivy farm" at the time of purchase, the property is now the scenic location of a peach orchard and rose garden.



Jim Herbison's rose



Herbison in his rose garden

Although retired for twelve years, Jim is applying his experience as a chemical engineer in growing better roses as well as developing a self-designed misting system. Jim is an award winning rose grower with more than 1,000 roses, 600 roses hybridized by him. He is a five - time winner at the Dallas Rose Society show and two - time winner at the Fort Worth rose show and serves as a consulting rosarian for the Dallas Rose Society.

In preparation for the Dallas Rose Society's October rose show, Jim will have pruned many of his roses previous to our visit and blooms may not be in abundance. However, members will benefit from our time with Jim as he talks to us about grafting and hybridizing roses. Have a question about growing roses? You may wish to linger to visit with Jim before going to lunch.



Bayless Selby House

Following our visit with Rosarian Jim Herbison, you will have free time to visit the Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum, lunch, and shop near the Court House Square before guided tours of two historical homes and a Victorian style garden located at the **Historical Park of Denton County**. The **Bayless Selby House Museum** features many exhibits including 19th-century American furniture with emphasis on the Eastlake-style.

The **African American Museum** is one of 100 African American museums in the country and one of 10 African American museums in Texas. The **Victorian Garden at Historical Park** is a period-authentic landscape garden that includes herbs, flowers and vegetables found around North Texas homes in the early 1900's. In 2001, the Historical Commission invited the Denton County Master Gardeners to create an authentic Victorian landscape garden around the house. The design included an antique rose garden and several beds with perennials, herbs, and pass-along plants. Planting began in the spring of 2002 and improvements are ongoing.



Denton County Master Gardeners' Victorian Landscape

Fort Worth - Avant Gardeners 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party'

October 14, Tuesday – Carpool group tour - 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Group tour is limited to 20 members – Free

Following lunch at The Secret Garden located at the Montgomery Street Antique Mall, you will be attending *Mad Hatter's Flower Show*, a small – standard flower show presented by the Avant Gardeners and staged at the beautifully decorated home and garden of Barbara Baker. Yes, we've attended the show previously, but Barbara's garden and home décor are always in transition! It will be interesting to see how the addition of a brick half - wall showcasing her succulent collection and two blue garden gates have enhanced this well designed garden that includes a Pink Garden and a Butterfly Garden. GGC members, Marty Swindell and Rachel Clark, are also members of Avant Gardeners, and you will enjoy seeing their creative floral arrangements.

Members who prefer to not join the carpool group may attend the flower show anytime between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. Independent attendees may contact Swindell or Clark for additional information.

Mansfield – Connect with Nature

Nature Hike at Elmer W. Oliver Nature Park

October 23, Thursday 8:45 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.

Tour attendance limited to 30

\$5 Nature Park tour fee will be collected on day of tour.



Mist flower, Oliver Nature Park

There are many opportunities to connect with nature at the Elmer W. Oliver Nature Park in Mansfield. At the intersection of two eco-regions, the eastern Cross Timbers and the northern Blackland Prairies, Oliver Nature Park features several ecosystems each with its own unique plant and animal life.



Oliver Nature Park

You can expect to see wildlife, geological formations, wildflowers, and pond life on a 90 minute guided nature walk with Nature Education Specialist Sam Kieschnick who stated, "I enjoy teaching people about nature. When we take time to explore, we find the most amazing things all around us.

I always say there's no need to go to Africa on a safari; you just have to get on your hands and knees and change your perspective. Insects, plants, and all sorts of little critters become exotic characters that we may have never noticed before. There is beauty in nature, and I love to share it with everyone I meet." (His approach to leading tours may offer our Grapevine Botanical Gardens docents ideas!)



Oliver Nature Park

Having worked up a hearty appetite, we will lunch at Steven's Garden and Grill which is housed in a barn in historic downtown Mansfield. The owners, John and Jan Cox, initially owned and operated a landscaping business and garden center in the location, but today the couple's vision for the restaurant has consumed their time and talents. In business since September 2001, they have incorporated their appreciation for nature with their affection for good food. The only request that the Coxes make is, "Don't forget how you got here!"

Mark your calendar for the next overnight road trip!

Touring Arkansas Gardens and Nature Centers

April 29 - May 2, 2015 (4 days and 3 nights)

Highlights for this trip will include tours at Garvan Woodland Gardens (Hot Springs), P. Allen Smith's Moss Mountain Farm (Roland), and Marlsgate Plantation, Wildwood Park for the Arts, Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center and the Audubon Arkansas Center (Little Rock). You may decide that you

only want to attend specific tour events. When you complete the tour registration form, just specify which activities in which you will participate. This will allow flexibility if you do not wish to be on tour for four days. Check websites for additional information about tour sites: www.garvangardens.com, www.pallensmith.com, www.wildwoodpark.org, www.marlsgate.com, www.rivermarket.info, www.centralarkansasnaturecenter.com, www.littlerock.com.

Joetta King
Trips and Tours



Garvan Woodland Gardens, Arkansas



Heritage
Elementary
Garden—planting
beds, a project
supported by GGC
seed money, are
waiting for student
gardeners.
The taller bed is
designed for
students in wheel
chairs.