THE GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE



TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009

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 park in the outer slots as to allow Stacy's customers to park near the store entrance.

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES: Paula Jones, Karen Rice, Camille Kissell, Edie Williams, Jessie Misch, Joyce Wuetig, Lindle O'Neill and Julie White

APRIL PROGRAM:

A STROLL THROUGH ENGLISH GARDENS By Steven Chamblee



What a perfect opportunity this will be to Stroll Through English Gardens with Steven Chamblee! Steven is the Chief Horticulturist for Chandor Gardens in Weatherford and shall delight us with his presentation.

ARE YOU A MASTER GARDENER OR MASTER NATURALIST? Please wear your MG or MN name tag to our monthly garden meetings so that you can be easily identified by those needing horticultural assistance or information about becoming a Master Gardener or Master Naturalist. Thank you!

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

The first thing I'd like to tell you is THE HUMMINGBIRDS ARE BACK! It's always a big deal in our yard when we notice that first hummingbird looking for our feeders. If you don't have your feeders out, now is the time!

You'll notice in this month's newsletter that we have added a "Help Wanted" section. The intent is to feature <u>Committee Coordinator</u> job descriptions for positions that need filling <u>for next year</u>. If you have the abilities needed for these jobs, please let us know. We are also looking for <u>Apprentices for the Committee Coordinator</u> jobs. Our intent is to provide opportunities to <u>be involved with Committee leadership without the full responsibility</u>. We all realize our club is becoming so large that assistance and training will help in many ways.

Between now and our luncheon in May, we have a lot going on! The next BIG thing is our Plant Sale. It will be sooooo successful if we have the support of everyone. Tell all your friends, family and neighbors. Tell the person standing next to you in line at the grocery store. We need those customers!

After that, we have an excursion to Clark Gardens (as recently seen in Southern Living Magazine). That will be followed with the opportunity to participate in Flowercade. Then, our next and last general meeting for this year, the annual Spring Luncheon. We hope to see you at everything!

And just for the fun of it I want to share an e-mail I received this month:



God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him,

"Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did 'in the beginning.'"

"Oh, is that so? Tell Me..." replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of you and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's interesting. Show Me."

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil.

"Oh no, no, no..." interrupts God,

(I love this) "...Get your own dirt."

René Herndon

JUST A REMINDER! We will be collecting the annual dues of \$20 (family \$25) at the next meeting. If you wish, dues can be mailed to: Grapevine Garden Club, P.O. Box 811, Grapevine, Texas 76099



"FRIENDSHIP VINES IN 2009"

Tuesday, May 19 - Lakeside Picnic

Arrival Social 10:30 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. Meeting 11:45 a.m. at the

Trawick Pavilion on the shores of Grapevine Lake

Anita Hilfiker, Coordinator

You are invited to celebrate a successful Garden Club year at the Annual Spring Membership Luncheon. Make merry with gardening friends, rejoice in the installation of the 2009-2010 officers, visit with our scholarship award winner(s) and enjoy the salads and desserts provided by members.

In the last few years, the luncheon has been restricted to Club members due to the limitations of the location. However, this year members will have the opportunity to invite a guest because the luncheon will be held at the Trawick Pavilion at Grapevine Lake. It will be a casual affair with us lunching on picnic tables under the Pavilion.

You will have the opportunity to sign up for the luncheon at the April General Meeting. Be thinking about a potential guest and your contribution of a salad or dessert. Members who 'RSVP, Yes' will receive driving directions and additional details.

If you wish to serve as part of the luncheon work crew, please contact Barb Munn (set-up crew) or Paula Pafford (clean-up crew).

The dues for the upcoming fiscal year, June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2010, may be paid at the luncheon. Make checks payable to the Grapevine Garden Club (Individual Membership \$20 and Family Membership \$25)

SIGN UP FOR THE LAKESIDE PICNIC **RSVP, YES ONLY BY MAY 8 - JOETTA KING** (YEARBOOK PAGE 40)



ARE YOU READY FOR THE 14TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE?

Barb Munn and Diane Cauwels are.....they have ordered the most wonderful plants and roses guaranteed to add color, texture and interest to anyone's garden.

Karen Rice and Val Reed arethey have gathered many wonderful pass along plants that you have so generously donated. Thank you! Thank you!

Suzi Guckel and team are.....they have been coordinating everything we will need to set up and get organized for the plant sale.

Sarah Erickson, Joyce Quam and Angela Ozymy are.....they have recruited and trained the cashiers, assistants and sales consultants to help our customers.

Barb Atkins, Joan Kolawski and Sue Cullen are.....they distributed flyers all over town. Did you see the wonderful articles in the Grapevine Sun?



Anita Hilfiker and Paul Wilbanks are standing by, ready to hold plants while our customers shop. Elaine Vick is feverously making Plant ID signs.

What are Rene' Herndon and I doing? We are applauding all of these wonderful Garden Club members who are doing such a great job to get us ready.

How do you tell if YOU'RE ready? Here's the checklist:

Your Grapevine Garden Club shirt is clean and ready to wear

You have your alarm clock set to remind you to be there on time. If you don't know the time or have questions, call Sarah, Joyce, Suzi or Anita.

You have studied the plant list that Barb is emailing everyone so you know what you want to buy and can help our customers.

You have your checkbook ready to pay for the plants you will want to buy at the Member Only sale on Friday between 4 and 6 p.m.

You have reminded your friends and neighbors to come to the plant sale or emailed them the plant sale flyer.

NEW THIS YEAR

You must have your hand stamped at the Membership table before you can buy plants on Friday. Member discount on Friday will be \$1 off every \$10 you spend.

On Saturday, all unsold plants will be moved back to the Tree Farm. No half off discounts to customers or members.

Steve Huddleston, Senior Horticulturist at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden will be at our sale signing his new book *Easy Gardens for North Central Texas*.

Keep in mind we are doing all this in support of the Garden Club's civic projects and scholarship fund. But we also want to have fun and share our enthusiasm and love for gardening. Thank you for your support and help. Any questions please email lkrimm@tx.rr.com or call Linda Krimm, 817-430-4286.

GARDENS ON VIEW: SOUTH GRAPEVINE TUESDAY, APRIL 28 - Following the General Meeting

RSVP, yes only - Not required but certainly appreciated - Joetta King yb p.40 Members who RSVP will receive directions and instructions for the tour. Carpool! Parking will be an issue—be prepared to walk about 1 block.

Sharron and Jerry Spencer designed and built their home on Wintergreen Terrace in 1983. It is secluded and is home to squirrels and a wide variety of birds which are fed daily, along with rabbits and peacocks. An occasional fox appears, especially during summer when fruit is ripening. While laying out the driveway in front of the house, a large old tree stump, dead many years, was to be removed until Sharron saw a mother squirrel with two babies climbing out of the top. The driveway was relocated several feet and the stump was saved. For many years, the old tree stump was a home to many squirrel families.



Having succumbed to high winds, it now lies peacefully on the ground where it will remain to replenish the earth. The squirrels took up residence in an owl house and three babies were recently born. After touring this peaceful garden, which is classified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat, you will understand why they refer to it as "Spencer's Refuge."

[Sharron has been a member of the Garden Club since 1982 and was instrumental in getting Grapevine's designation as a Tree City USA while serving on the Club's Civic Committee.]

There isn't enough space in this newsletter to describe the many elements of this four acre garden. Allow extra time to stroll the flagstone paths and browse the extensive collection of plants in **Pat and Kathy Stanton's** amazing garden. Pat has numerous experimental raised beds where he has evaluated various species and which evolve depending on his current interest. From exotics to old fashioned-passalong plants, you will be astonished by the diversity - iris, palms, lycoris, crinium, daylilies, figs and many more. Of the many roses (climbing & shrub form), Pat favors the David Austin Roses. Best yet! The plants are identified with plant markers. Bring your notepad and pen! Combine the massive plantings with the wildlife at the pond (great egrets, kingfishers, hawks, turtles) and the domestic birds (chickens, doves, peacocks) and you will forget that you are visiting a garden "in town". Don't fail to relax at the overview of the pond in the wildlife habitat area.



What makes the garden of **Joetta and Ed King** special? There is no lawn! Flagstone & lava rock paths allow the guest to view the various beds of ground cover, shrubs and perennials on this third of an acre property. If Joetta had to choose a favorite season in the garden, it would probably be when the azaleas, oxalis, redbuds and bluebonnets are in bloom. Thank you, Mother Nature, for scattering bluebonnet seeds into the lava rock and creating this lovely display each spring!

SPRING TRIPS AND TOURS:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 - GRANBURY 8:15 A.M. -3:30 P.M.

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Blaylock Farm

Arnold and Georgia Blaylock's country lifestyle began with a 2 acre vineyard that supplied grapes for home wine makers for 19 years and with cattle ranching. Disease challenged the vineyard, and a grove of pecan trees has replaced the vineyard.



Downsizing from 296 to 46 acres has allowed more freedom to travel, but there are still two acres of landscaped gardens to keep these two Master Gardeners busy!

Their gardening style has developed in a "plant by impulse" approach rather than from a formal design. Consequently, their landscape reflects inspiration from visiting gardens on their travels and allowing the natural terrain to dictate the creation of beds and accents. Don't be surprised to find a statue of General Lei purchased in China in the Circle 8 Bed, an Anne Girl Bed statuary

(inspired by Anne of Green Gables) gracing a circular water feature or a ravine woodland garden.

Their creativity has resulted in unique garden features including a handcrafted metal sculpture Arnold welded from garden tools, a specimen trumpet vine climbing an antique horse drawn rake wheel and a unique tree house.

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. - Lunch in Downtown Granbury "On Your Own"
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Master Gardeners Trial and Demonstration Garden

Except for construction of the two buildings and the stone retainer walls, the Lake Granbury Master Gardeners did the work necessary for building this trial and demonstration garden. Thirty thousand dollars in donations supported the project.

In addition to the test garden which includes Super Star plants, native grasses, natives and adapted plants, there is a 3200 gallon rain water collection system from the roofs of 2 buildings. There are two vegetable garden plots. One garden is irrigated with harvested rain water and the other with city water.

Members who volunteered at the Grapevine Garden Club's 3 yr Earth Kind Rose Brigade will find the Granbury rose trial garden which has been studied for 1 year of interest.

Representatives of the Lake Granbury Master Gardeners will meet with us to discuss the project and answer questions.

DEPARTURE TIME WILL DEPEND ON THE CARPOOL GROUP'S DECISION 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Shop Granbury Square 2:00 p.m. - Depart Granbury 3:30 p.m. - Arrive in Grapevine

WEST TEXAS STREET WORKDAY: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH – 9 A.M.



We had a great workday in March and thank you so much Joetta King, Susan Pittman, Pat Mingus, Joyce Quam, Rene Herndon and Chuck Voelker. We completed the flowerbed at the top of the street on the north side, weeded what we hope is the last of the Bermuda grass out of one very stubborn bed, and spread 16 bags of mulch. It is amazing what we can get accomplished when we have many hands to help.

This past winter the city cut down a large, dead tree located between two of the complexes in the southwest corner of the West Texas Street cul-de-sac. The garden club board voted to replace the tree with a beautiful Chinese Pistache through the City's Tree Sharing Program. The tree was planted March 23rd and as you can see it is a beautiful specimen.

We have one last work day scheduled for West Texas Street, Wednesday, April 29th. We will begin at 9 a.m. and plant

perennials and annual color and spread the last of the mulch. We had lots of folks sign up at the general meeting to help, so if you want to join in on the fun, call or e-mail me. It is important to let me know so that if we have a change in plans I know who to contact.

Bring applicable tools and some water. ~ Suzi Guckel, Chairman West Texas Street Project



Help wanted

HOSTESS COORDINATOR: This is a fun job that I am giving up reluctantly because of a bad back. The candidate must purchase cups, plates, etc., and bring same to the monthly membership meetings. Candidate must contact the lead hostess who then contacts the committee and arranges the refreshments. I have most of the hostesses for next year already signed up! More info call Paula Jones 817-421-4617.

NEWSLETTER: The newsletter is currently formatted in Microsoft Publisher, but you may use any desktop publishing application that you have and/or are familiar with. Articles are submitted to the newsletter editor by club members - you simply have to compile the articles and arrange them in newsletter format. (Some minor editing of articles occasionally required.) The newsletter is compiled the week of our board meeting. It is then uploaded to the club's website. Candidate will need to mail copies to approximately 20 club members without computer access. If you have questions please call Suzie Agnew, Yearbook page 17.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT BEING GGC TREASURER? The position will be open for election in January 2010 and we are looking for someone who would like to apprentice as Treasurer this fall. Some of the duties of GGC Treasurer are budgeting, reporting, collecting monies, writing checks and tracking expenditures against budgeting line items. Please contact Karen Rice if you have a desire to expand your horizons!

APPRENTICE FOR TRIPS AND TOURS 2009-2010: Coordinator arranges excursions to members' gardens and places of interest to gardeners. The position includes writing a brief article relating information about a tour/excursion for the newsletter, keeping a record of those who wish to attend an event, determining carpool location and providing an itinerary & driving directions for the event. (Trips and Tours Coordinator needed for the 2010-2011 Garden Club year.) Contact Joetta King.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Joined in February Joined in March
Ann Hatch, Arlington Eloisa Beller, Keller

Margaret Hutchins, Grapevine Shannon Bordelon, Flower Mound

Marilyn Meacham, Grapevine Suzie Cate, Southlake

Denise Mosier, Grapevine Christine George, Trophy Club

Lyvon Overton, Carrollton

Helena Terblanc, Irving

Susie Kern, Grapevine

Jocelyn Sandruck, Euless

Judy Ullman, GrapevineSusan Schleppegrell, SouthlakeChuck Voelker, GrapevineSara Stover, Flower Mound

Mary Jo Tillen, Grapevine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM FOR THE GRAPEVINE PARKS & RECREATION PLAYBOOK

INSECT LIFECYCLES--\$5.00 FEE

Have you changed since you were born? Insects grow and change in cycles. Learn about the growth process called metamorphosis. This session includes a story time and craft activity. **Site:** Grapevine Botanical Gardens Educational Pavilion **Ages:** 3-6 (maximum of 15)

Day/Date/Time: Thursday, May 21, 4:00-4:30

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Bring joy to a child

Do you have Christmas gift wrap cluttering your storage space because you are now using gift bags? Rene Herndon is collecting holiday wrapping paper (full or partial rolls) for Operation Christmas Child. Shoe boxes are filled with small toys, school supplies, sweets and other gifts. The holiday wrapped shoe boxes are sent to needy children in hospitals, orphanages, homeless shelters and impoverished neighborhoods around the world. Bring your holiday wrapping paper to the April meeting or get it to Rene Herndon when convenient.

For more information - www.operationchristmaschild.org

GRAPEVINE SENIOR ACTIVITIES CENTER Keep those ladies knitting

Remember that knitting project you never started or finished! Here is a good use for that yarn. Don't have any yarn at home? The *senior knitters* will accept newly purchased yarn!

The ladies in the knitting group at the Grapevine Senior Center need donations of yarn (partial or full skeins). They will take any type of yarn but specifically they need pastel colors of yarn for baby items. These ladies meet each week to volunteer their time to knit baby blankets, caps, booties, etc. and donate all of these items to JPS Hospital in Ft. Worth. You can drop the yarn off at the Senior Activities Center at 421 Church Street or bring it to the April General Meeting.

Questions? Kaye Grayson, Director at 817-410-8130 kgrayson@grapevinetexas.gov www.gvpard.com

FLOWERCADE 2009

FLOWERCADE ENTRY INFORMATION:

It's easy to be a winner if you take a few minutes to choose a flower or branch from your garden and enter it in the Garden Club Council of Fort Worth Flowercade Show. Each year the Grapevine Garden Club participates in Flowercade. Each year almost every entry wins a ribbon! You can't get a better deal than that! Here's what you need to do:

Look in your garden the day before our preparation day of Friday, April 24th, or that morning. Find two or three beautiful examples of your great gardening skills. Look



for specimens that are healthy, spotless and disease-free. Cut them and put them in water. Then all you have to do is to get those specimens to the Flowercade Committee. We will be gathering at Joan Stewart's home at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 24th to prepare all the entries. Please be able to give us at least the common name of your plant—or better yet, do some research and also be able to tell us the Latin name. We will take it from there!

Some things to remember:

- 1.) Plant material must be fresh and grown by you on your own property.
- 2.) Container grown plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days, except for multiple plantings (dish gardens) that must have been possessed for at least six weeks.
- 3.) A cut specimen is to be one stem, bloom, spike, spray, etc. Flowering plants should be in bloom.
- 4.) Entries will be judged on Saturday morning, April 25th, so you will want to choose a specimen that is as close to looking good on the afternoon you bring it to enter. This can be tricky, so just give it your best guess.
- 5.) The presence of insects or disease will disqualify an exhibit.

Don't forget to bring your entries to Flowercade on April 24 to Joan Stewart's home(address is in membership book). If you are interested in entering a floral design, please call me right away, so I can get a space saved for you. Call me with any questions. ~ Sarah Erickson (Yearbook, page 31)

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THE GARDEN CLUB COUNCIL OF FORT WORTH PRESENTS: Flowercade "A Step in Time" SATURDAY, APRIL 25, AND SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Show Chairman/Design Entry: Carolyn Scott 817-738-2581 or Scotts2581@aol.com

Division II Design Section and Classes

Section A "Long Ago and Far Away" Eligible for Designer Choice Award NDAF and Award of Design Excellence. Exhibitor has complete freedom of choice in plant material and components

Class 1 "Garden of Eden" A Pot-et-Fleur: A creative design staged on one half of a six foot table (30"x36") no height requirement. Exhibitor provides underlay and any additional staging.

Class 2 "Stone Age" An abstract creative design, staged on one half of a six foot table (30"x36") using a 30"x40" niche provided by Council.

Class 3 "Imperial Dynasty" A creative or traditional design interpreting an art poster or exhibitor's own art. Staged on one half of a six foot table (30"x36"). Art work may be attached to a background or staged on a table top easel.

Section B "In the Past" Eligible for the Table Artistry Award, NDAF and Award of Design Excellence. Exhibitor's choice of traditional or creative design with fresh and/or dried material on any other components.

Class 4 "Colonial American" A functional, informal table for two, exhibitor to provide own table. To be viewed from all around.

Class 5 "Victorian Times" A functional semi-formal table for two depicting an afternoon tea or dessert course. Exhibitor to provide own table. To be viewed from all around.

Class 6 "The Old West" A capsule table, an informal table for one. Decorative unit is to appropriate in size to allotted space of one fourth of an eight foot table (24"x 30"). Exhibitor provides one place setting, decorative unit and underlay (place mat, table runner, cloth, etc.) which may extend over the front of the table. Staged to be viewed from the front.

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Section C "The Twentieth Century" Eligible for Petite Award, NDAF, Award of Design Excellence. Exhibitor has complete freedom of choice in plant material and components.

Class 7 "Flower Power" A small creative design, not to exceed 8 inches in height, depth or width. Staged on a clear plastic pedestal, viewed from the front.

Class 8 "Techno Age" A small assemblage, a three-dimensional abstract creative design created on a background panel. Size 8"x8" to be staged on black plate holders (easel) provided by Council, viewed from the front.

Class 9 "Going Green" A small traditional or creative design, not to exceed 8 inches in height, staged on a natural wood pedestal, top is $5 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $5 \frac{1}{2}$ ". To be viewed from the front.

Section D "Visions of the Future" Eligible for Designer Choice Award, NDAF, Award of Design Excellence. Exhibitor has complete freedom of choice in plant material and components.

Class 10 "Life on Mars" An op art design, Am abstract creative design having implied visual motion. Staged on one half of a six foot table.

Class 11 "Exploring the Dark Side of the Moon" A duo design (side one) A free standing creative design organized in one container joined to appear as one, staged on a natural wood pedestal, 22"x22" top 36" tall which may be incorporated. (Class 11 and 12)

Class 12 "A New Dawn" A duo design (side two) same as above.

Section E "A Brighter Tomorrow" Eligible for the Award of Iris Design Excellence or (AIS Rosette) Exhibitor must use iris, or irises must be dominant in the design but need not have been grown by the exhibitor.

Class 13 "New Beginnings" A traditional or creative design stage in a niche 30"x40" provided by Council, with a background and underlay provided by exhibitor.

Class 14 "Rise and Shine" A functional, informal table for two depicting a breakfast meal. Exhibitor provides their own table. To be viewed from all around.

Class 15 "Visions of Tomorrow" A traditional or creative design staged on a natural wood pedestal, 22"x22", 36" high. Provided by Council. To be viewed from all around.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

April 15—Garden Club Council of Fort Worth, excursion to Japanese Gardens

April 18—Grapevine Garden Club's 13th annual plant sale

April 18 and 19—Spring Festival, Japanese Gardens at Fort Worth Botanic Gardens

April 21-25—Texas Garden Club Spring Convention

April 24—Grapevine Arbor Day Program

April 24—Flowercade workday

April 25-26—Participate in Fort Worth Flowercade

April 25- Fort Worth Iris Society Sale, Fort Worth Botanic Gardens

April 28—General Meeting

May 5—Executive Board Meeting, Mitchell House

May 14-17—National Garden Club Convention, Houston

May 15-17— Grapevine's 25th annual Main Street Days Festival

COLLEYVILLE GARDEN CLUB PROMENADE:

A TOUR OF 4 RESIDENTIAL GARDENS

MAY 3, 2009, 11 A.M. – 4 P.M.

The Colleyville Garden Club presents the nationally award winning garden tour, Promenade, on May 3rd from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In its 16th year, the tour is designed to please a variety of palates from sun to shade, from do-it-yourself to hire-it-done complete, from roses to herbs and vegetables, and from traditional sub-division lots to a semi-commercial garden. Within each garden, favorite plants are labeled and Colleyville Garden Club members are available to answer gardening questions. There will also be a raffle, plant sale and an educational exhibit on trees.

A landscape designer has based his own garden on a Thai theme with native and adapted plants and herbs and a Thai-themed outdoor living and kitchen area. A large acre yard has been converted from a pasture to a variety of garden areas, including a large vegetable garden, that provide a "cottagey" feel in the second featured yard. A third garden utilizes organic methods, has been designated as a National Wildlife Habitat and shows what can be accomplished in a standard subdivision lot, balancing outdoor entertaining areas with nature. For those who lead busy professional lives yet want to be able to enjoy the out-of-doors, the fourth yard employs a professional landscaper and has been planted with a minimum of grass to mow and many garden beds that require little care.

Tickets to Promenade are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the tour at the garden locations. Ticket outlets are Foreman's and Market Street in Colleyville; Blooming Colors and Marshall Grain Co. in Grapevine, Green Mama's Organic Gardening Center in North Richland Hills and Calloway's Nursery in Hurst. For more information, please visit www.colleyvillegardenclub.org.

Colleyville Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit volunteer organization. Promenade raises funds to benefit Colleyville Garden Club projects and charities. Some of the club's current projects are establishing an outdoor learning center at Colleyville Elementary School, planting trees in honor of Arbor Day at Cross Timbers Middle School, donating garden art to the new McPherson Park, awarding a scholarship to a GCISD senior, bringing gardening workshops to senior citizens and maintaining several civic gardens throughout the city.