

THE GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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: Angie Molina, Paula Wilbanks, Sarah Erickson,
Barb Munn, Barbara Oldani, Pat Mingus, Lynn Kugler and Peggy Harris

FEBRUARY PROGRAM:

WHERE DO PLANTS COME FROM?

By Wayne Pianta



Have you ever wondered where plants come from...and where our local nurseries get the ones they sell to us? Wayne Pianta, with Ball Horticulture Company, will be with us on February 24th to enlighten us on this subject. You'll thoroughly enjoy this excellent speaker!

ARE YOU A MASTER GARDENER OR A 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!

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

A story is told of a king who went to his garden one morning, only to find everything withered and dying. He asked the oak tree that stood near the gate what the trouble was. The oak said it was tired of life and determined to die because it was not tall and beautiful like the pine tree. The pine was troubled because it could not bear grapes like the grapevine. The grapevine was determined to throw its life away because it could not stand erect and produce fruit as large as peaches. The geranium was fretting because it was not tall and fragrant like the lilac.



And so it went throughout the garden. Yet coming to a violet, the king found its face as bright and happy as ever and said, "Well, violet, I'm glad to find one brave little flower. You don't seem to be the least disheartened." The violet responded, "No, I'm not. I know I'm small, yet I thought if you wanted an oak or a pine or a peach tree or even a lilac, you would have planted one. Since I knew you wanted a violet, I'm determined to be the best little violet I can be." (Streams in the Desert, L. B. Cowman)

I wanted to share this little story with you. First of all, it takes place in a garden and that's always a good thing when addressing a garden club. But, the reason I'm sharing this story is because we are in the midst of getting ready for our Annual Spring Plant Sale. This is a big job and we need the help of all of our 180 members. Please find *your* niche.

This event is our #1 fundraiser to benefit our Scholarship Program, as well as other projects we do for our community. April 18th is fast approaching. From now until the day of the plant sale you will be given many opportunities to help. It doesn't matter how big or how small an activity you do. That old phrase "every little bit helps" applies here. Even the smallest violets make great contributions.

René Herndon

GRAPEVINE BOTANICAL GARDEN DOCENT TRAINING: A docent training and "refresher meeting" has been scheduled for **February 17th** from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Docents give tours, help with activities and school groups, are available Saturday mornings for public interaction and help the Gardener on Thursday and Friday mornings. We will be updating the docent notebooks, discussing past and future events at the Garden and touring the Garden. Several of our new Master Gardeners and garden club members have expressed interest and have been waiting for the training. If you are one of these individuals—please RSVP so that we know how many new docent notebooks to prepare. Meeting will be at the Mitchell Meeting Facility, 411 Ball Street. **RSVP to Shari Stanfield.** For more info, contact Lisa Grove, Sheri or Rachel. Thank you! **Rachel Clark**

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WAYS AND MEANS, DISTRICT II:

In addition to the lovely items that our Grapevine Garden Club will offer for sale at the Convention on March 5, you will also have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a fantastic rainwater harvesting device, a beautiful framed, counted cross stitch picture, a watering can and several other items. If you would like to donate an item, please

contact **Joyce Quam**. This District II Convention is hosted by our own garden club. We hope you will plan to attend... and bring your checkbook, too.

SUCCULENTS: The garden club is making mixed succulent “bowls” to sell at the convention. Donations of succulents are needed. Please contact **Barb Munn**.

RAFFLE BASKETS FOR DISTRICT II CONVENTION: I was so appreciative of all of you coming to the rescue and volunteering to buy specific items for our baskets. You are an incredibly giving and thoughtful group—just one of the many reasons I like you so much. I have made a personal list of items members will be donating so far, so these are suggestions for the remainder of the items we could use.

HISTORIC BASKET: coffee cup with Grapevine on it, 2 tickets on the Tarantula Train, notepads

GARDENING: gloves, small hand tools, small pots, yard ornaments

FOOD: canned jelly, chocolates, pasta, cheese and crackers, chili fixin’s, cookie mix in a jar, anything that goes with wine

SHOPPING: canvas bag, small decorative items like coasters, crosses (very popular), hand lotions

I’m sure you creative people can come up with many other great items so please just give me a call to make sure someone else hasn’t already gotten the item or to let me know what great find you have.

Don’t forget we need items for our grapevine wreaths, too. There will be one wreath per table at the convention so small decorative gardening decorations and grapevine wreaths would be greatly appreciated. I certainly am a needy person!

Thank you, **Valerie Reed**

WAYS AND MEANS, OTHER: CALADIUM ORDERS: I have called Happiness Farms to put the Candidum and Kathleen bulbs on hold. They are out of # 1 size Candidums but they have plenty of the # 2 size bulbs which means for the same price you will put 2 bulbs as you plant instead of 1 with the same beautiful results. They had plenty of the Kathleen # 1 sizes. However the same holds for Aaron (out of # 1 but plenty of # 2) and their supply of Carolyn Whorton is low. So if you are planning to order these bulbs you might want to place your order now since they cannot guarantee their stock.

Thank you, **Valerie Reed** (Order form on page 11.)

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DISTRICT II SPRING CONVENTION
Grapevine Garden Club
Invites you
"Through the Grapevine"
Thursday, March 5, 2009

AGENDA	
9:00 Registration & Executive Board Meeting	Registration Fee...\$28.00 before March 1 st \$30.00 after March 1 st
9:30 Board of Directors Meeting	
10:00 General Assembly	Mail Check and Registration Form to: Edie Williams 3068 High Ridge Drive Grapevine, TX 76051 Questions? jimwilliams11571@aol.com or call 817-421-6794
11:00 Speaker – "An Introduction to Cactus and Succulents" presented by Darvin Breaker, President Fort Worth Cactus and Succulent Society	
11:30 Break – Time to Buy Raffle Tickets	Location: Grapevine Convention Center 1209 South Main Street Grapevine TX 76051
12:00 Lunch	
1:00 Speaker – "Grapevine's Best Kept Secret" Presented by Kevin Mitchell, Assistant Director Parks	
1:30 District II Awards Presentation	
2:00 Installation of New Officers	

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From downtown Fort Worth ,go north on TX 121 toward the D/FW airport . Take the William Tate /Main Street exit . After exiting, stay right on State Hwy 114 Access Road. Turn left on Main Street. Turn right at Vine Street after Compass Bank and before the Convention Center marquee.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR DISTRICT II SPRING CONVENTION

Amount Enclosed \$_____ (\$28.00 per person before March 1; \$30.00 after March 1)
Make checks payable to Grapevine Garden Club

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ZIP_____

PHONE#_____ EMAIL_____

GARDEN CLUB_____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

GARDEN CLUB:	President___ Delegate___ Alternate___ Member___
COUNCIL:	President___ Delegate___
DISTRICT:	Officer___ Chairman___ Charter Member___
STATE:	Officer___ Trustee___ Chairman___
REGION:	Officer___ Chairman/Rep___
NATIONAL:	Officer___ Chairman AFFILIATE CLUB___
LIFE MEMBER:	District II___ State___ Region___ National___
FORMER STATE PRESIDENT_____	FORMER DISTRICT DIRECTOR_____
NGC Flower Show Judge Master___ Life___ Accredited___ Student___ Emeritus___ Instructor___	
NGC Landscape Design Consultant___ NGC Garden Consultant___	
NGC Environmental Consultant___ NGC Design Consultant___ Texas Master Gardener___	
First Time Attending Convention___ Guest___	

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WEST TEXAS STREET PROJECT:

We will have a work day on **FEBRUARY 10TH**
at 9:30 a.m.

We need to do some general cleanup of flower beds, prune the roses and install some edging to complete a flower bed. Bring your tools, some water or hot chocolate, depending on the weather, and let's have some fun talking dirt. If you have any questions, call or e-mail me.

Suzi Guckel, West Texas Street Chairman



GRAPEVINE LIBRARY LEGACY PROGRAM:

The Garden Club recently honored the memory of Louise Emery and Julie Florence who passed away during 2008 with the purchase of four books through the Grapevine Library Legacy. Both Louise and Julie served in many capacities and contributed to the growth of the Club. The four books were selected by the librarian, Janis Roberson.

634.8 ROM - *The Grape Grower: a guide to organic* by Lon Rombough

From finding and preparing the right site to training, trellising and pruning vines to growing new grapes from seeds and cuttings, *The Grape Grower* offers thorough and accessible information on all the basics.

635.9 LAC - *The New Encyclopedia of Orchids* by Isobyl la Croix

1500 orchid species are profiled in this authoritative, detailed and carefully researched book. These strikingly beautiful plants are sumptuously illustrated with over 1000 photos.

635 DRU - *Planthropology/The Myths, Mysteries and Miracles of My Garden Favorites* by Kenneth Druse

Throughout history, plants have been sought for both practical and aesthetic reasons, and the accounts of plant explorers who risked their lives on treacherous plant-hunting expeditions make fascinating reading. Chapters also include information about plants themselves, how they are pollinated, their fragrances and their structure.

581.4 STU *Fruit: Edible, Inedible, Incredible* by Wolfgang Stuppy & Rob Kessler

This book is full of vibrant photographs and informative explanations on the nature of fruit....why fruits exist and how their short lives are critical to the natural order. This stunning book will fascinate any reader interested in the natural world and biological structures.

PLANS FOR THE DISTRICT II CONVENTION ARE COMING ALONG

very well thanks to all the wonderful members of the convention committee. We have two great programs for you to enjoy, and lots of goodies to raffle off. I would love to have as many of you at the convention as possible, so we can show the other clubs in District II what a dynamic club we have. We will also be needing some additional help the day of the convention. Please fill out the registration form and send it to Edie Williams or bring it to the February meeting. You can print the form directly from the newsletter by printing just that page. Thanks for your support! **Sarah Erickson**

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ANNUAL GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON: FRIENDSHIP VINES IN 2009

Picnic Luncheon on Tuesday, May 19th

Arrival Social 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11 a.m. - Meeting 11:45 a.m.

Trawick Pavilion at Grapevine Lake

Anita Hilfiker, Coordinator



Each year members of the Garden Club celebrate the conclusion of a successful year by gathering for lunch. 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 March and April General Meetings. Be thinking about a potential guest and your contribution of a salad or dessert.

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 GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY!

The Ft. Worth Garden Council is sponsoring another informative (and fun) program March 18th at 9:30 a.m. at the Ft. Worth Botanic Garden. You are invited to join the Council as Eleanor Tuck brings her insect collection and discusses the most common insects in North Texas. Her presentation is titled *"The Good, The Bad and The Ugly"*. Eleanor was born and raised in Corpus Christi. She has two sons, four grandsons and two great-grandchildren. While raising her sons, she completed her Masters in Social Work and worked for many years at The Edna Gladney Home and later Catholic Charities. She sometimes finds that her counseling experience is helpful within the Master Gardener Organization!

Before retiring, she began what she later termed her retirement degree in horticulture at TCC. During that time one of her courses was in entomology, and upon entering Master Gardeners, her collection suddenly became much wanted, and it expanded quickly!! She shares the insect collection with schools, camps and various gardening organizations.

Primarily, Eleanor likes to have fun with the collection in pointing out the valuable protein and iron content of insects and their very low calories. She has been a Master Gardener since 1997 and is probably busier now than when she was working full time—as most retirees quickly learn!

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SPRING TRIPS AND TOURS:

If you have an interest in attending any of the tours, please contact Joetta King.

You will be provided with information about carpooling and
"the where, when and how much" by email or telephone.

If you are not contacted by Joetta within about a week prior to the tour, you have not been included in the reservation list either because she has made a mistake or you have failed to RSVP. So, call or email her!

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Date TBA by email/phone (Grapevine)

Barbie's and Birds

Attendance restricted to Garden Club members

Anita and Bill Hilfiker's home, with its fabulous view of their backyard pond, offers a great opportunity to observe the season's gathering of mallard ducks as they feed. The mallards may be viewed from the windows of the home or from the balcony overlooking the pond.

After viewing the birds gorging on bird seed and enjoying their outing on the pond, you are invited to tour Anita's special display of 500 unique and exquisite designer and theme Barbies. Although Anita has only been collecting for 15 years, she has dolls dating back to 1979.

2009 IS THE BARBIE DOLL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

***Trinity River Audubon Center* (South Dallas) 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Reservations required! Members may invite a guest.

Members may wish to include their children on this tour.

The Trinity River Audubon Center is situated on 120 acres of the Great Trinity



Forest - the largest urban bottomland hardwood forest in the United States. A one hour guided tour will introduce you to the Center and the Audubon Society. Following the tour, we will have our 'brown bag lunch' on the overview deck (indoors and outdoor facility.) You then will have time to view the exhibits, stroll the four miles of trails through restored prairie, wetland and bottomland forest habitats and shop the Nature Store.

Trinity River Audubon Center

www.trinityriveraudubon.org

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SPRING TRIPS AND TOURS:

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

"Gardens on View" (Southlake)

Reservations not required, but appreciated.

You will be viewing private gardens in Southlake following the General Meeting.

Read your March newsletter for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

SMU Campus "Arboretum on the Hill" (Dallas) 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reservations required! Members may invite a guest. No children.

Walk the SMU campus with horticulturist, Ann Allen.

Read the March newsletter for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Clark Gardens (Mineral Wells) 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Reservations required! Members may invite a guest.

This event may not be appropriate for children.

Catered box lunch and docent guided tour.

Read your March newsletter for more information. www.clarkgardens.com

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

"Gardens on View" (Grapevine)

Reservations not required, but appreciated.

You will be viewing private gardens in South Grapevine following the General Meeting.

Read your April newsletter for more information.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Blaylock Garden and Demonstration Water Wise Garden (Granbury)

Reservations required! Members may invite a guest. No children.

Tour the private garden of Arnold and Georgia Blaylock (Hood County Master Gardeners), the Demonstration Water Wise Garden for Hood County and have lunch at Babe's. Read your April newsletter for more information.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE GRAPEVINE PARKS AND RECREATION:

PLANT PARTS WE EAT--\$5.00 FEE

A plant has many different parts that work together. Learn what the parts are and what those parts do, and which parts we eat. This session includes an edible activity, story time and music.

Site: Grapevine Botanical Gardens Educational Pavilion **Ages:** 3-6 (maximum of 15)

Day/Date/Time: Thursday, Feb. 19, 4:00-4:30

SEED SCIENCE (Plant Growth & Development)--\$5.00 FEE

Builds on skills learned from PLANT PARTS WE EAT class. Learn the parts of a seed, and how it develops. Plant the seeds and take them home. This session includes a story time and a take home garden activity.

Site: Grapevine Botanical Gardens Educational Pavilion **Ages:** 3-6 (maximum of 15)

Day/Date/Time: Thursday, March 19, 4:00-4:30

THE GREAT COVER UP--\$5.00 FEE

There are insects all around that you might not see. Learn how insects camouflage themselves. Many plant and animals use camouflage to hide. This session includes a story time and a craft activity.

Site: Grapevine Botanical Gardens Educational Pavilion **Ages:** 3-6 (maximum of 15)

Day/Date/Time: Thursday, April 16, 4:00-4:30

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



Enroll on-line at www.gypard.com or call 817-140-3450.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHILDREN'S CLASS coming up on Thursday, February 19, 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Classes are held in the Pewitt Education Pavilion, but if the weather is iffy, we can retreat to the Mitchell House. There will be 15 kiddos, age 3 to 6 (most parents will stay to help!). The half hour goes very quickly and you will have fun, too. Please contact Joyce Quam jarquam@sbcglobal.net.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

February 18 Garden Club Council of Fort Worth, "Earth Kind Symposium," by Steve Huddleston and Jim Suggs at the FW Botanic Gardens

February 24 GGC General Meeting

February 27– March 1 All Texas Garden Show with Neil Sperry, Arlington Convention Center

March 3 Executive Board Meeting, Mitchell House, 10 a.m.

March 5 District II Spring Convention, hosted by the Grapevine Garden Club

March 18 Garden Club Council of Fort Worth, "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly (Insects!)" at the FW Botanic Gardens



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GGC MEMBER'S CALADIUM BULB ORDER 2009

It's time to order Caladium Bulbs for your spring planting and summer color. These will be #1 size, healthy and a good buy for our gardening friends! The orders this year will be by the case – each case will have 100 bulbs and cost \$50.00. Please contact Val Reed for additional information.reed6806@tx.rr.com

Please make your check out to Grapevine Garden Club
Turn in this completed order form with payment
attached no later than **26 Feb 2009**.

Mail to: Grapevine Garden Club, P.O. Box 811 Grapevine TX, 76099-0811
Bulbs will be available for pick-up at the later part of March

NAME _____

PHONE _____

CLUB NAME _____

Total # of cases (100 bulbs each) _____

@ \$50.00 each = _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____

SELECTION (100 BULBS PER CASE) *BULB INFO AND AVAILABILITY ON PAGE 3.*
PHOTOS AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.HAPPINESSFARMS.COM](http://WWW.HAPPINESSFARMS.COM)

Candidum (White with green veins, Shade, Tall) Quantity _____

Freida Hemple (Bright red center & veins, med
green margins, Partial Shade, Medium) Quantity _____

Fire Chief (Dark crimson-red blotches
and dark grn margins, Full Sun, Tall) Quantity _____

Carolyn Whorton (Large pink blotches, dark
veins, grn mottling, Full Sun, Tall) Quantity _____

Aaron (Large white center with narrow grn ,
margin, Full Sun, Tall) Quantity _____

Kathleen (Light Salmon pink cntr with green
border, Shade, Medium) Quantity _____

NOTE: You may select a variety from the full brochure other than the above.
Also note: If you order Strap Leaved or Dwarf Leaved the price is \$75.00 per (100 bulb) case.