

THE GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER



THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

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 to allow Stacy's customers to park near the store entrance.



THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES: Lindle O'Neil (Chair), Nancy Braden, Sarah Erickson, Chris George, Lynn Kugler, Candace Kyler, Angela Ozymy, and Shari Stanfield.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

"The History of Herbal Tea"

Did you know herbal tea grows in your garden? Is basil really the secret ingredient that makes peach tea unforgettable? Can you put herbs in wine?

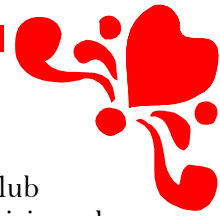
Mary Nell Jackson, herb specialist, will answer these questions and more at our general meeting, while reminding us we can drink herbal tea for pleasure. She is a past chairman and a current member of the North Central Texas Unit of the Herb Society of America and a Collin County Master Gardener. She often speaks to groups, and she will enlighten us about the history of herbal tea.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Grapevine Garden Club is an exceptional organization. Our club has excellent bylaws and standing rules which, with occasional revisions, have guided our club since it was begun in 1932. Our club is led by talented and capable members, provides interesting and educational programs, partners with the city of Grapevine in many projects, and awards scholarships to future garden experts. But beyond our local club, there is a supportive network of garden organizations that help our club set goals and provide support for our programs.

The Grapevine Garden Club is a member of the Ft. Worth Garden Club Council, District II Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., the South Central Region of Garden Clubs, and National Garden Clubs, Inc. Our membership in these organizations provides guidance, program ideas, projects, conventions, and an awards system. We have benefitted from our relationship with all these branches of the network.

I am telling you about all these other clubs because I am sure many of you have no idea that they exist. But I also want to encourage you to take part in the District II Convention that is taking place on February 21st in Granbury, TX. I will be attending along with a number of our members. However, this convention is open to all of us in the Grapevine Garden Club. A special attraction will be Renee Blashke, President of National Garden Clubs, Inc. She will be the featured speaker. The afternoon program will be a virtual tour of the "Gardens of Granbury." Lunch is part of the meeting, as well as sales tables, raffles and door prizes. District awards will be presented, and I expect our club to receive a number of them.

Linda Krimm has emailed a registration form to you. It is the last page of the District II newsletter. Registration is \$25, payable to Lady Bug Garden Club. The address is on the registration form. I hope many of you will join us for a fun day in Granbury.

Sarah Erickson, President

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED GGC IN JANUARY 2011



Melissa Giesking - Keller

Minnie Hall - Grapevine

Nancy Nivens - Grapevine

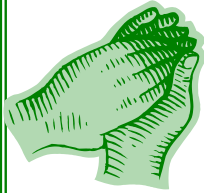
Carol Tipton - Colleyville



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
February 21	District II Spring Convention	Granbury
February 22	GGC General Meeting	Grapevine - Stacy's Furniture
March 16	Ft Worth Garden Club Council Meeting	Ft Worth Botanic Garden
March 22	GGC General Meeting	Grapevine - Stacy's Furniture
March 26-27	Ft Worth Orchid Society Sale	Ft Worth Botanic Garden



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012

President - Karen Rice

Treasurer - Pam Braak

1st VP Programs - Kathy Clark

Recording Secretary - Kathy Stone

2nd VP Membership - Harriet Perrello

Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Moxom

3rd VP Communications - Elayne Vick

Publicity - Ella Barber



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE

Your help is needed to run the business of the Grapevine Garden Club! We already have many wonderful members who volunteer time to help with the numerous functions of our very active club. We would love to have you get involved in any way – as help for one of the coordinators, or taking on a role as a key member of our Executive Committee. We have many opportunities for the 2011-2012 fiscal year (June 1 to May 31), and can guarantee that you will have fun and learn a lot while participating with others on the Executive Committee.

Our primary needs for the 2011-2012 season are:

- * Newsletter Editor
- * Plant Sale Coordinator
- * Awards Applications Coordinator
- * Program Chairman Assistant
- * Outreach Coordinator



If you are interested in more information, please contact Karen Rice (Yearbook page A-44)



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UPCOMING TOURS FOR GARDENERS ON THE GO



April 19, Tuesday. Fort Worth Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge

- Docent guided wildflower hike
 - Fee: \$9 per person (includes admission)
 - Brown bag lunch in the picnic area
- Guests may be invited; no pets

April 21, Thursday. Grapevine / Colleyville Residential Gardens

- Garden Club members have been invited to attend the Tarrant County Master Gardeners tour of the gardens of Pat and Kathy Stanton, Ed and Joetta King and Steve and Laura Purdy. No guests or pets; no fee

May 4, Wednesday. Grapevine Oak Grove Ballfield Complex

- Guided by Kevin Mitchell, Assistant Director of Parks and GGC member
- View and discussion of the environment-friendly features incorporated in this \$13M renovation project at this state-of-the-art sports complex
- Guests may be invited; no pets; no fee
Bring a bag lunch or snacks to be enjoyed in a nearby picnic area

June 9, Thursday. Fort Worth Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT)

Celebrating National Garden Club Week, June 5-11

Please note: Tour date and fee will not be confirmed until late February as the staff is in transition with their move to the new facility

- Staff guided tour of the recently opened BRIT facility, a global institute that works to conserve and research the world's botanic heritage
- Overview tour of the \$48M facility in the Cultural District with emphasis on the environmentally friendly landscaping measures

at this 12-acre site and sustainability of the structure

- Anticipated Fee - \$7.50 per person
 - Lunch following the tour at a nearby restaurant
- Guests may be invited; no pets

In the planning stage are two tours in Southlake - Dates TBA

March. National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame and Milner Ranch

- Visit with Mary Jo Milner, GGC member and Cowgirl of Hall of Fame honoree, at the Milner Ranch. Over the past 32 years Mary Jo has amassed a career record of championships, reserve championships and top-ten finishes which goes unmatched by any NCHA non-professional rider, male or female.
- Milner Ranch visit is limited to 25 GGC members; no guests; no pets; no fee
Docent guided tour of the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame will be scheduled on a day following the visit at the Milner Ranch.
Fee - \$6 Parking \$3-\$5

April or May. A natural habitat residential garden in Southlake

- Nestled in the Cross Timbers area on a four-acre lot near Lake Grapevine, the informal planting beds are designed to fit the home's natural setting. The home and landscape reflects the owners' healthy respect for the environment. Garden designers Lorie and Michael Kinler of Redenta's Garden in Arlington developed a landscape that provides a harmonious relationship between the house and the site. GGC members only; no guests; no pets; no fee

If interested in attending any of these tours, email or phone Joetta King (Yearbook page A-26)



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GGC SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AND DONATIONS AT WORK

From Peter Reigelman, 2010-2011 GGC Scholarship Winner:



Dear Ms. Barraclough,

Yesterday I found out that I have been accepted to Stephen F. Austin University. I can't wait to continue my studies in Forestry at SFA.

I have received the application for the 2011 Garden Club Scholarship. Thank you very much for sending that to me and I look forward to completing it soon.

- Peter Reigelman

In recognition of the valuable work done at the Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve, the Grapevine Garden Club donated \$100 to its endowment fund.

January 10, 2011

Grapevine Garden Club
P.O. Box 811
Grapevine, Texas 76099



To the Wonderful Members of the Grapevine Garden Club:

On behalf of the Bamberger Ranch Preserve, please allow me to thank you for your donation of \$100 to our foundation. For your tax-deductible contribution, you received no goods or services in return.

What a wonderful surprise to receive your donation. We remember the tour you had with us in 2010 with fondness – such a great and hearty group of people, willing to drive that distance to hear our story!

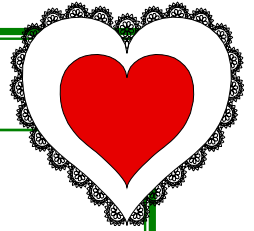
We know that passion alone is not sufficient for a worthy cause to accomplish all it was created to do; there must also be financial support. We thank you profusely for helping us with our conservation and educational mission.

Sincerely,

Colleen S. Gardner
Executive Director



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Mark your calendar for the GGC's spring luncheon

**"SOWING SEEDS AND GROWING
FRIENDSHIPS"**

Tuesday, May 24

Arrival Social 10:30 A.M.

Lunch 11:00 A.M.

Meeting 11:45 A.M.

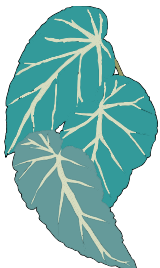
at the

Trawick Pavilion on the shores of Grapevine Lake

Valerie Reed, Coordinator

**GARDENING GLOVES FOR SALE AND
CALADIUMS FOR PICK UP**

Ways and Means / Other Committee will be offering gardening gloves and caladiums for sale at the February GGC General Meeting. The gloves are available in two styles - Latex Dipped Bog Gloves, and Nitrile Weeding Gloves. The gloves are sized (S, M, L) for proper fit and are machine washable. The cost will be \$7 a pair.



For those that ordered caladiums, your bulbs will be available for pick up at the February General Meeting. Please bring your check payable to GGC to the meeting or make alternate arrangements with Karen Rice (Yearbook page A-44). There will also be a limited quantity of caladiums available at the meeting in bags of 20, #2 bulbs for \$5 a bag.



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HERBAL ROOTS, SHOOTS AND BLOOMS EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

February 26, 2011
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Heritage Ranch Country Club
465 Scenic Ranch Circle
Fairview, TX 75069
972-886-4700



The North Texas Unit of the Herb Society of America is sponsoring a full day seminar on herbs on Saturday, February 26. The seminar will be held at the Heritage Ranch Country Club in Fairview, TX, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

Keynote speaker Robert Lyford, market chef at Patina Green on the Square, McKinney, will kick off the day with a cooking demonstration and share his secrets and recipes for cooking with herbs. Other seminar topics include:

- Herbal Roots, Shoots and Blooms: Herbs You Need to Know About, by Beth DiGioia, Chairman of the North Texas Unit and Collin County Master Gardener
- Herbal-inspired lunch prepared by the chef at Heritage Ranch Country Club
- Creative Garden Journaling, by Mary Nell Jackson, Collin County Master Gardener
- Aphrodisiac Herbs: Truth or Myth, by Joy Lilljedahl
- Herb of the Year, by Arlene Hamilton, Ellis County Master Gardener

Also a marketplace of herbs and herb-related crafts will be available for shopping. We are looking forward to a fun day.

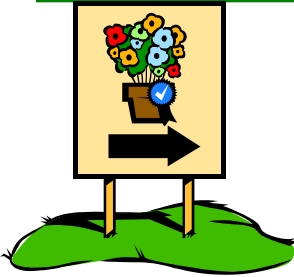
Heritage Ranch Country Club is located at 465 Scenic Ranch Circle, Fairview, TX 75069, 972-886-4700. The cost of \$30 per person includes all seminar topics, handouts, and lunch. A \$5 discount is offered to members of the Herb Society of America.

Directions to the seminar from U.S. 75/Central Expressway: Exit 37, Stacy Road. Turn east and drive 2.8 miles. Turn left onto Country Club Road (FM 1378) for 0.2 miles. At the first light, turn right onto Old Stacy Road (CR-266) and follow to the entrance of Heritage Ranch. Please check in at the guard house.

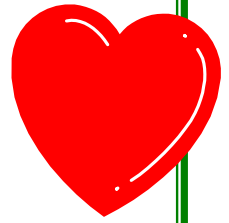
Two ways to register: Go to www.northtexashsa.org, then to Online Registration Seminar. Or click on the *Hot off the Presses* tab on the Home page of the site to print a registration form. Complete the form and mail with your check to NTXHSA, P. O. Box 2704, McKinney, TX 75070. For questions about the seminar, call Beth at 972-658-6852.

For Master Gardeners: Three topics are presented by Collin County Master Gardeners. Check with your Extension Agent to determine how many hours are eligible for continuing education.

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PLANT SALE NEWS UPDATE: SPRING IS COMING!



Reminder - Plant Sale Dates:

April 29th Plant Sale Setup and Member Pre-Sale

April 30th Plant Sale open to the public

Plant Sale Subcommittee Meetings:

We will have a short meeting of the Plant Sale Subcommittees **after the February General Meeting**. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with the leader of the subcommittee to get task descriptions.

Plant Sale Volunteers Still Needed: If you did not see the Plant Sale Volunteer Sign-up Sheet at the January meeting, please consider yourself invited to join in the subcommittee meetings that will occur after the February meeting. We would like everyone to participate in the plant sale in some fashion. We need you!

Plant Sale Dig Sites Needed: We need your plants! If you have plants that you would like to offer to the garden club for the plant sale, and need a "Plant Dig Event" coordinated, please contact Val Reed (Yearbook page A-43).

Questions? Contact Karen Rice (Yearbook page A-44)

2011 GGC Plant Sale Chairman

ARBOR DAY - JANUARY 8, 2011

GGC Participates in the Super Grow XLV Trees program
Grapevine's 25th year as a Tree City USA

Photos by Joetta King



Becky Underwood, Pam Braak,
Greg Braak, John Underwood



Dick Guckel, Paul Ernst



Kevin Mitchell, Karen Rice,
Ella Barber



Sarah Erickson, Kathy Stone



Joe Krimm, Shane Wilbanks,
Linda Krimm, Carolyn Ernst

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A SUPER TIME TO PLANT A TREE

By Toni Moorehead, Master Gardener

<http://signaturegardens.blogspot.com>

What makes an Arbor Day super?
When it's a *Super Bowl*, *Super Grow* Arbor Day!



In honor of Super Bowl XLV the City of Grapevine is one of 12 host cities in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex that participated in the Super Grow XLV program. More than 6,500 trees were planted throughout the host cities to offset the environmental impact of the Super Bowl which was held at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington on February 6.

For those non-football fans among you (and for those of us who haven't studied Roman numerals since elementary school), XLV is 45 to us common folk. So to commemorate Super Bowl 45, the City of Grapevine planted 45 trees on their January 8 Arbor Day. Grapevine Garden Club members were among many volunteers who came out on a sunny January day to help plant the trees.

Grapevine has received the Tree City USA award for the past 25 years for its participation in Arbor Day. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, giving national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities across the country.

Fall is the best time to plant a tree, but right now is the next best time. February is a super time to plant, while the trees are still in winter dormancy. This allows the tree time to get established, taking advantage of cooler temps and spring rains, before the heat of summer kicks in.

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A SUPER TIME TO PLANT A TREE, **cont.**



John and Beckie Underwood planting a
Shumard Red Oak

Here are my tips for successfully planting trees...

When planting trees, never add anything to the planting hole except the soil that came out of the hole. Amending the planting hole basically creates a “container” in the ground. The tree roots may not want to move beyond the nice cushy soil of this container, and when the roots hit the native soil, they may circle back, eventually girdling the tree.

Dig a wide hole no deeper than the height of the container, and loosen or break up the sides of the hole with a shovel or rake. Take the tree out of the container and scrape the top couple inches of soil off the top of the root ball until you can see the flare of the trunk. (I just use a broom to brush away the soil) That is the top of the root ball. Break up any roots encircling the root ball. If the tree is really root bound, you may need to slice into the sides of the root ball with a shovel or knife.

Place the tree in the planting hole with the top of the root ball (the flare of the trunk) a couple inches ABOVE your soil grade. Backfill around the root ball, once again, only with the soil that was dug out of the planting hole. Add root stimulator and water well to settle the soil. Add compost to the TOP of the root ball area if needed, feathering it out to your surrounding soil grade. Then mulch around the tree, taking care to not cover the trunk flare. During the first year or two, you will need to give your tree supplemental water during hot, dry weather. Water slowly and deeply to encourage deep root development.

It is not necessary to stake trees after planting, unless you have a high wind situation that may cause the tree to uproot before it is established. Trees will establish a stronger root system if not staked. If staking is necessary, be sure to remove all staking material after about one year.

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A SUPER TIME TO PLANT A TREE, **cont.**

NOTE: If you are planting a Shumard Red Oak or Chinese Pistache, you will need to wrap the trunk with tree wrap for two years to prevent sunscald and borer attack. Tree wrap can be purchased at any garden center.

Planting native and adapted trees can save water and money. Native and adapted trees require less maintenance, too. They are healthier and more resistant to insects and disease, thereby requiring less fertilizer and pesticide use. Some great trees for our North Texas area are:

'Shumard' Red Oak
Bur Oak
Chinquapin Oak
Live Oak
Chinese Pistache
Pecan
Eastern Red Cedar
Gingko
Cedar Elm
Lacebark Elm
Shantung Maple
Redbud
Mexican Plum



Redbud



Tree Wrap

Trees have many benefits besides just adding beauty to our landscapes and increasing our property values. Trees improve air and water quality; reduce the heat island effect caused by streets, parking lots, and buildings; and they reduce storm water runoff. And have you heard that trees reduce stress and actually aid recovery after surgery? Since I have surgery on my arm scheduled for February 15, I'll have to put this theory to the test! Enjoy your trees. They give so much and ask so little in return.

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A SUPER TIME TO PLANT A TREE, cont.

A poem was read at the beginning of Grapevine's Arbor Day festivities. This poem was written by an elementary student several years ago. Her poem captures how valuable trees are in our environment. I wonder whether this student is on her way to getting a degree in forestry now :-)

A WORLD WITHOUT TREES

*I once had a dream
about a world without trees.
There were no green things
as far as I could see.*

*It was time to start my day;
My mom told me to get up.
I ate my pancakes sadly
because there was no maple syrup.*

*I sat on plastic furniture
because there was no wood.
I played on my plastic piano,
but it wasn't very good.*

*It really hurt my lungs to breathe.
There were no trees to clean the air.
I looked out of my window.
There was erosion everywhere!*

*I went out in my yard one day
just to pass the time.
There were no leaves to jump in,
nor big, tall trees to climb.*

*There were no sounds
of singing birds
or little chipmunks
to be heard.*

*No soft, sweet fragrance
filled the air
from blossoming trees
which would should've been there.*

*I found no shady place
to read my book;
No weeping willows
by a shady brook.*

*I came in thirsty and hungry
But Mom said with a sigh,
"I'm sorry, there's no lemonade,
and I can't make apple pie."*

*There was no wood for the fireplace,
No nuts for little squirrels,
No paper for me to write on,
No treehouses for little girls.*

*I woke up from my horrible dream
to the sound of humming bees.
How very thankful I was when I saw
this beautiful world filled with trees.*

**By Tiffany René Scherich
4th grade, Silverlake Elementary School
February 1996**

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WEST TEXAS STREET WORKDAY

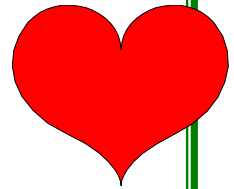
10:00 A.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

Don't forget our scheduled workday. We will be primarily pruning roses and doing a little cleanup as needed.

I surely hope we have good weather. Bring your pruners, loppers, weeders, gloves, water or hot coffee to drink and dress for the weather.

Call or email me if you have any questions. (Yearbook page A-18)

Suzi Guckel, Chairman
West Texas Street Project



GGC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY



Dave Buhr
Marge Carpenter
Margaret Collins
Sue Dake
Dee Gates
Melissa Giesking
Dick Guckel

Cynthia Keeton
Barbara Munn
Lindle O'Neil
Edith Pewitt
Valerie Reed
Roy Stewart
Joyce Wuetig



CHANGE IN GUEST SPEAKER FOR MARCH MEETING

Instead of the originally scheduled topic of floral arranging by Tommie Dodd, the March GGC program will be "Square Foot Gardening," presented by Pat Abramson. More information on this interesting speaker and her topic will appear in the March newsletter.

- Kathy Clark, Asst. Program Chairman

