

# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010

*Stacy's Furniture & Accessories*

Community Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Carol Lee (Chair), Pam Braak, Marge Carpenter, Suzi Guckel, Paula Pafford, Kathy Price, Bea Stevenson, Joyce Wuetig.

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

### Using Pavers in Our Gardens

**Andy Morton**



Thinking about upgrading or enhancing your garden using pavers (or pavestones as the Pavestone Company calls them)? We have just the right speaker for you! Andy Morton, the district manager for Pavestone Company, has conducted several workshops for homeowners at Home Depot stores and will share his expertise with GGC members. We will learn about trends in hardscapes and the various shapes, colors and textures. He will introduce a new product called Veneerstone™, Pavestone's line of lightweight manufactured concrete veneer. Mr. Morton will show us some easy projects that anyone can do. Come and learn techniques to bring more character to your yard and garden.

Pavestone Company has been in business since 1980 and has a plant right here in Grapevine, along Hwy. 121.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You've probably heard the saying, "If you want something done, ask a busy person." This month's garden club activities certainly proved that saying to be correct. October brought us so many opportunities to volunteer, and our membership rose to the challenge. Thanks to those of you who were willing to take time from all the many things already on your schedules to help with our many activities.



In October Garden Club members attended general and board meetings, planned and participated in tours, organized and staffed a wonderful booth for Butterfly Flutterby, attended the Ft. Worth Garden Club Council Meeting, planted pansies and put new mulch at the Texas Street homes, held a wonderful children's activity about pumpkins at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens, designed and planted a pink ribbon of pansies to honor breast cancer victims and survivors, planned the Holiday Luncheon, and furnished the club members with wonderful refreshments. I know I must have missed mentioning something, but you can see from this list that we really kept busy!

November brings the garden club a reprieve from the hectic September and October schedule. However, we still have a wonderful tour to Austin and Johnson City this month and another outstanding program for our general meeting. But behind the scenes, your officers and committee chairs are still planning and working on keeping the quality of our club at a high level.

We will soon be nominating and selecting new officers and committee chairs for next year. Please be thinking about how you can take a more active part in this wonderful organization.

- Sarah Erickson, President



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN OCTOBER

Nan Boroyevich  
Dinah Chancellor  
Cheryl Neumann

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
Nov 17	Forth Worth Garden Club Meeting	Ft Worth Botanical Garden
Nov 23	<b>Grapevine Garden Club General Meeting</b>	Grapevine - Stacy's Furniture
thru Nov 24	Dallas Arboretum Harvest Teas	<a href="http://www.dallasarboretum.org">www.dallasarboretum.org</a>
Dec 7	<b>GGC Holiday Luncheon</b>	Grapevine - Lancaster Theater

**Edith Pewitt  
New Honorary Member**

In October, the membership of the Grapevine Garden Club voted to designate Edith Pewitt as an honorary member of our club. Many of you know Edith well, but it's important for new members to be familiar with Edith's life of teaching and supporting everyone she comes in contact with.

Honorary membership is awarded to a member in good standing who has contributed extensively to the growth of the club and who is no longer physically able to attend meetings and participate in club activities. At age 84, if Edith had her way, she would still be right in the middle of all the activities of our club and a number of others. For many years she used her scooter to "zip around" to her many activities and volunteer responsibilities. She now gets out when she can, but has had to cut back on her participation.



Edith married her wonderful husband, Ed, before she had a chance to finish her college education. That didn't stop her from getting her degree at UNT in Home Economics and a teaching certificate in 1961 with two young children at home. She followed that with masters and doctorate degrees in secondary education. Edith spent the next 27 years working in education. She did everything from teaching science at Grapevine High School, working for the Texas Education Service Center Region II, to being principal at Career Planning Academy and later at New Lives and Gladney, schools for pregnant and parenting teens.

Edith retired for good in 1988, but continued her role as educator through her volunteer work. She is a Master Gardener, Master Composter and TGC Garden Consultant. She has taught at the Tarrant Community College Northeast Campus, was instrumental in the foundation of Keep Grapevine Beautiful, and serves on the Ft. Worth Botanical Society Board of Directors. She has organized and taught special horticulture classes at the Grapevine Public Library and served as the head of a speaker's bureau for Master Gardeners.

Edith has been a member of Grapevine Garden Club since 1986 and is a past president. She has shared with us her horticulture knowledge as well as countless plants from her garden. The Education Pavilion at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens is named in honor of Edith and her husband Ed as a lasting legacy of their desire to share their love and appreciation of nature with all.

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### AND THE AWARD GOES TO....

Over the years the Grapevine Garden Club has won many National, State and District Garden Club awards. When you look at the 2010 list of awards, you should feel very proud to be a member of the Grapevine Garden Club. These awards demonstrate the Club's sense of civic and community service and a commitment to the education of the youth in our community.

Barb Atkins gets the credit for completing the Gold Rating Application. This application reports the Club's activities, programs, projects, tours, volunteer hours, and membership for the calendar year. It requires reading the yearbook backwards and forwards and formatting information into the smallest font possible. But she did it and I know we will once again be rated GOLD. Thank you, Barb.

I also want to thank each of the project coordinators for answering questions and providing great pictures. All the information and pictures you provided were put into a Book of Evidence (which is garden club speak for report) and submitted to the District II Award chair.

Each award is reviewed and graded by three District II Award Committee members. Any first place District awards will be forwarded to the Texas Award Chairs; then, if eligible, the reports will be forwarded to the National Award Chairs. Through the years, we have won many District, Texas State and National awards for our newsletters, yearbooks, scrapbooks, work with youth, beautification projects and many other activities. I'd say, "when we're good, we're really, really good!" - **Linda Krimm**

<b>2010 Texas Garden Clubs and National Garden Club Awards</b>		
Submitted November 1, 2010		
<b>Award Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Project Coordinators</b>
Gold Club Rating Application	Lists the Club's activities and programs; requires 400 pts in each section to be rated Gold	Barbara Atkins
Yearbook	2010-2011 yearbook submitted	Chuck Voelker
N7 Special Achievement	NGC Girl Scout Native Plant Patch	Lisa Grove
N8 Youth Horticulture	Redbud distribution to 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade students	Laura Ball
N13A Publications	Newsletters (January, April & May, 2010)	Kathy Dohrer
N13B Publications	Membership Brochure	Elayne Vick
N43 Butterfly	Butterfly Flutterby	Barbara Oldani
N48A Horticulture Therapy	Texas Street Project	Suzi Guckel
N74 Outdoor Classrooms	Preschool classes taught at Grapevine Botanical Garden	Lisa Grove and Joyce Quam
TGC Arbor Day	Arbor Day celebration at Oakgrove Baseball Complex	Lisa Grove
TGC Community Service	Seed Money	Paula Jones and Civic Committee
TGC Mini Garden Center	Kiosk in front of Mitchell House	Ileana Craft
TGC Club Service	GGC total number of volunteer hours for over 1220 hrs	Barbara Atkins

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## CLUB WEBSITE BEING REMODELED



If you haven't looked at the Grapevine Garden Club website in a while, then wait just a little longer so we can complete rearranging some info and bring it up to date. However, if you need to go there to read the club newsletter, it's still in the same place. We are adding new tabs to give more room for tours descriptions and photos, more info about our club's projects with photos, and up-to-date information on scholarships and civic seed money initiatives.

Elayne Vick, Communication VP, is managing the content of the website, and Kathleen Thompson is designing its look and feel. If you have a comment, correction, or new information for the site, please contact Elayne instead of sending anything directly to Kathleen. If you need help writing or gathering information for the site, she will help you with that, too. And, of course, any new ideas you may have are welcome. We think our club's website is the best in our district, probably because we have so many interesting projects and tours to document, along with many lovely photos. We are reserving lots of room for photos of our members' gardens.

If you want a peek at our new look, go to [www.grapevinegardenclub.com](http://www.grapevinegardenclub.com).

# GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB

Grapevine, Texas

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### Welcome

The Grapevine Garden Club is an organization of men and women who enjoy gardening, sharing plants and having fun. Through its monthly programs, field trips, annual plant sale, scholarship program and civic beautification projects, the club promotes interest in gardening and floral design. We offer a common ground to build lasting friendships and to learn more about gardening, wildlife, conservation and the environment. We invite you to join us at any of our monthly meetings.

[Click here for our club's affiliations.](#)

### GGC Spotlight Photo



Grapevine Garden Club booth at the recent Butterfly Flutterby festival.

### This Month's Program:

Kathleen Cunningham, Director of the Dallas Arboretum's Speakers Bureau, will present a photographic tour of the individual gardens within the Woman's Garden. The gardens display an outstanding collection of outdoor sculptures, each garden showcasing the unique qualities of women. She will also discuss construction of the new seven-acre Children's Discovery Garden which is planned to open in 2012. It will have many interactive features specially designed for children.

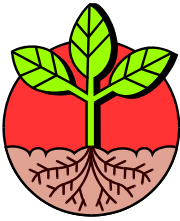
### General Meetings

### 2010-2011 Programs

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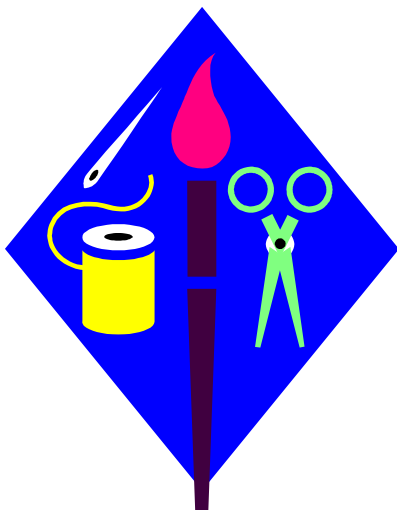
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## CIVIC COMMITTEE SEED MONEY HARD AT WORK

GGC's first seed money award went to the Heritage Elementary School Outdoor Learning Center, chaired by Master Gardener Jackie Peel. Forty students in grades 2 through 5 under the tutelage of Tarrant County Master Gardeners grow food crops and ornamental plants. Each student keeps a journal, and they also benefit from guest speakers discussing garden related topics such as insects, attracting birds, compost and crafting with gourds. The money will be used to purchase a new wheelbarrow, chemicals to fight nut sedge, seeds and starter plants and craft materials.

To the members of the  
Grapevine Garden Club:  
Thank you for your  
generous support of  
the Heritage Elementary  
School's Garden Club  
& Outdoor Learning  
Center. Through the  
\$200 grant you have  
provided, we are able  
to continue to  
educate students  
and families about  
gardening, and help  
to nurture children's  
natural curiosity  
about the world  
around them.  
Thank you again,  
Jackie Peel  
our Chair



## HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

The annual GGC Crafty Corner Holiday Bazaar will be held before and after the November General Meeting. If you would like to sell your hand-crafted item(s) for the Holiday Bazaar, please contact Karen Rice (Yearbook page A-44). Among the items available for purchase will be jellies, scarves, beaded jewelry items, Pocket Butterfly guides, and baked goods. To reserve table space, a \$7 donation is requested. Money raised will go to the GGC Ways and Means/Other fund.

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## AN ACTIVE GGC OCTOBER



Mona Levingston's Garden, Oct 26  
Gardens on View



Dave Buhr's Garden, Oct 26  
Gardens on View



Joyce Quam's Garden, Oct 26  
Gardens on View



Joetta King, Oct 21  
West Texas Street Project



Dick Pafford, Oct 21  
West Texas Street Project



Butterfly Flutterby, Oct 16



Flower Mound Rose Garden, Oct 12  
Gardeners on the Go

Lisa Grove, Sarah Erickson  
Plant It Pink, Oct 19



Val Reed and Joyce Quam,  
Children's Program, Oct 19

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*The deadline for making your reservation is almost here.*

### HO-HO-HO AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

The 2010 Grapevine Garden Club Holiday Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, December 7** at the Lancaster Theater located at 300 S. Main Street in downtown Grapevine. Tickets for the lunch are \$22.00 each and guests are welcome. (Please include guest name with payment.) Make your reservation by the November GGC general meeting, or make a check payable to the Grapevine Garden Club and send to Kathy Stone. (2010-2011 Yearbook page A-51) All reservations must be received by November 23. Payment cannot be accepted at the door.

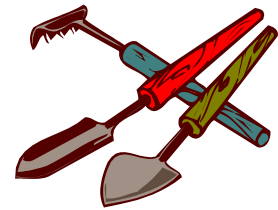
Cash donations to G.R.A.C.E. will be accepted at the door.

This year our lunch is being catered by Tastefully Yours. The Jazz Choir from Grapevine High School will put us in the mood for the holidays. See you there!

Be advised that walnuts will be in the salad. If you have a food allergy that the caterers need to be aware of, please notify Kathy Stone when making your reservation.

### WEST TEXAS STREET WORK DAY

October 21<sup>st</sup> dawned bright, beautiful and cool, but it soon warmed up and we had a wonderful, productive work day on West Texas Street. We weeded, lightly pruned the rose bushes and a few shrubs, pulled out small volunteer trees, planted bright colored pansies and dianthus to brighten up the sidewalks for the residents, and spread a little mulch. The whole cul-de-sac looks so welcoming; it is a project our club can be very proud of. We started with nothing and have made it into a beautiful neighborhood.



Thank you so much Joetta King, Pat Mingus, Joyce Quam, Lisa Stokdyke, Dick Pafford, Kathy Dohrer, Rachael Clark and Kathy Stone. I would invite any of our members to take a short drive through the complexes on West Texas Street and see what good works we have done over the years.

Come join the fun in February when we prune the roses. Stay tuned!

**Suzi Guckel**, Chairman  
West Texas Street Project



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## PRESCHOOL GARDENING PROGRAM



Our preschool gardening program is growing leaps and bounds and oh how I love seeing those precious faces every third Tuesday of the month! Talk about a joyous, quick-paced, fun-filled 45 minutes! This past month we sang pumpkin songs, read stories, and made a pumpkin patch vine complete with scarecrows, shiny decorative pumpkins, and a real pumpkin to take home. This month we will collect leaves to make these adorable faces outlined with leaves as hair and make leaf prints with paint (they love to paint), sing some jingles, read a story, and feed the fish. All this wonderful activity occurs in the Educational Pavilion from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M. on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

I so appreciated all the support last month from the following fun loving gardeners: Patty Brown, Sarah Erickson, Suzi Guckel, Peggy Kerr, Joyce Quam, Sara Souder, Joan Stewart, Elayne Vick, and Paula Wilbanks. And we could not do this program without the assistance of Lisa Grove and PARD because they do the advertising, help with the plans, and buy all those neat craft items we use for every activity. So you too can have this awesome experience this month. I invite you to come and experience 45 minutes you will never forget. We are averaging about 20 little ones each time, so you are very important to the success of this program. Call or email Valerie Reed (Yearbook page A-43) for further details - **Val Reed**

## BUTTERFLY FLUTTERBY



It doesn't seem possible that the Butterfly Flutterby celebration can get better, but each year it does just that. The event on October 16 combined the best of family fun, being with garden club friends and teaching children about the world around them. This year we had an entire table of caterpillars to share with the curious children and another beautiful fall day to enjoy. There is also the satisfaction of a job well done, while raising \$669 for the worthwhile activities of the garden club.

I would like to give special thanks to the volunteers who made this such a wonderful event: Anita Hilfiker, Joetta King, Carol Milner, Edie Williams, Elayne Vick, Valerie Reed, Bev Bravo, Marilyn Johnson, Bev Stevenson, Karen Rice, Chuck Voelker, Linda Krimm, Lisa Grove, Thierrie Mazur, Sarah Erickson, Lynn Kugler and Barbara Atkins. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you and I would encourage other members to join us next year. - **Barbara Oldani**

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## MY URBAN ESCAPE TO MONG KOK

by Kathleen Thompson

I had the pleasure to travel to Hong Kong earlier this fall for a two-week vacation. I have been to Mumbai before, but I had not toured any parts of Eastern Asia.

To say that Hong Kong is crowded is quite the understatement - there are people everywhere. Subways, streets, restaurants and markets teem with people day and night. A friend told me it's difficult to take a breath, not referencing pollution but the quick pace and the masses of people. He said driving to less populated areas and parks was a weekend tradition - to get back to nature and some open green space.

I saw a few parks, but they were more of the playground or blacktop kind. I think this is why the flower markets selling vibrant colors in a multitude of shapes and sizes are so popular. The Mong Kok Flower Market (one of my top ten sights on my must see list) is the largest and busiest and the afternoon we visited, I walked slowly past stands and into flower shops to fully surround myself with the beauty of blossoms.

The U.S. dollar is much stronger than the Hong Kong dollar and the prices for huge bouquets of freshly cut flowers or blooming plants were astonishing. For example, countless varieties of orchids were from \$2.00 to \$3.00 U.S. Here at home, that same plant could easily sell for seven times the amount.

While inexpensive for a visitor, that price is not necessarily so for a native. But in the apartment homes I visited and in businesses across the city, greenery or flowers of some sort were prized enough to have a place. It is a universal feeling, I am sure, much like when winter comes to North Texas and I purchase cut flowers for our table or stop to admire even a simple green ivy near the window, just to see a bit of color and breathe in my appreciation of flora. If you are a Grapevine Garden Club member, I know you know what I mean.

More photos of my trip to Hong Kong can be found at [http://bit.ly/KT\\_HongKong](http://bit.ly/KT_HongKong)



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**FALL IS THE TIME TO THINK SPRING!**  
**Spring blooming wildflowers and bulbs, that is!**

**By Toni Moorehead, Master Gardener**



**Wildflower** seeds are sown in the fall in order to germinate and grow over the winter and then put on a show in the spring.

Poppies, larkspur and, of course, our State flower bluebonnets are some of my favorites. The wildflowers faithfully reseed and bloom among my perennials every spring, starting in late March with the bluebonnets, then the poppies and larkspur in April, blooming all the way through May.



Somnifera poppies (Papaver  
somniferum)



California Poppy, Larkspur, and  
Ox-Eye Daisy



Bluebonnet (Lupinus texensis)

For success with wildflowers, you will need an area with **full sun**, preferably at least 6 hours.

Sow the seeds any time from **September to November**.

Scratch the soil and then scatter the seeds, making sure they have **good soil contact**. The seeds are very small, so **do not cover** them with more than 1/4 inch of compost.

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## FALL IS THE TIME TO THINK SPRING!, cont.

**Here's a tip** for getting better distribution of the seeds: Mix the seeds with either sand or coffee grounds and then scatter them.

**Water**, and watch them **grow**. Be sure to remember where you sowed your seeds because the young wildflower foliage looks suspiciously like a weed. One time my neighbor, thinking he was being helpful, pulled some wildflower "weeds" for me!

After the wildflowers finish blooming, they will **set seed**. Then you will need to let them go through that "ugly" brown period where the seeds are **maturing and drying**. After the seed pods have dried, you can pull the whole plant out of the garden (it won't regrow from the root, only the seed). Then scatter the seeds back in your garden, or collect them to share with friends. Check the seed table at our monthly meetings -- there's usually a good supply of wildflower seeds available!



These are the dried seed pods of the Somnifera poppy. The "sunburst" shaped cap lifts up to reveal a little row of "windows."

When you tip the seed pod on its side, hundreds of tiny seeds pour out like sand.

Fall is also the time to plant spring blooming **bulbs**. **Daffodils** do not need pre-chilling and can be planted anytime after October 1st and through mid-January. A few good varieties of daffodils are: Ice Follies, Carlton, and Fortune.

Also try **Spanish Bluebells**, **Summer Snowflake** (*leucojum*), *Byzantine gladiolus*, **Species Tulips**, and **Hoop Petticoats** (dwarf narcissus). No pre-chilling is needed for these bulbs either.

Plant your bulbs in a sunny spot (or under deciduous trees) with well-drained soil. Bulbs can rot if planted in waterlogged soil. Bulbs are planted at a **depth** approximately **3 times** the height of the bulb.

After the blooms are spent, **allow the foliage to remain** until it withers and dies naturally. This allows the bulb to store up food reserves that will strengthen the bulb for blooming the following season.

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### FALL IS THE TIME TO THINK SPRING!, cont.

Here's a clever idea: Try planting your bulbs in the same area as daylilies. The foliage is very similar, and the daylily foliage will disguise the deteriorating foliage of the bulbs.

Spring-flowering bulbs can be **dug and divided** anytime after the foliage dies and before new root growth begins in the fall. The bulbs should be replanted right away or stored in a cool dry place until fall.



Species tulips (*Tulipa clusiana*  
'Cynthia')



Spanish Bluebells (*Hyacinthoides*  
*hispanica*)



Daffodils (courtesy of Marge  
Carpenter's garden)

Tulips, Hyacinth, and Crocus bulbs need to be pre-chilled in the refrigerator at 45°F for 45 to 60 days. Plant them in late December, early January, when soil temperatures reach 45-50°F. Because these bulbs are out of their native, colder climates, they will not return again in our mild southern climate.

A little pre-planning and planting this fall will make way for a bright and cheerful display of blooms next spring. Happy planting!

*For more gardening tips and ideas, <http://signaturegardens.blogspot.com>*

#### COME AND GET 'EM

Hundreds of daylilies are free for the digging. Majority are the tall orange... some with crinkled petals. Some big yellow blooms. Also lots of black fountain grass, variegated artemisia and seed heads on the purple sage. Several agave cactus "pups." You are welcome to use in-house garden shovels, etc.



And if you have a spot for fast growing, invasive ground covers for banks or ditches. Contact Lou Milner (Yearbook page A-32).

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## MEMBER ELLA BARBER WINS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS AT THIS YEAR'S TEXAS STATE FAIR



Ella Barber, our club photographer, won two awards at the recent State Fair held in October in Dallas. Her photos, shown here and on the next page, are outstanding black and white shots.



This photo, awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Black/White action category, is of her son Kenneth doing wakeboarding.

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MEMBER ELLA BARBER WINS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS AT THIS YEAR'S TEXAS STATE FAIR, *cont.*



This photo won honorable mention for Color or Black/White action, It shows her two grandchildren Parker and Pryce atop small-sized John Deere tractor equipment. The interesting aspect is the distinctive green of the equipment while all else is black and white.

## Birthdays

### November

Beverly Bravo  
Ernestine Brock  
Marcia Deacon  
Patty Hofer  
Margaret Hutchins  
Laura Keathley  
Joy Mayo  
Marty Mazur  
Lou Milner  
Debbie Miranda

Nancy Moffat  
Cyndia Moore  
Jo Ogletree  
Paula Pafford  
Harriet J. Perrello  
Martha Shirrell  
Sharon Steele  
Audrey Wahl  
Laurie Williams  
Margaret Wood  
Norma Worsfold

### December

Sandra Cavanaugh  
Donna Christ  
Laurie Evans  
Garth Giles  
Marlene Hoffman  
Edward King  
Joyce Quam  
Kathleen Thompson



**No GGC newsletter will be published in December.**

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