

THE GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

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

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES: Val Reed, Julie White, John Parkinson,  
Anne Hogue, Sharon Steele, Joy Mayo and Debbie Monahan



## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: LANDSCAPE WATER CONSERVATION

**Dr. Dotty Woodson, Ed. D.,**

**Texas AgriLife Extension**

**Former Tarrant County Extension Agent**

*Dotty will present a wonderful and  
educational program on ways to incorporate  
water conservation in the home garden.*

*This dry spring and summer have taught us that we must deal with the realities  
of gardening during times of water restrictions. Dotty will talk to us about good bed  
preparation, correct irrigation techniques and wise plant selection. With good garden-  
ing techniques we can conserve water and still enjoy the flowers!*

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Beginning a new job can make you nervous enough. But, when I think of this job, with the tradition of excellence in the preceding years, I am positively intimidated. Then, I remember what got us here. We are a sharing, fun-loving group of people with **common ground**. I'm not starting new, but building on a very firm base.

You and I are going to have a great year. We have a truly interesting lineup of programs. Together, we will learn and grow in our knowledge of gardening, conservation, floral design, landscape design and garden therapy.

I want to encourage our new members to join in on our activities, as well as our meetings. Because **we have shared interests**, you will truly enjoy the Trips and Tours and the Gardens on View that have been planned for us. There is nothing more motivating than seeing the beauty in someone else's garden!

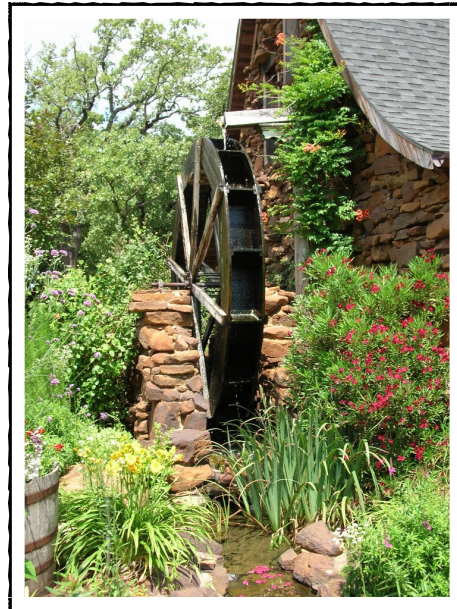
We are going to participate in civic and educational activities, of which there are many. Between the Butterfly Flutterby, the Grapevine Festivals, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Tree Program, Texas Street Project, Flowercade and the Spring Plant Sale, we'll be able to **get to know one another** better and build some great memories. And, we'll see you at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. We are so proud to be docent volunteers for tours and educational activities that promote horticulture and conservation.

This year our club will be hosting the District II Spring 2009 Convention. Join us and watch the excitement build as we plan and then enjoy this successful day of activities, speakers and a luncheon. (We do love our parties!)

We want to broaden our scope in our garden "society" this year. I am encouraging all our members to attend the Garden Club Council of Fort Worth programs. In our newsletter we'll let you know where and when to meet for carpooling (another great way to get to know each other).

These are the just some of the things that will **bind us together** this year, **on our common ground**. Come. Participate. We'll have a great time together.

*René Herndon*



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**DR. DAVID L. CREECH:** The Garden Club Council of Fort Worth will host a very special gardening program presented by Dr. David L. Creech, Horticulture Professor from Stephen F. Austin State University. This program, open to the public, will be at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens on **Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.**

The topic of his presentation will be incorporating colorful, rare and exotic plants into our shady garden areas. There will be a rare plant auction immediately following the program.

Dr. Creech's presentation style can best be described as delivering current science-based information in a light-hearted manner and keeping a high energy flow with the audience. He not only is a contributing writer to numerous garden publications; but has also enjoyed international consultancies since 1981 to Pakistan, Guatemala, Mexico, Nepal, Israel and China. Dr. Creech was Past President of the Native Plant Society of Texas and is currently the Director of the ten-acre SFA Mast Arboretum, and the 8-acre SFA Ruby Mize Azalea Garden in Nacogdoches. Dr. Creech is also co-Director of a new 40-acre forest area at SFA Pineywoods Native Plant Center, only the third garden affiliated with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas.



**“MONEY, MONEY, MONEY—ALL THE THINGS I COULD DO IF I HAD A LITTLE MONEY...”** Recognize that song from Mama Mia and ABBA? Here are a few ideas from your Ways and Means, Other chairperson to raise a few dollars this year. At the September and October general meetings, members will be able to purchase club t-shirts featuring a new color—lilac. I will have medium and large but if you need other sizes I will be happy to order one for you. You will also be able to order butter braids in 6 different flavors—apple, blueberry & cream cheese, Bavarian

Crème, caramel roll, cinnamon, and cream cheese. The board members got to taste two flavors—cinnamon and Bavarian Crème—and they were definitely a hit. These butter braids come individually frozen and are so user friendly and delicious. You simply place the frozen bread on a lightly greased cookie sheet, cover with plastic and it rises while you're sleeping. Then in the morning you bake the bread for 22 minutes and you have a lovely loaf of breakfast bread that will make your mouth water. I will have some samples at the September general meeting. The cost is \$12 per loaf, of which the Garden Club makes \$5 on each loaf. The orders will be picked up at the November general meeting just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They make wonderful gifts too. Also on October 18th, Barbara Oldani and other members will be at the Butterfly Flutterby booth selling butterfly related items. We will not be selling caladium bulbs this year because we will be busy making items to sell at our District II convention which our club is hosting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Then of course we go right into our April plant sale which is our biggest money raising event. And let's throw in some raffles and members' bulbs for sale and you have another exciting, busy, and fun year with our garden club. See you on September 23<sup>rd</sup>! **Valerie Reed**

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### BUTTERFLY FLUTTERBY



This year, Grapevine's annual Butterfly Flutterby will be held on Saturday October 18th. This is always a fun event with many activities planned for the children, including a parade, costume judging and entertainment. Several butterfly releases are scheduled as part of the migration of the Monarch butterflies from Canada and the United States to spend the winter in Mexico.

The Garden Club will host a booth to offer information, seeds and items for sale. We will be making several butterfly related crafts and can always use new ideas and helping hands. If you have anything that we might use or would like to help, please contact Barbara Oldani at 817-488-0160 or send an email to [loldani@verizon.net](mailto:loldani@verizon.net)

**THE REDBUD PROGRAM** for 2008 was a great success thanks to The City of Grapevine for providing the funding and to our members for providing their time. Thanks to Joyce Quam, Angela Ozymy, Kathleen Thompson, Suzi Guckel, Barbara Oldani, Mary Rossman, Jimmie Nell Cook, Diane Cauwels, Nancy Benson, Valerie Reed, Joan Bledsoe and Marion Brekken. A special thanks to Jimmie Nell and her husband who replaced 25 dying redbuds with saplings from their own yard. Wow!!!!

We have not chosen the schools for 2008-2009, so please let me know if you have a suggestion. ~ Laura Ball ~ [lauravb1@verizon.net](mailto:lauravb1@verizon.net)

We are making a difference with this program. Please enjoy this letter we received from a 3rd grader at Heritage Elementary School.

Dear Mrs. Ball,

Thanks so much for our redbud saplings. I think I was the most interested person in my class when the presentation was given. All of my family's new trees get names, and I named my sapling Bella. The directions came in handy because my mom wanted to plant Bella in the ground, but I showed her the instructions for planting the sapling, and we planted Bella in a pot instead. I can't wait until she blooms!

Sincerely,

Shannon Goad

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## TRIPS AND TOURS: SEPTEMBER

If you are interested in attending and want detailed information on this event, RSVP, yes only - Joetta King (phone, email or Sept 23 Meeting).

### Tuesday, September 30 - Dallas 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM VALLEY HOUSE GALLERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN AND NORTH HAVEN GARDENS

You will have the opportunity to stroll through THE VALLEY HOUSE SCULPTURE GARDEN, originally designed by renowned landscape architect Clarence Roy in 1959, which is sited on 4.5 wooded acres in North Dallas. The Garden won a



major design award in 1960 for the best garden design for the size category. When Erika Farkac, chief designer at Lambert Landscaping, retired from private practice and married gallery director Donald Vogel, she immediately began to further enhance the gardens. Erika created a garden rich in colors, textures and surprises that complement the sculptures of Charles Umlauf, Mike Cunningham, Charles Williams and others.

In addition, the Valley House Gallery will be featuring an exhibit titled "Texas Tour: 100 years of the Texas Landscape and New Works by Texas Sculptors".

Following our visit to the Gallery and Sculpture Garden, we will lunch (several options will be suggested) before arriving at North Haven Gardens to shop and hear a 30 minute program on "Bulbs" presented by Nicki Crain.

For further information: [www.valleyhouse.com](http://www.valleyhouse.com) and [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)

### GARDENS ON VIEW: SEPTEMBER 23 ~ GRAPEVINE & COLLEYVILLE

Garden Club members, **Ileana Craft** and **Valerie Reed**, have graciously invited us to visit their gardens immediately following the September 23rd General Meeting.

General suggestions: Plan on carpooling, if convenient. Do you need a camera, bottled water, hat, flat sole shoes?

You may have visited their gardens previously, but isn't every garden in transition with new additions and changes? That is definitely true for these gardens. Both the Craft and Reed gardens reflect the owners' interest in entertaining with the addition of a swimming pools, decks, arbors and outdoor cooking facilities. The creative talents and special interests of each owner are delightfully viewed through horticulture selections and garden art features. Directions available at the meeting.

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### Thursday, October 9 - Dallas 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM AUTUMN AT THE ARBORETUM

We will be enjoying a one hour Arboretum's Speakers Bureau docent guided tour titled "Behind the Scenes" covering progress within the Arboretum's greenhouses, trial garden and container trials.

Following the guided tour, there will be a boxed lunch for \$14.00. The box lunch consists of four choices which must be paid for at the September 23 meeting when you make your selection from the menu. At least 20 people are required on the tour to qualify for the boxed lunch option. I highly recommend that you sign up for the boxed lunch for an efficient use of your time during our allotted tour schedule.

#### DALLAS ARBORETUM - BOX LUNCH MENU CHOICES - \$14.00 EACH

(For Groups of 20 or more)

A minimum order of 5 lunches, per menu options is required

*All Lunch Options Served with a Beverage (ice tea, bottled water or coke), Pasta Salad & a Cookie*



#### TULIP

Shaved Honey Glazed Ham with Aged Cheddar Cheese  
Lettuce & Tomato with Dijon Vinaigrette on a Croissant

#### DAFFODIL

Sliced Turkey Breast with Big Eye Swiss Cheese  
Lettuce and Tomato with Arugula & Pesto on Focaccia Bread

#### DAISY

Vegetarian Wrap with Herbed Cream Cheese, Grilled Peppers, Tomato,  
Cheddar Avocado, Cucumber and Baby Greens in a  
Sun Dried Tomato Tortilla

#### PETUNIA

Chicken Salad with Sun Dried Cherries and Toasted Texas Pecans  
Lettuce and Tomato on Buttery Croissant

After lunch you will be at liberty to browse the 66 acres filled with thousands of chrysanthemums, fall-blooming marigolds, coleus, salvia and more; see thousands of unique and rare pumpkins decorating the gardens including a 15-foot pumpkin house and 12-foot pumpkin topiary during the "Autumn at the Arboretum" festival.

Admission: \$8 Adults; Seniors (65+) \$5 (with photo ID & 20% off in gift shop on Thursdays); Children (3-12) \$5; Parking on site \$5.

If you are a member of either the Fort Worth Botanical Society or Dallas Arboretum, admission and parking are free. For further information: [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org)

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LET'S WALK...

THE C. SHANE WILBANKS TRAIL ON LAKE GRAPEVINE

**OCTOBER 4, SATURDAY, 9:30 AM - (START TIME)**

RSVP, yes only - Joetta King - for more information

*It isn't a race! You walk your own pace or that of your Garden Club friends.  
This is an opportunity to catch up on your friends' summer activities, talk gardening  
and enjoy a pleasant fall morning as you improve your health!*

If your garden hasn't been visited by Garden Club members in the last couple of years, please consider being a part of *Gardens On View* following the General Meeting in October 2008 or March 2009.

Contact: Joetta King

### AMERICAN HORTICULTURE SOCIETY'S RECIPROCAL ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

Do you love to travel and visit gardens along the way?

If so, then you might be interested in The American Horticulture Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program! <http://www.ahs.org/index.html>

A resolution was passed by the board during their September meeting and will be voted on by the club at our general meeting on the 23rd. This resolution will amend the scholarship criteria to eliminate the eligibility of a Grapevine Garden Club member, thus bringing the club into compliance with new tax regulations.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

September 11-14: Grapevine 22nd Annual Grapefest

September 26-28: FW Home and Garden Show,

FW Convention Center

September 27: FW Iris and North Texas Daylily Society

Plant Sale, FW Botanic Garden

October 4-5: FW Orchid Society Sale, FW Botanic

Garden

October 11: FW Botanic Garden Fall Plant Sale

October 15-17: Texas Garden Club Fall Convention, San Angelo

October 25-26: FW Botanic Garden Fall Festival in the Japanese Garden

October 28: **GGC General Meeting**—Flower and Garden Photography by  
Pete Vollenwider



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