



## THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

**June, 2014**

### **Spring Luncheon (Trawick Pavillion)**



Scholarship recipients Miranda Fatum (left) & Lauren Boyle (right).

### **GGC Power Team for 2014-2015**



President Pam Braak, Archivist Elayne Vick, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sharon Swagerty, Margaret Meharg, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Barb Munn, Treasurer Kathy Stone, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Karen Rice, Recording Secretary Evelyn Urbanosky & assistant Miriam Ward, Corresponding Secretary Angela Ozymy, Publicity Harriet Perrello.

## President's Message

The tropical themed spring luncheon at Lake Grapevine was such a lively and fun event and enjoyed by everyone. I always look forward to Peggy Harris' multi-colored layered Jell-O extravaganza which somehow means the beginning of summer for me. Many thanks to Val Reed and her committee for all their hard work. Be sure to check out the photos of the event on the GGC website (and pages 12-14 of this newsletter).

As you may remember the City of Grapevine designated a 3 acre spot in the west part of Parr Park as a wildflower/no-mow zone. Last fall GGC members spread over 90 lbs. of wildflower seed and today while I was there I saw Mexican hats, Indian Paintbrush, California poppies, Brown-Eyed Susans, Silver-Leaf Nightshade, Horsemint and Bachelor's Buttons which remind me of my childhood in Colorado. A few weeks ago we planted milkweed plants purchased with a grant from the Native Plant Society. Since it is already pretty warmish the plants need watering every few days for 3 weeks or so. Today was one of Team Braak's assigned days to water - which entails picking up a wagon at Miriam Ward's house filled with jugs and pails brimming with water, and pulling it along to the planting area. The difficult part is finding the little darlings in all the tall grass. I'm happy to say that the milkweed is doing quite well and this fall they will be host plants for future generations of monarchs passing through. Many of the passersby enquired what we were up to and also warned us about snakes and bugs. We took the opportunity to promote the garden club and its interest in wildflowers. Several people said we would see them at the next meeting. What a great way to promote our club.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in September when another great year of GGC educational programs, fun outings and volunteer work in the community will continue.

 **Pam Braak, President**



Silver Nightshade



Indian Paint  
Brush



Horsemint



Red Poppy



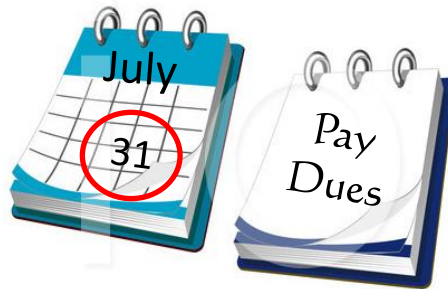
Yellow Mexican Hat



Bachelor's Button

## GGC Membership Renewal Deadline

Submit your GGC membership renewal payment by July 31, 2014 so your photo and contact information will appear in the 2014-2015 GGC Yearbook.




Individual membership    \$30

Family membership        \$35

Send payment to:    Grapevine Garden Club  
                                 P.O. Box 811  
                                 Grapevine, TX 76099

Attention: Barb Munn

## Save The Date!

Please save the date of October 18<sup>th</sup> for the “Plant Native – Plant Now” fall plant sale. It will be at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be selected small trees and shrubs and fall perennials. There will also be a table to sign up for the Grapevine Tree Sharing program at the sale. Volunteer sign-up will be at the September general meeting. The sale is held in conjunction with the Butterfly Flutterby event.     **Chuck Voelker, Plant Sale Chair**



*Hinodegiri  
azaleas. Photo by  
Sandra Guthrey*

### Tours, tours, and more tours!

Where do you want to go and  
what do you want to learn  
about?



*Bluebonnets.  
Photo by Sandra  
Guthrey*

Gardeners on the Go offers road trips to visit gardens, nature areas, conservation and wildlife projects, and garden centers. Planning day trips and overnight road trips will begin in June. If you have ideas for places to tour, now is the time to submit your suggestions.

Have we taken tours in the past that justify repeating? Would you like a return road trip to Nacogdoches (SFA Mize Azalea Garden and Pineywoods Native Plant Center) or to Houston (Azalea Trail)? What is the maximum you want to drive for a day trip or road trip? What should be done differently in the planning and execution of tours to make them more enjoyable? Your response will assist in planning tours that will generate interest and enthusiasm. Contact Joetta King, coordinator for Gardeners on the Go.

Gardens on View includes tours to gardens of members or their friends that are scheduled immediately following a general meeting. Usually there are 2 to 3 gardens scheduled for April, September and October tours. Don't be intimidated into thinking that your garden isn't worth viewing. This is an opportunity to learn from each other, our gardening successes and failures! Consider sharing gardening know-how with friends and learn from garden guests by contacting Gardens on View Coordinator Marge Carpenter.



*Margaret Meharg's  
pond.  
Photo by Joetta King*



## Tours, tours, and more tours! (cont.)

You will always learn something new when you travel with  
Gardeners on the Go

While on the *Trees to Wine Vine Tour* (May 28), Nancy Searl's conversation with Dean Oswald, Chambersville Tree Farms owner, lead to a special tour to view a native tree that is being grown – *Quercus polymorpha* (Monterrey Oak/Mexican White Oak). Although the foliage of this oak is described by Howard Garrett as leathery, blue green leaves 3-4 ½ inches, untoothed, rounded and smooth-surfaced, Nancy's personal observation of foliage on the same limb of the Monterrey Oak revealed a significant diversity in the shape, texture, and size of leaves. Our visit to Chambersville Tree Farms was focused on touring the rose gardens and limited to purchasing roses, but this nursery also specializes in Japanese maples, crepe myrtles and trees (big sizes!) They will deliver and plant in our area, so check out their website for selection.



Nancy Searl and Dean Oswald, owner



Nancy Searl holding leaves for demo.

## June 6 Gardeners on the Go National Garden Week Tour



Elayne Vick in front of bee  
balm and black-eyed susans.  
FW Botanical Garden.  
Photo by Pam Braak

Elizabeth Jewitt, Pat  
Mingus, Sheri Jones,  
Carole Nideau, Sally  
Perexempel, Tammy  
Meeker.  
Kathy Clark's  
Garden.  
Photo by Pam Braak



Backyard vegetable  
garden.  
FW Botanical Garden.  
Photo by Joetta King



### Tours, tours, and more tours! (cont.)

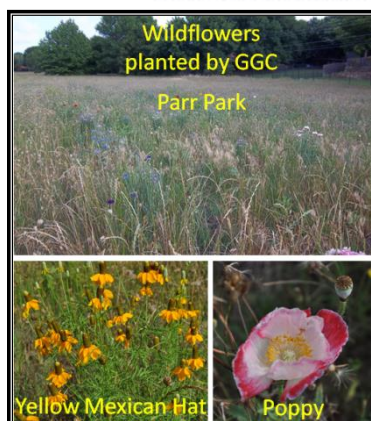
*Won't you come into my garden? I would like my roses to see you. -*

**Richard Sheridan**

**Are you excited about what is blooming in your garden? Open Garden events highlight a garden when it is at peak bloom or is of immediate interest. The date and time scheduled is at the convenience of the garden club member, usually members will just be notified of an invitation to visit by e-blast. Recent Open Garden events have been at the gardens of Sylvan Sigler, Marge Carpenter, and Joetta King. Sylvan delights in having you visit to see her collection of blooming iris and welcomes the opportunity to share her knowledge in growing iris. Marge wanted you to see her lovely daffodils when they were at peak bloom. After our dreadful winter, Joetta was so excited by the bluebonnets blooming that she invited members to visit despite the fact that her perennials were just emerging. This is an easy and delightful way to meet members and share gardening ideas. Get involved!**



*Sylvan Sigler and her irises .Photo by Joetta King*



## Harmony at the Winery

After our tour group had eaten our brown bag lunches in the large tasting room at the Eden Hill Winery, we followed one of the owners out to the nearby vineyard. A huge grassy field held a vegetable herb garden and beyond that the vineyard.



Linda Hornbaker educating GGC members

About a dozen long rows of grape vines are kept carefully trimmed and weeded. After Linda Hornbaker, one of the winery owners, pointed out newborn grapes the size of BBs on the vines, we walked further into the field to the chicken house, a spotless wood condo where about eight hens live. A fenced asparagus patch gone to seed is just behind the attached chicken yard, filling its area with tall fern foliage.

Linda showed us the gateway she had created between the chicken yard and the asparagus patch. She told us that while the chickens don't like asparagus and leave it undisturbed, they love to scratch around in the patch when it's gone to seed, pulling and eating the weeds. They were doing just that when they saw us coming. They raced back to the chicken yard, hoping for goodies. One of our members held out her hand while running alongside the yard and asparagus fence. Those hens run faster than you would think they could, following her through the gateway into the asparagus patch. If you've never seen a chicken run, try to find a group so you can see the show. They bounce from side to side as they go, their little chicken feet plowing up the earth. We all laughed so hard that we probably stopped egg production for the day. ♻ Elayne Vick



**GGC Members with Birthdays this Summer**



**June**

Lisa Anderson  
Lyn Argenbright  
Laura Barnes  
Kathy Clark  
Lizann Cundall  
Carol Dowd  
Carolyn Ernst  
Kriste Frederick  
Christine George  
Ginger Halepaska  
Helen Hastings  
Holly Ihrig  
Sheri Jones  
Joetta King  
Joan Kowalski  
Candace Kyler  
Gloria Land  
Robert Ledeboer  
Sabrina Middleton  
Angela Ozymy  
Debbie Smith  
Marianne Tuggle  
A.C. Urbanosky

**July**

Peggy Anderson  
Linda Barraclough  
Terry Beaver  
Judy Briscoe  
Phyllis Butts  
Joe Friedheim  
Ann Fuller  
Sally Hart  
Doris Hill  
Anne Hogue  
Cindy R. James  
Priscilla Keifer  
Eloise Myers  
Cheryl Neumann  
Karen Pafford  
Sally Simpson  
Roy Steele  
Sara Stover  
Theresa Thomas  
Sue Wille  
Bob Williams  
Nancy Winslow

**August**

Greg Braak  
Neal Brinson  
Nancy Carlson  
Carol Chick  
Colleen Connor  
Kathy Dohrer  
Paul Ernst  
René Herndon  
Paula Jones  
Camille Kissell  
Lynn Kugler  
Mary Ledeboer  
Dorothy Mattingly  
Marian E. McDevitt  
Toni Moorehead  
Carole Nadeau  
Matthew Singel  
Jenny Singleton  
Nancy Sporn  
Joan Stewart  
Barbara Thompson  
Evelyn Urbanosky  
Jackie Wasson  
Janice Zeleny

## **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program comes to Grapevine!**

Class slots are filling up, so register soon.

The TX A&M AgriLife Ext. Service for Tarrant County will be presenting its Home Horticulture Program module on *Irrigation and Fruits & Nuts* in Grapevine on Saturday, 12 July 2014. The day long course is part of the Master Gardener program series but is open to anyone interested in these topics. The class will be co-hosted by Grapevine PARD and held at the Bessie Mitchell house at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. A tour of a local vineyard will be included as part of the program. Please join us as we learn about irrigation and fruits & nuts. To register or for more information see the Earth Kind Application under the "Education" section on the Tarrant County Master Gardener home page <http://www.tarrantmg.org> or contact Billie Hammack at 817-884-1296 [blhammack@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:blhammack@ag.tamu.edu) The fee for the course is \$45.

## ***GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB NATIONAL AWARDS FOR 2013***

In addition to the regional, state and district garden club awards reported to you in the May 2014 newsletter page 8 and March 2014 newsletter page 10, GGC has been recognized by the National Garden Club with the following awards:

- ❖ NGC Garden Center Award of Merit (NGC #2) – Certificate plus the Fisher Garden Center Award silver tray based on member involvement at the Botanical Garden, programs and Garden Center service to the community.
- ❖ NGC Operation Wildflower Award (Runner-up) (NGC #74) - Certificate plus \$300 (based on Grapevine Botanical Gardens Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails)
- ❖ NGC Landscape Design for Church Gardens (NGC #28) Award of Merit – Certificate plus silver tray for Toni Moorehead (based on Countryside Bible Church courtyard & walkways)
- ❖ NGC Butterfly Award (NGC #43) Certificate of Commendation – based on Monarch Butterfly Program, Butterfly Flutterby events, and the children's poster contest.

This was a year of wonderful projects benefitting our community and of which members can be proud.

 **Karen Rice, Awards Chair**

## Honored Members with 20+ years of GGC Participation



	# Years
Marty Swindell	37
Marion Brekken	33
Sharron Spencer	32
Jimmie Nell Cook	31
Joan Stewart	30
Joetta King	29
Sylvan Sigler	29
Edie Williams	24
Barbara Atkins	23
Rachel Clark	23
Carolyn Ernst	20
Paul Ernst	20





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## Creating and Maintaining Friendships at the 2014 GGC Spring Luncheon



Jackie Wasson, Lisa Anderson



Mike Clark, Chuck Voelker



Sally Perexempel, Debbie Monahan, Carole Nadeau



Sharon and Colby Swagerty



Dee Gates, Susie Emmons

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Chris George, Margaret Meharg, Harriet Perrello



Angela Ozymy, Sarah Erickson



Pre-luncheon activities



Yum





## Awards



President Pam Braak presents Toni Moorehead with the silver tray and award from NGC for Outstanding landscape Design for Church Gardens.

Lisa Grove received the NGCAward of Merit for her work in the Grapevine Botanical Gardens, programs, and service to the community..



Lindle O'Neil and Pam Braak present Carol Dowd a crystal bowl in recognition of her Flowercade entry - an orchid which was deemed Best of Show.



Carol's Orchid



## Gardening at Heritage Elementary



Students examining compost bin looking for bugs.



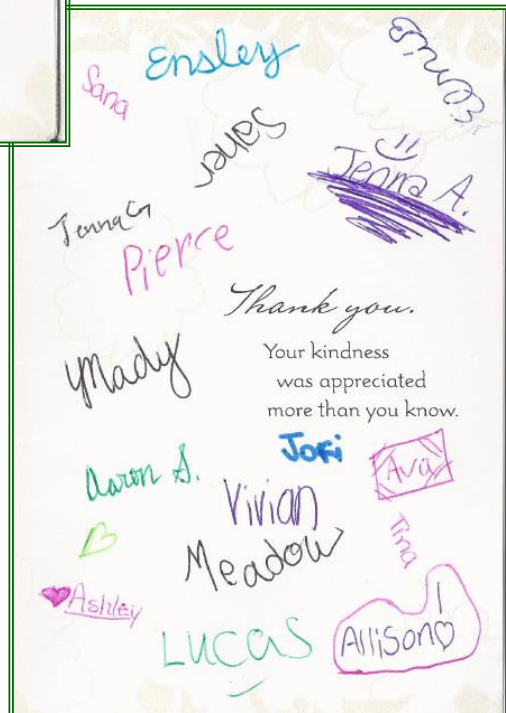
TCMG volunteers Carolyn Gordon and GGC member Carol Dowd.



Dear Grapevine Garden Club,  
Thank you so much for  
your generous donation to  
the Heritage Elementary  
School Garden Club. We  
will utilize these funds to  
continue our children's  
education in gardening. Our  
program would not be able  
to teach our children or maintain  
such a beautiful garden without  
donations like yours and the  
amazing work of our talented  
and dedicated Master  
Gardeners!

Sincere thanks,  
Shanna Daniela  
Heritage PTA Rep.

**Seed Money Thank  
You card from  
Heritage  
Elementary**



Thank you.

Your kindness  
was appreciated  
more than you know.

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## Thank You Notes from Grapevine Elementary and GRACE

Dear Grapevine Garden Club:

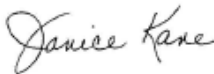
Thank you for your commitment to educational excellence as demonstrated with your generous gift of **\$200.00** on 05/05/2014 for the *Garden Seed Project*. Your contribution to the Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation is greatly appreciated.

Your investment in the future has a positive impact on our children. Since its inception in 1998, our Foundation has made tremendous strides; funding over 1,300 projects that directly benefit our teachers and students by distributing more than \$2 million to our schools. These additional dollars enable creative programs and support for teachers that make a significant difference in the lives of our students. Your donations truly ***Keep Our Stars Shining Bright!***

Contributions to the GCISD Education Foundation are tax deductible. This letter verifies that you have received no goods or services for this donation. Please retain this letter for your files for tax purposes.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of the Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation.

Sincerely,



Janice C. Kane  
Executive Director

Dear Friends of GRACE,

The GRACE Mission Statement begins with the words "As a steward of God's blessing and resources in our community." It is our vow to God and to our donors to use the gifts provided to us in the most efficient and effective ways.

This is my promise to you: your gift of \$200.00 helps ensure GRACE remains a beacon of hope to those in need in our community. For those with little resources, and few places to turn, GRACE gives respite from the despair and fear that accompanies hunger, illness and homelessness.

Few missions touch as many lives in as many different ways as GRACE. From assistance for rent and utilities, to the Clothing Room, Food Pantry, Health Clinic and Transitional Housing, GRACE provides a continuity of care that give those in need a chance to overcome crisis and seek self-sufficiency.

Thank you for choosing GRACE for your charitable giving. The final words of our Mission Statement are "guidance toward self-sufficiency." This is our hope, prayer—and required objective—for all our clients. At GRACE, your gifts are truly giving a "hand up" to those in need.

If I can be of service to you, or provide additional information about GRACE, our mission and programs, please let me know. Thank you again.

Very truly yours,

  
Shonda Schaefer  
Executive Director

GGC Seed Money doing good in the  
community



# TAKE CONTROL

## Stop West Nile Virus

**In your yard • In your community**

Dump standing water • Use repellent • Dress for dusk and dawn



### PROTECT YOURSELF

**WEST NILE VIRUS** is now in most of the United States. Most people become infected through the bite of an infected mosquito. You can reduce your chance of getting infected by avoiding mosquito bites.

#### What Can I Do to Prevent WNV?

The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites.

- When you are outdoors, use insect repellent containing an EPA-registered active ingredient. Follow the directions on the package.
- Many mosquitoes are the most active at dusk and dawn. Wear long sleeve shirts, long pants and socks sprayed with repellent if you plan to be outdoors when mosquitoes are most active. Or consider staying indoors when the mosquitoes are biting.
- Make sure the screens on your windows and doors are in good shape. This helps keep mosquitoes from getting indoors.
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flowerpots, buckets and other things that hold water. Change the water in pet dishes, and replace the water in birdbaths weekly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.



[ TAKE CONTROL ▶ STOP WEST NILE VIRUS ▶ PROTECT YOURSELF ]

### What Is the Risk of Getting Sick from WNV?

**People over 50 at higher risk to get severe illness.** People over the age of 50 are more likely to develop serious symptoms of WNV if they do get sick and should take special care to avoid mosquito bites.

**Being outside means you're at risk.** The more time you're outdoors, the more time you could be bitten by an infected mosquito. Pay attention to avoiding mosquito bites if you spend a lot of time outside, either working or playing.

**Risk through medical procedures is very low.** Donated blood is checked for WNV before being used. The risk of getting WNV through blood transfusions and organ transplants is very small, and should not prevent people who need surgery from having it. If you have concerns, talk to your doctor.

**Pregnancy and nursing do not increase the risk of becoming infected with WNV.** The risk that WNV may present to a fetus or an infant infected through breastmilk is still being evaluated. Talk with your doctor if you have concerns.

### What happens if I get infected?

Most people who get infected with West Nile virus do not have any symptoms. Some people develop a mild illness called **West Nile Fever**. This mild illness gets better on its own. No treatment is needed. A small number of people (about 1 in 150) who get infected with West Nile virus develop severe disease, called **West Nile encephalitis** or **West Nile meningitis** (inflammation of the brain or the area around the brain). This severe disease usually requires hospitalization. In some cases, especially among older people, it can result in death. Symptoms of severe illness include headache, high fever, stiff neck, mental confusion, muscle weakness, tremors (shaking), convulsions, coma, and paralysis. See your doctor if you develop these symptoms. There is no specific treatment for the West Nile virus infection.

**NOTE:** There is no vaccine available for people.

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## Congrats, Kevin!



At the Spring luncheon Val Reed gives Kevin Mitchell a congratulatory hug, as Kevin assumes his new role - Director of Parks and Recreation of Grapevine.



# SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER