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Through The Grapevine

May 2025



Annual Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, May 20th

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Trawick Pavilion at Lake Grapevine
 2700 Darren G. Medlin Trail*

Please bring the recipe for your special dish, as we will have a collection area for recipes. Barbara Atkins will be publishing our club's recipes collection.

A garden, however big or small, can provide us a sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of daily life, offering a space for quiet contemplation and rejuvenation. This year, our theme is **"Your Enchanted Garden."** Come celebrate in your floral attire and hat like a garden tea party, or in your garden overalls and boots and hat, or even come dressed as a bird, bee, butterfly, plant, etc.—whatever you feel inspired by your garden or find in your closet.

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President's Message

I have been looking back at previous newsletters and in May of 2021, our theme for the past two years had been *Plant America: Enhancing Our Natural World*. At that time, I thought I would focus on what the Natural World had taught me! The first word that came to mind was **resilience**. “Despite the weird weather, the pandemic and its effects on the economy and education, buds keep swelling and erupting into bright green leaves and gorgeous blossoms. The winter migrants head North and the hummingbirds arrive from the South right on time.”

I think the word **resilience** still applies to gardening in Texas—with its droughts and floods, freezing winters and super-hot summers. The word also seems to apply to garden clubs in Texas. We have recently withdrawn from the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., largely because of that umbrella organization's lack of resilience. They seem to be stuck in the past—which makes no sense in the world of gardening. We face change—in every season and in the results of decisions we make as an organization. Grapevine Garden Club continues to grow and we welcome whatever changes our new members inspire within us. So with **resilience** as my theme for this message, we anticipate with pleasure new ideas and new projects to enhance the natural world around us. Our upcoming Spring Luncheon gives us a chance to say thanks to our supporters and congratulations to our new scholarship recipients.

As an organization, we take the summer off—to relax around the pool or pond, to read a stack of good books that have been waiting for our attention, to travel, to enjoy family and friends - AND to spend cool mornings and pleasant evenings in our gardens. See you at the Spring Luncheon; and if not, then definitely in September!

 *Dinah Chancellor*



Chancellor Pond

IMPORTANT

**Please note the schedule changes
for the first three 2025-2026
general meetings**

The following meetings will be held on different Tuesdays than usual:

September 30, 2025

October 21, 2025

November 18, 2025

2025-2026 GGC Membership Dues are Due!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

It's membership renewal time and we are sending emails to those of you who have not yet renewed. You can click on the link in the e-mail you receive to renew before June 1st. Please renew now to remain in our yearbook and continue to receive our newsletters and E-Blasts.

If you are not able to use the link, please reach out directly to our Membership Data Coordinator, Tracy Waymire (Yearbook page A-84), to coordinate your renewal.

Thank you.

Your Membership Team

<https://grapevinegardenclub.org/membership/>

**Wall-Farrar Adopt-An-Area
Trail Tidy-up**

We will walk the Wall-Farrar trails for GGC Trail Tidy-up project on Monday, May 19th. This walk will be at 9 a.m.

Our summer Trail Tidy-up will be Monday, July 28th at 8 a.m. We start earlier in the summer to beat the heat.

This is our bi-monthly community Adopt-An-Area service project canvassing for litter. Location is the Wall-Farrar Nature Trail Grapevine. Parking is allowed courtesy of Church at the Cross at 3000 William D Tate Avenue in Grapevine.

Karen Rice and Robin Pond, Coordinators

Monday, May 19th - 9 a.m.

Monday, July 28th - 8 a.m.



*Welcome to our
newest members:*

Ellie Hall

Tazmeen Kanji

Allison Korb

Jan LaPine

Katie McNichol

Kate Tabone

2025 GGC Annual Spring Plant Sale

A standing ovation is deserved for ALL who participated in this year's Annual Spring Plant Sale. Thank you so very much for your time and talent!

After taking out expenses, the NET income is:

\$16,230.98

So many of you gave more hours than we could keep up with and we are grateful beyond words.

Again, thank you for the great teamwork, and we are looking forward to continuing as Co-Chairs for the 2026 Sale!

**We love our
community partners!**



Judy and Karen



**Over 2,715 plants available for
purchase at this year's sale!**



2026 Plant Sale Buyer
Marcy Blagg is looking for a
Co-Buyer to partner with.
It is a 2+ person job, so please
consider volunteering to buy and
maintain plants with Marcy next
February and March.

Please refer to the GGC's [website](#) for full calendar of club events.

Scholarship News



SCHOLARSHIPS

In March, the GGC Scholarship Committee (Kathryn Armstrong, Liz Lovett, Dinah Chancellor, Barbara Nunn, Penny Davis and Nancy Lewis) met and reviewed eight applications. Of the eight, the committee picked four qualified students. They will each receive \$4,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Mason Marsh is a 2nd year recipient of the GGC Scholarship. Mason has just completed his freshman year at Texas A&M University where he is majoring in Ecology and Conservation Biology. Mason is the son of Betsy and Eric Marsh.

Blayne Bradford is also a 2nd year recipient of the GGC Scholarship. Blayne just finished his freshman year and will continue his attendance at Texas Tech University in the fall majoring in Plant and Soil Science. Blayne was a graduate of GCISD in 2024.

Addison Summers is the granddaughter of long time member Kathy Stone and is graduating from Frisco Memorial High School this year. Addison will be attending Texas A&M this fall and majoring in Environmental Engineering.

Emily Eichelberger is graduating from Colleyville Heritage High School this year. She is the daughter of Michelle and David Eichelberger. Emily will be attending the University of Oklahoma in the fall majoring in Environmental Science.

The scholarship recipients will be honored at our Spring Luncheon on May 20th. Please congratulate them and talk with them about their achievements and their future plans.

~ Kathryn Armstrong and Liz Lovett,
GGC Scholarship Co-Chairs

West Texas Street

To all of the West Texas Street volunteers – Thank you for all the love and effort you put into the West Texas Street gardens in April! Your hard work has turned it into such a beautiful, welcoming space for all of the residents to enjoy. The Grapevine Garden Club is blessed to have so many caring volunteers – you make a real difference! Have a great summer and see you in the Fall!

*Leads: Debbie Boyle, Nancy Lewis, Susan Stanek, Bruce Herndon,
Joe Krimm, Greg and Pam Braak,
Tina and Rick Bruns
Chairs: Irene Binyon and Robin Pond*



Grapevine Garden Club recognizes and celebrates members who have been members for 25 years or more by designating them as members of the Silver Circle. There are twenty members in the Silver Circle, of which four have been added this year. During the year we will highlight those new members.

Silver Circle Honoree: Shari Stanfield

Member since 1999 ~ 25 Years



Shari joined the garden club in 1999 and quickly became involved in many activities and served in various officer and chairman positions over the years. She was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in April 2025. During the Spring Luncheon on May 20th, please be sure to stop and say congratulations to Shari.

Please see the article in the [April 2025 newsletter](#) to get to know more about Shari's accomplishments and life.

Yearbook Update

A friendly reminder to all of our members— if there are any changes for the next edition of the GGC Yearbook, please send an email to me as soon as possible. Deadline is June 15th.

Changes might include a new primary phone contact, a new email or a new home address since you last updated your membership information. Do you have a change/update on your status as a Master Gardener, Naturalist, Composter, etc? (See page 18 of the Yearbook) If you want a new headshot of yourself published in the yearbook, email a photograph (along with your name) to

yearbookphoto@grapevinegardenclub.org

Any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, Karen Stephenson (Yearbook page A-75)

Garden Tools Sharpening

Are your garden tools needing some TLC after the spring planting and pruning season? Contact me this summer and I sharpen your shovels, hoes, pruners, hedge clippers and lawnmower blades, if you can remove it. Call me for anything else. For this service, you can give a modest donation to the GGC Ways and Means fund. The charge for this service is \$3 per tool. And if you are worried about the condition of your tools, no names will be reported for tool abuse. If you have any questions, give me a call.

~ Chuck Voelker (Yearbook page A-83)



GARDENERS ON THE GO
Follow Up to
Japanese Spring Festival



When: April 27, 2025

Where: Ft Worth Botanical Garden

Seven members and a guest got together to see cultural demonstrations that showcase the beauty and intricacy of Japanese traditions. As we strolled thru the gardens on a beautiful day, we were educated on raku pottery techniques which was so interesting. We saw an awesome bonsai display, and sand raking. We ate delicious food from the **food trucks**. We were entertained by dancers and drummers. The **Cracking Art exhibit** was colorful and cool to see. We walked, we talked, and we bought! It was a perfectly fun day at the Ft. Worth Botanical Garden/Japanese Garden for the Japanese Spring Festival & Cracking Exhibit!



GARDENERS ON THE GO
Save the Date
Log Cabin Village



When: May 29, 2025

Where: Log Cabin Village-Ft. Worth

Log Cabin Village features a collection of Texas log cabins each showcasing a distinct architectural style. Dating from the mid to late 1800s, these structures allow us to quite literally step into the homes of our ancestors and imagine what life might have been like in 19th century Texas.

Admission: Seniors \$6.00
Pay at the Entrance
Lunch is an additional cost - TBA

Meet Up: Grapevine Botanical Garden
9:00 a.m. for Car Pooling
Wear your Purple Shirts!





GARDENERS ON THE GO

Save the Date

North Haven Gardens

When: May 17, 2025

Where: North Haven Gardens
7700 North Haven Rd. - Dallas, TX

Time: 9 am - 1 pm



Celebrate Water in the Garden with plant and pond demos,
Q & A, and expert advice at this free annual event.

- 9 - 10 Rusty will talk about water plants
- 10 - 11 NTWGS (Lisa, Rebecca, Diane) will demo on building a small patio water feature
- 11 - 12 Rusty demos repotting water plants
- 11 - 1 NTWGS "Ask The Experts"



Admission: Free
Lunch is an additional cost
In the North Haven Cafe

Meet Up: Grapevine Botanical Garden
8:15 a.m. for Car Pooling
Wear your Purple Shirts!



Homegrown National Park

By now we have all seen the headlines. Bird populations are in decline. Insect populations are plummeting. Wildlife is increasingly being forced out of their native habitats by development. It can seem overwhelming. What can one person do to make an impact? Quite a lot, according to Doug Tallamy, author of *Nature's Best Hope*. Texas Woman's University celebrated the 45th anniversary of Texas Wildflower Day on April 26th, with Tallamy as keynote speaker of the two day event. In the past, we have too often left conservation to the specialists when we each have the power and responsibility to restore our own piece of the natural environment, Tallamy believes. "You are nature's best hope," he told an auditorium full of gardeners, Master Naturalists and nurserymen. This is the very idea behind his new project, Homegrown National Park. America has a wonderful national park system, but those areas were largely selected because of their stunning beauty. They are spread out across the states, with no connection from one park to the next. The Homegrown National Park project seeks to connect one garden or one natural area, to another, dot by dot across the country. "Join us and plant native to rebuild the ecosystems that support all life, and restore the vital connections between plants and animals for a healthier, thriving planet," Tallamy has written. Please check out his [website](#) and consider putting your garden on the map.

~ Suzie Agnew