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Through The Grapevine

June 2025

Save The Date

Saturday, October 18

We will be celebrating
Butterfly Flutterby with the
monarchs as they are on their
journey to Mexico.

Sign up at the September
general meeting for a fun day
of science, crafts and arts
at the Grapevine
Botanical Gardens.

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The Grapevine Garden Club meets monthly September through May

Our next meeting is September 30, 2025

Social and refreshments: 9:30 a.m. Program: 10:00 a.m.

Grapevine Convention Center at 1209 S. Main Street

President's Message

Welcome to the lazy, laid-back, dog days of summer where it is sometimes comfortable enough early in the morning and late in the evening—while it is still light—to spend time in the garden. Whether you are working in your beds or just enjoying the hard work you did in the spring, I am reminded that time spent in the natural world restores the soul.

I have found it a joy to be president of Grapevine Garden Club. I love being surrounded by active, caring individuals who—when they see a need in their community—do not passively complain that "somebody really ought to (fill in the blank)." Instead, they pick up a gardening tool or a telephone and quietly rise to the occasion. We are fortunate to have such a talented group of leaders in GGC. And we are even luckier to have so many gardeners who continue to join our organization.

We plan to be "talent spotters" as we work among you! Although we have many committees where chairs have already stepped up to lead, we have some open leadership positions. If you love to sell stuff, we need someone to work with Ella Barber to locate and sell spring-flowering bulbs (to be ordered and sold in the fall). Ella would also like to work alongside another member to publish our weekly eBlast using Constant Contact with the goal of passing that baton the following year. If you love to travel to interesting destinations, we need someone to chair/co-chair overnight trips and tours. If you enjoy organizing food, acquiring door prizes, and decorating tables, we need someone to chair our annual Spring Luncheon in May. If you don't think you are ready to "lead" yet, do get involved as a committee member. We have lots of opportunities!

Enjoy every moment of your summer! We will look forward to seeing you in September.

 *Dinah Chancellor*



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

Yearbook Update Deadline

June 15th is the deadline to send me any updates you have for the 2025-2026 GGC Yearbook....phone, address, picture, etc.

Any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

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

CRAFT FAIR

Our annual Craft Fair is scheduled for October 21ST between the hours 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., before our general meeting.

The Craft Fair is open to all members *and* their immediate families. We know there are some very talented members out there! Here is your chance to showcase your talents at our wonderful fair. Impress your gardening friends and make some money in the process.

The cost is \$15 for a 6 ft table.

Reservations are taking place now, with a final deadline at 30TH September's general meeting. Please write or call me with your reservation, or if you have any questions or ideas.

~ Alexandra Evans, Ways & Means (Yearbook Page A-23)

Fort Worth Audubon Society (FWAS) Early Fall Bird Walk - Parr Park Grapevine - 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 14th. Join GGC member Karen Rice and other FWAS members on a bird walk at Parr Park on Sunday, September 14th from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Beginner bird watchers are welcome! We will be looking for bird species that may visit here during fall migration. Meet in the parking lot by the Rotary Pavilion. For further information contact Karen Rice. (Yearbook Page A-69)

In Memoriam: Sheri Jones

Sheri Jones passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2025. She fought a long hard battle and was fighting until the end. Her memorial service is set for June 21, at 11:00 a.m., at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church in Irving.

While most members came to know Sheri when she served as president (2021-2023), during her 20-year membership she also served as 2nd VP (2008-10), Redbud Tree Program (2011-13), Scholarship (2013-16), Ways & Means other (2016-17), Yearbook (2017-20), and Flowercade (2023-25). Joining Sheri as a member in 2018, her husband Roger actively participated and supported Sheri in her endeavors. It was during Sheri's tenure as president that GGC celebrated 90 years of continued service to our community.

The 1st column Sheri wrote as incoming president for the *Through the Grapevine* Newsletter is an example of how each of us need to approach serving.

I am honored to be your president. However, I have been very apprehensive taking it on, following in the steps of some very outstanding leaders. I have received such encouragement from friends reminding me of what I already knew, that this is an amazing group that steps up, follows through, and comes out shining! It's kind of like gardening. Sometimes I've been apprehensive about something I've planted. Is my garden too shady for that to do well? Will it get enough water there? Sure, sometimes the plants let me know I made a mistake. (I'll probably hear that occasionally this year, don't you bet?) But if I just try to be optimistic, do what's needed, delegate appropriately, we will come out colorful and in full bloom.

In May 2023, Sheri wrote *My 2 years as GGC president is drawing to a close and I have such mixed emotions! On one hand, I think...ahh! The past few months have been a challenge with my health issues and I cannot begin to tell you what you have all meant to me! I have received so much support to help me continue to do my job (although this group runs like a well-oiled machine without me). But at least, it helped make me feel*



like I was still doing my job. The friendships I have experienced are beyond what I can express. The calls, cards, food, prayers, texts, plants, hugs, visits.... thank you!

~ Joetta King and Ella Barber

Photograph taken December 2021 at our holiday luncheon

FLOWERCADE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AND FLORAL DESIGN AWARDS

Oops, I forgot to publicize the winners of People's Choice Awards and Design at Flowercade in April. GGC was well represented and won many of the awards. Those included:



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

CLASS 1 "Wreaths" - tie between
Mary Ledbetter (left) and Donna Young (right)



CLASS 3 "An Afternoon Stroll" - (left) Donna
Young - small garden,
(right) Michelle Terry - terrarium



FLORAL DESIGNS

CLASS 1 "In a Texas Garden"
(left) Donna Young and
(right) Mary Ledbetter



CLASS 3 "A Secret Garden" - Donna Young (below)



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AND DESIGN WINNERS

~ Pam Braak, Flowercade



Please welcome our
newest member:
Stanley Hinson

And welcome back to
Gary Lackey

Wall-Farrar Adopt-An-Area

Summer Trail Tidy-up July 28th

Wanting to meet up with your GGC friends this summer? We will walk the Wall-Farrar trails for the GGC Trail Tidy-up project on 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 Ave, Grapevine 76051.

See you this summer!

~ Karen Rice and Robin Pond, Coordinators

GARDENERS ON THE GO



Save The Date

Tour of The Young's Garden

Saturday - Sunday
June 14 - 15



You are invited to tour The Young's Garden.
3608 Aspenwood Drive, Bedford, TX
Saturday 9-5 or 8-11 for the night tour
and Sunday 9-5

We have a boat, a canoe, 12 bathtubs, and lots of fountains.
Plant, Plants and more plants!

It is Wacky and Wonderful! We hope to see you here!



Scholarships Awarded

Mason Marsh, Blayne Bradford, Addison Summers and Emily Eichelberg, our scholarship recipients, were honored at our Spring Luncheon on May 20th.

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



GARDENERS ON THE GO

Save The Date

Gallery at Bowie House

Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.

August 12, 2025

3700 Camp Bowie Blvd., Ft. Worth, TX

Join us for a guided tour of some fabulous art on display and for sale at the amazing Bowie House. We will have lunch afterward at Rex's.

Tour is free, Valet parking only and is free.

Lunch at Rex's is extra.

Meet Up: Grapevine Botanical Garden

9:00 a.m. for **Car Pooling**

Wear your Purple Shirts!

Please RSVP by text to Jeff Young by

July 15th - 817.287.1191



GARDENERS ON THE GO

Follow Up the

North Haven Gardens

May 17, 2025

We had 6 members and 2 guest visit the beautiful North Haven Gardens for some educational presentations on dividing and planting water plants. A couple of us got a free lizard tail plant.

We had a presentation of making a small container water garden. The gift shop and all the plants and things were awesome to see.

Afterward, 4 of us went to Mattito's for some fabulous fajitas for lunch.

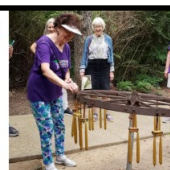


GARDENERS ON THE GO

Follow Up to

Log Cabin Village

When: May 29, 2025



We had 12 members on our adventure thru time at the Log Cabin Village. We saw the BIG house with a beautiful parlor and a gift shop with lots of crafty things. We learned how they spun thread and made their own fabric. We saw the parker house, a school house, a smokehouse, and a blacksmith shop. There was a mill with a water wheel. There was even a huge beautiful herb garden. We dipped candles the old fashioned way. The cabins, furnishings, accessories, and decor were awesome to see. The weather was perfect, lots of tree coverage provided shade as we strolled from house to house.

Afterward, 10 of us went to the nearby Blue Goose Cantina for lunch.

A good old fashioned time was had by all!

