



Through The Grapevine

October 2025



Please note that our October meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of the month—OCTOBER 21

BOTANIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

Preserving Nature's Legacy at Fort Worth Botanical Gardens & the Vital Role of BRIT

Presented by Ashley Bates,
Herbarium
Collections Manager

Learn how BRIT drives conservation efforts, highlighting the essential role of plants in our environment. Learn about BRIT's state of the art labs, seed bank, press, library and the 1.5 million specimen herbarium, making it a unique place for plant research in the heart of Fort Worth.

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Meeting Information: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Craft Fair 9:00 - 10:00 and after the business meeting until 11:45

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

Grapevine Convention Center at 1209 S. Main Street

President's Message

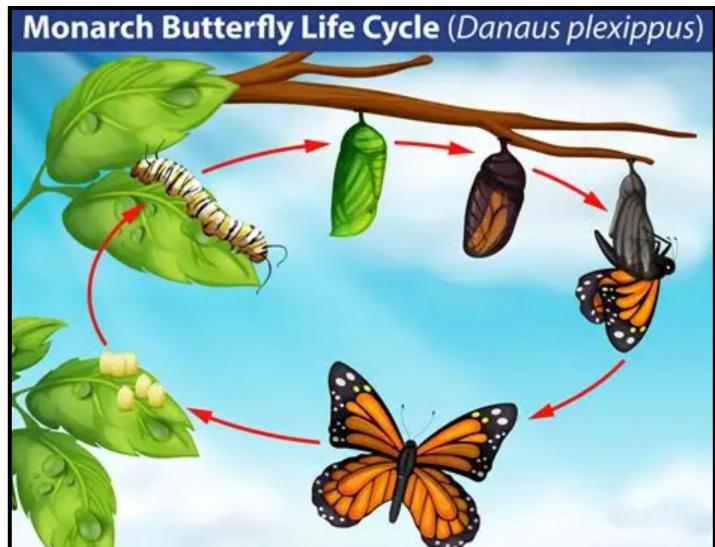
As you read this, I will be traveling on a train through the Rocky Mountains. It should be lovely at this time of the year. I will be thinking about the hint of autumn in the air in Texas!

Days are getting shorter and migration season is upon us. Lights Out, Texas is a statewide campaign to help migrating birds as they cross over our state at night. This month, we are encouraged to dim our lights between 6:00 and 11:00 p.m., as well as turning off all non-essential outside lights out between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. This important project helps migratory birds, as light pollution can disrupt their navigational instincts, resulting in disorientation and collisions, thus cutting short their heroic journey to areas where they will find food and water to survive the winter months.

This is also the month we celebrate the migratory journey of the Monarch Butterfly. These delicate insects put off procreation to travel thousands of miles to the forested mountains of southern Mexico. In March, the cycle begins again as this generation begins their trek north, mate, lay eggs and die. It is miraculous that the fourth generation of these beautiful butterflies migrate from the northern tier of our United States to a location they have never been before. We will celebrate this annual migration on October 18th at Butterfly Flutterby in the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. This year the theme is "Wings of Change." How appropriate! Please volunteer. You will have a great time as we launch Monarch Butterflies south toward their winter destination!

 **Dinah Chancellor**

Dinah at the Butterfly Flutterby Science Table



Butterfly Flutterby

Saturday, October 18th 10—2, Grapevine Botanical Gardens

Get Ready for Butterfly Flutterby (BFFB)

You and your families are invited to the 28th Annual Butterfly Flutterby, a fun community event with lots of arts, crafts, science and Monarch butterflies. The first monarch release is at 11:00 am. Come early and enjoy the beautiful Grapevine Botanical Garden, food trucks, booths and buy some butterfly wings and other kid-friendly items. The Butterfly Treasures booth (GGC Sales) will once again have those cute yet functional Bug Houses to temporarily hold an insect you may wish to observe. Note - these are not for holding butterflies.

A big thank you to all of the GGC members who have already volunteered for a morning or afternoon shift. Your team lead will be contacting you. We always need more hands for this great community project. Question about volunteering? Contact Cindy Miller, Ambassador Lead.

 Susan Stank & Linda Krimm, BFFB

BRING CUT FLOWERS OF YOUR MONARCH NECTAR PLANTS

Bring to the Science Table

Every year during Butterfly Flutterby, we worry that there aren't enough nectar plants in the garden to feed the multiple releases. This year we will be placing some gallon pots of nectar plants in the garden, thanks to funds from the Ray Chancellor Fund. In addition, please **bring cut flowers** that you know are favorites of butterflies in your garden. We will provide various sized green bottles or you can provide your own container. Please put a label on the bottom of your container if you want it back. Contact Pam Braak for more information. For more ideas: [Our Favorite Fall Nectar Plants.pdf](#)

Some good Monarch nectar flowers

- White mistflower
- Texas lantana
- Skeleton leaf Goldeneye
- Mexican sunflower
- Gayfeather
- Frostweed
- Gregg's mistflower
- Fall aster
- Zinnias



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

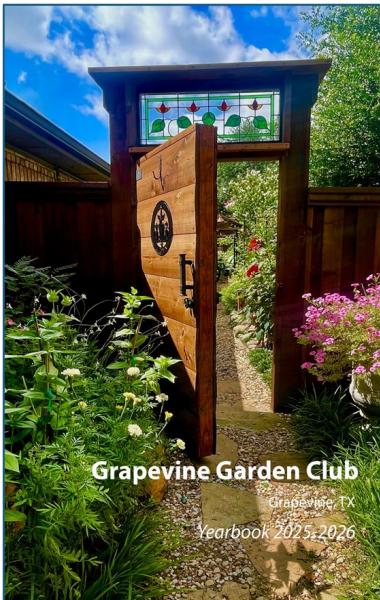


Susan Carter
Linda Helland
Desiree Hershon
Linda King

Eco Talks Underappreciated Projects November 5, 7 - 9 p.m. The Vine, 225 W. Worth Street

Presented by Kathy Nelson, Parks & Recreation's Planning Manager and Landscape Architect. This ECO Talk will provide insights into projects throughout the City that add to our quality of life and appeal to visitors. Projects include Settlers Park, Green Ribbon projects along Highway 121, and future plans for pollinators and other landscapes.

Registration opens one month prior!



GGC 2025-2026 Yearbook

Please come by the Membership table at the October 21st General Meeting if you have not picked up your copy. (One book per individual or family membership)

Also photos can be taken at the meeting or you can email a photo to:

yearbookphoto@grapevinegardenclub.org

Thank you!  *Karen Stephenson, Yearbook*

Reminder to Arbor Day School Project Volunteers !

Make sure to complete the background check at gcisd.net

Continue to check emails for further details



 *Emily McDoniel and Judy McDoniel, Arbor Day School Project*



**West Texas Street Workday
Thursday, October 28th at 9 a.m.
315 West Texas Street, Grapevine**



Hi everyone! It's fall pansy planting time at West Texas Street!

Grab your tools, put on your grubbies and join us! We will be cleaning up flower beds, planting pansies, and adding mulch where needed. You will have a great time meeting new people and learning new ideas!

And for those that work up an appetite or just want to socialize, we all meet up afterwards at Jakes on Main Street in Grapevine. And they don't mind if we are grubby!

If you have any questions, please contact Irene Binyon or Robin Pond, we are in the yearbook. We look forward to seeing you!

 **Irene Binyon & Robin Pond, West Texas Street**



**The Grapevine Garden Club
CRAFT FAIR**



October 21

Open 9 - 10 a.m. and after the meeting until 11:45

Your fellow talented garden club members will be selling their personal creations on October 21st. This year we have eight vendors displaying all their wonderful crafts!

I am very excited about this year's selection of items. We have jams and preserves, pillows, tea towels, makeup bags, wooden and copper jewelry, quilted bags, cozies, coasters, jewelry and Christmas ornaments, candles, fire starters, woven scarves and shawls, art photographs and photo cards and pictures -- all made by talented GGC folks.

You'll want to arrive early, because shopping at the Craft Fair takes place from 9 to 10 a.m. before the general meeting which starts at 10 a.m. Then there will be additional shopping after the meeting until 11:45 a.m.

There's quite a selection for you to peruse and buy! In the same area, also look for 2 tables manned by Ella to pay for your orders of spring bulbs. Please bring cash or checks, as some vendors cannot accept credit cards.

We're looking forward to very exciting and eventful Craft Fair!



 **Alex Evans, Ways & Means**

GGC Veterans' Day Parade Saturday, November 8, 2025



Please join your fellow GGC members and others at the Grapevine Veterans Day Parade on November 8th. We will decorate Robin Pond's pickup starting at 9 a.m. The pickup will be parked on West Hudgins Street, west of Main Street in Grapevine. You do not need to bring anything, all the decorating supplies will be provided.



The parade is scheduled to start at 10 a.m., traveling to Main Street and moves up Main to Ball Street. You will be returned to the location where we started. Wear something patriotic, veteran uniform, or your GGC apparel. There is food and drink provided at the parade end (Main Street and Wall).

✉ *Chuck Voelker, Veterans' Day Parade*

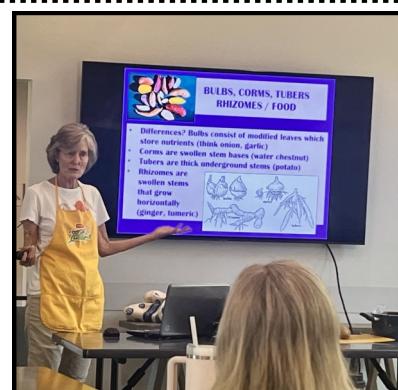
Holiday Wreath Making Workshop Wednesday, December 3rd, 10 a.m. Betsy Mitchell House



Mark your calendars for our next gathering—**Holiday Wreath Making**—on **Wednesday, December 3rd at 10:00 a.m.** at the Bessie Mitchell House. We look forward to creating something festive together! Signups will start at the October General Meeting.

In October, Betsy Marsh shared her wealth of knowledge on native plants, including tips on seed collection and propagation.

In September, Karen Rice inspired us with a program on the ***Beauty of Bulbs***.



✉ *Michelle Terry, Workshops*



GARDENERS ON THE GO

Save The Date

The Flower Ranch

Friday - 10:30 a.m.

October 24, 2025

901 S. Pearson - Keller, TX



Join us for a tour of The Flower Ranch where they grow and produce annuals, bedding plants, ground covers, ferns, baskets and more.



Get a 10% discount for the day!

Lunch - Noonish

CraftWay Kitchens - 2820 E. Southlake Blvd.



Meet Up: Grapevine Botanical Garden

10:00 a.m. for Car Pooling

Wear your Purple Shirts!



GARDENERS ON THE GO

Save The Date

Historical Park

Wednesday - 10:30 a.m.

November 19, 2025



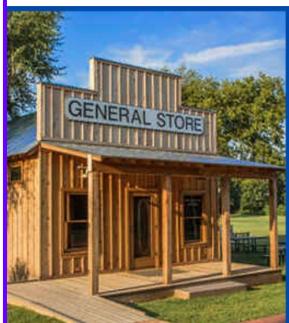
2540 Farmers Branch Ln - Farmers Branch, TX

Join us for a tour of the Farmers Branch Historical Park. See the Old Church, Queen Anne Victorian Cottage, Gilbert House, School House, Texaco Service Station, Train Depot and Caboose and more.

Cost \$5.00

Lunch - Noonish

On the Border - 1220 Market Place Blvd.



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GARDENERS ON THE GO
FOLLOW UP ON MIKE'S GARDEN
CENTER TOUR
OCTOBER 2nd

Fifteen members joined us for a lovely tour of Mike's Garden Center where we enjoyed a 25% Discount - and more on some products. Seven members enjoyed lunch together at Armend's. A fun time was had by ALL.

Thanks for Participating!

✉ *Jeff & Donna Young, Gardeners on the Go*



Grapevine Arbor Day event
November 8th 9—11 a.m.

Grapevine, a Tree City USA Community, will be planting trees in Meadowmere Park to celebrate Texas Arbor Day. If you would like to participate and provide assistance at this event to mentor tree planting volunteers, please contact Karen Rice:

✉ *Karen Rice, Community/Civic Programs*



Sign up for the Holiday Luncheon
HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD
December 9, 2025 ~ Lancaster Theatre
10:30 Social ~ 11:00 Lunch
Italian Pasta Bar
Catered by Bartley's

Cost \$25.00

Entertainment: Grapevine High School Choir

A donation basket for GRACE will be available.

**Please plan to attend our annual Holiday Luncheon. Deadline to register/
pay is Dec. 1, we always fill up quickly!!!**

**This year each table will highlight a different
country or culture!**



Annemarie Garlin & Cecilia Mitchell, Holiday Luncheon

PREPARE FOR THE PLANT SALE

Indoor Plants



Are your indoor plants getting leggy? Try rooting the cuttings in water and growing new young plants for our indoor plant sale area at the GGC Plant Sale in April. A sunny window or grow light helps them get a good start.



Are you tired of looking at the one, or more, plants that were a disappointment and you now have buyer's remorse? Please think about cleaning them up and donating them. You can even leave them in their ceramic pots and we can charge more for them!

Do you have too many plants that are of one kind? Please share by letting us sell them! Please tend all your donations with loving care until we can find them a new home and raise funds for our main Garden Club fund raiser!

Annemarie Garlin & Cecilia Mitchell, Indoor Plants

Announcing the 2026 GGC Plant Sale Theme:

“For The Birds”



More updates at the November general meeting

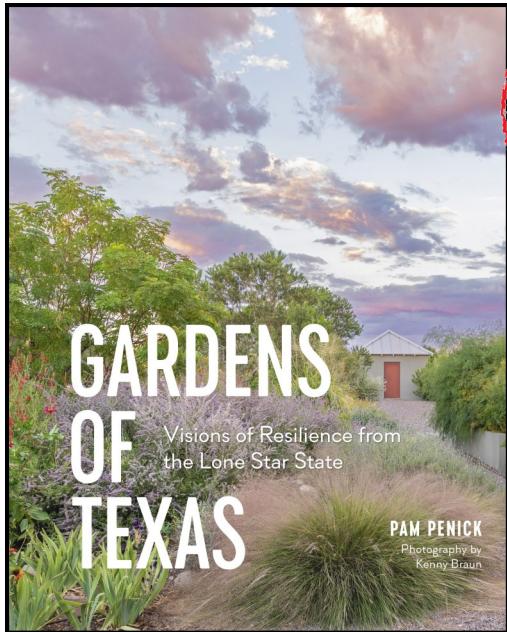
• Judy Sutherland & Karen Stephenson, Plant Sale

November 18th Meeting

A Special Treat

Author Pam Penick is traveling from Austin to speak to our group and will be selling her new book.

We expect a terrific talk about visions of resilience from the Lone Star State.



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the
date®



• Debbie Boyle, 1st VP Programs

The GGC Storage Unit Got a REFRESH!

A big thank you to Ella Barber, Judy Sutherland, Karen and Michael Stephenson who spent many hours cleaning and re-organizing the GGC Storage Unit



The Before



They cleaned out the storage unit, donated items not being used, swept everything and assembled new shelves which added additional shelf space.



The final reveal -we are now able to store items that had been in members garages. Now there is space available for all GGC events.

