



Through The Grapevine

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The Grapevine Garden Club's next meeting is on Tuesday, September 22nd.

Social and refreshments: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10 a.m.

Our meetings are held at the Grapevine Convention Center—1209 South Main Street in Grapevine, Texas.

The Hidden Beauty of Plant Patterns

By Victor Mozqueda



Victor Mozqueda is an international nature photographer and naturalist based in Texas. His specialty is macro photography, which he utilizes to explore flora and fauna around the world. By design, his works are simple reflections that allow observers access to a few of Earth's most exquisite intricate inhabitants.

He focuses on color, texture, symmetry and abstraction, conveying an appreciation for nature's most fascinating patterns. His current work centers on arthropods studies as well as his long-time interest in plants, particularly cacti and succulents. As a nature photographer, Victor captures the unique charm and intricacies of these desert plants, showcasing their stunning forms and colors in a captivating way. Dive into the world of cacti through his lens and appreciate the hidden elegance of these resilient succulents inviting viewers to appreciate the natural world in a new light.

Victor will also talk about his recent collaboration on the book *Do Plants Know Math? Unwinding the Story of Plant Spirals, from Leonardo da Vinci to Now* by Stéphane Douady, Jacques Dumais, Christophe Golé, Nancy Pick and in collaboration with images from Victor Mozqueda.



President's Message

Welcome to another gardening year! This will be a significant year for the Grapevine Garden Club. We are a large garden club with lots of traditions going back ninety-five years. But do not be deceived! Our wonderful traditions do not keep us from continuing to learn, grow and look to the future.

Our yearbook and website give us a glimpse of how we enjoy spending our time—enhancing our own surroundings and those of others—such as tidying the trails in the Wall-Farrar Park; designing, planting and maintaining the gardens in a HUD housing development; and giving seed grants to non-profit organizations and public/private schools.

Our focus on the future involves teaching 3rd graders about the value of trees in our environment; collecting heirloom plants from our own gardens, designing hanging baskets, repurposing flowerpots and garden art and selling all of them at our annual plant sale to raise funds for scholarships for students majoring in horticulture related fields.

We also like to have fun! Our Holiday Luncheon and Spring Picnic give us a chance to enjoy each other and to appreciate our support people in the city of Grapevine. Walking in the Veterans Day Parade down Main Street in Grapevine gives us an opportunity to say thanks to our veterans. To culminate our gardening year, we hold a tea to say another thank you to the countless volunteers in the Grapevine Garden Club who have given unselfishly their time and talents to our organization and to others in our communities.

Our monthly programs, workshops and hikes enrich our minds as we learn about birds, insects/spiders, reptiles, plants and how all are connected in our fascinating environment. We continue to appreciate our rich past while learning, growing, and looking to our future.

 *Dinah Chancellor*

Path of the Pollinators

Butterfly Flutterby 2026 Needs You!



The 29th Annual Butterfly Flutterby will be held Saturday, October 17th
at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens.

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

Volunteer signups are well under way, but we still have a few spots that need to be filled. Can you help? We need additional volunteers for the GGC stations below, specified by a.m. shift (9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.) or p.m. shift (11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Lunch provided!

Art Contest - 9:30/12 (**need 2**) and 12/2:30 (**need 2**)

Arts & Crafts - 9:30/12 (**need 1**) and 12/2:30 (**need 5**)

Ambassadors - 12/2:30 (**need 1**)

BF Treasures - 9:30/12 (**need 1**) 12/2:30 (**need 4**)

Watermelon Cut/Stick - 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 16th (**need 4**)

BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who are spending valuable summertime doing Art and Crafts prep!

To volunteer, please contact BFFB Coordinator Susan Stanek (Yearbook page R-78) via telephone or text.

New Member Welcome Event



Calling all new members!

If you joined the Grapevine Garden Club after September 2025
then we would like to meet you at our
New Member Welcome Event!

Date: Tuesday, October 13th

Where: Bessie Mitchell House at the Grapevine Botanical Garden

Time: 9:30 a.m. Social

10 – 12 noon Presentations about the Club and activities

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet other new members as well as several of our officers and committee chairs and many great involvement opportunities!

You will be receiving an invitation via email in the next few weeks. Please plan to attend. We are looking forward to meeting with you!

Kathryn Armstrong and Liz Lovett
New Member Welcome Event Co-Chairs

Why the zinnia as the GGC annual flower?

The GGC traditions of passalong plants, seeds and flower shows date back to 1932 when the club secured 12 ounces of giant zinnia seed at a cost of \$5.65 from Robert Nicholson Seed Company in Dallas. They then measured seeds into small packages that could be secured at D. E. Austin Drug Store on Main Street, on the condition that those receiving free seeds should promise to try to grow zinnias for a flower show in June at the public library. The *Grapevine Sun* promoted the event by writing,

“There is something more to a flower show than just flowers and that is the community spirit which it engenders, an arousing of public interest which is of untold value to any locality. There were fifty-six zinnia entries and sixty-nine mixed bouquet unique flower entries in this exhibit. The two judges, who came from Dallas to make decisions, were highly complimentary and enthusiastic over the varieties, beauty and artistic arrangements of the flowers and the general community interest shown by the host of visitors.”

Apparently, the success of the zinnia propagation and flower show was the basis for the “zinnia being selected by the club as the city annual” (1932 minutes p.23). Thus, the choice of the zinnia photo on the 2026-2027 yearbook cover seems appropriate as we celebrate the Grapevine Garden Club’s 95th anniversary. Zinnias tolerated the hot, dry summers in 1932 and they still do!

Although Neil Sperry suggests that zinnias planted for a fall garden would have cooler weather and as a result fall zinnias have more brilliant rainbow colors, he also noted that he saw almost none of the powdery mildew that often-coated zinnias in the spring. Sperry suggests planting zinnia seeds or transplants in mid-August for our area, but maybe it isn’t too late considering our hot weather. Your gardening friends are sharing seeds for plants that have thrived in their garden. Take time to browse the Seed/Plant Exchange table at the general meeting. Maybe there are zinnia seeds! If you are relying on nursery 4-inch potted zinnias, look for vigorous plants with colorful buds, but preferably not fully in flower.



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According to *Tough-As-Nails Flowers for the South* author, Norman Winter, “As a cut flower the zinnia is unsurpassed. These are also among the easiest plants to grow from seed. If all of that weren’t enough, consider that butterflies absolutely adore them.”

Our annual spring plant sale is like a plant exchange on steroids! GGC members donated 2,454 plants that were propagated from seeds, division or cuttings in their gardens. A June 30, 1932 *Grapevine Sun* article stated, “That there is a genuine interest in garden development; and an aroused and definite ‘feeling’ for beauty and artistry, was clearly evidenced in Grapevine’s first flower show which was sponsored by the Grapevine Garden Club.” Isn’t that also true for our annual plant sale?

Note: *Passalong* may be spelled in various ways, but I prefer the spelling used in *Passalong Plants* by Steve Bender & Felder Rushing. For many years GGC had an elected officer, reporter and articles appeared regularly in the **Grapevine Sun** newspaper until the final issue in 2009.

~ Written by Joetta King



Main Street Grapevine

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Fort Worth Audubon Society (FWAS) Fall Bird Walk

Parr Park Grapevine – 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 20th

Join GGC member Karen Rice and other FWAS members on a bird walk at Parr Park on Sunday September 20th at 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Beginner bird watchers are welcome! We will be looking for fall and migrating bird species in the park. Meet in the parking lot by the Rotary Pavilion. For further information contact Karen Rice (Yearbook page R-75).



Please welcome our
newest members:

Brent Hickenbotham

Johanna, Matthew and Madee
Kishbach



Environment, Community, Outdoors.

ECO Talks

BASICS OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN

OCTOBER 7, 2026

7 TO 8 PM

THE REC OF GRAPEVINE

You'll discover:

- Simple design principles
- Foundations of plant selection and creating a yard that thrives in our climate

[Register here](#)

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT:
KEEPGRAPEVINEBEAUTIFUL.ORG/LANDSCAPE

Down Home Christmas Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 8th

Social Time: 10:30 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m.

Lancaster Theatre in downtown Grapevine

Cost: \$25 Deadline to Sign Up December 1st

Join Us for a Traditional Holiday Menu catered by Bartley's BBQ

Entertainment to be Provided by a Local High School Choir

A donation basket will be available to help GRACE fulfill their mission of providing assistance to individuals and families in crisis with guidance toward self-sufficiency.



Gardeners Corner

Welcome back, everyone, after a very long, hot summer! Hopefully things are starting to cool off and you are thinking about getting back into the soil.

Gardeners Corner is planning now for an exciting year!!

We're starting with a sale, which will be held in the foyer across from our regular table. You'll want to check both locations. What's for sale? Boxed notes, soil scoops, green pails, garden sieves, Cultimate weeding tools, handy blocks of potting soil and more. Especially at our marked-down prices, you'll find something among these fine goods that you can use.

We're also adding some new items for the fall. Pictured here are fun garden metal signs and very sturdy and affordable wooden-handled trowel, featuring a slightly sharp edge. The trowel is well made and it should give you years of faithful service.

Plus, we've restocked on T-shirts, Lavender Hill products and all the good items you expect from Gardeners Corner. We look forward to seeing you all and answering your questions.



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

Monday, September 21st at 9 a.m.

September WILL bring cooler temperatures! Our September trail tidy-up will be our normal gentle walk with a chance to catch up GGC friends. Please mark your calendar and come walk the trail with us. This is our bi-monthly community Adopt-An-Area service project named GGC Trail Tidy-up. Join us Monday, September 21st at 9 a.m.

Location is the Wall-Farrar Nature Trail Grapevine. Parking is allowed courtesy of Church at the Cross at 3000 William D Tate Ave, Grapevine, Texas 76051. Park at the SW corner of the parking lot near the play equipment.

Hope to see you there!

Karen Rice and Robin Pond, Coordinators



Gardeners On The Go: Green's Produce and Plants

10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 24th

3001 W. Arkansas Lane in Arlington

Sign up at the September meeting

Green's Produce and Plants offers a fresh selection of locally grown produce, as well as plants for the garden and garden decor.

Enjoy a 15% discount on garden items only.

Lunch - 12 p.m.

Texan Kitchen - 415 N. Main St. in Euless

Carpool meet up is at the Grapevine Botanical Garden at 10 a.m.
or meet at 10:30 a.m at Green's Produce & Plants

Gardeners on the Go: Weston Gardens In Bloom

10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28th ~ 8101 Anglin Drive in Fort Worth



Join us for a tour of Weston Gardens In Bloom's demonstration gardens, where you will be able to view a variety of plants that do well in our region of Texas. Their nursery offers many native Texas plants and organic soil amendments, while the gift shop is stocked with teas, jewelry and books.

Enjoy a 10% discount.

Lunch - 12 p.m. at Bravo Eats - 201 Kennedale Pkwy in Kennedale

Carpool meet up is at the Grapevine Botanical Garden at 10 a.m. or meet
at 10:30 a.m at Weston Gardens In Bloom

Sign up at the September meeting

