

# Through The Grapevine

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## Leave The Leaves: *Supporting fireflies and backyard biodiversity*

By Christina Freeman,  
Texas Master Naturalist  
(Blackland Prairie Chapter)

What if one of the best things you could do for your garden was...a little less? Join us to discover why leaving fallen leaves in place is one of the easiest and most effective ways to support fireflies and a host of other beneficial wildlife. Learn about the hidden world beneath the leaf litter, the important role it plays in maintaining healthy ecosystems and simple gardening practices that can help keep your landscape beautiful while providing vital habitat to our insect friends. Together, we'll explore how making a few small changes in our fall routines can help keep our summer nights glowing for generations to come.

The Grapevine Garden Club's next meeting is on Tuesday, October 27th.

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.



## President's Message

FINALLY, we can get outside after 9:00 a.m. without risking our health with triple digit temperatures! I have already noticed fewer hummingbirds sipping nectar from my Turk's Cap. The heat and drought have made my Frostweed unavailable to them! The hummingbirds are loading up on nectar to leave soon as they migrate to Central and South America. They will make way for early migrants from northern states and Canada—small songbirds first and then the larger winter visitors and shorebirds.

So why do birds migrate? When procreation—their reason for existence—has finished for the year, food sources diminish, temperatures cool, the angle of the sun begins to change from the Autumnal Equinox forward in time to the shortened days of mid-winter. Birds must adapt, migrate or die. As they arrive in our area, they are exhausted and hungry. How can we as gardeners enhance their natural environment so they can compete with our year-round residents? Birds need food, shelter and water. I would like to call your attention to a column Ray Chancellor wrote in 2018: [\*Feeding Station Considerations\*](#). Look for it on our website ([grapevinegardenclub.org](http://grapevinegardenclub.org)). Find it under “Learning” by pulling down the menu “Resources.”

October is a busy month for Grapevine Garden Club. Plans are well underway to celebrate the 29th Butterfly Flutterby in Heritage Park in Grapevine on Saturday, October 17th—a children's art contest, live butterfly releases, a butterfly-themed costume contest, children's crafts and face painting. Visit the science center to use microscopes and hand lenses to observe scales on a butterfly wing and inspect the parts of a flower. Look through “bug eyes” to see the world as insects do through their compound lenses. Please enjoy with us the change in the air—including newly released Monarchs as they journey south into the mountains of south-central Mexico.

✂Dinah Chancellor



Goldfinch on a thistle feeder

*Photograph from Feeding Station Considerations*

# Path of the Pollinators

## Butterfly Flutterby 2026 Needs You!

Join us for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Butterfly Flutterby on Saturday, October 17th, at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens

We cannot promise it will not rain this year, but the forecast looks favorable!



We will be celebrating with the monarchs as they are on their journey to Mexico. Volunteer signups are well under way. We still have a few spots to fill. Can you help?

**We need additional volunteers for the GGC stations listed below  
Afternoon shift (11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) only. Lunch provided!**

**Arts & Crafts - 12/2:30 need 2**

**BF Treasures - 12/2:30 need 2**

To volunteer, please contact BFFB Coordinator Susan Stanek (YB page R78) via telephone or text.

**FUN FACT:** Monarchs see colors humans cannot.

Their eyes can spot ultraviolet light. This hidden vision helps them find flowers and see patterns on each other's wings.

Related Butterfly Flutterby article on page six



## GGC Veterans Day Parade November 7th



Please join your fellow GGC members and others at the Grapevine Veterans Day Parade on November 7th. The parade is scheduled to start at 10 a.m., but prior to that we need to decorate the parade entry, which is Robin Pond's pickup. The pickup will be parked on W Hudgins Street, west of Main Street in Grapevine. We will decorate the pickup starting at 9 a.m. The parade travels to Main Street and moves up Main to Ball Street. You will be returned to the location where we started. You do not need to bring anything, all the decorating supplies will be provided. Wear something patriotic, veteran uniform or your GGC apparel. There is food and drink provided where the parade ends (Main Street and Wall). Please plan to attend, you will have fun and show respect to our Veterans. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting. Last year we had the largest turnout ever, please plan on coming again. We will be passing out seeds of something GGC related along the parade route. ~ *Chuck Voelker*

## Grapevine's Arbor Day Celebration

We're looking for gardeners to help guide volunteers in tree planting. Holes will be pre-dug - your role is to explain how to prepare the hole, remove the tree from its pot, install tree and mulch.

This is a chance for you to share your gardening experience with others. All supplies will be provided. **Email Cindy Harris to participate: [charris@grapevinetexas.gov](mailto:charris@grapevinetexas.gov)**

**DATE:** Saturday, November 7th

**TIME:** 9-11 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Meadowmere Park  
3000 Meadowmere Lane



## Garden Bazaar

It's time to start thinking about the Garden Bazaar! This popular activity is part of the annual Plant Sale where we sell your donated garden items such as yard art, birdhouses, pots and garden tools. Any garden related items that are clean and usable will be accepted at the plant sale location during the week leading up to the Plant Sale. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with this fun activity, please contact Cindy James.



**Sign up and join us for the Holiday Luncheon!**

## ***Down Home Christmas***

**Tuesday, December 8, 2026**

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

**Lancaster Theatre, Grapevine**

**Cost: \$25**

**We will enjoy a Traditional Holiday Menu catered by Bartley's BBQ**

**The Colleyville Heritage Jazz Choir, Ovation, will entertain us.**

**Deadline to Sign Up: December 1st**

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

*-Vicky Waldschmidt & the Holiday Luncheon Committee*

## Fort Worth Audubon Society (FWAS) Fall Bird Walk

Parr Park Grapevine  
8 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st

Join GGC member Karen Rice and other FWAS members on a bird walk at Parr Park on Sunday November 1st from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Beginner bird watchers are welcome! We will look for migrating and wintering bird species in the park. Meet in the parking lot by the Rotary Pavilion. **Note: Daylight Saving Time end at 2 a.m. November 1st so fall back for an extra hour of sleep.**

For further information about the walk, contact Karen Rice (YB page R-75)

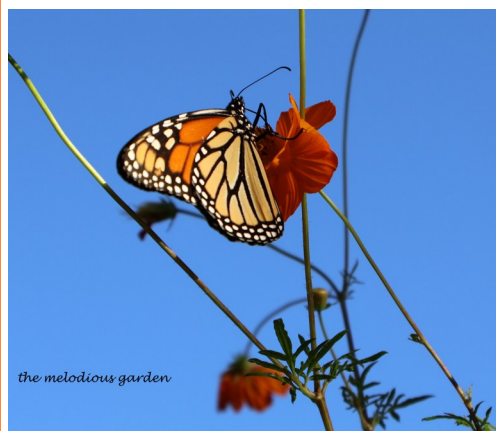


Red-bellied Woodpecker  
North Walnut Grove Trail  
Photograph taken 11-27-2008

[From the Southlake Cove Ecosystem](#)

## Path of the Pollinators

### Butterfly Flutterby 2026 Needs Some Fall Flowers



GGC will have an educational booth on the fall needs of the monarch butterfly during our Butterfly Flutterby festival. This booth will be located near the science booth for the children. We would love to have some examples of fall blooming flowers that provide nectar for our migrating monarchs. If your garden has any to spare, please consider bringing them to the Grapevine Botanical Garden in the morning of October 17th. The club will provide vases, water and ID labels. Just snip the blooms that morning, wrap the end of the stem in a wet paper towel and place in a plastic bag or jar to ensure they arrive fresh. Thank you! Questions? Contact Suzie Agnew

## Keep Grapevine Beautiful

**October 24th:** [Grapevine Recycles Day](#)

**November 4th:** Eco Talk—*Repurposing: A New Frontier In Landfill Diversion*

Discover The Power Of Repurposing. Ever wonder what happens to used or surplus materials from corporate industries? Many of them still have value — just in *unexpected* places! Join us for a fascinating ECO Talk led by Damon Carson, CEO of repurposedMATERIALS. We'll explore how to give obsolete materials a second life and keep them out of landfills. Get inspired by creative, real world examples of turning "waste" into useful products. [Registration required.](#)

**November 7th:** [Arbor Day](#)



We have 12 of our fellow gardeners participating in our Annual Craft Fair. Just in time for you to buy gifts for hostesses, teachers, Secret Santa's, ornament exchanges and hard to buy for friends.

You can look forward to purchasing jelly, knitted caps, woven scarves, pillowcases, jewelry, wood turnings, pottery, crochet animals, stained glass, clay flower frogs and clay charms, and mod podged vases.

Most of our member crafters do not have the capability to accept credit cards. Please make a special effort on November 17th to bring your check book, cash or pay by Venmo or Zelle.

Arrive early and shop from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., before the general meeting.

## West Texas Street Workday

Tuesday, October 20th, starting at 9 a.m.

*West Texas Street needs you!*  
*We are short on volunteers!*

Hello Everyone. It's time to get in the Fall Swing and gather at West Texas Street to spruce up the flower beds! Please come and garden with other club members as we clean up the beds and plant some colorful pansies to welcome the cool weather! Bring your own tools – clippers, trowels, and rakes – and we will bring water and snacks. After we are all done, those that wish to can meet up at Jake's on Main Street in Grapevine to socialize and enjoy lunch! We always have a great time, so come and join us!



# New GGC Honorary Members

Two of our long-time members were designated as Honorary Members at the GGC general meeting on September 29, 2026.

**Sarah Erickson** joined GGC in 1996 and served in many positions during her thirty years as a member including: Leading the club as president 2010-2011, First vice



president 2004-2006, Second vice president 2000 and 2001, Third vice president 2009-2011. Other elected positions were corresponding secretary 1997-1999 and publicity 2002-2004. She headed up Flowercade for five years, as well as the new member welcome event for 4 years, the 75th Anniversary Celebration in 2006 and 2007, the Texas Garden Clubs Spring Convention in 2012 and the Greenhouse Funding Committee in 2011-2013. Sarah is very proud of all the garden club accomplishments over the years and appreciates this honor.

**Eddie Williams** joined the club in 1990 and has been active during those 36 years including: Third vice president from 1994-1996 and treasurer 2006-2008. In addition, she



was the General Meeting Hostess in 1996 and 1997. Eddie headed up the Scholarship Committee in 1999-2001 and in 2008-2010, as well as the Grapevine Festival Committee in 2010 -2013 and she served as Civic Coordinator from 2012 to 2014. She also has a District II of Texas Garden Clubs life membership. Eddie joined the garden club because Joetta King brought her to a spring luncheon and the rest is history. Her favorite thing about the club is the people she has met and friends she has made.

Bylaws 4.01—Definition of honorary life membership: An Honorary Life Membership requires no fee and is a non-voting membership conferred upon the recommendation of the executive committee and a majority vote of the voting members present in recognition of service to the Grapevine Garden Club, Inc

*Photographs  
on following two  
pages...*

## New GGC Honorary Members



Sarah Erickson (*left*) at Gardens on View in 2001 with Suzi Guckel

Edie (*right*) working at the 2016 Spring Luncheon with Nancy Moxom and Barb Munn



Sarah Erickson (*left*) and Barbara Atkins at Butterfly Flutterby



The 2013 Greenhouse Grand Opening  
(Sarah, center, with green scarf)



1995 Officers: President Libby Buuck, Linda Norman, Edie Williams, Melinda Burt, Rachel Clark and Ruth Nichol. Edie was inducted as 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president.

2003 Plant Sale: Edie Williams, Barbara Atkins and Peg Albrecht



## New GGC Honorary Members



October 2004 General Meeting: *Edie, third from right*



2017 Spring Luncheon: *Sarah, seated, at right*



The 2007 grand opening of the Pewitt Pavillion: *Sarah, in red jacket, standing, second from right*



2001 Scholarship Chair Edie Williams with Brandon Kasen scholarship winner

## 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 October meeting

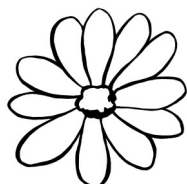


## Plant Sale

2027 Plant Sale will be here before you know it, so mark your calendars...

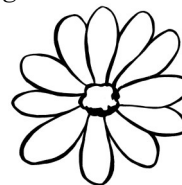
April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Grapevine Botanical Garden.

Potting soil will be ordered at the end of this month, so anyone who may need soil or pots, we can get you supplied after the October general meeting.



### Very important message:

Judy and I will complete 5 years as co-chairs in 2027.



**For the Plant Sale to continue 2028 and beyond,  
GGC needs a new chair/co-chairs.**

Please consider this role and step up so you can shadow us starting in January, but if January isn't convenient, whenever you can join the team.

Let us know if you have any questions about chairing future GGC Plant Sales.

We are glad to answer any questions.

Thank you and we look forward to a spectacular sale in 2027.

*Karen Stephenson and Judy Sutherland, 2027 GGC Plant Sale Co-Chairs*

