GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB
Established 1932

Through The Grapevine

November 2026

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The Grapevine Garden Club's next meeting is Tuesday, November 17th.

Craft fair: 9 – 10 a.m.

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.

Natives That Play Nice!

The Best Texas Plants for Beautiful, Well-kept Home Gardens

Want to grow native plants without all the mess? Learn from local experts how to select and grow Texas plants which are both stunning and easy to maintain, so you can enjoy the benefits without the bother!



Betsy Marsh, Conservation Supervisor for the Tarrant Regional Water District



President's Message

We spent a long, hot, dry summer that impacted us as gardeners in ways we are still discovering — trees that may or may not leaf out in the spring, potted plants that I allowed to get too dry and are still pouting, turf that has been dug up by critters desperate for any moisture, grubs or worms they can find. At this time of the year, I am reminding myself to have a grateful heart! I am starting a list of things I am thankful for. Please feel free to add to my list!

I am thankful for:

- The cooler weather that makes me feel alive again.
- The change back to Central Standard Time.
- The beauty of a fall garden — the flowers that bloom with especially vivid colors to offset the brown leaves on many of my trees.
- The native plants we have added to our gardens to provide winter sustenance for our migratory visitors. (See photo below. These summer echinacea flowers will provide a vital food supply if we resist the temptation to deadhead them prior to mid-February!)
- The resilience and determination of our GGC members who refuse to just hunker down in the heat and drought but instead remain active and involved in clearly innovative ways.
- My dog — believe it or not! He is a non-judgmental companion who loves to cuddle.
- As my body ages and I begin a Pilates class so I can still function (!!!), I am thankful for the knowledge and skills of our medical professionals!

~ Dinah Chancellor



American Goldfinch in mating plumage anticipating a seed source for winter

Gardeners Corner

We are pleased to announce exciting new additions to our collection of Gardeners Corner products, from a new company called *"We The Wild Plant Care." We The Wild* is creating innovative indoor plant accessories and plant additives - certified organic products that are simple and safe to use on all plants around the home. We particularly liked these items:

- **Repotting Mat:** 19" x 29" - great size to keep all the soil and pots contained. A surprisingly handy item – let us show you how well it works!
- **Moisture Meter:** For indoor plants and pots. Small size and super-simple to use.
- **Leaf Cleaning Gloves:** Shine and clean indoor plant leaves in no time.
- ***Grow* liquid concentrate:** Organic plant food -- made by earthworms!



- ***Enrich* powder:** Slow-release plant food that promotes root growth.
- ***Protect* Spray:** A spray with neem oil, to give you leaves that are shiny, protected and healthy.
- **Anti-Gnat concentrate:** To fight fungus gnats in your pots, add this safe, oil-based mixture to the soil.

These new items are all pictured here: something fresh for you to see at our table this month! We hope you'll stop by.

~ Alexandra Evans

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, bird houses, planters, books and garden tools. Any garden related items that 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.

Please welcome Grapevine Garden Club's newest members:

Sara Gilmore

Beth Mulholland

Carla Ulrichherring

FORT WORTH AUDUBON SOCIETY

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



Join us as we welcome special guest

Dr. Ben Skipper



Presenting:

Soaring over the Suburbs – Mississippi Kites in Texas and Beyond

Thursday, November 12th

TIME
6:30 PM

LOCATION
UNT Health Fort Worth
1000 Montgomery Street • MET Building, Room 124

Dr. Skipper will present in person, with a Zoom option for those who prefer to attend virtually.

Visit fwas.org for a map for parking and meeting-room information, and/or a Zoom link.

Doors open at 6:30 PM. Light refreshments. Hope to see you there!

Fall at West Texas Street



On October 20th volunteers met at West Texas Street to plant annuals for fall color and were met with a big challenge. One of the unit's flower beds had been severely overgrown with trumpet vine.

Having met this challenge at one of the other units last year, we knew what we had to do! Dig out as much as we could – getting the roots too! – cover the bed with cardboard and mulch, soak it with water and not plant any flowers.



It was challenging but thanks to our hard-working volunteers we got it all done! Including cleanup and planting of annuals at the other four units.





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We would like to acknowledge and give a special thanks to Bruce Herndon for having volunteered at West Texas Street for the past 11 years! He purchased and hauled out mulch and could often be found visiting West Texas street between official workdays to check on the plants, water and spray the weeds. Thank you, Bruce!

~ Irene Binyon and Robin Pond





Veterans Day Parade in downtown Grapevine on November 7th



Butterfly Flutterby



A big round of applause and a hardy pat on the back to the 117 volunteers who prepared for and executed the 29th annual Butterfly Flutterby! The smiles were too many to count and the monarchs flew beautifully on a perfect sunny day in the Grapevine Botanical Garden.

GGC contributed 831 manhours to the event. WOW! 885 kid-friendly butterfly crafts were made by kids! 36 watermelons turned into approximately 3000 watermelon cubes to entice 800 monarchs to take a drink of juice! 316 masterpieces were submitted for the Art Contest and everyone was a winner!

Butterfly Treasures sold kid-friendly, butterfly related items 'netting' a gross income of $2164.

We are already anticipating next year's event! It will be the 30th annual Butterfly Flutter! Please consider joining us next year. A wise friend said that if you can put a butterfly in child's hand, they will be a nature lover for life!











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Butterfly Flutterby







Wall-Farrar Trail Tidy-Up

Join GGC members for the trail tidy-up on November 16th at 9 a.m. This is our bi-monthly community Adopt-An-Area service project named GGC Trail Tidy-up.

Location is the Wall-Farrar Nature Trail in Grapevine. Parking is allowed courtesy of Church at the Cross at 3000 William D Tate Ave, Grapevine, TX 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



Arbor Day

Five GGC members assisted Keep Grapevine Beautiful volunteers in planting 15 trees in Meadowmere Park on November 7th.



GGC
CRAFT FAIR
NOVEMBER 17TH

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.

Plant Sale

Soil and pots are available for garden club members ready to start digging in their gardens.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at the November general meeting.

We are looking for a Dig Party co-chair to manage supplies and transport potting soil and materials to our spring dig locations.

Contact Judy Sutherland or Karen Stephenson with questions.



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

GRAPEVINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrate!

Bird Sanctuary Week



Learn about live raptors from the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center.

Saturday, January 23
2:00 pm

Presented with The Grapevine Garden Club

All Ages Welcome!