



District II Bulletin

December 2011

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Message From Your Director:

I do hope all of you got some refreshing rain to help offset the cruel summer we just went through. At least the temperature is cooler and we actually see some green grass.

Now we are blessed with some beautiful autumn colors before the winter sets in. Hope all of you had a very good Thanksgiving with your families and friends.

Now Christmas is rapidly approaching and it seems unreal how time is passing so quickly. May we all remember the "Reason for the Season".

Take some time to just STOP and count your BLESSINGS one by one.

*One of my favorite things to see in the winter are the beautiful **Red Cardinals** setting in **Evergreen Tree Branches** surrounded by white snow with the back ground of the **Bright Blue Sky**.*

Ginger



2011/2013 District II Officers and Committee Chairmen

Position:	Name:	Garden Club:	Phone:	Email Address:
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State Officer	Shelia Hill	Waverly Park GC	817-249-2619	flowergirl052@hotmail.net
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District II Committee Chairs:

Arbor Day	Van Cox	Avant Gardeners	817-249-1476	vancox@sbcglobal.net
Conventions	Gay Lynn Bynum	Garden Culture Club	940-891-1638	bymunhgl@verizon.net
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Check your Calendar Save the Dates!

December 2011	3 17	Birds Christmas Tree, Fort Worth Botanic Gardens Madonna at Christmas, Flower Show FWBG <i>Happy Holidays!</i>
January 2012	18	Garden Club Council of Fort Worth; Program "Destination Gardens"
February 2012	1 1 14-15 27	Presidents Reports due to District II Chairman Deadline for donations to receive TGC award recognition Flower Show School III, Tyler TX District II Spring Convention, FWBG, Hosted by Avant Gardeners and Waverly Park Garden Club
March 2012	2-3 3-4 3-31 17-18 21 22-24 30-31 31-1	Flower Show School, Dallas African Violet Society Show and Sale FWBG Butterflies in the Garden , FWBG Fort Worth Orchid Society Sale, FWBG Dedication of TGC Headquarters as National Register of Historic Places and Texas Historical Landmark Texas Garden Club Convention, Grapevine TX. Hosted by Grapevine Garden Club South Central Region Convention, Little Rock AR Fort Worth Orchid Show and Sale, FWBG

Other Important Dates to Save

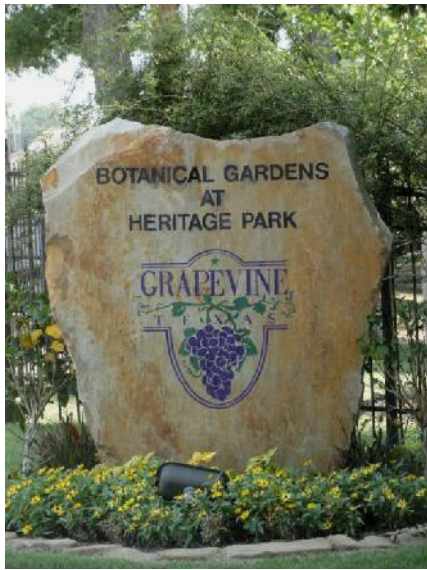
- April 1-8, Butterflies in the Garden FWBG
- April 14-15, Garden Club Council of Fort Worth "Flowercade" Flower Show FWBG
- April 21, Spring Plant Sale FWBG
- April 29, Spring Festival in Japanese Garden, FWBG
- May 6, Colleyville Garden Club, Promenade Garden Tour 11am-4pm
- May 16-20, NGC Convention, Buffalo, NY
- May 19, Ft. Worth Herb Society Festival, FWBG
- June 2, North Texas Daylily Society Show, FWBG
- June 3-9, National Garden Week
- July 17-18, Flower Show School, IV, Tyler



Have You Paid Your District Dues?

District II dues are \$10 per club and due **April 1** and considered delinquent on **October 1**
Please mail check payable to District II to:

Rachel Emond, 4521 Idledell Drive, FW 76116. 817-244-6631 or premond@charter.net



More information to follow
In the Lone Star Gardener

The Grapevine Garden Club invites you to
"A Garden Party"
March 22 – 24, 2012
featuring the Grapevine Botanical Gardens
during the
Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.
84th Spring Convention
Grapevine, TX

Agenda

Thursday – Trustee, Finance, District Directors and
Consultants meetings

Friday – Executive and Board of Directors meeting,
Grapevine Botanical Gardens tour, Wine & Cheese
Reception

Saturday – General Assembly meeting, Award
luncheon and Club Awards dinner, Dedication and Silver Tea

Texas Garden Clubs Continuing Project "Grapevine Botanical Gardens Greenhouse Project"

The Grapevine Garden Club is partnering with the City of Grapevine to obtain grants and raise matching funds and donations to build a greenhouse at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens.

The greenhouse will provide a

- facility to expand educational classes and volunteer programs
- propagation center to grow plants for the Gardens and special events

Our fundraising goal is \$150,000.

For more information www.grapevinegardenclub.org

*With your help the dream
will become a reality.*



Mail your donation before February 1
Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.
3111 Old Garden Road
Fort Worth TX 76107-3498

Make checks payable to Texas Garden Clubs.

TGC Office Holiday Schedule

TGC Office Manager, Kathi Sivess says that Headquarters will be closed the week of December 26—January 2 for the Holiday.

FYI — If your club regularly meets at headquarters or you have reserved a date and you decide to cancel your scheduled meeting, Please be sure to contact Kathi and let her know to avoid an additional charge. 817-332-6602 phone or Fax 817-332-3802 email kathi.sivess@sbcglobal.net

District II Spring Convention February 27 2012

Avant Gardeners and Waverly Park Garden Club

Invites you to:

"Swing into Spring"

Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Deborah Beggs Moncriegf Garden Center

3220 Botanic Garden Blvd.

Fort Worth

Registration form on back page of this Bulletin

Life Memberships

Life Membership into District II only Cost \$75.00. 100% of the money goes into the District II Scholarship Fund. Encourage your members to become a District II Life Member.

To donate or application info contact:

Edie Williams, Life Membership Chairman

817-421-6794 jimwilliams11571@aol.com

Lone Star Gardener

If you are a Club President reading this Bulletin, then you should be receiving the Lone Star Gardener. This publication is full of information that is relevant to you and your Garden Club. Our District needs to place advertising or send information to the Gardener each month. If your club would like to advertise flower shows, garden tours, club birthdays or anniversaries, or any other special event, then please contact me.

- The deadline to get your ad in the **Winter/Spring issue is January 1.**
- Your ad can cost as little as \$45.00 for a 1/8 page, in two colors.
- PLEASE contact me at least one week prior to deadline to get info to LSG
- Ad space as large as full page to 1/16 page
- Ad rate as much as \$360.00 for full page two color or \$27.50 for 1/16 page.
- Contact me, Carolyn Scott, at scotts2581@aol or call 817-738-2581
- I can help you design your ad.

Directors Report, Winter 2011/2012

Please remember: the District II project, "Educational Identification Wildscape Sign" additional information on new plants including non native to be added to the back of current sign. Send your Individual or Club Contribution to District Treasurer Rachael Emond, 4521 Idledell Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76116.

These contributions should be shown on your President's Report. **MANY THANKS!** To Garden Club Council of Fort Worth who has also taken this project on as their project. Please support this endeavor to help educate our children and adults at TGCHQ.



Educational Identification Wildscape Sign



Congratulations to Land O' Lakes Garden Club in Lewisville who celebrated their 50th Garden Club Anniversary this Summer

October 4th District II honored our club presidents at TGCHQ; as well as, getting photo ops for the "Boot Scootin' thru the Bluebonnets" theme. 20 plus Club Presidents, 10 Alternates and District II Board Members attended. These recipes and some of the pictures will be in the upcoming Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Cookbook. Texas President, Kathy Cox, has a team working very hard on this project. She is anticipating the cookbook ready by the State 2012 Spring Convention to be held in Grapevine.



October 19-21, 2011 District VII hosted the State Fall Convention in San Antonio, TX. The food, decorations and programs were wonderful. Barbara Baker, Marty Swindell, and myself represented District II. Linda Krimm and Barbara Atkins came in to give a presentation on the Spring State 2012 Convention to be held in Grapevine. Congratulations to Fort Worth GC awarded the NGC, Inc. 1st Place #16-A7 Yearbook Award and Grapevine GC won the NGC, Inc. "Pink Glove Award". Kathy Cox presented the Vests and Shirts to be sold as Ways and Means for the State. If a club purchases 6 or more vests or shirts in the same color they can have their Club name printed FREE along with FREE S&H.



Wonderful Christmas or Birthday Gifts.



November 1st, 2011 Crape Myrtle Garden Club held it very first District Convention with the theme: *"Autumn on the Chisholm Trail"*. 90 plus attendees, including 18 first time attendees, wore denim and diamonds. Judy Grotts, South Central Region Director, honored us by her attendance. Cowboys came in right off the range to greet our ladies and opened doors. One even brought his horse to welcome the ladies. 13 clubs decorated hats for the Silent Auction. For all the ladies and gentleman who attended... Thank you for making this 75th District Fall Convention so successful

Avant Garden Club and Waverly Park Garden Club will host the Spring District II Convention, on Monday February 27 2012, at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens. Please be sure to put this date on your calendar. The theme will be *"Swing into Spring"*. If you haven't been to a District Convention before please try to come. I have found it is a great way to be informed about your District, as well as, meet and visit with a lot of very nice ladies from other Garden Clubs in our District.

Grapevine Garden Club will be host the TGC State 2012 Spring Convention on March 22-24, 2012. They invite you to *"A Garden Party"* featuring the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. I personally got the opportunity to tour this garden. It was delightful and beautiful. TGC voted to add this project to their State Projects at the 2011 Spring State Convention in El Paso. Please support them with your contributions.

On April 14-15 2012, The Garden Club Council of Fort Worth will be holding their annual *"Flowercade"* A Standard Flower Show. Please help support these ladies by bringing horticulture specimens from your yard, as well as, entering a design. Flower Show Schedules will be available at the January Council meeting, I had never entered a design before several years back and was simply clueless on what this was all about, but Beverly Ensey and I jumped right out there with our first designs. Each time I entered I learn something new. Marty Swindell, Barbara Baker, Carolyn Scott and many more ladies are more than willing to help newcomers! There is even a special newcomers class to help encourage ladies or gentlemen to try this out! As most of you know, Council holds Flower Show School to help us learn more about NGC guidelines for growing, designing, staging, exhibiting and judging Standard Flower Shows.

*****Important Information*****

TAX INFO Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

It is **imperative** you send **me a copy** of this form completed no later than March 31, 2012.

FILE AT:

<http://epostcard.form990.org>

AFTER you have filed on line, email me a copy of your receipt.

If you don't FILE, then you could loose your Tax Exempt Status

You will need to login and enter an ID and Password to electronically file your organizations IRS form 990-N (e-postcard)

Information needed to file e-postcard

1. Employer or Taxpayer Identification number (EIN or TIN)
2. Tax year December 31, 2011
3. Legal name and mailing address
4. Any other names the organization uses
5. Name and address of a principal officer
6. Web site address if the organization has one
7. Are your club's annual gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less? (yes/no)
8. If applicable, a statement that the organization has terminated or is terminating.



Who must file form 990-N (e-postcard)?

Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, most small tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less **must file** form 990-N *Electronic Notice (e-postcard)* *For Tax exempt organizations not required to file form 990 or 990-EZ.* Before this law was enacted, these small organization were not required to file annually with the IRS. The first filings were due in 2008 for tax year ending on or after December 31, 2007.

Additional Information can be found :

www.epostcard.form990.org
www.stayexempt.org
www.irs.gov/charities/index.html

Information Needed to File e-Postcard

Employer or Taxpayer Identification number (EIN or TIN) _____

Tax Year _____ December 31, 2011 _____

Legal name and mailing address _____

Any other names the organization uses _____

Name and address of principal officer _____

Web site address if the organization has one _____

Are your club's annual gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less _____

(Yes or no)

If applicable, a statement that the organization has terminated or is terminating.

Please complete this form *file* and send a copy to your District Director, no later than
March 31, 2012 to retain your club's tax exempt status

District II Webpage now up and running

Ginger has been working hard to implement a District II webpage to keep us all updated on our District. There will be links to other sites such as State and National go to:

www.tgcdistrict2.wordpress.com

Remember

***Your club can make donations to District II
Arbor Day Fund & Scholarship Fund
You will receive a Certificate of Appreciation
at the Spring Convention
Send your donations before December 30 to
District II Treasurer:
Rachel Emond
4521 Idledell Drive
Fort Worth, 76116***

District II President's Reports are Due February 1

Send your completed report form to:

***Rita Sawyer, 250 Cross Timbers Drive,
Lewisville Texas 75077, 817-430-1703 jim.sawyer@verizon.net***

A copy of the President's Report form for all clubs, green, bronze, silver gold and councils, may be downloaded from the TGC website, or Beverly will have a printed copy at the January Council meeting. If you have any questions please contact, Awards Director, Beverly Nabors, at 817-293-8149 or email bandinabors@sbcglobal.net Please send to Rita or Beverly by

February 1

If you would like to save postage you can bring your report to the January Council meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. Beverly will be there to receive them.

A special Thank You to all Club Presidents and Club Awards Chairs who participated in getting all other awards in on time for judging on November 9

Another Thank You to all District Awards Chairs who helped judge the awards that were submitted.

Regards,
Beverly Nabors

For a complete NGC Awards Brochure, contact the TGC Headquarters office, or you can go to www.gardenclub.org to obtain update information on the NGC awards for 2011-2013

“Madonna at Christmas”

A Standard Holiday
Flower Show
With Madonna Features

December 17, 2011

1:00 pm-6:00pm

Sponsored by

Eagle Mountain Garden Club

Botanic Garden Center

3320 Botanic Drive

Fort Worth

FREE ADMISSIOM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Gift Giving

A gift poinsettia is more than \$25.00 A rose bouquet delivered more than \$45.00
Both only last a week or two A box of chocolate or gourmet coffee will be more than \$35.00

“A Gardener in the Kitchen”

cookbook filled with delicious recipes and gorgeous color photos is only
\$22.50 and will be enjoyed for decades. Share the recipes and your love of gardening with others.

Purchase this beautiful cookbook at either gift store at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens

All proceeds benefit education and educational programs at the FWBG.

Enjoy this great recipe from the Cookbook

Cranberry Spread

1 8 oz package cream cheese softened
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1/4 cup orange juice concentrate

1/2 cup finely chopped cherry
flavored dried cranberries
Assorted crackers

Beat cream cheese at medium speed until fluffy. Stir in pecans, cranberries and orange juice.
Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes. Serve cold with crackers.

“Please Save The Date”

The District II Fall Convention will be held, November 3, 2012

Keller TX

Hosted by the Keller Garden Club

District II Spring Convention
Avant Gardeners and Waverly Park Garden Club
Invite you to

“Swing into Spring”

Monday, February 27, 2012
Deborah Beggs Moncrief Garden Center
Fort Worth Botanic Garden
3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. Fort Worth,

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Registration and Sales Tables Open

Agenda

9:00 am Registration and Sales Table Open
9:30 am Board of Directors Meeting
10:00 am Convention and Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. Program
11:45 a.m. Sales Tables Open
12:00 noon Lunch
1.00 p.m. Awards Presentation
1.30 p.m. Raffles, Door Prizes,
2:00 p.m. Adjourn



Please mail completed registration form and check for **\$28.00 payable to Waverly Park Garden Club by February 15**
Please note: \$30.00 registration fee if mailed after February 15th

**Rachel Emond
4521 Idledell Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76116**

Registration Form for District II Spring Convention

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (\$28.00 per person, \$30.00 after February 15th, payable to Waverly Park G/C.)

Name: _____
Address: _____ City/Zip Code: _____ Club: _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please check all that apply:

- Garden Club: President Delegate Alternate Member
Council: President Delegate Alternate Club Member
District: Officer Chairman Charter Member
State: Officer Trustee Chairman
Region: Officer Chairman/Rep
National: Officer Chairman
Life Member: District II State Regional National
Former State President Former District Director
NGC Flower Show Judge: Master Life Accredited Student Emeritus Instructor
NGC Landscape Design: Consultant NGC Garden Study Consultant
NGC Environmental: Consultant TGC Design Consultant
Texas Master Gardener
First-Time District II Convention: Attendee Guest