

A Word from the President

Happy New Year! The holiday break always seems to give everyone a boost. I hope you are ready for a very busy spring. Let's start with our Council Meeting January 18.

I want to congratulate Eagle Mountain Garden Club for a lovely Madonna Flower Show last Dec. 17. I will have a photo folder at council so those of you who missed the show will be able to see what was done....and be inspired to volunteer for a design at Flowercade.

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Feb. 1 = President's Report due for District. (Bev Nabors will have information and forms at the council meeting on Jan. 18)

Feb. 27 = "Swing into Spring" District II Convention at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens.

March 22-24 = "A Garden Party" Texas Garden Clubs State Convention hosted by Grapevine Garden Club.

Break out your track shoes and be ready for a year on the run!

Veronica Wingen

Avant Gardeners and Waverly Park Garden Club
invite you to

District II Spring Convention

SWING INTO SPRING

Monday, February 27

Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center

Program: Designs by Nancy Hartz, Texas Master Florist & FTD Designer

Special Guest will be TGC Vice President/Awards Carol Moore

Great spring garden shopping opportunity

Registration forms in District Bulletin and at Council Meetings

THANK YOU

Eagle Mountain Garden Club reported a successful and beautiful Madonna Flower Show made possible by their members and members of other council clubs including Lake Country Wildflowers GC, Avant Gardeners, Past Presidents GC and Grapevine GC. Winners included Jean Barron for best design, Averill Graham for best horticulture entry and Donna Womack for her educational exhibit.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AWARDS

Our region offers awards totally separate from the district/state awards. Winner in each category receive awards of \$25.00. Requirements and a list of awards may be found in the TGC Awards Brochure or online www.texasgardenclubs.org...Awards...SCR are at end of manual. Awards include Arbor Day, Yearbook Theme, Litter Control and others recognizing projects with youth and elderly. Check out the Membership increase award which also offers \$.

There is still time before Feb 1st deadline. Send entries to Suzy Andrego, 6612 Dodd Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110-1304

FLOWERCADE

“Malt Shop Memories” April 14-15

Flowercade is the highlight of the Council year – floral designs, horticulture from the garden and window sills, many educational exhibits and Market Day sales tables

Presidents: please encourage all members to enter horticulture. It is so easy, just cut a bloom, branch from shrub or tree from the garden or houseplant from the windowsill. Encourage all members to enter designs. The titles will be fun to interpret. Call Jodi Zambino 817-249-4023 for more information and to sign up. Several experienced members are available to help.

FLORAL DESIGNS

Class 1 “Long Tall Sally” A Creative Design on a Pedestal, 36” tall, 22x22” top

Class 2 “Shake, Rattle and Roll” A Creative, Multi-Rhythmic Design, staged on one half of a 6’ table against a background panel.

Class 3 “My Song” Choose Your Own Song A Traditional or Creative Design staged on one half of a 6’ table

Class 4 “Summertime Blues” A Functional Informal table for two

Class 5 “Beach Blanket Bingo” An Alfresco Picnic for two, staged on the floor

Class 6 “Wake Up Little Suzie” A Functional Informal Table for two.

Class 7 “Rip It Up” A Small Collage Design, 8 x 8”

Class 8 “Splish-Splash” A Small Creative Underwater Design, not to exceed 8”

Class 9 “Rock Around the Clock” A Small Traditional or Creative Design, not to exceed 8”

Class 10 “Let’s Get Together” Open only to **Novice Designers** who have never won a blue ribbon. A Functional Capsule Table – a place setting for one with a floral design; staged on table top, allotted space 24” wide, 30” deep.

ARTISTIC CRAFTS

combining plant material and craft techniques

Class 1 “At The Hop” A Corsage of fresh and/or dried plant material; may be pin-on or wristlet style. May use ribbon, tulle, jewels, etc.

Class 2 “Sixteen Candles” A Decorated Gift Box; decorated with fresh and/or dried plant material, gift wrap, ribbon, accessories, etc.

Class 3 “Goodnight Sweetheart Goodnight” A Handheld Bouquet made from fresh and/or dried plant material. May use ribbon and other accessories.

CHOOSE BULBS FOR SUMMER AND FALL COLOR

check out www.southernbulbs.com

Oxblood lily *Rhodophiala bifida*

Spider lily *Lycoris radiata* or *squamigera* or *aurea*

Crinum lily various varieties *Roseum*, *J. C. Harvey*, etc. or *candida*

Gladiolus hortulanus garden gladiolus and *Gladiolus byzantinus*

Rain lily *Zephyranthes sp.* or varieties such as *grandiflora*

Hardy Amaryllis *Hippeastrum x johnsonii*

Tropical Spider Lily *Hymenocallis* (will be sold at District Convention)

Tuberose *Polianthes tuberosa*

GARDEN CLUB COUNCIL OF FORT WORTH
FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDEN – OAK HALL
GENERAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Veronica Wingen at 10:07AM.

Inspiration: Jean Baron of the Eagle Mountain G. C. with an essay on “Memories of Yesteryear”.

Refreshments: Eagle Mountain Garden Club

Program: Carol Stewart introduced Marilyn Cox and Genell Boothe for their program on “Floral Arrangements for All Occasions.

Officers Reports

The President announced that Barbara Baker had plants for sale to benefit the Wildscape Project.

Treasurer’s Report: Ellen Gibbon reported a total of \$5,265.41 in the checking account.

Secretary’s Report: Available on the Membership Table.

Membership: Sue Reardon reported a total of 47 gardeners present at today’s meeting.

Flowercade: Carolyn Scott will be chairman of the flower show on April 14th and 15th.

The theme is “Malt Shop Memories” – back to the 50’s! She needs more Chairmen. She is also looking for a club to host the Judges’ Luncheon.

Announcements:

Madonna Flower Show Mary Perkins and Donna Womack from Eagle Mountain Garden Club invited clubs wishing to participate to sign up for the *Madonna Flower Show* on December 17th to be held at the Botanic Garden Center.

District II Spring Convention to be held on February 27. The hosts will be the Waverly Park G. C. and Avant Gardeners. There will be a Registration Form in the District II Bulletin and the Council Bulletin.

TGC State Convention will be hosted by the Grapevine Garden Club, March 22 – 24.

Ways & Means Marveen Villareal has sales tables available in January. T-shirts benefiting the Wildscape Project will be for sale. Silent Auction: Gail Norvell, is the Chairman for Council’s major fund raising silent auction event today.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45AM.

Rachel L. Emond, Recording Secretary