

# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE



June 2011

## President's Message

I hope you were able to attend the wonderful luncheon on 24 May. What a terrific way to conclude our formal 2010-2011 GGC programs - in a beautiful setting with new and long term gardening friends, and lots of delicious food! This newsletter is an abbreviated version that highlights some information about special projects and events that occurred throughout the past year and in the summer months. Hopefully you will have time this summer to sit back, relax, and enjoy your gardens. We'll see you again in September!



☞ Karen Rice, President



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
June 4	North Texas Daylily Society Flower Show	Fort Worth Botanic Garden
June 9	<b>Gardener on the Go (GOG)</b> In celebration of <b>National Garden Week</b> (reservations only)	Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) Near the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

## **Gardening is a hobby. Why join a garden club?**

**National Garden Club Week June 5-11, 2011**

### **Gardeners on the Go - June 9 - Botanical Research Institute of Texas**

“The community that beautifies its approaches and its public grounds and vacant lots and encourages home gardening is the community that will always attract immigration and flourish commercially,” stated Mrs. Henry Trigg (President of the Texas Federation of Garden Clubs) in an issue of the Grapevine Sun when the Grapevine Garden Club was organized and officers were elected at a meeting of twenty-five men and women on January 29, 1932.

Seventy-five years later in an article titled “An Auspicious Beginning,” Marion Brekken stated, “The Garden Club was to play an active role in the life of Grapevine and the charter members’ dedication to community life foreshadowed the vibrant, energetic group this club has become.” I believe that is true. Members have supported and participated in the development of attractive landscaping at public parks, medians and buildings. Although the projects and focus have shifted through the years, we are still committed to the beautification of the community, education, and conservation as exemplified by our current involvement in programs and activities at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens.



**1986 Wall & Dove Median  
Landscape Project  
Marion Brekken & other  
Grapevine Garden Club  
Members**

By becoming federated with the National Garden Clubs in 1937, the GGC acknowledged that their goals extend beyond their community and accepted the objectives of that larger association. Among those objectives are the following:

- *To encourage the establishment and maintenance of botanical gardens, arboreta and horticultural centers for the advancement of science, enjoyment, and education of the public*
- *To advance the study of gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design, and horticulture and assist deserving students through college scholarships in these fields of endeavor*
- *To cooperate with other organizations furthering the interests of horticulture, conservation, environmental protection, and beautification.*



## Gardening is a hobby. Why join a garden club? *(continued)*

The NGC, a not-for-profit educational organization with its headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, is recognized as the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world. It is composed of fifty State Garden Clubs and the National Capital Area, 6,218 member garden clubs, and 198,595 members.



**1988 Main & NW Hwy Landscape Project**

**1990 Torian Cabin Landscape Project**



In an article for AARP, Christie Ann DeAnda wrote, “How can a hobby involving manual labor such as raking soil and planting be considered relaxing? Well, doing an activity that is not normally part of your daily routine breaks the monotony and actually provides your mind and body a chance to re-channel some energy and release some pent-up emotions. Another person may like gardening because it gives him some quiet moments to ponder life’s meaning. Yet another person may find gardening relaxing because of the beautiful things it lets him accomplish.”

“Our study found that reconnecting with nature, watching things grow, working with soil in your hands all have a positive impact on your quality of life.” says Aime Sommerfeld, of the Department of Horticultural Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Considering the benefits of gardening, it only makes sense for the NGC to declare a National Garden Week, June 5-11. GGC members will celebrate the event by attending a guided tour at the Botanic Research Institute of Texas. BRIT’s new \$48M building opened on May 21 and will dramatically raise the non-profit’s profile. BRIT holds more than a million dried plants in its herbarium, conducts botanical conservation and research worldwide, and works to educate young people about plant diversity.

**1991 Arbor Day at Bear Creek Elementary**



**2001 Heritage Garden**



Although the GGC tour is limited to 30, you are welcome to be listed on a 'standby list' should a member cancel their reservation. Contact Joetta King (yearbook p. A-26).

**2002  
Third Grade  
Eastern Redbud  
Tree Project  
Herndon &  
Krimm Volunteers**



**2005 Habitat  
Landscape Project  
Joetta King  
studying plans**

Why did you join a garden club? Was it the programs, trips, social activities? There are a lot of reasons and most may be personal, but you are encouraged to participate in activities that further our objectives. According to statistics accumulated by our membership chair, Harriet Perrello, approximately 50% of the members participated in no scheduled activities. Although the club has a substantial core group of active members, somehow we have failed to discover how non-active members could be involved. Help us by verbally approaching the various committee coordinators and finding out how you can be of service in accomplishing our goals.

When reflecting on the quotation by Mrs. Trigg in the 1932 issue of the Grapevine Sun, members should be proud that the club has benefitted our community in many ways. We certainly have seen an increase in population or as she stated the "city has attracted immigration and flourished commercially".

**Joetta King**



During Brett Johnson's presentation about Texas Wildscapes at the April meeting, he mentioned a publication by James H. Miller, *Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forests - A Field Guide for Identification and Control*, which is available from the USDA Forest Service. You can get free copies by emailing [pubrequest@fs.fed.us](mailto:pubrequest@fs.fed.us). And you can view it online at [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us).

**Joetta King**

## JUNE 2011

**The GCC has awarded three \$2,000 scholarships to the following local students:**

**Peter Reigelman** - Our previous scholarship recipient in 2009 and 2010, Peter has attended Weatherford College but is transferring to Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches in the Fall. His declared major is Forest Management. He spent last summer at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, working in the Conservation Department. He received a Philmont Staff Association scholarship to return this summer to continue building trails and teaching conservation to younger scouts.

**Cameron Rouze** - This is Cameron's fourth year to receive a GGC scholarship. He attends Oklahoma State University, with a declared major in Landscape Architecture. Cameron was selected as the 2010 Tarrant County Volunteer of the Year. His work experience includes Unique Landscaping in Colleyville, Mid-Cities Irrigation in Bedford, and Tinker Grove Gardens in Colleyville.



**Chloe Kim** - A first-year winner, Chloe is a graduating senior at Colleyville Heritage High School. She will be attending the University of Texas in Austin, majoring in Biological Engineering. She will use her degree to study how to develop better breeds of farm crops and an alternative to harmful pesticides which in turn would increase yield.

**The Scholarship Committee carefully reviewed all applications received and selected these outstanding students to present to the GGC membership at the April general meeting, with formal presentation at the May Luncheon.**

**Linda Barraclough, Scholarship Coordinator**



**Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS  
who joined at the May Luncheon!**

Laura Barnes, Lewisville  
Nancy Benson, Grapevine  
Jenny Zeller, Southlake



## GGC Annual Spring Membership Luncheon

If you were able to attend the GGC Annual Spring Membership Luncheon on May 24, you know how wonderful it was, how inclement weather held off just for the morning with nice breezes from Lake Grapevine, how delicious all the food was, what great fellowship we had together, and if you won a lovely plant door prize, you are even happier. However, if you were NOT present, you are surely vowing to attend this special event next year.



Harriet Perrello recorded 97 members attending along with 16 to 20 guests, plus one of our scholarship winners, Cameron Rouze and his father, and a few city officials.

Joan Kowalski coordinated the recognition of the luncheon committee, as well as all other club committees and officers for the past year, and the installation of new officers for our 2011-2012 year. Handing out puzzle pieces to everyone beforehand, Joan compared the GGC to a jigsaw puzzle, where all the small pieces come together to form a beautiful picture. “The unique pieces of this puzzle fit us perfectly,” she said. “If any were missing, the picture would not be complete.”

Joan had committee chairs come forward to drop their puzzle pieces in a glass jar. Then she asked everyone else who had performed a service to bring their piece. For instance, if they brought food or drink to a gathering, read a story to a pre-schooler at one of our children’s programs, provided a docent tour at the Botanical Gardens, worked at the plant sale, described to a third grader how to plant a red bud tree, or spread mulch at Texas Street.

Next Joan asked the present board members to bring forward their “edge” and “corner” puzzle pieces, which represent the framework that holds all the members together. The new board members came forward and were handed these important pieces as tokens of passing the torch.

Finally Joan asked members to show their gratitude to Sarah Erickson, who served as our president this past year 2010-2011, keeping ALL the unique pieces together. Sarah then handed over her gavel to our new present, Karen Rice.

Other than a final Gardener-on-the-Go tour (to BRIT in Fort Worth) in early June, our year is over. We can’t wait for September to begin again!

If you want to see more photos from the luncheon, go to [www.grapevinegardenclub.com](http://www.grapevinegardenclub.com).

☞Elayne Vick, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Communication



## MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

June	July	August
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Amy Alexander  
Nancy Benson  
Pat Bryan  
Kathy Clark  
Rebeka Cook  
Carolyn Ernst  
Christine George  
Joyce Hammill  
Anita Hilfiker  
Linda K. Hurley  
Sheri Jones  
Joetta King  
Joan Kowalski  
Candace Kyler  
Angela Ozymy  
Debbie Smith  
Carol Tipton  
Marianne Tuggle

Linda Barraclough  
Dainah Chandler  
Ramona Hall  
Doris Hill  
Anne Hogue  
Tanya Krueger  
Mary Jo Milner  
Eloise Myers  
Ebie Nametz  
Cheryl Neumann  
Kathryn Orlor  
Karen Pafford  
Diana Pospisil  
Rusty Smith  
Sara Stover  
Theresa Thomas

Greg Braak  
Neal Brinson  
Nancy Carlson  
Carol Chick  
Colleen Connor  
Kathy Dohrer  
Paul Ernst  
Robin Fleury  
René Herndon  
Paula Jones  
Camille Kissell  
Lynn Kugler  
Mary Ledebor  
Toni Moorehead  
Beverly Ray  
Sandi Rosenstiel  
Linda Runnerstrom  
Matthew Singel  
Nancy Sporn  
Lynda Stewart  
Barbara Thompson  
Julie White  
Janice Zeleny  
Jenny Zeller



**Harriett J. Perrello**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership**

### New Committees Added to GGC

**New Special Committee –  
Greenhouse Project Committee**

The Grapevine Garden Club is partnering with the City of Grapevine to promote and raise funds for a greenhouse to be located at the Botanic Gardens. The chairperson of this committee, Linda Krimm, will coordinate these activities for the Garden Club. This committee is expected to complete its duties by 2013.



**New Standing Committee –  
Grapevine Botanic Gardens Liaison**

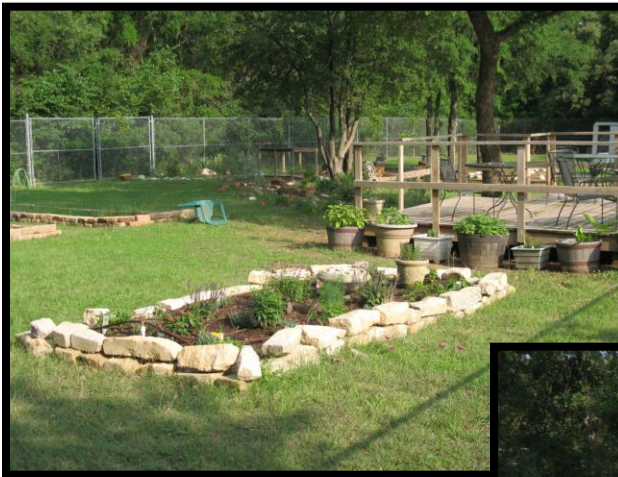
The Grapevine Garden Club and the Botanic Gardens have a significant relationship that warrants a GGC Executive Committee liaison position be established. The chairperson for this committee, Lisa Grove, will support the continued beneficial relationship & promote the involvement of the Garden Club with the Botanic Gardens.

## Grapevine Garden Club Civic Committee Takes a Look Back...

When we began in September, our goal was to provide monetary assistance to qualifying Grapevine community service organizations or schools for horticulture projects emphasizing education and enhancement. We started out with a budget of \$1,000.00. An additional \$450.00 in private donations allowed us to expand what we wanted to accomplish. Committee members visually inspected each project and voted whether or not to provide funding.

The following schools have benefitted from Seed Money funds donated by the Grapevine Garden Club:

- Faith Christian School for the purchase of Butterfly books for the elementary school grades.
- Heritage Elementary School for supplies needed for their outdoor learning center.
- Cross Timbers Middle School for the purchase of items to upgrade the greenhouse at their outdoor learning center.
- Grapevine Middle School for startup materials as they begin clearing land for a new nature trail.
- Timberline Elementary School for planting soil to be used in two new vegetable beds and soil for a butterfly garden.



**Butterfly Garden  
Timberline Elementary  
Grapevine, Texas**



**Vegetable Gardens  
Timberline Elementary  
Grapevine, Texas**



## GGC Civic Committee's Look Back... *(continued)*

Our final donation of this year went to the GRACE Community Garden so that they may continue to supply food to those in need. The following is a note of appreciation from GRACE:

*Dear Garden Club Members,*

*Thank you very much for supporting our GRACE Community Garden with the \$200 Seed Money. Our families, children and seniors will enjoy fresh vegetable and herbs thanks to your donation.*

*Thank you so much,  
Francia Arrigan*

A big thank you to those who served on the Civic Committee: Sarah Erickson, Edie Williams, Carolyn Ernst, Lisa Adams Grove and Linda Barraclough.

**Paula Jones**  
**Civic Coordinator**

**Grace  
Community  
Garden**



## Eastern Redbud Program

On Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>, Grapevine Garden Club members Laura Ball, Diane Cauwels, Sharon Swaggerty and Jo Ogletree (pictured from left to right) represented our Club by presenting our annual Eastern Redbud Program to 90 third graders at Heritage Elementary School in Grapevine. They shared redbud seeds with each student, demonstrated how to plant a tree, and read *Tell Me Tree* to each class. Each student was very excited to receive a redbud sapling to take home and plant. The four classrooms each received their own planted tree and a copy of the book for their classroom library. Thank you to these ladies for volunteering!

☞ Sarah Ericksson, Past President

