



Through The Grapevine, May, 2007

Welcome To Our 75th Year!

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Grapevine Garden Club Newsletter-Grapevine, Texas

GREETINGS, GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS! IT'S GGC SPRING LUNCHEON MONTH!

MAY GENERAL MEETING:

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007

"CELEBRATE 75"

SOUTHLAKE GARDEN & HOME OF AL & LYNN KUGLER (YB P. 64)

ARRIVAL SOCIAL 10:30 AM - LUNCH 11:00 AM

MEETING 11:45 AM

At the final meeting of the 2006-2007 GGC season, we will continue the celebration of the Club's 75th year at the Spring Membership Luncheon. The business meeting will include reports from GGC Officers and Coordinators. Make merry with gardening friends, rejoice in the installation of the 2007-2008 officers, visit with our scholarship award winner and acknowledge civic leaders who support the club's activities. And, best of all, enjoy the scrumptious salads and desserts prepared by members. Please bring your recipe or email the recipe to Barbara Atkins (yb p.50) so it can be included in the 2007 edition of "Out Of The Garden and Into The Kitchen: Great Recipes From the Members of the GGC". Also, please remember that we will be collecting membership dues for 2007-08 at the May luncheon. Single member's: \$20, family : \$25. Please make your check payable to GGC; cash payment also accepted. The timely receipt of your dues insures your listing in the yearbook and allows us to adequately plan for the upcoming year. Thank You!

WEED AND FEED PARTY FRIDAY, MAY 11, AT 8:30 AM LYNN KUGLER GARDEN



In anticipation of our wonderful spring luncheon in the Kugler garden, you are cordially invited to a pre-luncheon *Weed and Feed* party to help Lynn. Wear your grubbier, bring your weeding tools...the perfect occasion to take pleasure in chatting with friends, enjoy a snack, and, if you get hot, take a dive in Lynn's swimming pool!

Driving directions are in the April postal mail Newsletter & will be sent by email the 1st of May.

Although last minute attendees are welcome, Lynn would appreciate an RSVP so that the *FEED* portion of the party is adequate! Send her an email or call her the week of

May 7, please. (See YB p. 64). Thank You!

Ed and Edith Pewitt Education Center Update

You may soon see some changes in the Grapevine Botanical Gardens! Kevin Mitchell has contracted with the PlayWell Group and requested the first payment for the Ed and Edith Education Center. You will soon see some real groundbreaking! The total amount donated as of April 20 is \$34,943.17 less expenditures of \$6, 533.67 leaving a balance of \$28,409.50 as of April 30. Future deposits and expenditures will be noted on the GGC Treasurer report as an addendum. *Linda Krimm*

Plant Sale Update

A huge thank you to all the diggers, potters and sharers of heirloom plants! These are the plants the REAL gardeners are looking for, so without your hard work and generosity, the 2007 Plant Sale would have been sorely lacking! And what sales people! You extolled the qualities of these fabulous heirloom plants to all who would listen! You really made a difference in the success of this plant sale. Thank you! *Joyce Quam, Heirloom Plants Lady*

Flowercade Update

Thanks to all who helped put the Flowercade entries together during such a busy time. Chaos is always a learning experience! I'm sure you will be pleased to know that we had 23 people enter a total of 91 horticultural specimens. Good Show!! I will hand out the ribbons at the May Luncheon. Congratulations to Rachel Clark who won a crystal bowl for her creative design! *Sarah Erickson*

Use lantana, ruellia, passion vine flowers, pentas, zinnias and blue plumbago to attract butterflies to your landscape and even up onto your patio. Many butterfly plants require little water and are well suited for xeriscapes. Select your butterfly plants so that they will bloom in progression from early spring through the late fall. Many, such as coreopsis, larkspur and sunflowers, will reseed themselves. *Submitted by Lou Milner*

Gardening Programs at Grapevine Public Library

After the May Luncheon, continue your gardening experience by attending the Grapevine Garden Club Series at 7 p.m. Featured presentation is on Composting led by Shari Stanfield. Learn the techniques for using your own ingredients to create all natural compost. Meet in the Programs Room.

Rose Trial Garden

Mark your calendar with these evaluation dates. Contact Linda Krimm (YB p. 64) for more information. Thank You!

Thur, May 17 @ 8:30 am Mon, June 25 @ 8:00 a.m. Mon, July 30 @ 8:00 a.m.

Mon, Aug 27 @ 8:00 a.m.

Mon, Sep 24 @ 8:00 a.m.

Mon, Oct 22 @ 8:00 a.m. Last time!!! Let's plan to celebrate with lunch somewhere!

President's Message **Val Reed 2006-2007**

ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE, I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO!!!!

Looking back at our garden club year that began in September and realizing what you have all accomplished made me want to do several things all at the same time. I wanted to stand up and shout YIPPEEEEE, smile, congratulate EVERYONE, group hug, give you my very humble THANKS, a sigh of COMPLETE SATISFACTION, and sit down and RELAX. WHEEE WHAT A YEAR! I wonder what we will do next year?

I was awed and humbled when members stood up and said, "Sure I can do that" and then proceeded to do far more. I was amazed and thankful that so many members are "multi-tasked people" and participated on many different committees. I was astounded and overwhelmed to realize the countless HOURS and DISTANCE members spent checking on details just to make sure everything was covered and done just RIGHT. I was genuinely appreciative when many of you noticed what needed to be done without my ever asking for it. I was delighted and vastly impressed when the club stepped out of their realm to do a fundraiser that amassed a small fortune of over \$34,000 in a very SHORT TIME. Our garden club has redefined the word "organization" for Webster's Dictionary!

Hopefully during all of this activity you have had some FUN and gotten to know the members a little bit more. You certainly are a FRIENDLY and WELCOMING group and word must have spread since we had at least 16 guests at our last meeting and half of them joined that day! Working hard together to accomplish goals while having some fun has brought this club JOY, LAUGHTER, MEMORIES, and GOOD TIMES. WHIPPEE WHAT A RIDE!!!!

Sincerely,
Val

Reminder to the Executive Board members-outgoing and incoming

We will meet at Edie Williams' home on Tuesday, June 12th at 10:00am for our board meeting. Normally we meet on the first Tuesday but since I won't be in town that day I thought the second Tuesday was a good alternative. We will be discussing what we want to do next year, budget, committees, and critiquing the past year so please make every effort to attend. Let me know if you are coming as breakfast will be served that morning.

Zone 8 Tips From Lou Milner

- Set out annuals , Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- Plant balled-and-burlapped and container fruit trees
- Prune frost-sensitive fruit trees, Spray for peach leaf curl, peach leaf blight, and canker
- Feed houseplants that are growing or blooming
- Plant or repair warm-season lawns
- Plant ornamental grasses Plant fall-blooming [perennials](#)
- Prune tender deciduous shrubs and vines
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs and vines during or just after bloom
- Sow seeds for warm-season vegetables
- Plant seedlings of warm-season vegetables

ROSTER OF GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS AND CHAIR PERSONS

2007-08

President—Valerie Reed
1st VP Program—Doris Hill and Margaret Collins
2nd VP Membership—Ileana Craft
3rd VP Communication-
Recording Secretary—Barbara Oldani
Corresponding Secretary—Nancy Moxom
Treasurer—Edie Williams
Publicity—Joan Kowalski
Parliamentarian—Carolyn Ernst

Awards

Butterfly Flutterby—Barbara Oldani

Community/Youth Gardening

Flowercade

GBG Docents—Rachel Clark and Shari Stanfield

Grapevine Festivals—Paula Jones and Joan Pierce

Historian/Scrapbook

Hostess Chair

Luncheon/Holiday—Susan Boelens

Luncheon/Spring—Anita Hilfiker

Newsletter—Jocelyn Sandruck

Outreach—Sherry Schultz

Redbud Program—Laura Ball

Scholarship—Rene Herndon

Seed & Plant Exchange—Debbie Cooper

Telephone Chair

Trips and Tours

Ways & Means, Other

Ways & Means, Plant Sale

Yearbook

Those committees in bold will need a chair person. We are a large group of dedicated gardeners that work well together. The best way to get to know one another is to get involved in a committee. The more members participate within a committee, the easier the job becomes and will take far less time. Even if you have limited time there is a committee for you. For instance, the Holiday luncheon and Flowercade are one time events in December and in the spring. The telephone chair only calls those members who do not have email so it is a small group. Historian/Scrapbook would be responsible for taking pictures at various events and activities and compiling them as well as newspaper articles into a scrapbook. Ways & Means, Other has to do with selling bulbs, t-shirts, etc. throughout the year. Each of these committees is an important part in the life of our garden club and we cannot accomplish our goals without your help. Remember this is **YOUR** club and we need your support and involvement.

“Reflecting on 75 Years of Dedicated Gardeners”
“What’s In A Name?”
Written By Joetta King
Grapevine Garden Club President 1986-88 - Member 1985-present

As preparations to celebrate the Grapevine Garden Club’s 75th year commenced, I began research on past presidents and charter members. A rather interesting outcome of that study was the social changes related to how a female member’s name would be recorded in newspaper articles about the Club’s activities, in the yearbook and in the minutes.

Until the 1972-73 Garden Club year, it was a challenge to determine the given name of female members since they were only identified by their husbands’ full names. In the 1972-73 yearbook roster, members were listed for the first time under their married names with their given names in parentheses - *Mrs. Clyde Stinson (Pat)*. Imagine these talented and energetic women who served their community, church and families, many with careers, who were known only by their husbands’ names in any printed social format.

Perusing the Grapevine Area History book, I was finally able to determine the given name of all but three female charter members and five past presidents. It may not make a difference that we don’t know their given names, but there is a certain bothersome inequity in that.

Have we made progress? The 1984-85 yearbook was the first time that a past president was listed by her given name – *Mrs. Gail Brown*. The 1985-86 yearbook reflected the changing times and began listing female members and officers by their given names with the spouses’ names appearing in parentheses - *Joetta King (Edward)*.

The 1995-96 yearbook dropped the spouses’ names from the membership roster. Now, if we call a member and a spouse answers, we can’t address them in a familiar manner. “*Mr. King, may I speak with Joetta?*” Faux pas alert! What if the spouses don’t share the same last name?

The 2006-2007 yearbook has a hodgepodge listing of the past presidents’ names that reflects the 75 years of social change and the confusion in identifying female members. - *Mrs. C. H. Harris 1935-36; Mrs. Gordon Nettleton (Alberta) 1978-80; Joyce Quam 2004-05*

In 2007, couple members are now listed separately rather than together as they were when family memberships were initiated in 1988-89. The separate listing may indicate that a married couple has different last names, phone numbers and email addresses. How shocking that would have been to the Charter Members!

I doubt that there is a wife/husband of any member who through their spouse’s membership hasn’t become involved in some Garden Club project or activity. If they haven’t hauled plants, dug holes, built flower show niches, proof-read an article, assisted with photo/slide shows and attended events, they have eaten late meals or missed meals as a result of the spouse’s commitment to a Garden Club project. Dining room tables are often cluttered with papers and paraphernalia. Dust settles on furniture, and messages can be written without using pen and paper. Foliage specimens soak in the kitchen sink. Creating a floral design can turn the kitchen counters into a mess of oasis, leaf and bloom debris and assorted driftwood or contorted metal shapes.

The married - female member in 2007 may prefer being known by her given name in Grapevine Garden Club yearbooks, newsletters and newspaper publications, but she is undoubtedly grateful for the family support that enables her to assist in accomplishing the goals of the Grapevine Garden Club. Husbands, we thank you! We may have dropped your name in social address, but we remain appreciative of your role in our efforts as contributing members of the Grapevine Garden Club.

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“SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Written by: Joan Stewart

President of the Grapevine Garden Club 1992-93 & Member since 1984

The scholarship award by the Grapevine Garden Club is a fairly recent civic activity. The earliest record of a scholarship in yearbooks was in 1967-1970 when a yearly \$100 scholarship was awarded a student to Northeast Campus of Tarrant County Junior College. Although mention was made of “helping with scholarships in the district” as early as 1980, the main focus of the Grapevine Garden Club members prior to 1984-85 was the annual flower show, to which the public was invited. The club listed 29 members and a treasury balance of \$779.28 for the 1980-81 year. However, only 19 of the members attended 4 or more of the eight meetings that year. Obviously nearly every member who attended was expected to take an office and/or participate in the flower show. There was quite a high level of stress associated with preparation for the judged show, which had a total of \$100.00 listed in the \$500.00 budget to stage it.

The seed of a scholarship was planted and began to grow during the 1984-85 club year. The club president, Gail Brown, wanted the club to have a scholarship program and a scholarship to be given to a Grapevine High School student. (There was just one high school for our district then.)

At the November 1, 1984 Board Meeting, President Gail Brown asked Lynn Eggers to serve as scholarship chair. Eggers’ committee was composed of Marion Brekken, Judy Wier, Ann Beachley and Joan Stewart. (Gail Brown was ex-officio member of the committee.) At this time, there were approximately 20 active members, with the treasury showing a balance of \$1,067.98. Club dues were \$10.00 per year.

By October 1984, the committee had acquired a 7 ½ foot artificial Christmas tree, decorated it, and printed tickets. For a \$1.00 donation, a ticket would be put in a drawing for the tree. The committee also began to plan a Christmas Tour of Homes to raise money for a scholarship. Several homeowners agreed to participate and the tour would be on December 9, 1984.

The Garden Club proposed a budget for 1984-85 of \$898.50. This did not include scholarship money. Scholarship chair, Lynn Eggers, drafted a letter informing people of the “new challenge of the Grapevine Garden Club” and asking for the community’s support in the form of a tax-deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund. (The application for tax-exempt status was being filed.) It was decided to keep the scholarship money entirely separate from the Club’s general treasury. Therefore, a new bank account was opened and a post office box rented. The committee set up the criteria for the scholarship recipient including the purpose and the amount: \$1,000 to be paid directly to the student’s college. An application form was created for use by the high school counselor.

In January, 1985, about \$850 was in the scholarship account. It was decided in February to sell Easter lilies to bring the amount to \$1,000. At the March meeting, it was announced that more than 70 lilies had been sold and also that the scholarship fund had received a citation for outstanding achievement from the Fort Worth Garden Club Council. Finally, on May 15, 1985, at the installation luncheon of the Grapevine Garden Club at Las Colinas Country Club, among the guests were the first scholarship recipient, Scott Ruppnow, and his mother, Peggy Patton.

At the 1986 installation luncheon on May 15, 1986, there was \$1,797.60 in the scholarship fund. The high school did not submit a scholarship applicant. The Grapevine Garden Club Board agreed to award the scholarship to Scott Ruppnow a second time, but he was no longer studying a field related to horticulture, so no scholarship was awarded in 1985-86. (Continued on p. 7)

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The Scholarship Committee was very discouraged at that time. However, it was felt that better communication with the Grapevine High School counselors would result in a resumption of our awards.

The following is a list of the Garden Club scholarship recipients between 1987 and 2007.

- 1987: Dean Burton (A&M) and Adrian Muehlstein (Tarleton State University)
1988: Jeffrey Koehn (A&M)
1989: Jeffrey Koehn (2nd scholarship) and Amy Tippets
1990: Carla Torres (A&M) and Heather Kennedy (A&M - \$500 scholarship)
Heather Graduated from Texas A&M in 1995 with a Parks & Recreation degree
1992: Sherri Willoughby (UC-San Diego)
1993: Michael Glover (\$1000 scholarship); Heather Kennedy (\$500 scholarship) and
Adrian Muehlstein (\$500 scholarship)
Adrian holds a degree in landscaping and works for a local landscaping company. He is also active in the state organization.
1994: Maria Becerra (UNT) 1995: Karey Ann Baver
1995:1996: Adrian Muehlstein (Tarleton State University) 1997: Kim Salas (TCC & A&M)
1998: Jordan Dickeson (A&M) 1999: Tim Cloer and Kristen Wagner
2000: Jessica Johnson 2001: Brandon Kasen
2001& 2002: Christopher Lakey 2002 & 2003: Keith Lorenz
2004: Tiffany Logan 2004 & 2005: Holly Dawson 2006: Aaron Cooper and Raleigh Barnes
2007: Aaron Cooper

In the years since the mid-80s, there have been many changes in the City of Grapevine and in the Grapevine Garden Club. Meeting times and meeting places have been adjusted to meet the needs of the members. As new people have joined the club, others have moved away or left for other reasons. The dues structure of the Garden Club has steadily been raised to carry out the activities and goals of the members. The separate scholarship account became a part of the general fund budget about 1993. Since 1996 there have been two high schools in the Grapevine/Colleyville school district; therefore, a much larger enrollment for selecting students to receive the scholarship monies.

The ways and means of raising money for scholarships have been as varied and interesting as the members of the Club. Beginning in 1984 with the \$1.00 tickets for the opportunity to own a fully decorated Christmas tree, many projects and activities have been carried out to provide scholarship money for deserving students. We have sold Easter lilies and many other kinds of plants. At times, the plants were sold by individual members, and at other times a plant sale would be held in a central location open to the public. We have conducted holiday home tours, as well as spring and fall tours of beautiful and interesting gardens. There have been sales of members' craft work, including beautifully decorated wreaths, baskets, bird houses and clay work. One member's son-in-law did a lovely ink rendering of Grapevine Torian cabin, which decorated note cards to be sold by the Club. All of these have evolved into basically one large fund-raising project for the year, which is a gigantic plant sale in April planned, carried out, and supported by nearly every member of the Club.

The main objective of the Grapevine Garden Club today is not only to entertain but to educate the members and the public in the wonderful world of nature and the world around us. Participation in the Fort Worth Flowercade has replaced our own flower show. We feel that we have achieved a good balance of activities and projects to enable every member to reach his own goals. Awarding scholarship money to deserving students is an important segment of the Club's focus today.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB WEEK TOUR
GARDENERS ON THE GO - LAVENDER RIDGE FARM
JUNE 6, WEDNESDAY
GAINESVILLE, TX

In acknowledgement of National Garden Club Week June 3-9, the Grapevine Garden Club has scheduled a tour to Lavender Ridge Farm owned by the Ware family.

It started simply enough, the idea to open a pick-your-own lavender farm in North Texas. When Jane Dane called her brother, Jerry Ware, a former horticulturist for the City of Grapevine and asked can we grow lavender on our family farm, he was at first hesitant. After considerable thought, he decided that it might work.

Two generations of the Ware family quit their jobs, left their homes and returned to the 150-year-old Ware farm. Thus began the family's business – Lavender Ridge Farms - east of Gainesville where you will see acres filled with rows of lavender. You will have a chance to purchase a diversity of lavender products and wreaths.

Our tour group will enjoy a box lunch during our visit.

If you are interested in attending this tour, contact Joetta King (yb p.63). More specific details will be available at the May 15 Luncheon and by email for those indicating an interest. Lavender Ridge Farm is about 70 miles (1 ¼ hour) from Grapevine. We will be carpooling from JoAnn parking lot on William D. Tate.

Hidden gardens of Fort Worth tour
Saturday, June 9
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tour five fabulous very private gardens
In Park Hill and University West

We have had a number of Grapevine Garden Club group tours and excursions this year, but sometimes it is nice to go with a smaller group so that you can enjoy the gardens at your own pace.

I have attended the Hidden Gardens of Fort Worth Tour for several years and have found it to be one of my favorite area garden tours. Consider gathering your own carpool group and attend the Hidden Gardens Tour.

If you are going on the Grapevine Garden Club's May Garden Art Shopping Tour, consider purchasing your ticket at *Into the Garden* and saving the s&h fee.

Ticket sales are limited.

\$ 15 per person in advance - \$20 per person on tour day

Tickets may be ordered by phone at (817) 336-2344 or online at HistoricFortWorth.org through June 1. An additional \$5 s&h fee applies.

Rain or shine the tour goes on. Wear comfortable shoes and cool clothing.

Joetta King, Trips N' Tours