



# Fall WOMEN'S COUNCIL 2007

OF THE DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN



## President's Letter



As The Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden begins our 25th anniversary year, it is such an honor to serve as your president. With the completion of both phases of *A Woman's Garden* and another very successful year for the entire Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, it is an exciting time to be involved with the Women's Council.

Come along with us in a celebration of flowers, fiction, and art. Our new fall fund-raiser, A Writer's Garden & Book Review Series, highlights connections between writers and gardens. In the spring, our Mad Hatter's event will have a special twist with **Rene van Rems**, noted floral designer, as he interprets flowers in art. Stay tuned to hear more exciting details soon from Chairman **Carol Huckin!**

Please take note of the calendar in this newsletter and make your plans to reply to invitations promptly. As some events have limited seating, these activities may sell out. I hope that you will plan to participate in many of our activities and projects, whether it is the Mad Hatter's event or Volunteer Days or the Literary Symposium. However, if your schedule only allows you to be a supporter from the sidelines this year, your membership is valuable as well.

Again, my heartfelt thanks for your support and interest in the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden for 2007-2008.

*Nancy Bierman*

## New Member Reception – Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – 8pm



Hats off to our membership team for 2007-2008! **Carol Seay**, Vice President, Membership (*photo at left*), reports that our membership numbers have increased to 735 members, with dues income of \$57,000. Special thanks to **Sarah Seddelmeyer** for data entry work on the membership list and to our New Member Liaisons **Susie Woodall** and **Jan Harbour**. We would like to acknowledge Women's Council members **Claire Cunningham**, **Ramona Jones**, **Linda Lynn**, **Mary Blake Meadows**, **Carolyn Robbins**, **Nancy Rothacker**, **Tammy Scarborough**, and **Gisela Ziebarth** who contributed so much behind-the-scenes work. Kudos to **Fran Clem** for having our new directory completed and in the mail, and many thanks to **Steve Bock** and **Bachendorf's** for underwriting support. It is not too late to join the Women's Council: please contact **Carol Seay** at: (214) 526-7363 for a membership form.

We are pleased to honor our new and returning members at a "Girls Night Out" party chaired by **Kim Mathews** (*photo at right*) at the Dallas Arboretum Camp House. Come hear about exciting plans for the coming year, meet the new members and the Women's Council Board, and enjoy a tour of *A Woman's Garden*. If you know of a prospective member who might like to attend, please contact Kim at (214) 528-7211 or [kimmathews@charter.net](mailto:kimmathews@charter.net). Join us for an evening of food, flowers and fellowship in a beautiful garden setting.



## A Writer's Symposium and Book Review Series

This exciting, innovative new project will explore the world of literature and gardens through an inaugural program of entertaining speakers. President **Nancy Bierman** said, "We have been so touched by the enthusiastic support for this new project! When I began putting this program together in the summer of 2006, I had no idea if it would catch on or not. It's been a lot of work but so much fun, working with the speakers and our fantastic committee. Gardens play an all-important role in the lives of writers, bringing order to their memories, calming their fears, stimulating their ideas. Often it is within garden walls that the artistic imagination really takes off."

Providing key leadership for the new project are Event Chairman, **Renee Farren**, Assistant Chairmen, **Diane Sealy** (Arrangements), **Bettina Hennessy** (Table Sales), **Diane Brierley** and **Beth Averitt** (Reservations). They lead a committee of over 35 members. Individual tickets for A Writers Symposium are \$125 and for the Book Review Luncheon Series are \$40 for each of three programs. These **programs are already selling out** so please call **Beth Averitt** at: 214-691-5175 to confirm availability prior to mailing a check (payable to WC-DABG) to: Beth Averitt / 7107 Lupton Drive / Dallas, TX 75225. Programs at: Rosine Hall, Dallas Arboretum.

Photos courtesy of Park Cities News,  
(L to R) Diane Brierley, Nancy Bierman,  
Renee Farren, Beth Averitt,  
Bettina Hennessy and Diane Sealy.



**A Writer's Garden Literary Symposium, on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30am – 2:30pm** will feature intriguing authors, reviewers, and garden historians. With personal insight, humor, and creativity, they will highlight connections between writing and gardens. From the witty anecdotes of Southern writer Julia Reed to the impact of nature on Eudora Welty's fictional settings to the garden inspiration of screenwriter and songwriter, this symposium offers a stimulating program.

**The Book Review Luncheon Series** is hosted from **11:00 am to 1:00pm** at Rosine Hall at the Dallas Arboretum, and presents three book reviews by dynamic and entertaining speakers.

**Wednesday, September 5th**

**Hershey: Milton S. Hershey's Extraordinary Life of Wealth, Empire, and Utopian Dream**  
By Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist **Michael D'Antonio**

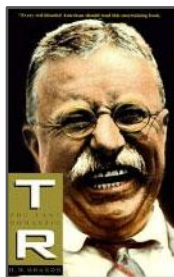


Reviewer and Texas native, **Dr. Lurline Morrow**, was awarded the "Best Book Reviewer" award by the Dallas

Observer in their "Best of Dallas" issue, 2006. Look for an entertaining review of the man who brought America the 5¢ chocolate bar.

**Wednesday, October 3rd**

**T. R.: The Last Romantic, A First Person Review**  
By Pulitzer Prize finalist and New York Times best selling author, University of Texas Professor, **Henry William Brands**

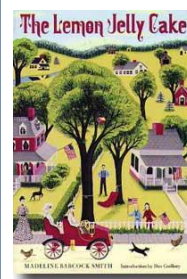


Reviewer **Ken Freehill** holds a degree in Performing Arts from the University of Arizona and has been honored by the National Theatre in Washington, D.C. An actor since the age of 5, Freehill has appeared on TV, radio ads, film and stage across the U.S. and Europe.

**Thursday, January 10th**

**The Lemon Jelly Cake**

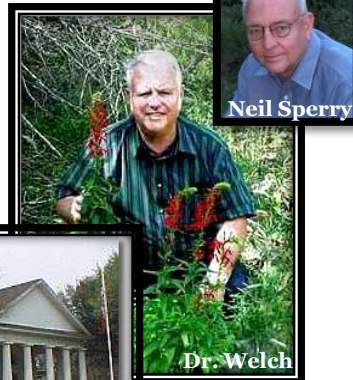
By **Madeline Babcock Smith**, Acclaimed author by **The New York Times Book Review** And **The Saturday Review**



Reviewer **Susan Boone** is a Dallas native and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Texan, who brings her special brand of Texas wit, humor and lively insight to this novel of small town life at the turn of the century. Boone entertains and engages audiences across the state.

## Fall Meeting – Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am

The Women's Council welcomes members to the Fall Membership Meeting and luncheon at Arlington Hall. The program, "A Salute to Southern Gardens," will be introduced and presented by Texas horticulture luminaries **Neil Sperry** and **Dr. William C. Welch**. Neil Sperry, is publisher of Neil Sperry's GARDENS magazine, and author of "Neil Sperry's Complete Guide to Texas Gardening" (the 4<sup>th</sup> best-selling gardening hardback in American history). Mr. Sperry will introduce Dr. William C. Welch, noted author, Professor and Landscape Horticulturist, Department of Horticulture at Texas A & M University. Dr. Welch's books include The Southern Heirloom Garden, Antique Roses for the South, and Perennial Garden Color.



Chairman **Rita Duncan**, and assistants **Sandra Cecil** and **Karen Moore**, have worked with Programs Vice President **Kathy Cothrum** to plan a wonderful day. Following the luncheon, docents from the Southern Memorial Association will conduct tours of Arlington Hall. Reply promptly as seating for the meeting is limited. Luncheon is \$45. Checks payable to: WC-DABG may be mailed to: Karen Moore / 4600 Versailles / Dallas, TX 75209. For further information, please contact **Karen Moore** at (214) 526-4988 or [kjm45@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjm45@sbcglobal.net).

## Fall Service and Education Trip – Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Hop on our bus for a tour of The Great Trinity Forest. This tour will visit the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center and the Trinity River Audubon Center. A catered luncheon by Margaux's will be served, and members and guests will see a brief presentation at the Trinity Center in the Design District. Surprises are in store for the remainder of the afternoon – concluding an informative, educational and fun-filled day. For questions or to ask about reservations, contact **Elizabeth Lee** at: 214-361-4162, or email at: [harolddlee@aol.com](mailto:harolddlee@aol.com).

Your **\$65** check is your reservation; make checks payable to: WC-DABG, and mail to Elizabeth Lee / 5134 Kelsey Road / Dallas, TX 75229

THESE TRIPS SELL OUT SO MAKE  
YOUR RESERVATIONS PROMPTLY!

## Fall Volunteer Day – Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>



**Kathleen  
Cunningham**

The Women's Council Volunteer Day Chairman, **Kathleen Cunningham**, will offer an Orientation and Training Day this year at the Dallas Arboretum DeGolyer House for those members interested in the Fall and/or Spring Volunteer Days. Kathleen Cunningham is a Dallas Arboretum docent and has a wealth of knowledge to share about The Dallas Arboretum's DeGolyer House – a beautiful 1940's Spanish Colonial estate home. Volunteer liaisons, **Connie Rhodes** and **Jewel Williams** will be on hand to facilitate training and logistics for the Fall and Spring Volunteer Days. A sign-up table will be available at the New Member Reception on August 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact **Kathleen Cunningham** at: 214-368-4319; **Connie Rhoades** at: 972-931-4211 or **Jewel Williams** at: 214-532-8506

**ORIENTATION & TRAINING DAY: Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 11:00am (1 hour tour)**  
**FALL VOLUNTEER DAY: "Autumn at the Arboretum," Thursday, October 4, 2007**  
**SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY: "The Star of Texas," Thursday, March 27, 2008**  
**(Morning shifts: 9:00am to 1:00pm AND/OR Afternoon shifts: 1:00pm – 5:00pm)**

## A Woman's Garden – Donor Naming Update

With grateful appreciation, the Women's Council would like to acknowledge the following new donors to *A Woman's Garden*: **Jan and Fred Hegi (The Hegi Family Foundation)** - The Bridge; **Faye Briggs** - The Iris Glade; **Linda and Steve Ivy (Heritage Auction Galleries)** and **Jo Anne and Mike McCullough** - Engraved Stones in The Pulpit; **Jane Rudis** – Japanese Maple.

### 2007 – 2008 Calendar of Events

Thursday - August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 6pm – 8pm	New Member Party, Camp House, Dallas Arboretum
Wednesday - September 5 <sup>th</sup> , 11am – 1pm	Book Review Series, Rosine Hall, Dallas Arboretum
Thursday - September 13 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30am	Board Meeting (3900 Gillon Avenue)
Tuesday - September 25 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00am	Fall General Member Mtg/Luncheon, Arlington Hall
Wednesday - October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 11am – 1pm	Book Review Series, Rosine Hall, Dallas Arboretum
Thursday - October 11 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30am	Board Meeting (5106 Deloache Avenue)
Thursday - October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 9am – 4pm	Fall Trip, The Great Trinity Forest and Audubon Ctr.
Thursday - November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 9:30am – 2:30pm	Writers Garden Literary Symp, Rosine Hall, Arboretum
Thursday - November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30am	Board Meeting (4111 Rock Creek Drive)
Monday - December 3 <sup>rd</sup> , TBD	Winter General Member Mtg, DeGolyer, Arboretum
Thursday - January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11am – 1pm	Book Review Series, Rosine Hall, Dallas Arboretum
Thursday - February 7 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30am	Board Meeting (3611 Beverly Drive)
Thursday - March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30am	Board Meeting (3824 Beverly Drive)
Thursday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00am	Mad Hatter's Garden Party, Dallas Arboretum
Thursday - April 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9am – 4pm	Spring Trip, Lovely Lakeview Homes
Thursday - April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30am	Board Meeting and Luncheon (4616 Dorset Road)
Tuesday - May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00am	Spring Member Mtg/Luncheon, Dallas Country Club)

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