Winter Meeting – **Monday, December 8, 9:30am – 12 noon**

Chairman **Misty Smathers**, Assistant Chairmen, **Missy MacNaughton** and **Michelle Weisfeld**, have worked with Programs Vice President **Harriett Gibbs** to plan a wonderful winter meeting. The winter meeting begins at the **DeGolyer estate** at 9:30am with a bountiful southern brunch buffet, serving ham, biscuits, grits, egg casserole, hash browns, holiday pastries, cinnamon apples and fruit. After brunch, attendees will meet at Rosine Hall to hear a program – “The Art of Chris Brown.” Speaker **Chris Brown** is a much in demand floral designer for Dallas’ social elite and celebrity events and was named “Best Floral Designer” by D Magazine in 2003. Three lucky attendees will take home a Chris Brown floral arrangement, which will be given as door prizes. The winter meeting southern brunch cost is $25. Checks payable to WC-DABG may be mailed to: Misty Smathers, 3900 Potomac Avenue, Dallas, TX 75205. Invitations have been mailed. For questions contact **Misty Smathers** at (214) 520-2261 or dunderdoodle@swbell.net

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**Mother – Daughter Christmas Tea at Rosine Hall/DeGolyer House**

**Sunday, December 14th, 2 pm to 4 pm** *(suggest children > 8 years old)*

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas, share the timeless traditions of a festive holiday tea with mothers, daughters, grandmothers and guests, and tour the beautifully decorated DeGolyer home where storybook characters can spring to life. All of this takes place at a magical new event, the **Mother-Daughter Christmas Tea**. Enjoy inspiring stories and sparkling **TALES OF BYGONE CHRISTMASES** narrated by **Judith Dyer**. Judith will delight all with a vastly entertaining program. The afternoon concludes with a tour of the beautifully decorated DeGolyer home showcasing a fabulous display of more than 200 Nutcrackers! A true delight for everyone. **Dress your Christmas best!** *(Note, this event is > 75% sold out.)*

**Check-in** opens at 1:30pm; the tea program starts promptly at 2pm in Rosine Hall, ending with the tour of the DeGolyer House. Patron Adult Ticket: $250 or $100, Regular Adult/Regular child ticket: $50. Checks payable to WC-DABG may be mailed to: Linda Greer, 3516 Beverly Drive, Dallas, TX 75205. Invitations have been mailed to the Women’s Council membership. For questions contact **Therese Rourk** at (972) 385-9618 or thereserourke@yahoo.com

The Mother – Daughter Christmas Tea is sponsored by **Southern Living Magazine**.

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**A Woman’s Garden – Donor Naming Update by Patricia Cowlishaw:**

Our thanks to **The Junior Group of Marianne Scruggs Garden Club** for the naming of the Japanese Maple located near the Stone Cistern in A Woman’s Garden. **Jane Stringer**, a member of the Women’s Council, is President of the garden club. Additionally, we are grateful to the friends and co-workers of **Mark Gray** for the gift of a Japanese Maple located on the walkway at The Loop in A Woman’s Garden. This gift is in honor of Mark’s mother, **Brenda Gray**.

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A Writer’s Garden Book Review Luncheon — Wednesday, January 28, 11am – 1pm

Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall is the site of the next book review luncheon. Don’t miss the final extraordinary heroine featured in A Writer’s Garden Book Review Series! Developed by professional reviewer, Penny Terk, exclusively for Women’s Council members and guests, “The Last Mrs. Astor: A New York Story” by Frances Kiernan is a “provocative, intelligent and atmospheric biography...that every admirer of the American spirit will embrace.” (The Press - Register) Former teacher and professional dramatist, Penny Terk will capture the essence of a woman who, far into her 90’s, “relished the dance of life.” (O, The Oprah Magazine)

Born Roberta Brooke Russell in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Brooke Astor’s death on August 17, 2007 at the age of 105 marked the passing of an icon of philanthropy and grand dame of New York society. The Last Mrs. Astor – A New York Story traces Brooke Astor’s life through three marriages – the last to the notoriously ill-tempered Vincent Astor, whose death left her a personal fortune and the directorship of the prestigious Astor Foundation. Kiernan describes Mrs. Astor’s stewardship of the Astor Foundation, which helped to revive the landmarks and institutions of a near bankrupt and demoralized 1970’s New York, and her society friendships, which included David Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger.

Check-in for the book review opens at 10am; valet parking provided. Luncheon by Gil’s Elegant Catering. Individual ticket prices are: Patron levels at $500, $300, $100 per ticket; limited availability individual tickets at $50. For questions call Pat Cook at: 214-965-8360 or email: llgreer@live.com Payment may be made via check, payable to WC-DABG, mailed to Linda Greer, 3516 Beverly Drive, Dallas, TX 75205, or tickets may be purchased on-line (VISA or MasterCard) at the Women’s Council Website: www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org

Winter Trip: Crow Collection of Asian Art/Harlan Crow Library – Monday, February 23rd

Alison Pearl has planned a trip to the Crow Collection of Asian Art and a tour of the Harlan Crow Library. Dallas real estate magnate Trammel Crow and wife, Margaret, purchased their first piece of Asian art in the mid-1960’s, over time assembling a superb collection representing the arts and cultures of China, Japan, India and Southeast Asia. The best of this collection is now housed in the Crow Collection of Asian Art, located in the downtown Dallas Arts District.

Our visit to the Crow Collection includes a lecture on imperial porcelain and Chinese ceramics by Shiyuan Yuan, the head curator of Asian art for the Crow Collection. Next, a short walk takes us to the Dallas Museum of Art for lunch at the “Seventeen Seventeen” restaurant, where consulting chef, Stephan Pyles, has introduced a New American menu with a Southern twist. After lunch we visit the Harlan Crow Library, thanks to the generosity of our hostess, Kathy Crow, for a tour of the library and garden with Sam Fore, head librarian. The Harlan Crow Library is a private, independent library concentrating on American History. It houses an extensive non-circulating collection of manuscripts, rare books, portraits, photographs, statues and other artistic treasures. Its creation springs from the wide-ranging manuscript collection of Harlan Crow that has been developing and evolving for over 20 years. The holdings now consist of nearly 5,000 books and 3,500 manuscripts spanning five centuries of exploration and discovery, war, politics, science and thought.

There is not a bus trip; attendees will drive and we encourage carpooling. Valet parking will be provided at the Crow library. For questions/to confirm availability, email Alison Pearl at: alisonp214@yahoo.com. Payment may be made via $45 check, payable to WC-DABG, mailed to Alison Pearl, 3611 Beverly, Drive, Dallas, TX 75205.
Dear Friends, our year is off to a rousing start! After months of planning and anticipation, it is gratifying to see our members enjoying the Women’s Council and the Dallas Arboretum. Our year was off to a wonderful start with a New Member Party held the evening of September 10th at the DeGoyler House. Afterwards, many of us enjoyed a twilight tour of A Woman’s Garden. Special thanks go to Beth Yablon, Linda Spina, Linda Huffhines, Lorraine Meenan, the officers and board members who brought informative displays about our activities for the year.

Our literary symposium and luncheon on November 13th and our October 7th book review and luncheon were a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of co-chairmen Marsha Dowler and Bettina Hennessey; day chairmen Len Bourland and Nancy Connor; Linda Greer, Pat Cook, Susan Toomey, Michelle Mew and the rest of the hard-working committee! You will not want to miss our final luncheon and book review of the Brooke Astor biography on January 28, which promises to conclude our series in grand style.

We were greatly entertained by Tres Fromme’s humorous, yet insightful talk at our September 23rd fall meeting at the Brook Hollow Golf Club. Harriett Gibbs, Jolie Humphrey, Josey Kennington and Suzanne Wasem brought us a delightful event enjoyed by all. Our next general meeting at the Dallas Arboretum on Monday, December 8th is a southern holiday breakfast buffet in the DeGoyler house, followed by Chris Brown’s demonstration of how to make holiday decorations.

We loved our fall trip to Tyler, Texas where we toured the Kiepersol Winery, viewed the famous Tyler Rose Festival, the queen and her court in all of their finery. Thank you Nancy Rothacker, Ruth Barnard and Jan Sanders! February 23rd is the date of our winter trip to the Crow Collection of Asian Art and the Harlan Crow Library. The first 60 people to sign up will be lucky enough to participate in this outing, so don’t delay!

Michelle Stone organized our fall volunteer day at the Arboretum, preceded by a training session led by Kathleen Cunningham. Volunteers were in the DeGoyler House and A Woman’s Garden. Special thanks to Patricia Cowlishaw who wrote the garden descriptions for our volunteers. We will end 2008 with a festive Mother-Daughter Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 14th.

In my first letter, I mentioned that we were starting some garden projects and we have already finished our first one – La Calle; this is the extension of a long blue stone pathway, which meanders from the Genesis Garden through a sweeping lawn to a future tram stop overlooking the lake. Garden visitors are already enjoying the new walkway. I am fortunate to be at the Dallas Arboretum several times a week; it is glorious. In these are uncertain times I believe we need the peace and beauty of a garden now more than ever. Thank all of you for your gift of A Woman’s Garden. Happy Holidays.

Sarah Seddelmeyer

21st Mad Hatter’s Tea Party – Wednesday, April 22nd, 11 am – 2 pm

Thanks to Linda Faulkner with Briggs Freeman Real Estate Brokerage for hosting the recent Mad Hatter’s committee meeting at home builder Mark Molthan’s extraordinary Luxe Showhome. Mad Hatter’s co-chairs, Connie Rhoa and Jewel Williams, and committee members continue their preparation for the “Under The Cherry Blossoms” Mad Hatter’s Tea Party. Patron level underwriting is currently being solicited. Look for more information and on-line ticket sales in early 2009 on our Women’s Council Website. For questions, email: madhatters2009@yahoo.com
Fall Meeting – **Tuesday, September 23**

Co-Chairmen Jolie Humphrey and Josey Kennington and Programs Vice President Harriett Gibbs planned a wonderful fall meeting at the Brook Hollow Golf Club. Speaker Tres Fromme, shared a presentation on garden design, which stressed that design and elements fit the space and plant selection follows.

(Photos, L to R) Tres Fromme; Diane Sealy, Sharon Barbee, Susan Hulick, Jill Goldberg, Janet Nylund)

**Reception for Distinguished Speakers of Literary Symposium – November 12th**

An evening reception held at the beautiful 24-story One Arts Plaza highrise in the Dallas Arts District welcomed A Writer’s Garden Literary Symposium speakers, Dr. Elizabeth New, Dr. Eric Haskell, Ben Page and Anna Tomczak. Briggs Freeman Real Estate Brokerage graciously hosted and catered the event for speakers and invited guests. *(Photos by Holly Kuper Photography)*

1: Marsha Dowler, Kathleen Cunningham, Bettina Hennessy  2: Katherine and Michael Phillips  3: Len Bourland, Dr. Elizabeth New, Ben Page  4: Jackie and Michael George  5: Cheryl Buckles and Anna Tomczak  6: Gisela Ziebarth, Dr. Eric Haskell, Susan Cooper  7: Scott and Linda Greer  8: Dr. Eric Haskell, Ben Page, Dr. Elizabeth New, Anna Tomczak  9: Charles and Sarah Freeman  10: John Henry and Katherine Seale, Deborah and Nigel Brown.
Thanks to Nancy Rothacker for organizing the Fall trip to Tyler, Texas’ 75th annual Tyler Rose Festival and tour of the Kiepersol Winery. Everyone enjoyed the Kiepersol wine tastings and luncheon and tour of the Tyler Rose Festival.
From The Editor

The Women’s Council Newsletter is a quarterly publication, published in August, November, February and May of each year and forwarded to our Women’s Council members. Should you have submissions, questions or comments, please contact me as follows: (214) 533-7033 or cherylbuckles@tx.rr.com

2008 – 2009 Women’s Council Calendar of Events

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Sunday, December 14th, 2pm – 4pm
Wednesday, January 28th, 11am – 1pm
Thursday, February 5th, 10am – 12 noon
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Thursday, April 2nd, 11am – 1pm
Wednesday, April 22nd, 11am – 2pm
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Wednesday, May 13th

Winter General Meeting & Luncheon, Dallas Arboretum
Mother/Daughter Christmas Tea, Arboretum
A Writer’s Garden Book Review & Luncheon, Arboretum
Board Meeting, 4025 Druid Lane, Dallas 75205
Winter Trip to Crow Collection of Asian Art
Board Meeting, 4343 West Lawther Drive, Dallas 75214
Spring Volunteer Day at the Arboretum
Board Meeting/Luncheon, 4502 Wildwood Road, 75209
Mad Hatter’s Tea Party, Dallas Arboretum
Spring Trip to Rockwall – Country Gardens
Spring Annual Meeting/Luncheon, 7000 Park Lane, Dallas
Founders Award Celebration, DeGolyer House, Arboretum

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