Celebrate the spirit of Christmas and share in the timeless traditions of a festive holiday tea with mothers, daughters, grandmothers and guests. Christmas Tea Co-Chairs, Kathleen Cunningham and Jewel Williams are especially thrilled this year to welcome as guest storyteller, Mrs. Laura W. Bush, who will read from her recently published children’s book “Read All About It!” co-authored with her daughter, Jenna Bush.

The program and tea will be at the Arboretum Rosine Hall and afterwards guests may tour the DeGolyer home holiday exhibit: The Art of the Nativity, which showcases a beautiful collection of nativity crèche creations. Dress your Christmas best! Check-in opens at 1:30pm; the tea program starts promptly at 2pm in the Dallas Arboretum’s Rosine Hall. Invitations have been mailed to the Women’s Council membership.

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

We gratefully acknowledge two new Donor Naming gifts: Debby Barnes has made a gift of three Bald Cypress in the Lower Meadow Panorama to honor friends; Pam Pendleton is honoring her husband and friends with the purchase of two Engraved Bluestones in The Pulpit. Our sincere thanks for these generous gifts to A Woman’s Garden.
Linda Spina, Vice President, Service and Education has planned a winter trip to the at&t Performing Arts Center in the fabulous new Winspear Opera House for the inaugural season performance of Rogers & Hammerstein’s beloved musical, **SOUTH PACIFIC**. This show swept the 2008 Tony Awards®, winning seven honors including Best Musical Revival and Best Director. Open to Women’s Council members and guests at $85/ticket, with optional per vehicle parking @$15 self park, $25 valet. This event is sold out, tickets and parking passes have been distributed. For questions contact Linda Spina at: (214) 797-5966

**Wednesday, January 27**

11am – 1pm

**Anne Morrow Lindbergh: A Twentieth Century Life**

**Reviewer: Jan Stanford Gurley**

Book reviewer and public speaker Jan Stanford Gurley joins us for this final event of *A Writer’s Garden* series. Returning by popular demand (from last year’s AWG series) Jan brings to life vividly detailed profiles of courageous heroines, independent and influential women whose historical achievements continue to influence our world. And this program in *A Writer’s Garden* series is no exception as Jan Stanford Gurley presents an insightful and riveting portrayal of **Ann Morrow Lindbergh: A Twentieth Century Life**. Catapulted into the public eye with her marriage to aviator celebrity Charles Lindberg, Ann Morrow Lindberg was an elegant, complex woman. Her public and private life epitomized the dichotomy of the twentieth century woman in a time of dramatic change. An adventurous and accomplished world traveler and aviator, she was also a wife and mother whose introspective and creative energies inspired her writing. Her beautifully written account of the Lindberg’s transatlantic adventures in *North to the Orient* captured the imagination of the American public (and the 1935 National Book Award) and ensured the growth of the aviation industry. Even today, Anne’s remarkable contributions to literature and aviation endure and inspire.

Check-in for the program opens at 10:30am; valet parking provided. Lunch by Gil’s Elegant Catering. Individual ticket prices are: Patron levels at $100 per ticket; limited availability individual tickets at $50. Questions may be directed to: Lynda Willis at 214-766-2314 or lcwo1116@gmail.com Payment may be made via check payable to WC-DABG, mailed to Lynda Willis, 7629 Spring Valley Rd, Dallas, TX 75254, or tickets may be purchased on-line (VISA or MasterCard) at the Women’s Council Website: [www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org](http://www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org)

**Successful Launch of 2009 – 2010 A Writer’s Garden Literary Luncheon Series**

Event Chairman, **Linda DeFee** and Honorary Chairman, **Faye Briggs** (photo, *L to R*) greeted and welcomed guests to the third groundbreaking season of *A Writer’s Garden Literary Luncheon Series*. Guests thoroughly enjoyed speaker **Nancy Ashley**’s October 8th program – an introduction to acclaimed southern writer, **Elizabeth Spencer**, and the life and literary influences that inspired her memoir, *Landscapes of the Heart*, and her popular fictional work, *The Light in the Piazza*(and Other Italian Stories). Nancy Ashley’s insightful, sometimes humorous commentary on Spencer’s young life, formative influences and southern cultural and literary heritage illuminated the life and talent of one of the last living twentieth century Southern literary icons.
This fall’s Literary Symposium assembled three distinguished authors, each of whom shared their unique perspective – Jan Showers previewed her classically designed rooms; Dr. James L. Yoch provided an engaging historical commentary on the California “Eden” landscape and film set designs created by Florence Yoch in the early 1900’s, and Dr. Francis Morrone spoke of the historical antecedents and design evolution of the American Garden City. Each of our speakers brought a unique scholarship and context to the exploration of the artistic and/or historical design aesthetic of our American classical and contemporary interior and exterior landscapes. Thanks to A Writer's Garden Chairman, Linda DeFee; Honorary Chairman, Faye C. Briggs; Co-Chairman, Marsha Dowler and Bettina Hennessy; Emcee Len Bourland and the AWG committee members for all of their hard work in organizing this year’s series.
Dear Friends, we are enjoying a wonderful beginning to our activities for the 2009-2010 year! It is very gratifying for me to receive compliments from you, as I know the tremendous effort undertaken by our members in planning and organizing a successful event.

Many people complimented Co-Chairmen Carrie Cothrum and Missy MacNaughton for the September 3rd New Member Tea at the DeGolyer House, and the exciting tour of our new garden room, El Bosque, after the event. The food and sangria were excellent and a cool breeze provided a reprieve from the summer heat.

Susan Hulick and her assistants planned a wonderful Fall General Meeting luncheon at Brookhollow Golf Club. Prior to the luncheon, over 100 attendees enjoyed a very informative program planned by Program Chairman Kim Mathews on the new Arts District and Woodall Rodgers Park.

Two of the three events in the ‘A Writer’s Garden’ series were held this fall. Event Chairman Linda DeFee, her Assistant Chairmen Marsha Dowler and Bettina Hennessy, Underwriting Chairman Helen Nixon, and Reservation Chairman Lynda Willis were extremely busy planning the details of the first book review and the symposium, along with the other members of the committee. Symposium attendees were delighted by the information shared during the presentations by Interior Designer Jan Showers, landscape designer Dr. James Yoch, and architectural critic Dr. Francis Morrone.

A fall trip to New Orleans was enjoyed by all who attended, and many thanks to our tour guide and trip planner, Linda Spina for all of her efforts. Her winter Service and Education event, a trip to the new at&t Performing Arts Center to enjoy the musical “South Pacific”, is sold out!

Another sold out winter event is the much anticipated Children’s Christmas Tea. A special thank you to Co-Chairmen Jewel Williams and Kathleen Cunningham, Reservation Chairman Sarah Seddlemeyer and other committee members for the many hours of work devoted to ticket sales and event planning.

Another highly anticipated 2009 event is our Winter General Meeting and coffee on December 8th in Rosine Hall. Event designer Todd Fiscus will present a program entitled, “Creating New Holiday Traditions: What Would the Holidays be Without Todd Fiscus?” Winter Meeting Chairman Janet Nylund is planning a coffee before the program, so be sure and reserve a ticket today.

I also want to acknowledge one Women’s Council officer, Historian Judy Birchfield, who attends and takes photos at all of our events. Thank you, Judy, for your photography and all of your work on the President’s scrapbook. Happy Holidays to everyone, and we hope you enjoy our three December events.

Kathy Cothrum

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22nd Mad Hatter’s Tea Party – Thursday, April 22nd, 11 am – 2 pm

Mad Hatter’s Tea Chairman, Sharon Ballew, and committee members are already hard at work on this year’s Mad Hatter’s Tea, themed “Divas and Dahlias.” Women’s Council members and guests will enjoy a champagne reception, fashion show by Carolina Herrera, hat judging, silent auction and luncheon on the patio. We are thrilled to have D’Andra Simmons as our Honorary Chair. As Vice President, Marketing at Ultimate Living International And Creator/Founder of her own cosmetic line, she is an experienced public speaker and fundraiser.

Also, we invite you to mark your calendars and join us for the Mad Hatter’s Auction Drop Off Party on Thursday, January 21st at the Dallas home of Kathy Cothrum, 7101 Tulane, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Entry to this party is an auction item with a value of at least $100. Checks and cash are also welcome as your entry. Even if you are not able to attend the event, you can still support the event by attending the Drop Off Party. Look for more details on Mad Hatter’s in the next newsletter.
Linda Spina planned this year's fall trip to New Orleans, which began with lunch and a tour of Houmas House, a sugar plantation where the movie "Hush, Hush, Sweet Charlotte" was filmed. Women's Council member and New Orleans born, Judy Birchfield, (photo at right) was in the movie. The day closed with a wonderful dinner at the famed Commander's Palace, owned by the Brennan family.

The next morning was a special stop the at Garden District 1847 Greek Revival style home and garden of author, Julia Reed, one of the inaugural speakers for our 2007 A Writer's Garden Literary Symposium. Julia took everyone on a tour and gifted each with a personalized copy of her book, “The House on First Street, My New Orleans Story.” Next was a stop was to meet Yvonne La Fleur at her exclusive shop where everyone learned about the history of hats, custom millinery and had a hat designed exclusively for them. Lunch was at Restaurant August followed by free time in the French Quarter before returning.

We have an exciting spring trip being planned for early April, which will include a tour of Gene and Jerry Jones' gardens as well as several other Dallas gardens. Look for details in the next newsletter.

Volunteer Day Chairmen, Helen Tieber and Assistant Chairman, Debbie Kadane, joined Women's Council members during the Fall Volunteer Day to help with docent duties at the DeGolyer house on the Arboretum grounds. Photo, L to R, Linda Spina, Kay Atkinson, Nancy Kratzer, a volunteer, Faith Spitz and Missy MacNaughton. (An interesting side note, Missy's husband, Wayne, is the grandson of Lewis MacNaughton, business partner of Texas oil man, Everett DeGolyer, whose estate comprises part of the Dallas Arboretum.)

Fall Meeting – September 29th

Fall meeting Chairman, Susan Hulick, and assistants Jaclyn Braddy and Jill Goldberg welcomed guests at the Brook Hollow Golf Club for our fall meeting and program: “Downtown Dallas is Blooming: The Arts District and Woodall Rodgers Park.” Speakers for the program, The Honorable Veletta Forsythe Lill, Executive Director of the Dallas Arts District, and Mr. John Zogg, board member of the Woodall Rogers Park Foundation, spoke on the park construction underway whose 2011 completion will add a beautifully landscaped 5.2 acre park connecting the various Dallas Arts District venues.
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 or comments, please contact me as follows: (214) 533-7033 or cheryl.buckles@att.net

Memorials and Honoraria
Linda Huffhines asks that our Women’s Council members consider a contribution to “A Woman’s Garden” as a holiday gift for family and friends. Checks made payable to: WC-DABG may be mailed to: Linda Huffhines, 4226 Lomo Alto Court, Dallas, TX 75219.

2009 – 2010 Women’s Council Calendar of Events

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