“Christmas at the White House” by Dallas author Jennifer Pickens, is the next event in A Writer’s Garden Literary Series. Celebrate this magical time of year with the Women’s Council at a special Christmas brunch in Rosine Hall. Six of the most recent United States First Ladies (Betty Ford, Rosalynn Carter, Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush, Hillary Clinton, and Laura Bush) wrote introductions to their sections in the book, and the Foreword was written First Lady Laura Bush, who graced last year’s Women’s Council Christmas Tea. The book spans a 50 year time period and nine administrations, showcasing the holiday traditions and décor of America’s most famous address, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. (Questions contact Linda Spina: 214-797-5966) Single tickets for this event are $60.00. Purchase tickets at: http://www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org/3/quiz.htm

Winter Meeting – Tuesday, January 25th, 10:15am

Winter meeting Chairman, Paula Scofield, and the Vice-President of Programs, Bettina Hennessy, welcome members and guests to the Winter meeting to be held at 7000 Park Lane, Dallas. Program Speaker, Elizabeth New Seitz will present a program entitled: Bringing Home the Romance of France. Guests will assemble for a brief “meet & greet” at 10:15am and the meeting will begin promptly at 10:30am. Members and guests may attend the meeting and program at no charge. Attendees are invited to stay for a catered luncheon. A $35 check made out to WC-DABG confirms the luncheon reservation, and must be received by January 20th. Mail checks to: Paula Scofield, 3908 Southwestern, Dallas, TX 75225. To RSVP for the program only and not the luncheon, contact: Paula Scofield at: 972-380-7332 or via email: pwsebby@sbcglobal.net.

A Valentine’s Tea – Tuesday, February 8th, 2pm – 4pm

Join us at the DeGolyer House for an unforgettable Valentine’s celebration of the heart as we share in the favorite stories, anecdotes and insights of one of Texas’ most memorable families. Caroline Rose Hunt, daughter, Laurie Sands Harrison and granddaughters, are our special guests for this delightful program. Daughter of legendary Texas oil tycoon, H.L. Hunt, Caroline Rose Hunt is recognized as one of our country’s most influential women. Founder of a global hospitality empire, Rosewood Hotels & Resorts, she’s an author, philanthropist, mother of five, grandmother of nineteen & great-grandmother of twelve. Regular tickets are $50 with patron level tickets available. Purchase tickets on-line at http://www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org/3/quiz.htm or mail check made out to WC-DABG to: Linda Spina / 5804 Spring Hill Drive /, McKinney, Texas 75070
President’s Letter

What a great Fall we have had! A big thank you goes to all of our chairwomen and their committees. Their months of planning and hard work have brought us such wonderful events. Our first event this fall, the New Member Party, was perfectly planned by Co-chairs, Melissa Lewis and Anne Mercer, and their super committee. The event was held at the Arboretum Camp House and as our new members enjoyed the catering provided by Blue Mesa – and an incredible view of White Rock Lake – they were welcomed to the Women’s Council and given insights into our various events and volunteer opportunities. Mary Brinegar welcomed the new members on behalf of the Arboretum and Dave Forehand led a twilight tour of the garden. Thank you to all of the board members that attended and shared their enthusiasm for the Women’s Council and its activities.

Thank you to Susan Hulick and her committee for planning a wonderful Fall General Meeting and Luncheon at Brook Hollow Golf Club. Attendees enjoyed a very informative program planned by Program Chairman, Bettina Hennessy. Ambassador James Glassman, head of the George W. Bush Institute, discussed the plans and goals of the George W. Bush Presidential Center.

Our Writer’s Garden Literary Series is well underway thanks to Chairman, Glenda Cotner, and her incredible committee, who have been hard at work to present us with informative and entertaining events, and to Shirley McIntyre, our Honorary Chair. Thank you to Into The Garden for underwriting the lovely party honoring our October author, Chip Callaway. Two events remain in the literary series, Christmas at the White House with Jennifer Pickens on December 1st and the Valentine’s Tea featuring Caroline Rose Hunt on February 8th. To purchase tickets to these remaining events and support the Women’s Council’s fundraising efforts, contact Linda Spina.

The fall trip to Clark Gardens was enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks go to Charlotte Kimberlin for all of her efforts on Service and Education: the wonderful fall trip to Clark Gardens, the upcoming February 10th Cooking with Flowers event and the spring trip to Charleston, South Carolina. Thank you to Helen Tieber and all the Women’s Council members who participated in Fall Volunteer Day at the Arboretum. Note, the date change on the Winter General meeting, will be held on Tuesday, January 25th. In preparation for Valentine’s Day, Dr. Elizabeth New Seitz will share with us French customs and festivities that we can adapt to create a sense a romance here at home. Happy Holidays to all.

Sharon Barbee

23rd Mad Hatter’s Tea Party – Thursday, April 21st, 11 am – 2 pm

Alice in Wonderland, the luncheon theme is “A Wonderland of Fashion.” Upon entering the Arboretum, Women’s Council members and guests will be serenaded by harp music while enjoying a champagne reception in Ginsberg Plaza as the infamous Mad Hatter and his storybook friends help set the theme for the day. The fabulous hat collection of Women’s Council member and former fashion model, Marilyn Hailey (photo at left) will be on display. And once again, the ever-fashionable Jan Strimple will produce the Mad Hatter’s fashion show featuring beautiful boutique fashions. The winners of the traditional hat judging will be announced and guests will conclude the day with a delicious luncheon on the Arboretum patio. Look for more details on the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party in the next newsletter. For questions or if you are interested in donating to the silent auction or raffle, contact Susan Walker: 214-526-0064, ext. 1

Mad Hatter’s Tea Chairman, Susan Walker, Honorary Chair, Yvonne Crum, and committee members are already hard at work on the Spring 2011 Mad Hatter’s Tea. In a whimsical tip of the hat to Lewis Carroll’s beloved book,
Winter Service & Education Trip – Thursday, February 10th, 10:30am

Join Charlotte Kimberlin and culinary artist, Sharon Van Meter at the Milestone Culinary Arts Center (4531 McKinney Avenue, Dallas 75205) for a fascinating demonstration of cooking with & eating with flowers. The first course of Petite Tortes and Brie Puffs will be prepared with a demonstration of the incorporation of flowers into the salad, main and dessert courses. Then, everyone will enjoy these dishes for the luncheon. A $30 check made out to WC-DABG serves as your reservation; mail to: Charlotte Kimberlin, 3322 Shorecrest Dr, Suite 200, Dallas, TX 75235. This event is limited to the first 45 reservations; call Charlotte at: 214-351-0885 to reserve a place.

Spring Service & Education Trip – Friday, April 8th – Tuesday, April 12th

Charlotte has planned a very special trip this Spring to visit the historical private plantations, homes and gardens of Charleston, South Carolina. There is still availability for this trip. Attendees will be visiting fabulous plantations, homes and gardens that are privately owned. The Historic Charleston Foundation has made all of the arrangements for our tours, which include: visiting Middleton Place Plantation Garden (1741), National Russell House (1808), Aiken Rhett House (1820) and many more. Charleston will be celebrating 150 years since the end of the Civil War and the 64th Annual Festival of Homes and Gardens. Everyone will be doing a lot of walking – some of the tours are on your own. There will be free time to shop on Saturday afternoon.

This spectacular trip includes: four nights double occupancy at the Mill House Hotel (1853) ($520 single surcharge), four breakfasts, five luncheons, two dinners (w/o option to add two more dinners @ $50 each), two cocktail receptions, transportation to/from the Charleston airport, plantation and home & garden tours. A roommate can be matched up for you if desired. (There will be two nights that group members may dine on their own or with the group. For those who want to stay with the group, the two group dinners will cost $50 each (incl. tax and tip) are as follows: Friday, April 8th, at 82 Queen Restaurant and Sunday, April 10th at Poogan’s Porch.)

Total cost of this trip is $1,820, excluding airfare. There are 24 spots for this trip. Payment due dates below (mailed to: Charlotte Kimberlin, 3322 Shorecrest Dr, Suite 200, Dallas, TX 75235)
• By October 1, 2010: $950 (payable to: WC-DABG) (can still send this payment in)
• By December 15, 2010: $420 (payable to: WC-DABG; plus $100 if plan 2 add’l dinners with group)
• By March 1, 2011: $450 due (payable to: The Historic Charleston Foundation)
Attendees will be required to purchase their own American Airline tickets on the following flights:
• April 8, 2011: AA2817, Departing DFW at 8:20am, Arriving in Charleston 11:55am
• April 12, 2011: AA3202 Departing Charleston at 6:40pm, Arriving at DFW 8:35pm

Founders Award – Wednesday, May 11th

Jewel Williams, The Founder’s Award Celebration Chairwoman, announced that the event will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at the DeGolyer House with a wine reception and buffet dinner, seating on the loggia. The Women’s Council will honor Martha and Willard Baker with the 2010 – 2011 Founder’s Award. The Bakers have been staunch supporters of the Women’s Council and the Dallas Arboretum. Mrs. Martha Baker is a charter member (since 1982) of the Women’s Council of the Dallas Arboretum, has held various positions on the Women’s Council Board of Directors and served on numerous committees.

Mr. Willard Baker had served on the Board of Directors and various committees for the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc. Additionally, Mr. Baker was on the committee for the Women’s Council that conceptualized the idea of a garden to be built by the Women’s Council. His profession as a Land Developer was instrumental in helping the Women’s Council in the selection of the landscape architect to design our garden. He was very instrumental in assisting the Women’s Council in the process of creating a garden. Look to future newsletters for further details on the Founders Award Celebration, or you may contact Jewel Williams at: 214-532-8506 or via email at: artteas@yahoo.com.
A Writer’s Garden Literary Series returned to Rosine Hall for its fourth fabulous season. Chairman, Glenda Cotner, joined with Honorary Chairwoman, Women’s Council member & Dallas Arboretum Botanical Society board member, Shirley McIntyre, to welcome members and guests to this year’s outstanding program series. The series opened with an outdoor workshop entitled: “Prologue: A Woman’s Garden: En Plein Air” in September (see next page). In October, we explored in “Chapter One: Trials and Triumphs of Gardening: The misadventures of a Southern Gardener,” the restoration of the beautiful historic Southern mansions, plantation gardens and estates. And in November, we welcomed three very diverse, entertaining authors to “Chapter Two: A Literary Symposium and Luncheon.”
A Writer’s Garden opened in September with **En Plein Air**, a first time for this event. Judy Campbell of the Artist Showplace, and a fellow instructor provided ideas and guidelines to guests as they spent the morning in *A Woman’s Garden* with pen & paper, camera or paints. It was a beautiful day in the garden.

**Fall Meeting**

Fall meeting Chairman, Susan Hulick, (left) and assistant Jill Goldberg (right) welcomed members and guests to the Fall meeting at the **Brook Hollow Golf Club**. Program Speaker, Ambassador James Glassman, who is the Executive Director of the George W. Bush Institute discussed plans for the George W. Bush Presidential Center, due to open in 2013 on the campus of Dallas Southern Methodist University.

**Fall Volunteer Day**

It was a beautiful day in the gardens as Volunteer Day Chairman, Helen Tieber, welcomed members to the Fall Volunteer Day. Volunteers provided docent duties in the DeGolyer House and visitor aid within the Arboretum gardens. Note, the volunteers are standing between the lovely urns marking the entrance to *A Woman’s Garden*. 
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 cheryl.buckles@att.net

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2010 – 2011 Women’s Council Remaining Calendar of Events

Please note new date for the January Winter meeting, Tuesday, January 25th instead of Thursday, January 27th.

- Wednesday, December 1st, 10am – 12pm
- Tuesday, January 25th, 10:00am
- Thursday, February 3rd, 10am – 12noon
- Tuesday, February 8th, 2pm – 4pm
- Thursday, February 10th, 10:30am
- Thursday, March 3rd, 10am – 12 noon
- Wednesday, March 16th
- Thursday, April 7th, 10am – 12noon
- April 8th – April 12th
- Thursday, April 21st, 11am – 2pm
- Tuesday, May 3rd, 1:30pm
- Wednesday, May 11th

- A Writer’s Garden: Christmas at the White House, Rosine Hall
- Winter General Meeting/Brunch, 7000 Park Lane, Dallas
- Board Meeting, 3510 TurtleCreek #6B/Claridge, Hostess: Susan Vaughn
- A Writers Garden: Valentine’s Tea, DeGolyer House
- Winter Trip – Cooking with Flowers, Milestone Culinary Art Ctr
- Board Meeting, 4601 Beverly Dr, Hostess: Sue John
- Spring Volunteer Day at the Arboretum, DeGolyer House
- Board Mtg/Luncheon, 6400 Williams Pkwy, Hostess: Janis Coffee
- Spring Trip to Charleston, South Carolina
- Mad Hatter’s Tea Party – A Wonderland of Fashion, Rosine Hall
- Spring General Meeting/Tea, DeGolyer House
- Founders Award Celebration, Arboretum

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