Mad Hatter’s Tea Chair, **Susan Walker**, Honorary Chair, **Yvonne Crum**, Presenting Sponsor, **Dee Wyly** and committee members look forward to welcoming Women’s Council members and guests to the 2011 Mad Hatter’s Tea. In a whimsical tip of the hat to Lewis Carroll’s beloved book, *Alice in Wonderland*, this year’s theme is “**A Wonderland of Fashion**.” Upon entering the Arboretum, attendees will be serenaded by harp music while enjoying a champagne reception in Ginsberg Family 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** will be on display. Moving into Rosine Hall at 12noon **Jan Strimple**, Dallas’ premier fashion event producer, launches the Mad Hatter’s fashion show featuring fashions from Anne Fontaine, Betty Reiter, Karen Millen, Tootsies and Tory Burch. The winners of the **traditional hat judging in the following categories** will be announced:

- **FONTAINE’s Floral Finery** / Most Botanical
- **MAGNIFICENT MILLEN-ary** / Most Elegant
- **A TIMELESS TORY** / Most True to Theme
- **REITER – Wrong** / Most Outlandish
- **Most DEE – Lightful** / Best of Show

Our illustrious panel of hat judges includes: **David Nelson Wren**, author, investigative reporter, columnist and feature editor; **Lisa Garza**, celebrity chef, contestant on *The Next Food Network Star*, co-owner of SUZE restaurant and owner of Pantry Organics; **LeeAnn Locken**, whose credits include television and movie roles (including *Miss Congeniality*), contestant on reality TV series *She’s Got the Look* and co-host of *Good Morning Texas*; **Valerie Elizabeth**, founder of Society Stylist® and creator of The Little Black Dress Experiment™ (seen on ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, The WB and online at Yahoo, AOL and The Today Show), fashion stylist and author of “The Dress Diaries”; and **Daniel Lewis**, contestant on Bravo’s hairstyling reality competition: “**Shear Genius 2**,” founder/co-owner of several salons, including Green Peridot salon in Frisco, Texas. Guests will conclude the day with a delicious luncheon on the patio. Prior to the day’s event, guests are invited to purchase raffle tickets for the chance drawing of a number of fabulous items (listed on the following page). Raffle tickets as well as Mad Hatter’s tickets may be purchased on-line at: **www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org**
**President’s Letter**

**Helen Tieber** will be organizing the Spring volunteer day at the Arboretum. If you are interested in helping, please contact Helen. On April 8th, **Charlotte Kimberlin** and her merry band of volunteers will leave for Charleston, South Carolina for a wonderful visit to this city’s beautiful and historic sites and gardens. **Susan Walker** and the Mad Hatter’s committee have been hard at work preparing for a spectacular event, “A Wonderland of Fashion,” to be held on April 21st. Many thanks go to **Dee Wyly** for her generosity as the Presenting Sponsor for the 23rd annual Mad Hatter’s Tea Party. A wonderful Patron party is being planned, so please consider purchasing a patron level ticket in order to receive an invitation. Tuesday, May 3rd will be the Spring Annual meeting and Tea. **Kay Weeks** is planning a wonderful meeting and tea while **Bettina Hennessy** is promising a very entertaining program. **Jewel Williams** is busy organizing the final Women’s Council event for the 2010 – 2011 year, the “Founder’s Award Celebration”, which will be held on Wednesday evening, May 11th at the DeGolyer House. Thanks also to **Carole Boss**, who again did such an outstanding job of organizing our Spring Bulb Sale. We have shared in so many wonderful events already as we raised funds for A Woman’s Garden. I am looking forward at the wonderful events still to come! **Sharon Barbee**
Spring Volunteer Day – Wednesday, March 16th
Volunteer Day Chairman, Helen Tieber, invites members to participate in the Spring Volunteer Day, which will take place during the Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden’s “Dallas Blooms” (March 5th – April 10th). Recognized as ‘One of the Top 14 Places in the World to See Spring Flowers’ by MSN.com in 2010, Dallas Blooms is the largest floral festival in the southwest with over 500,000 spring-blooming bulbs: tulips, daffodils and hyacinths abound in the 66 acre garden. Volunteers meet at the historic 21,000 square foot Spanish Colonial Revival Style DeGolyer House on the Arboretum grounds just prior to their shift for assignments: docent duties at the DeGolyer House or visitor aid within the gardens. To sign up for Volunteer Day, contact Helen Tieber at: 972-490-1143. Morning shifts: 9am – noon, Afternoon shifts: 1pm – 4pm

Spring Service & Education Trip – Friday, April 8th – Tuesday, April 12th
Charlotte Kimberlin has planned a special Spring trip to visit the historical private plantations, homes and gardens of Charleston, SC. All 24 spaces for this trip are sold, though you may want to put your name on a waiting list. The Historic Charleston Foundation has made all of the tour arrangements, which include visiting Middleton Place Plantation Garden (1741), Nathaniel Russell House (1808), Aiken Rhett House (1820) and more. Charleston will be celebrating 150 years since the end of the Civil War and the 64th Annual Festival of Homes and Gardens. This spectacular trip includes: four nights double occupancy at the Mill House Hotel (1853), four breakfasts, five luncheons, two dinners, two cocktail receptions, transportation to/from the Charleston airport, plantation and home & garden tours. Total cost of this trip is $1,820, excluding airfare.
( Call Charlotte to be added to wait list at: 214-351-0885 )

Founders Award – Wednesday, May 11th, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Jewel Williams, the Founder’s Award Celebration Chairwoman, will welcome Women’s Council members and guests to a wine reception and buffet dinner honoring Martha and Willard Baker with the 2010 – 2011 Founder’s Award. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 beginning at 6:30pm at the DeGolyer House with seating on the loggia. The Bakers have a long association with 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. Price for the Founders Award reception and dinner is $80 per person or $150 for patron level reservation. Note, valet parking will be provided. For questions, you may contact Jewel Williams at: 214-532-8506 or via email at: artteas@yahoo.com
**Spring Meeting and Afternoon Tea – Tuesday, May 3rd, 1:30pm**

**Bettina Hennessy**, VP Programs (photo top right), and **Kay Weeks**, Spring Meeting Chairman (photo bottom right), will welcome members and guests to the Spring meeting at the DeGolyer House on Tuesday, May 3rd at 1:30pm. Following a brief general business meeting, attendees can look forward to an entertaining program in the DeGolyer Library. **Robert Clover-Brown**, Shakespeare Man, will perform in his role as **William Shakespeare, Transformative Poet of the Elizabethan Countryside**. William Shakespeare was born in 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon and authored a body of work that has arguably established his place as one of the greatest writers in the English language. Robert Clover-Brown promises to transport our audience to 16th century England and the beauty of her Elizabethan gardens, as he recounts Shakespeare's abundant, vivid and evocative use of the English countryside and floral images in his plays and sonnets, as well as his upbringing in a rural market town 100 miles from London. Formerly of London, England, Robert Clover-Brown moved to Dallas in 2002 with his wife, Lesley (a graduate of SMU) and two children. He has portrayed Shakespeare in live performances throughout Texas and beyond – in March he was invited to perform at the Folger Shakespeare Library’s Secondary Schools Festival in Washington DC. (Those that wish to know more about this talented speaker may refer to his website: [www.shakespeareman.com](http://www.shakespeareman.com)) Note, that “Shakespeare” will be available after the program as we adjourn to the DeGolyer loggia for a fabulous English Tea, catered by Wendy Crispin. For more information on the meeting or to make reservations, contact Kay Weeks at: 972-733-5159 or kayweeks@ebby.com Invitations will be mailed with pricing and RSVP deadlines or check the Women’s Council website: [www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org](http://www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org)

**Review of Winter Events and Programs: December 2010 to February 2011**

**Christmas at the Whitehouse – Tuesday, December 1st**

At our December event in A Writer’s Garden Literary Series, Dallas author **Jennifer Pickens** presented: “Christmas at the White House,” highlighting the holiday traditions and décor of America’s most famous address, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, over a 50 year time period and nine (9) administrations.

**Winter Meeting – Tuesday, January 25th**

Winter meeting Chairman, **Paula Scofield**, and the Vice-President of Programs, **Bettina Hennessy**, welcomed back program speaker, **Dr. Elizabeth New Seitz** (a prior Literary Symposium speaker) for a presentation entitled: **Bringing Home the Romance of France**. A graduate of Vanderbilt University with a doctorate in French, Dr. Elizabeth New Seitz is the founder of French Affaires, a company celebrating French travel, culture, language, and l’art de vivre (the art of life). She has lived, studied and worked extensively in various regions of France, and shared anecdotes and beautiful photography from her visits there.
Members and Guests enjoyed a unique glimpse of the personal and professional side of our very special guest Caroline Rose Hunt, as she chatted and reminisced with her daughter, Laurie Sands Harrison and her beautiful granddaughters, Hassie, Francis, Caroline and Bailey Harrison. Daughter of legendary Texas oil tycoon, H.L. Hunt, Caroline Rose Hunt is recognized as one of our country’s most influential and accomplished women. She is the founder of a global hospitality empire, Rosewood Hotels & Resorts, an author, public speaker, philanthropist, mother of five, grandmother of nineteen and great-grandmother of twelve. This was a truly delightful program.
From The Editor

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2010 – 2011 Women’s Council Remaining Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 3rd, 10am – 12 noon
Wednesday, March 16th (various shifts)
Thursday, April 7th, 10am – 12noon
April 8th – April 12th
Thursday, April 21st, 11am – 2pm
Tuesday, May 3rd, 1:30pm
Wednesday, May 11th, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Board Meeting, 4601 Beverly Dr, Hostess: Sue John
Spring Volunteer Day at the Arboretum, DeGolyer House
Board Mtg/Luncheon, 3509 Crescent Ave, Hostess: Marsha Dowler
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, DeGolyer House

(Note, April 7th board meeting location change – now at the home of Marsha Dowler)

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