Maggie Kipp (L) and Shay Geyer (R), Mad Hatter’s Tea Co-Chairs, and Honorary Chair, Patty Dedman Nail, will welcome Women’s Council members and guests to the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party. This year’s Mad Hatter’s Tea Party is themed “Adventures in Time,” in recognition of the Women’s Council 30th anniversary and the Mad Hatter’s Tea 25th anniversary.

Special thanks go to Carmaleta Whiteley, who co-chaired the 2012 Mad Hatter’s Tea and is so generously acting as advisor for this year’s event. The Mad Hatter’s Tea begins with a champagne reception in the beautiful Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden Ginsburg Family Plaza. And a special treat awaits our guests, as Dallas-based life style guru extraordinaire and event planner, Steve Kemble, will be presenting a surprise vignette around the “Adventures in Time” theme. As our guests take their seats in Rosine Hall, emcee, Ron Corning will announce winners of our hat competition. The traditional hat judging will select winners in these categories:

• Gents Top Hats: Timeless • Most True to Theme: Back to the Future
• Botanical: Adam & Eve • Most Whimsical: Roaring Twenties
• Most Elegant: Court of Versailles • Best of Show: 25th Anniversary
• Most Outlandish: Wild, Wild West • Group Hat Award (new)

Next up is the traditional and always spectacular Jan Strimple produced runway fashion presentation, showcasing the Spring 2013 resort fashions of Roberto Cavalli and Oscar de la Renta. Following the fashion show, a tented luncheon will be served outdoors in the Ginsberg Family Plaza.

Mad Hatter’s individual patron level ticket prices are $1,000, $500 and $250, or regular individual tickets at $200. Patron level table pricing available at: $50,000, $20,000, $10,000, $5,000, and $2,500. Tickets may be purchased on-line at: www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org or checks payable to WC-DABG may be mailed to: Linda Spina, 5804 Spring Hill Dr, McKinney, TX 75070. (Note the name(s) of those with whom you wish to be seated) For more information, contact Women’s Council President, Sue Ringle at: suering1@sbcglobal.net or 214-403-9969.
There are many others whose efforts have helped to ensure the Mad Hatter’s Tea is a memorable event. We would like to recognize: Floral Design: Shane Walker; Logo Graphic Design: Arnold Graphic Design; Media Sponsors: Modern Luxury Dallas and My Sweet Charity; Blog Sponsor: My Sweet Charity; Prop Design: Steve Kemble; Media advertising/Underwriting Solicitation: Shay Geyer/IBB Design; Public Relations: (Sharon) Adams Communications; and Reservations Chair: Linda Spina

Thank You To Our Mad Hatter’s Tea Event Sponsors And Contributors

So far we have had a fantastic year at the Women’s Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden! Did you hear the results from 2012? There were 940,000 visitors to our garden, including visitors from all over the world! No doubt, the Chihuly Exhibit swelled our numbers (from a mere 500,000 to 600,000) but, the word has definitely gotten out that a trip to Dallas MUST include a trip to the Dallas Arboretum. The completion of the Rory Meyers Children Adventure Garden in May 2013 will continue to have a positive impact on our garden as well.

A brief recap of 2012 — we started out with a bang! We had a record breaking attendance in September at our Fall Meeting where Maria Conroy and Kate Juett spoke. Later that month we had a Welcome Party at the home of Marcella and Brian Wildes where brand new members and prior members who re-joined this year, gathered for a nice visit and learned more about the Women’s Council. And attendees are still talking about how much they enjoyed the September Chihuly Night Garden Party, planned by event Chair, Jewel Williams. In October, several of us volunteered at the Arboretum one morning. We also had a wonderful Fall Trip tour of McKinney and A Writer’s Garden Literary Symposium where we listened to three women authors discuss their books. Most recently several of our members went to Pasadena, California, to help decorate a Rose Parade float (sponsored by Cal Poly). We enjoyed the parade and wonderful side trips.

In January 2013, we hosted our Winter Meeting, where we recognized Shelby Marcus as a recipient of the Founders Award and listened to Jim Kirk, the CEO of Corporate Magic here in Dallas, tell us of his work with the Rose Parade and other projects. Many thanks to Carole Ann Brown who organized this meeting!

Jocelyn White has a great line-up for the Winter Tea on Sunday, February 24th. Another volunteer opportunity awaits us on March 27th as we meet at the Arboretum at 9:15am to help with the docents for our Spring Volunteer Day.

April 11th is our signature fund raiser – the Mad Hatter’s Tea and Luncheon, which promises to be wonderful as Shay Geyer and Maggie Kipp plan an awesome event for us, to include a style show featuring Roberto Cavalli and Oscar de la Renta. Then on May 1st we have our Spring Trip and garden tour and May 7th we have our Spring Meeting at the Bush Presidential Center. You won’t want to miss a thing! I look forward to seeing you in 2013!  

Sue Ringle’s report on the Pasadena trip: The float that the Women’s Council decorators worked on won the Bob Hope Award for Best Depiction of Humor on a Rose Parade float! We had a great time decorating the Cal Poly (California Polytechnic Institute) float. The students were very patient with us and seemed to genuinely appreciate our help.

The theme of the float was "Penguins Taking Flight!” We never knew how creative you could be with flowers and other plant material until we worked on this float! We also enjoyed several wonderful side trips to the Huntington Gardens, Santa Barbara, and the Gamble House (Procter and Gamble).
Volunteer Day Co-Chairs, Connie Rhoades and Markita Thompson, invite members to participate in the Spring Volunteer Day, which coincides with Dallas Blooms, the largest floral festival in the southwest. Held between March 2nd and April 7th, Dallas Blooms festival features more than 500,000 spring-blooming bulbs. Volunteers meet at the historic DeGolyer mansion on the Arboretum grounds just prior to the morning shift (9:30am to 12:30pm) for assignments. To sign up, contact Markita at 972-596-8463 or via email at mjthompson6@gmail.com. Afterwards, those volunteers who wish to join in a volunteer luncheon (at their expense) may do so meeting on the Terrace of the DeGolyer Garden Café and Tea Room.

Chairwoman of A Writer’s Garden, Jocelyn White (photo at left), has an exciting program planned for the final event in our literary series – one you won’t want to miss! Jocelyn will emcee and serve as conversation host to family friend and Texas native, Janine Turner and daughter, Juliette. This mother/daughter duo are highly accomplished, with talents spanning acting, writing – each have book credits to their name, and political activism. Janine broke onto the national scene as Maggie in "Northern Exposure," making numerous movies for the big and small screen including "Cliffhanger" with Sylvester Stallone & the big screen remake of "Leave it to Be Beaver."

Jocelyn is a conservative radio talk show host, makes ongoing appearances on Fox News Channel, and is a highly acclaimed public speaker. First Lady of Texas Anita Perry said, “After hearing Janine speak, I felt inspired, touched, motivated and – quite frankly – in awe. Her speech was riveting.” She is the author of the Washington Post bestseller book, Holding Her Head High: 12 Single Mothers Who Championed Their Children and Changed History. Her most recent projects are her own radio show, “The Janine Turner Radio Show – Hear the Thunder!” currently via podcast on her website, http://www.janineturner.com and the foundation she created and co-chairs with Cathy Gillespie, “Constituting America,” http://www.constitutingamerica.org devoted to educating American citizens and students about the U.S. Constitution.

Daughter Juliette, is 15 years old and an honor student in Dallas at The Hockaday School. She is the author of "Our Constitution Rocks", which is in its second printing and she has appeared in the Robert Altman film, "Dr. T and the Women," along with her mother. Juliette also starred in her mother’s directorial debut, the short feature "Trip in a Summer Dress."

Note, “A Writer’s Garden Winter Tea” will be held at the Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall on a weekend, on Sunday, February 24th, from 2pm – 4pm so that children and husbands may attend.

Individual tickets are $75 with patron level tickets available as well. Your ticket purchase designates your reservation. Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check made payable to WC-DABG to Renee Querbes Farren, 5218 Edmondson Ave, Dallas, TX 75209, or may be purchased on-line at website: www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org.

You are encouraged to make ticket purchases no later than February 19th.

Fall Volunteer Day – Wednesday, March 27th – 9:30am – 12:30pm

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Women’s Council President, Sue Ringle, Winter meeting Co-Chairs, Susan Scullin and Jill Goldberg, and Vice-President of Programs, Renee Farren, are very excited about plans for the Spring General Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at the George W. Bush Presidential Center, just days after the official May 1st public opening.

The program speaker, Honorable Mark Langdale, (photo below) as President of the George W. Bush Foundation, has been responsible for the development and start-up of the George W. Bush Presidential Center. Langdale was appointed as Ambassador to Costa Rica from 2005 to 2008. Previously, he served as president of Posadas USA from 1989 until 2005 and as the Chairman of the Texas Department of Economic Development, from 1997 to 2001.

The Bush Presidential Center will house the George W. Bush Presidential Library, the 13th presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration, the Presidential Museum and the official records of the 43rd President’s Administration, and the George W. Bush Institute, a public policy forum focusing on education reform, global health, human freedom, and economic growth. The building is a 226,565 square-foot brick and limestone structure located on a prominent 23-acre site on the campus of Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas.

As the event approaches details will be emailed & invitations mailed to membership as well. Contact Jill Goldberg for further info: 214-502-7306 or jdipogo@aol.com. (Note, the Center address is: 2943 SMU Blvd, Dallas, TX; and is bounded by 75/Central Expwy (E), Potomac Ave (S), Dublin St (W) and SMU Blvd (N).)
Donor Naming Update

On behalf of the Women’s Council, Patricia Cowlishaw, VP, Donor Naming (photo at left) would like to offer our sincerest thanks to these friends for their generous gifts to A Woman’s Garden:

- **Barbara and Bob Bigham** in naming a stone bench on The Serpentine
- **Deborah Greenleaf** in naming a stone bench on The Serpentine
- **Michele Wegmann and Ron Leidig** in naming a Bald Cypress in Orchid Hollow

For information regarding naming opportunities in *A Woman’s Garden*, please contact Patricia Cowlishaw: 972.239.1702, or via email: patriciacowlishaw@sbcglobal.net

A Woman’s Garden Update

Providing an update on the current and planned development of A Woman’s Garden, VP, Garden Projects, Marsha Dowler, (photo at left) stated that the most recent installation to Phase II, originally conceived as a minimalist garden theme called “Las Cedras” (The Cedars), was re-designed in response to the strong elements of Red Maple Rill: a dominant water feature and world-class collection of Japanese Maples.

WC-DABG had granted the Arboretum permission to cross the boundary of A Woman’s Garden with the required ADA walkway. The steep grade of the site dictated a wide serpentine path coursing from top to bottom, hence the renaming of the site “The Serpentine.” A careful selection of plant materials introduced a specimen new to the Arboretum, Dwarf Ginko, creating an extended show of autumn colors that will echo the anticipated beauty of the Japanese Maples in Red Maple Rill and visually re-state the perforated boundary of A Woman’s Garden. Donor naming benches are installed in key spots, several of these have been “named” as noted by Patricia Cowlishaw above.

The lowest section of The Serpentine was intentionally left undeveloped due to the future construction of a tram path on what is now used as a maintenance service road. Until those plans are developed in cooperation with the Arboretum and in compliance with ADA regulations, we have avoided duplicate expense and probable repairs by postponing development of the final section of *A Woman’s Garden*.

Additionally, Phase II official completion is pending development of the last four small garden rooms. “Dogwood Trace” will require renaming/redesign as the American Flowering Dogwoods have succumbed to a viral disease for which there is no known treatment. We project garden development in these small “pocket” areas will have minimal impact on annual maintenance costs for Phase II. Later in 2013, we will meet again with Dave Forehand, Vice-President of Gardens, to reassess these areas for completion.

Review of Prior Events

Winter meeting Chairman, Carole Ann Brown, spearheaded the planning for the Winter General Meeting at the Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall. Attendees enjoyed program speaker, Jim Kirk, and the opportunity to honor 2012 – 2013 Founders Award recipient, Shelby Marcus, a charter member of the Women’s Council for her long-time dedication to *A Woman’s Garden*. Upon the 1991 site selection for *A Woman’s Garden*, Shelby Marcus joined with Mrs. Eugene McDermott to secure art for the garden, helping to define the “Garden as Art” intention of this newly developed space.

Additionally, she served on the landscape architect selection committee, which chose Morgan Wheelock to interpret the creative, nurturing spirit of woman in the creation of picturesque garden rooms, walkways, the incorporation of water features, hardscape and plantings, which in total invite and celebrate the deeper symbolic qualities of woman. Shelby has chaired significant events in our 30-year history, including the 1988 Great Gatsby Party, the 1990 Mad Hatter’s Tea, the 1997 Phase I garden Gala Opening, and the 2006 Phase II garden opening. Our thanks to her for many years of service to *A Woman’s Garden*.
“A smashing success!” is how attendees described the sixth season kick-off of the Women’s Council A Writer’s Garden Literary Series. Jocelyn White, Chairwoman and Sue Ringle, Women’s Council President, welcomed guests to the program entitled “Searching for Beauty,” and an exciting line-up of women speakers and authors: Cherie Burns, author of Searching for Beauty--The Life of Millicent Rogers; The Great Hurricane: 1938; and Stepmotherhood—How to Survive Without Feeling Frustrated, Left Out or Wicked; Jennifer Pickens, author of Christmas at the White House – Reflections From America’s First Ladies, and Pets at the White House – Fifty Years of Presidents and Their Pets.; and Carolyn Westbrook, author of The French Inspired Home; Carolyn Westbrook Home; Where Women Create – Inspiring Work Spaces of Extraordinary Women; and Vintage Vavoom.
Linda Spina planned a wonderful day trip to Frisco and McKinney last fall. The day began at the Texas Sculpture Garden, at The Hall Collection with guide Kristina Hall Hahsler, daughter of Craig Hall and his wife, Kathryn, former U.S. Ambassador to Austria. Next up was a visit to The World Collection Park (7 acres of land donated by David Craig of Craig Ranch) and the Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney, which were begun by Texas horticulturist, Neil Sperry. Neil shared the vision for this project. Mid-day found the group in downtown McKinney – lunch at Rick’s Chophouse, shopping and a tour of the Edna Rogers and Heard-Craig houses.

Chihuly Night Garden Party – September 30th

Jewel Williams, Chairwoman for the Chihuly Night Garden Party, planned a spectacular private reception in the garden: cocktails and passed hors d’oeuvres, buffet dinner, a saxophone soloist, lovely weather and the enchantment of the Chihuly exhibit combined for a beautifully memorable evening for all.
From The Editor

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We close on a sad note as we extend condolences to Women’s Council members who lost family members in the close of 2012: long-time member, Virginia Dykes, who lost her husband, Roland Dykes; Renee Farren, who lost her mother and Bettina Hennessy, who lost her father. To these members and others unmentioned, our thoughts are with you.

Nancy Connor, VP Membership, announced that in this 2012 – 2013 year we have over 600 members, including more than 100 new members and have received over $64,000 in dues.

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