President’s Letter

We have such an exciting year ahead! I would like to welcome everyone and invite you to be a part of the Women’s Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 2010 – 2011 year. It is an honor to be serving as your President and with so many exciting and informative events planned; I know there will be something for everyone. Your Women’s Council Board and committee members have been working diligently to assemble the many programs and activities that we look forward to each year. Remember, you are always welcome to bring guests to the various events and we encourage you to introduce others to the beauty of A Woman’s Garden. On the last page of the newsletter you will find the 2010 – 2011 calendar of events; however, I would like to highlight several of the fall events.

In early September we invite our new members to the New Member reception at the Arboretum Camp House, followed by the Fall General Meeting at Brook Hollow Golf Club on September 28th; and “A Writer’s Garden” literary series launches September 29th with the first of five events. The first event, hosted in A Woman’s Garden, will explore the creative nexus of the garden with painting, drawing, photography and journaling offered in a series of casual garden workshops. In mid October, we look forward to the second event in “A Writer’s Garden” as landscape architect and storyteller Chip Callaway highlights his restoration of beautiful Southern gardens. Also, you won’t want to miss the October 28th fall trip to Clark Gardens and the Fort Worth Japanese Botanical Gardens.

The Women’s Council is an active group, so you can imagine all of the combined effort it takes to bring these wonderful programs and events to you. Many thanks go to all of the committee members who have helped on various projects throughout this past spring and summer. I would also like to thank Sue Ringle, Membership Chairman and Kay Braly, Assistant Membership chairman; Jennifer Mira, Database Manager; Megan Meyercord, Yearbook Chairman; Amanda Shafer, Yearbook Design; Bettina Hennessy, Program Chairman; Susan Hulick, Fall Meeting Chairman; Jill Goldberg, Invitations; Melissa Lewis and Anne Mercer, New Member Reception Chairmen; Glenda Cotner, A Writer’s Garden Chairman; Susan Walker, Mad Hatter’s Chairman; Linda Spina, Website Administrator; Charlotte Kimberlin, Service & Education; Helen Tieber, Volunteer Days Chairman; Susan Scullin, Board Meeting Arrangements; Carol Huckin, Board Hospitality; Dana Harkey, Board Notices; Patricia Cowlishaw, Donor Naming; Marsha Dowler, Garden Projects; Carmen Glenn and Karen Eubanks, Treasurer and Treasurer-elect, respectively; Carolyn Robbins, Esprit de Corps; Carole Boss, bulb sales; and of course Cheryl Buckles, Newsletter.

I look forward to a great year. Contact me anytime, I would love to hear from you! Sharon Barbee

New Member Party – Thursday, September 9th, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

In the first event of the year, New Member Party co-chairs, Melissa Lewis and Anne Mercer welcome new members to a catered reception by Blue Mesa at the Arboretum Camp House. New members will hear about the exciting plans for the coming year, meet the Women’s Council Board and enjoy a garden tour. RSVP to: melissa_a_lewis@sbglobal.net or 214-503-1648. To join the Women’s Council call Membership Chair, Sue Ringle at: 214-522-9969 or join on-line at www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org
Fall Meeting – Tuesday, September 28, 10am

Fall meeting Chairman, Susan Hulick, and assistant Jill Goldberg have collaborated with Bettina Hennessy on the plans and program for the Fall meeting to be held at the Brook Hollow Golf Club, located at: 8301 Harry Hines Blvd in Dallas. Program Speaker, Ambassador Mark Langdale, President of the George W. Bush Foundation will discuss: Home For A Presidency: The George W. Bush Center – Concept and Content. Reception begins at 10:00am followed by the meeting & program 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 $50 check made out to WC-DABG confirms the luncheon reservation, and must be received by September 23rd (mail to: Jill Goldberg / 4319 Arcady Ave / Dallas, TX 75205). RSVP to: Jill Goldberg at 214-528-2757 or jdpogo@aol.com if you plan to attend the program only and not luncheon.

George W. Bush Presidential Center – Open 2013 on SMU campus (Rendering: Michael McCann for Robert A.M. Stern Architects)

Fall Service and Education Trip – Thursday, October 28th

Service and Education Chair, Charlotte Kimberlin has planned a fall bus trip to Clark Gardens (right, top) and the Japanese Botanical Gardens (right, bottom). Opened in 2000, Clark Gardens Botanical Park is a breathtaking 35 acre oasis located between Weatherford and Mineral Wells, Texas – where waterfalls sparkle in the sunlight splashing down to ponds and lakes, where black and white swans along with other waterfowl, glide in the shimmering waters. A stop for lunch at the Colonial Country Club is followed by a visit to the Japanese Botanical Gardens in Ft. Worth, Texas. An $80 check (limited seating) made out to WC-DABG serves as your trip reservation; mail to: Charlotte Kimberlin, 3322 Shorecrest Dr, Suite 200, Dallas, TX 75235. For questions, call Charlotte at: 214-351-0885

Winter Service & Education Trip – Thursday, February 10th

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. 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. This spectacular trip includes: four nights double occupancy at the Mill House Hotel (1853) ($520 single surcharge), four breakfasts, five luncheons, two dinners (w/option to add two more dinners @ $50 each), two cocktail receptions, transportation to/from the Charleston airport, plantation and home & garden tours. 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)
- By December 15, 2010: $420 (payable to: WC-DABG; plus $100 if plan 2 additional 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
A Writer’s Garden Literary Series returns to Rosine Hall for its fourth fabulous season. Chairman, Glenda Cotner (left), joins with our Honorary Chairwoman, Women’s Council member, Dallas Arboretum Botanical Society board member, and long-time supporter of the Arboretum, Shirley McIntyre (right), to welcome members and guests to this years outstanding program series featuring internationally recognized speakers and bestselling authors whose works celebrate history, intrigue, whimsy & humor. Organized along a literary construct, the series opens with an outdoor workshop event entitled: “Prologue: A Woman’s Garden: En Plein Air” in September. In October, we explore in “Chapter One: Gardens, A Legacy of the South,” the restoration of some of the most beautiful historic Southern mansion and plantation gardens and estates. In November, we welcome three very diverse, entertaining authors and speakers to “Chapter Two: A Literary Symposium and Luncheon.” We close out the calendar year with the December literary series event: “Chapter Three: Christmas at the White House,” and a delightful Christmas brunch. An epilogue to the series is presented in February of next year, with a Valentine’s Tea at the DeGolyer House.

Prologue: A Woman’s Garden: En Plein Air – Wednesday, September 29th 10am – 12pm

In the first event of A Writer’s Garden series, we invite members, friends and spouses to enjoy a morning in A Woman’s Garden with local artisans leading a series of creative workshops. Dress casually and comfortably, bring your camera and your art supplies, your favorite garden chair or blanket (there will be some garden chairs provided). Everyone will meet at the Gazebo in A Woman’s Garden at 10am for coffee and treats in the garden and a chance to mix and mingle, then adjourn with their requested workshop leader. Local artist, Judy Campbell, and other professionals will lead informal workshops designed to share tips on composition, design and technique in painting, drawing, photography, journaling or gardening. Everyone is welcome, from the avid enthusiast to novice hobbyist. This is your chance to enjoy a beautiful fall day in the garden and let the natural beauty of your surroundings inspire your personal expression and creativity. The workshop cost is $35; see page 5 for payment information.

Download workshop form at: www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org, click on “A Writer’s Garden,” click on “En Plein Air” form, and make your workshop selection. Mailed form must be received before September 20th.

Chapter One: Gardens, A Legacy of the South – Thursday, October 14th 11am – 1pm

Chip Callaway, noted landscape architect and founder of Callaway & Associates of Greensboro, North Carolina presents: “Gardens: A Legacy of the South” in Rosine Hall. Over the past 25 years Chip and his staff have designed nearly 1000 gardens ranging from large estates to small patios, with commissions from Nantucket and Long Island to Palm Beach and England, with the majority of the projects coming from the Carolinas and Virginia. The gardens and designs created by Callaway & Associates have been featured in many print publications, including Southern Accents, Southern Living, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Horticulture Magazine, Fine Gardening and Cottage Living. A natural story teller, Chip has delighted audiences from coast to coast. (A luncheon will be served.)
The centerpiece of A Writer’s Garden series is the Literary Symposium & Luncheon, hosted in Rosine Hall. Opening with author, storyteller and avid gardener, Carolyn Freas Rapp, we hear her account of life-affirming stories – stories of heartache, humor and triumph set within lovingly cultivated gardens. In her book, “Garden Voices: Studies of Women & their Gardens,” Ms. Rapp shares twelve inspiring stories of women who find in their gardens: healing, inspiration and nourishment throughout the seasons of their lives. For these women, cultivation of their gardens becomes a metaphor for the cultivation of life-long friendships and a better understanding of themselves as well as a testimony to the rewards of delving not only into the soil, but into the soul.

Founder of “Beauty and the Book,” the only combination beauty salon and book store in the nation, and author of “The Pulpwood Queen’s Tiara-Wearing, Book-Sharing Guide To Life,” Jefferson, Texas author, Kathy Patrick, will share her hilarious and heart warming memoir celebrating the transformative power of friendship, sisterhood and reading. Kathy Patrick founded the national book clubs, The Pulpwood Queens and the Timber Guys, promoting reading and literacy, which now has 265 chapters nationwide and an international book club with chapters in nine foreign countries. Her book club has received media attention, having been featured on Good Morning America, Oprah, in Newsweek, Time, The Wall Street Journal and The Los Angeles Times. She’s hosted New York Times best-selling authors Rue McClanahan, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Kinky Friedman and Pat Conroy (a personal favorite). She’s done celebrities hair for concerts including The Go Go’s, Art Garfunkel, The B-52’s and most recently, Joan Rivers! You’re in for a treat as Kathy shares the insights and anecdotes that have made her a national sensation.

British-born author, Rhys Bowen, joins us to present her delectable whodunits. Nominated for every major award in mystery writing including the Edgar, Agatha, and Anthony awards, Rhys’ latest lighthearted romantic mysteries, the Royal Spyness Series, vividly evokes 1930’s England and features a feisty modern heroine, the impoverished aristocrat, Lady “Georgie” Georgiana. Great granddaughter of Queen Victoria and cousin to King George V, Georgie moonlights as a maid in order to make ends meet. Her madcap antics evoke the naughty funniness of “Bridget Jones” and the stuffy aristocracy of “Gosford Park” Britain. And speaking of movies, a British movie production of “Her Royal Spyness” is underway and another of her series has been optioned for a television series. Rhys (pronounced Reece) is a celebrated and widely published author of several spy/espionage and mystery series and is sure to entertain and enliven our literary program.

Dallas’ own Jennifer Pickens will present her book, “Christmas at the White House” at a Christmas brunch in Rosine Hall. Celebrate this magical time of year with a presentation of the holiday traditions and décor, which have graced America’s most famous address, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Selected by USA Today as one of the top ten great gift books of 2009, “Christmas at the White House” captures the ceremonies of public performance against the intimacy of family life in over 500 exquisite rare photographs spanning over fifty years of history and nine different administrations. Following the Women’s Council Christmas Brunch, guests are encouraged to view the holiday decorations at the DeGolyer House.
Epilogue: 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 a philanthropist, author, mother of five, grandmother of nineteen & great-grandmother of twelve.

A Writer’s Garden invitation booklets with pricing details will be mailed soon. Make your reservations to attend all five (5) exceptional events and consider sponsorship and/or patron level participation. To purchase on-line go to: www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.com (VISA or MC). For event/series purchase by check, make check payable to WC-DABG and mail to: Linda Spina, 5804 Spring Hill Dr, McKinney, TX 75070. For more information or questions about events, contact Linda at: 214-797-5966 or linda.spina@sbcglobal.net

Thursday, April 21, 2011
Honorary Chair: Yvonne Crum Chairman: Susan Walker
Rosine Hall – Dallas Arboretum

A Woman’s Garden: Update on El Bosque & Orchid Hollow Garden Projects / Donor Naming

Marsha Dowler, VP, Garden Projects and Patricia Cowlishaw, VP, Donor Naming, report that after a protracted beginning due to site testings, weather delays, and coordination around Arboretum public events, Orchid Hollow now boasts a gracious limestone walkway that provides safe public access through what will be a unique wet woodland shade garden. The steps, designed with a gently curving sweep taking full advantage of the backdrop provided by El Bosque and the Lower Meadow, immediately became a favorite spot for bridal portraits. A single limestone slab bench, recalling the minimalist sculptures of Donald Judd and the sculptural reliefs of James Magee, both nationally recognized Texas artists, offers a powerful yet peaceful vignette. Framed by two bald cypress, this newest landmark feature offers a distinctive donor naming opportunity. For information on donor naming opportunities contact Patricia at: 972-239-1702 or email: patriciacowlishaw@sbcglobal.net.

Fall Volunteer Day – Wednesday, October 27th

Volunteer Day Chairman, Helen Tieber, invites members to participate in the Fall Volunteer Day. Volunteers meet at the 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. Volunteer Orientation will be offered Wednesday, Oct. 20th at the DeGolyer House, 9am – 11am. Contact Helen Tieber at: 972-490-1143 to sign up for orientation and/or volunteer day.

Morning shifts: 9:00am to 12:00pm AND/OR Afternoon shifts: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Carole Boss (left), the chairman of the WC-DABG annual bulb/holiday poinsettia sales event reminds members that this fundraiser will be launched entirely on-line this year; the paper forms mailed in years past will no longer be used. The on-line form will be posted on the website by mid-September at: www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.com

Our Condolences: On August 6, 2010 long-time Women’s Council member and two-term Vice President, Service and Education, Elizabeth Lee (right), lost her courageous battle against cancer. Elizabeth was a retired teacher, musician, and active in her church as well as the Women’s Council. Our sincere condolences also to our Women’s Council President, Sharon Barbee, whose husband, Lin Barbee, passed away on June 30, 2010. Lin was a retired attorney and partner at Fulbright & Jaworski. We mourn their passing and offer our condolences to the Lee and Barbee families.
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