Art and the Garden Luncheon Meeting September 17

The September General Meeting will be Monday, September 17th 10 am at The Mansion on Turtle Creek. The speaker will be **Lynn Rushton**, Public Art Collection Manager for the City of Dallas. The program will be “Art and the Garden: An Outdoor Museum.”

President **Linda Spina** met our speaker, Lynn Rushton, while Lynn was the Executive Director of the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts in McKinney. Linda was immediately drawn to Lynn’s engaging personality and her passion and knowledge of art.

Lynn Rushton is the Public Art Collection and Conservation Manager for the City of Dallas overseeing the Public Art once it becomes part of the collection. She tracks its condition, educates the public, and develops outreach programs to engage the community. She has worked with museums and cultural institutions for more than twenty years, from early work at the Smithsonian's National Museum for American Art in DC and the Kennedy Center to her recent work as the Executive Director of the Heard Craig Center for the Arts. Deeply committed to public service, Rushton has been a member of various service organizations and is a multi award winning visual artist. Rushton is also a Dallas native.

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**Fall Garden Tour**

Join the Women’s Council on Thursday, October 25 for a tour of three gardens with their landscape architects.

The bus will meet at Temple Emanuel at 8:30 a.m.

Cost is $75/lunch included

Questions, contact Nancy Connor, 214.415.2184

President’s Letter

There are so many exciting things to share!

Our year took off with a bang when 18 lucky ladies and 3 brave husbands traveled to the Newport Flower Show in June. From The Breakers to Doris Duke’s mansion Rough Point to a lobster dinner at the New York Yacht Club and lunch with Martha Stewart, it was a memorable trip. Thank you Sarah Andry for your leadership.

Fall begins our year in earnest and we are happy to welcome over 45 new members. Membership VP Gail Vesledahl has been hard at work since the spring with wonderful results. Membership is so important to all we do. Please take the time to meet our new members and to invite your friends to become members.

We are over the moon that Style Icon and Gardener Extraordinaire Carolyne Roehm and Curator Emerita of the Metropolitan Museum of Art Colta Ives will be our speakers for A Writer’s Garden Literary Symposium and Luncheon on November 14th. This will be a blockbuster event and tickets have been selling since the Announcement Party at Honorary Chair Barbara Hunt Crow’s lovely home. I’ll keep the location of the Patron Party as a surprise, but the home owner is a highly regarded interior designer and bestselling author with a love of French décor.

We have great meetings planned in September, December, and May with programs on Art and the Garden, Entertaining with Todd Fiscus, and Cooking with John Tesar.

March will bring a new evening event at the Arboretum. A chance for husbands and significant others to join us. Stay tuned for more details.

April 11 brings our signature fundraising event, The Mad Hatter’s Tea, at the Arboretum. TOOTSIES will be our Fashion Sponsor, with unstoppable Jan Strimple at the helm producing the Runway Show. The real stars of the event are our attendees who never disappoint with all varieties of wonderful hats. Truly, a not to be missed event!

All our fundraising efforts are in support of A Woman’s Garden at the Arboretum. Our garden is the only public garden in the nation conceived by women, funded by the efforts of women, and dedicated to the spirit of women. Maintained under the loving guidance of our loyal members, in partnership with the Dallas Arboretum, it is a very special place.

This year we especially remember Margaret McDermott who, with Virginia Nick, founded our organization 36 years ago. We are grateful for their visionary leadership that led to the creation of A Woman’s Garden, a Dallas treasure for all to enjoy.

I am honored to serve as your President and I look forward to seeing you soon at one of our events!

Linda Spina

Linda Spina, Women’s Council President 2018-2019
12th Annual “A Writer's Garden” Literary Symposium and Luncheon
The Women’s Council of the Dallas Arboretum revealed the Honorary Chair and the distinguished authors for the 12th Annual “A Writer’s Garden” Literary Symposium and Luncheon A Passion for Gardens at a reception on June 18 in the beautiful Highland Park home of Barbara Hunt Crow. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Rosine Hall at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

Linda Spina, Women’s Council president, welcomed guests and Event Chairman Michelle Mew announced that longtime supporter of the Dallas Arboretum and the Dallas community, Barbara Hunt Crow, will be the Honorary Chairman.

“A Writer’s Garden” Literary Symposium is an annual Fall Fundraiser which has presented outstanding authors and speakers. The 2018 program will feature Carolyne Roehm, internationally recognized style icon and gardener extraordinaire, and Colta Ives, renowned art historian and landscape designer.

An exclusive “Meet the Authors” Reception for Sponsors and Patrons is planned for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in a private residence. Invitations will be mailed.

Sponsor Underwriting Levels for “A Writer’s Garden” Literary Symposium and Luncheon are $25,000, $15,000, $10,000, $5,000, and $2,500. Individual Patron tickets are $1,500, $1,000, $500, and $250. Individual tickets are $150 for Symposium and Luncheon and $125 per person for Symposium Only. Information is available at www.Womenscouncildallasarboretum.org. For further information: Michelle Mew, Event Chair, 214-236-2564 or mmew1111@aol.com or Mary Ellen Winborn, Reservations Chair, 214-369-2246 or mewinborn@sbcglobal.net.

The Lisianthus Society
The Lisianthus Society was created in 2015 to recognize members and friends for their generosity, dedication and support of the Women’s Council’s annual fundraising events. WCDABG members who support the Women’s Council in one of the following ways will be invited to become a member of the Society:

- Annual dues at the Patron level and above
- A Writer’s Garden Patron Level ticket and above
- Participation as a Fundraising Event Underwriter or Table Sponsor
- Participation in A Woman’s Garden annual appeal.

Lisianthus Society members will receive an invitation to an exclusive Spring Tea honoring Lisianthus Society members and special benefits. A minimum $500 donation to a single event or a membership of $500 and over is required. For more information please contact Dorothea Meltzer, admnj@msn.com.

News and Notes
Get well wishes to: Susan Vaughan Bayley, Mary Brinegar, Sue Walthal. Condolences to the families of Carole B. Boss, Eileen George, Margaret McDermott, Patricia Moderi, Martha Peak, Sue Ringle, and Barbara Gary on the loss of her mother. Please send news to Care and Concern Chair Carole Ann Brown, 972-733-8833, or caroleannbrown@sbcglobal.net.

Come Plant Mums
Members of the Women’s Council are invited to plant mums on Tuesday, September 25th at 9:30 for about 2 hours. Please dress for gardening and bring your gloves. The Arboretum will provide the trowels and have the flowers placed for us to dig holes and plant. “Dutch treat” lunch will follow at the DeGolyer Cafe afterwards for any wanting to stay. Contact Sarah Andry, sarahwilsonandry@yahoo.com for information.

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Writer’s Garden Announcement Party
Top left: Venise Stuart, Glenda Cotner and Bettina Hennessy; Top right: Linda Spina, Dorothea Meltzer, Barbara Crow and Michelle Mew; Center right: Bok and Sharon Walker and Mary Jo and Jack Lincicome; Middle left: Barbara and Bob Bigham; Bottom right: Dyann Skelton, Mollie Crow, Renée Farren, Nancy Bierman.
Newport Flower Show

Top right: Attendees at the Newport Flower Show in June 2018: Lori Bush, Jolie Humphrey, Michelle Mew, Sarah Freeman, Lisa Meyer, Bettina Hennessy, Frank Spina, Sarah Andry, Linda Spina, Renée Farren, Kathy Cothrum, Nancy Connor, Beth Walthall, Wilson Walthall, Maura Pugh, Mary Ellen Winborn, Stephanie Walker. During the Gilded Age, America’s wealthiest families flocked to the City by the Sea and its surrounding areas; making the area their summertime playground. The meticulous preservation of breathtaking grounds and cliffside vantage points of these homes.

Anne Amis. Left: Warren’s Property, home on the Garden Tour Thursday, October 25.

Right Center: Sharla Bush and Terri Irby, 2019 Mad Hatters Co-Chairs.

Bottom Right: Bettina Hennessy, Linda Spina and Mary Ellen Winborn.
Calendar 2018 ~ 2019

September
Wednesday, September - 12th Board Meeting
Thursday, September 13th - New Member Coffee
Monday, September 17th - General Meeting
Tuesday, September 25 - Volunteer Day, Mum Planting, The Dallas Arboretum

October
Wednesday, October 3rd - Board Meeting
Thursday, October 25 - Local Garden Trip

November
Tuesday, November 13th - Writer’s Garden Patron Party
Wednesday, November 14th - Writer’s Garden Literary Symposium and Luncheon