Water was the theme of the day at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 16. Dr. Andrew Sansom, our program speaker, is one of Texas’ leading conservationists. He now serves as Research Professor of Geography and Executive Director of the The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State. He gave an informative talk on the world’s shortage of water, including right here in Texas. Venise Stuart, Event Chair, carried the water theme throughout from the invitation to the party favors. Before the program began, Melissa Lewis, President, presented the Service and Leadership awards to Mary Ellen Winborn and Bettina Hennessy, respectively. Dorothea Meltzer and Linda Spina were presented with gifts for their work on the Writer’s Garden and Mad Hatter’s. After the program, door prizes were presented; and members and guests proceeded to a delightful lunch created by Glenda Cotner. It was a wonderful day and a great ending for 2016-2017.
A Message from the President

Thank you all so much for your support of the Women’s Council and our wonderful events this year! This has been a year of education, renewal, and opportunities for friendship with fellow Women’s Council members. We celebrated the 100th year of the National Parks System with Russ Whitlock, the Superintendent of the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, learned about holiday decorating with flowers from Margot Shaw, Founder and Editor of Flower Magazine; and just last week Dr. Andy Sansom discussed Texas’ long-term water forecast and we heard ways we can be good stewards of our natural resources. Our Writer’s Garden Symposium focused on “Women in the Garden;” and we heard from Virginia Grace Tuttle, Susan Haltom, and Jan Johnsen who shared their thoughts on garden design, the development of flower gardens in America, and the transforming power of nature. As always, we ended the year with the best party in Dallas. The Mad Hatter’s Tea and Luncheon brought a taste of Tuscany to the Arboretum! The fabulous hats, the style show featuring designs by designer Rachel Zoe, and the thoroughly Tuscan food made for a day like no other.

The Women’s Council was involved in an extensive capital project as several areas of A Woman’s Garden received a complete refurbishment. The Sunset Oak Garden, the Infinity III Wind Harp, the Harmony Repose and the Lower Waterview Garden have been restored to the original plan designed by Morgan Wheelock with plant specimens carefully chosen by Warren Johnson to represent the spirit of A Woman’s Garden.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, purchased tickets, or underwrote events to make the 2016-17 year so memorable and successful! There are a lot of moving parts in an organization the size of the Women’s Council, and our success is a direct reflection on our members and our board.

I am honored to continue on as the President for the 2017-18 year. We will be celebrating the 35th year of the Women’s Council and the 20th year of A Woman’s Garden. In celebration of our 35th year, we will embark on a $1,000,000 fundraising campaign to honor our founders and serve as a legacy to our future. Proceeds raised will go to ensure A Woman’s Garden will continue to be the jewel of the Dallas Arboretum that embodies the strength and spirit of a woman.

Melissa Lewis, President

The purpose of this organization shall be to support and promote the interest and growth of A Woman’s Garden and The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden.
SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY

Our Spring Volunteer Day was held on Friday, April 7. It was a beautiful day just at the end of Dallas Blooms. We were busy nonstop with guests coming to see the DeGolyer House.

Our volunteers for the day were: Elaine Belcher, Betty Brownlee, Regina Bruce, Suzanne Guthrie, Jessica Horn, Missy MacNaughton, Judy, Shepard, and Connie Rhoades (Chair).

After our shift was over, several of us treated ourselves to a lovely lunch at the Canopy Café. It was a great time for conversation and getting to know each other better.

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LEADERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to
Bettina Hennessy
For Leadership
and
Mary Ellen Winborn
For Service

SERVICE AWARD

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Be watching for your 2017-2018 Membership Letter.

Our 2017-2018 Board.

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