Get Ready for the Holidays!
The Women’s Council fall meeting and luncheon was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at The Mansion on Turtle Creek. The morning began with a 10:00 am coffee honoring the 75 new Women’s Council members, followed by a meeting, program and luncheon.

“Designing Sisters”, Metka Terselich, owner of Dallas Event Floral and her sister Dunia Borga, Executive Pastry Chef of La Duni Restaurants are from Columbia. Together, they created a Viennese Holiday dessert table with tips on both floral and food design. Chairs were Dixie Marshall and Allison Brodnax. Glenda Krotfinger Cotner planned the program.

The Tyler Rose Festival
Join our whirlwind trip to Tyler on Friday, October 16 to take in the highlights of the 82nd annual Texas Rose Festival. Our private coach will depart Inwood Village promptly at 8:15 am for our first stop at the Tyler Rose Museum, which preserves the rich history and pageantry of the Rose Festival. We will also tour the Rose Show, featuring an exquisite display of over 14,000 Tyler Rose blooms, and the world-famous Tyler Municipal Rose Garden, decorated with more than 600 varieties of roses and 38,000 rose bushes is full bloom. After rejoining our coach, the TRF Ladies’ Luncheon awaits us, featuring The Right Honorable Countess of Carnarvon as guest speaker. Lady Carnarvon is the eighth and current Countess of Highclere Castle, the real-life setting of the popular television series “Downton Abbey.” We will enjoy our patron preferred seating, as she will share the history and thrilling world of the “real” Downton Abbey and its inhabitants. Following lunch, we will attend the Coronation of the Queen of the 2015 Texas Rose Festival. We will return to Inwood Village by 7 PM. Come join us! If you have any questions, contact Sue John at 214-802-8028 or sjd449@airmail.net. Your payment of $250.00 per person is due by September 11. This price includes motor coach transportation, entrance to the Tyler Rose Museum, Tyler Rose Festival Ladies’ Luncheon Patron Tickets and seating at the Matinee Coronation.

Volunteer Days at the Arboretum
The WCDABG Fall Volunteer Day will be on Tuesday, October 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteer venues include the DeGolyer Estate, A Woman’s Garden as well as other outdoor exhibits. Volunteers are welcome to stay afterwards for a dutch treat lunch at the DeGolyer Tearoom Terrace. To volunteer please contact Bettina Hennessy, 214-293-0981 or hennesdk@yahoo.com. Co-chairs: Bettina Hennessy, Missy MacNaughton and Markita Thompson.

A Southern Christmas - New Orleans Style
The party of the season will be held on Wednesday, December 2 at the Camp House. The fun begins at 6:30 pm when a New Orleans Jazz Trio will set the mood for you to experience a Creole Reveillon Buffet provided by Papadeaux/Pappas Catering. Wear your comfortable shoes so that you can stroll the Arboretum and visit DeGolyer house to experience the beauty of the season at the Arboretum. Tickets will begin at $100 per person. For more information or to work on the committee, please contact Dixey 214-232-5054 darterburn@sbcglobal.net or Ginger 214-693-3416 or ginsager@gmail.com. Co-Chairs: Dixey Arterburn and Ginger Sager
Presidents Letter

Thank you for joining the Women’s Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden! We are already off and running. Missy MacNaughton and Misty Smathers chaired “Here Comes the Sun” our first ever Cool Thursday Concert featuring a Hard Nights Day tribute to the Beatles. The weather was beautiful at the Arboretum and the band was fabulous. On September 9, we had a record turnout of 185 members for our Fall General Meeting and New Members Reception. Dixie Marshall and Allison Brodnax did a fabulous job of squeezing every last seat out of the Mansion due to a record crowd. Nancy Cates is to be congratulated on welcoming 35 of the 77 new members and counting. Glenda Cotner planned a wonderful program, “Designing Sisters.” A special thank you to Sandy Secor who has been working on our directory and is the editor of this beautiful newsletter.

See you soon,

Renee Querbes Farren, President

Join Us On Our Pilgrimage to a City Full of Wonder - BOSTON From May 9-13, 2016

Boston has played an innovative and central role in American history for over 300 years. Celebrating its 160th birthday, we will be staying at the Omni Parker House Hotel. It is located along the Freedom Trail and at the foot of Beacon Hill, Boston Common, Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall marketplace. Parker’s Restaurant is home to the creation of Parker House Rolls and the Boston Cream Pie. On our first day will take a “Duck Tour” on a W.W. II style amphibious landing vehicle. On our pilgrimage, we will visit several museums including the Isabella Stewart Gardener and the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. We will enjoy a private, docent guided tour of the Boston Library, a dinner cruise of Boston Harbor, the Arboretum at Harvard and the Boston Public Gardens, Lenox to see The Mount, home of Edith Wharton. We will eat at some of Boston’s finest restaurants including our Farewell dinner at The Top of The Hub overlooking the whole city. The historic homes that we will have the opportunity to tour are the Nichols House, Otis House and Gibson House. Once you step off the plane everything is included. Total cost $3895. Send a deposit of $1500 to save your place. Remainder due Nov. 1. We will send the flight information after Nov. 1 to those going on the trip. For more information, please contact: Charlotte Kimberlin, 214-546-6065; Nancie Wagner, 214-369-5246.

Cool Thursday - A Hard Night’s Day Tribute to the Beatles

The Women’s Council celebrated the Beatles on September 10, 2015 at the Dallas Arboretum. Members brought their significant other and celebrated “Come Together” for a fun evening “With a Little Help from my Friends”. For the first time ever, WCDABG members had the chance to reserve tables and chairs for an evening at the Cool Thursday Concert Series at the Arboretum, located atop the Rutchik Lawn to enjoy a “Ticket to Ride.” Co-chairs for this event were Missy MacNaughton and Misty Smathers.

Newsletter - send information and photos to Sandy Secor, genesisv1@earthlink.net. Next deadline 11-5-2015.
WOMEN’S COUNCIL  Fall General Meeting

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A Writer’s Garden Literary Symposium & Luncheon
“Designing Women/Artistic Vision”

Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Dallas Arboretum - Rosine Hall

Shelby Marcus, Honorary Chair
Dorothea Meltzer, Chair

Join us for the ninth season of A Writer’s Garden Literary Symposium as our critically acclaimed authors provide fresh insight into the extraordinary lives of three of the 20th century’s most iconic trailblazers in the fields of landscape Gardening, Haute Couture Fashion, and Interior Design.

Judith B. Tankard, Waban, MA
Judith received an M.A. in art history from the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University. She is an independent scholar specializing in British and American landscape history and the author of eight books and numerous articles, book reviews and scholarly papers. She was a faculty member of the Landscape Institute, Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University from 1987 until 2008 and is a popular lecturer in the United States and Britain. Her books have received numerous awards including a Quill and Trowel Award from the Garden Writers Association for A Place of Beauty: The Artists and Gardens of the Cornish Colony and the Gold Medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for her role in the advancement of historic New England gardens. She is a preservation consultant and is the author of Gertrude Jekyll and the Country House Garden.

Meryle Secrest, Washington, D.C.
Meryle is an award winning biographer who received the 2006 Presidential National Humanities Medal from President G. W. Bush for “illuminating the lives of great architects, artists and scholars of the 20th Century.” Her critically acclaimed works include biographies on Romaine Brooks, Frank Lloyd Wright, Salvador Dali, Bernard Berenson, Stephen Sondheim and Amedeo Modigliani. Being Bernard Berenson was a finalist for the 1980 Pulitzer Prize and the 1981 American Book Awards. As a feature writer for The Washington Post for many years, she wrote profiles of prominent individuals including Leonard Bernstein, Anais Nin and Marc Chagall. From 2002 to 2004, she taught creative writing at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. She was born and educated in Bath, England and now lives in Washington, D.C. Meryle will discuss her recently published book Elsa Schiaparelli A Biography.

Diane Dorrans Saeks, San Francisco, CA
Diane is a best-selling author, editor, design lecturer and feature writer whose focus is on interior design, architecture, gardens, travel and fashion. She is a popular lecturer and design/style speaker and an instructor on interior design, antiques and design theory at the University of California, Berkeley Extension. Founder of the design/travel blog The Style Saloniste and the author of twenty books including Hollywood Style, Palm Springs Living and Michael S. Smith: Elements of Style, she is the California Editor of Metropolitan Home and the Interior Design Editor of PaperCity. Diane will present her book Ann Getty: Interior Style, the first-ever compilation of the luxurious interiors from the influential designer and philanthropist.

Committee members are: Nancy Connor, Advisor; Kathleen Cunningham, Emcee; Liz Respess, Reservation Chair; Marsha Dowler, Book Sales Chair; Kathy Cotherum, Underwriter Chair; Elizabeth Rois-Mendez, Patron Party Chair; Mary Ellen Winborn, Treasurer; Glenda Krottinger-Cotner, Luncheon Menu; Sharon Ballew, Website Administrator; Nancy Bierman, Event Founder. For Underwriting Opportunities, Table Sales or to purchase individual tickets, please call Liz Respess 214-739-6013.
Calendar 2015 ~ 2016

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
VOLUNTEER DAY AT THE ARBORETUM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
TYLER ROSE FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD
A WRITER’S GARDEN, A LITERARY SYMPOSIUM AND LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
A SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS NEW ORLEANS STYLE
THE CAMP HOUSE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
WINTER GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
VOLUNTEER DAY AT THE ARBORETUM HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER DAY