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of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden
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Presidents Corner

To all of our wonderful members! Welcome to a busy and exciting year! There is a recent ad that states: **"Introducing Phase II – We left room to build on the legend."**

Well, that fits our group and our plans perfectly, doesn't it!

We have the most fabulous board this year. A group of very savvy, smart women with positive attitudes and a get-it done drive! I am so grateful to all who have agreed to serve. **Betsy Whitson** and her arrangements chair, **Kathy Cothrum**, have lined up beautiful homes for our meetings.

On programs, fund-raising and newsletter - I'd have to name every position - there are dedicated women working wonders. So much of our printing has been DONATED this year, which gets us off to a positive financial start - thanks to **Linda and Steve Ivy** and **Heritage Auctions**.

To start things off, **Amy Carreker** has a sumptuous New Member Coffee planned for September 21st. **Tammy Scarborough** and **Carol Seay** are helping as new member liaisons. I am so fortunate to have the amazing help and advice of **Ruth Barnard, Patricia Cowlshaw** and **Emilynn Wilson** as the plans and events for the year are finalized.

Our Program theme this year is, "A Light Look at Etiquette." **Jeane Pendery, Ann Dyer, Carol Huckin** and **Susan Holman** have been busy planning true blockbuster programs that every member will want to attend. We start out the year

with a visit from the White House! **Tiffany Divis**, formerly of Dallas and now Assistant Chief of Protocol to the White House, will address the work it takes to find just the right gift for dignitaries and heads of state. She'll also let us in on some amusing problems and faux pas that have occurred.

The Winter and Spring programs have not been finalized, but we are planning a lecture and tea tasting to precede this year's Mad Hatter's event, and the speaker is one you won't want to miss. The last program is another headliner to address table etiquette - when to break it and how. I think you'll find these programs very entertaining.

We will not have a Gatsby gala event this year as an ad hoc committee begins to assess the interest and support for our various fund-raising initiatives. We will have a bigger Children's Christmas Party and a fabulous Patron Party organized by **Susan Sanford** in a beautiful private home prior to the Children's Christmas party. This year's theme, "Unwrap the Magic!" lead by **Kristi Cole** as chair, and **Michelle Rickman** as her co-chair, says it very well. I hope the affordable underwriting and Patron Party will draw many of our members, even those without children.

Finally, if you wish to attend an event, but don't want to go alone, please feel free to call upon any of our board members! We will find an active member that lives near you, or pick you up ourselves - we don't wish to leave one member behind! I look forward to meeting each and every one of you! *Carolyn*



Calendar of Events for 2006

Thursday, September 21, 2006, 10:30a.m. Dallas Arboretum Camp House	New Member Coffee (Amy T. Carreker, Chairwoman)
Wednesday, October 11, 2006 North Park mall departure point	Fall Trip – Tour Dallas Homes & Gardens (Elizabeth Lee & Cheryl Brown, co-chairs)
Thursday, October 12, 2006, 10:00am & 1:30pm Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden	Fall Arboretum Volunteer Day (Jewel Williams & Connie Rhodes)
Thursday, October 19, 2006, 10:00am Dallas Country Club Speaker: Tiffany T. Divis, Special Assistant and Senior Gifts Officer, (White House) Office of Protocol	Fall Meeting and Luncheon (Ann Dyer, Chairwoman)
Late Nov/Early Dec, 2006 Venue To Be Announced	Patron Party – Children's Christmas Party (Susan Sanford, Chairwoman)
Saturday, December 9, 2006, ??-??am Rosine Hall, Dallas Arboretum ("UNWRAP THE MAGIC!")	Children's Christmas Party (Kristi Cole & Michelle Rickman, co-chairs)

New Member Coffee – September 21st



We look forward to welcoming new, prospective and current members at the “New Member Coffee” on **Thursday, September 21st, at 10:30am** at the **Camp House** on the grounds of the Dallas Arboretum (8525 Garland Road). This is the first social event of the 2006 – 2007 year and we look forward to seeing everyone. There will be a brief presentation, opportunities to learn about the various activities and committees on the Women’s Council, followed by a tour of the Arboretum, including the newly completed “A Woman’s Garden.” Please contact **Amy Carreker**, to RSVP at : **(214) 725-6730**. There is no charge for the new member coffee. (Those that wish to attend the fall trip, may sign up and pay – cash or check – at the new member coffee.)

Fall Trip – October 11th – Handsome Homes and Glorious Gardens



On **Wednesday, October 11th**, **Elizabeth Lee** and co-chair **Cheryl Brown** invite you to join the first “travel and education” trip. Boarding a bus at **9:00am**, we leave the North Park mall parking lot for a tour of five (5) fabulous homes and estates in Highland Park and Dallas. You will see unique homes and beautiful gardens, sip champagne in a lovely water garden, and enjoy an alfresco luncheon beside a waterfall and pool. Surprises are in store for everyone, but congratulations will be in order for one of our lucky ladies - the winner of our drawing for a special prize! You will not want to miss this wonderful day out with your Women’s Council friends, and the opportunity to see some of the lovely homes and estates in our community. Your \$60 check will be your reservation. We ask that you note the date of the event (10/11/06) on your check and include a contact phone number. For questions contact: **Elizabeth Lee**, Travel & Education, at **(214) 361-4162**. Send checks payable to:

Elizabeth Lee
5134 Kelsey Road
Dallas, TX 75229

Fall Volunteer Day – October 12th

Every year the Women’s Council staffs a “volunteer day” in the fall and spring during Dallas Blooms at the Arboretum. From September 21st through October 31st, visitors can enjoy “**Autumn at the Arboretum**” which will showcase over 100,000 fall-blooming flowers such as salvia, coleus and thousands of beautiful chrysanthemums.



Our fall volunteer day during this special event is **Thursday, October 12th**, with two sessions available for sign-up – either **10:00am to 1:30pm** or **1:30pm to 5:00pm**. Volunteers will meet at the DeGolyer Estate just prior to their shift for assignments. Assignments will generally include docent duties at the DeGolyer Estate or visitor aid within the gardens. Our Spring Volunteer Day is March 22nd, when the Arboretum sponsors their “Flower Power” themed program. This volunteer day is a wonderful opportunity for our newer members to learn more about the Dallas Arboretum and to visit “A Woman’s Garden” if they have not already done so. Information is provided for the various assignments. Should members be interested in volunteering to work, or donating food for the light catering provided for volunteers, please contact: **Jewel Williams** at **(214) 532-8506** or **Connie Rhoades** at **(972) 931-4211**.

Fall Meeting – October 19th



Our year begins with a special guest and speaker for the Thursday, October 19th fall meeting. We are pleased to announce that **Tiffany Divis**, who earlier this year was sworn in at the U.S. Department of State, Protocol Office, as the Special Assistant and Senior Gifts Officer, will be joining us. **Tiffany Divis** is a former Dallasite and Director of the Dallas area Escada boutiques, whose longtime relationship with customer **Laura Bush** led to her recent appointment. The fall meeting and luncheon is **Thursday October 19th at 10:00am** at the **Dallas Country Club** (4100 Beverly Drive, at the intersection of Preston Road and Mockingbird Lane). For questions and reservations, Please contact **Ann Dyer** at: **(214) 521-7226**. Luncheon is \$45 cash/check per person. This is a perfect time to meet everyone – and please feel free to bring a guest.

Children's Christmas Party – December 9th

A highlight of the holidays, the annual Children's Christmas Party at the **Dallas Arboretum's Trammel Crow Visitors Pavilion (Rosine Hall)** is an eagerly awaited event. Children young and old will delight in the festivities as this year's theme – "Unwrap the Magic!" – unfolds. If you have joined us in years past, you know that your children and grandchildren, friends and neighbors – truly all ages will enjoy this wonderful event!

Once again holiday favorites Brownie Shytles and Ye Merrie Olde Players entertain with the traditional Christmas melodies that are so much a part of the season. The children will delight in the fanciful creations of a balloon artist, the colorful designs of a face painter, or their own creative efforts at the children's craft corner. A portrait with Santa Claus or a purchase at the Silent Auction provide a lasting memento of the day. Gil's Elegant Catering will provide refreshments as this Christmas Celebration.



New this year is recognition of Patron level contributions with a Patron Party to kick off the Holiday season! **Susan Sanford** is planning the Patron Party and is especially excited to welcome all the supporters of this holiday fund-raising event. Whether you donate a special item for the silent auction or provide underwriting support, we appreciate the always enthusiastic support for this ever popular event. The **Children's Christmas Party** will be hosted on **Saturday, December 9th from 10:30am to 1:00pm**. Invitations will be forwarded to our membership later this fall. General Admission is \$30 for adults, \$15 for children, age 2 and under are free.



Kristi Cole and **Michelle Rickman** are co-chairing this event, with lots of help from **Linda Lynn** and **Nancy Rothacker** (co-chairs of last year's party). **Mary Potter** is responsible for the Children's Christmas Party Raffle, which will take place at the Patron Party. Look for Invitations with further information to be mailed later this fall. For more information or questions about donation and underwriting opportunities, contact **Kristi Cole** at : **(214) 363-3630**.

2006 – 2007 Membership Update

Many thanks and appreciation is due to the Membership, Addressing and Telephone Committees for their help with new and renewing member registration. Volunteers included **Ruth Barnard, Barbara Bubis, Kathy Cothrum, Claire Cunningham** (chairwoman of addressing), **Kim Mathews, Jeane Pendery, Carolyn Robbins, Tammy Scarborough** (new member liaison), **Carol Seay** (new member liaison), and **Pat Yanigan**. Thanks to a lot of hard work we have enrolled **650 members**. (Please forward potential new member names to Janet Nylund, and an invitation to join the Women's Council will be mailed.) We are looking forward to an exciting year with our members and friends. **Janet Nylund**, Vice President – Membership: **(214) 692-5058**

REVIEW OF SPRING 2006 EVENTS

Leadership Council

Thirty-four board members attended the 2006 Leadership Seminar on Monday, May 8 at the Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall. DABS Chairman Roger Gault, presented a report on the Dallas Arboretum events and plans for the future; Dr. Ann Stuart, TWU Chancellor, presented her thoughts on how women achieve leadership positions; and Dr. Jeannine Sandstrom concluded the morning session with an interactive session on personal style inventory and its effects on leadership. The first Leadership Award was conferred on Doris Anton, first WC President.



Left: Ruth Barnard (L) and Virginia Dykes (R) present award to Doris Anton. Below: Virginia Dykes, Jeannine Sandstrom, Mary Brinegar, Ruth Barnard, Ann Stuart and Dave Forband.



Dedication To A Dream Culminates In The Completion Of “A Woman’s Garden”



It was over twenty years ago that a small group of women, the founders of the Women’s Council for the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, committed themselves to the development of “A Woman’s Garden.” It was to be a symbol and a legacy – uniquely conceived, funded and given by women. Designed to represent the various aspects of a woman – the garden was envisioned to offer visitors a sanctuary of natural beauty, a place of peace and contemplation. With the completion of “A Woman’s Garden” that nascent vision has become an exciting reality. “A Woman’s Garden” is a work of art, an inspired composite of elegance and rustic strength, of water and landscape, of refuge and renewal.

The early founders of the Women’s Council and those of us who have joined their efforts over the years have much to celebrate. With patience and perseverance, we have pursued a dream, created a legacy to be enjoyed by all. However, a garden is a living thing – it must be tended and nurtured. We must continue to invest in it’s well-being, to maintain our fund-raising efforts to build a strong endowment for the future

A Woman’s Garden, Phase II Dedication

The year began with plans underway for the much-anticipated opening of Phase II of “A Woman’s Garden.” On May 11th **Mary Brinegar**, President and CEO of the Dallas Arboretum welcomed guests to the official opening and dedication of Phase II of “A Women’s Garden.” The dedication was attended by **Roger Gault**, Chairman of the Board of the Dallas Arboretum, members of the Dallas Arboretum Board of Directors, **Nancy Murphy**, 2005 – 2006 President of the Women’s Council, members of the Women’s Council Board, including **Patricia Cowlshaw** (founding member & VP of donor naming for Phase II), friends of the Arboretum, including **Mary Nell Rogers** (*seated front, center in far right photo between (L) Patricia Cowlshaw and (R) Helen Nixon*), the wife of the late Ralph Rogers, a 1980’s Chairman of the DABS Board of Directors and strong advocate for the Dallas Arboretum and Phase II.



May 17th Black Tie Gala Celebrates the Opening of A Woman’s Garden – Phase II

With the generous sponsorship of the **Wachovia Corporation**, the Women’s Council hosted a black tie gala on May 17th to celebrate the completion of Phase II of “A Woman’s Garden.” As the sound of music wafted through the air, two hundred guests wandered the paths and walkways of A Woman’s Garden. For many it was a first opportunity to enjoy the garden; walking over the beautiful stone bridge guests entered the two level Genesis Garden. There, surrounded by the natural limestone boulders bordering the Genesis Garden pool and flowing water of the Acequia Garden, gala attendees found a lovely setting to share conversation and cocktails. As the

cocktail hour came to a close, guests were invited to proceed to the DeGolyer verandah and terrace and find seating beneath an elegant white tent where a sumptuous dinner was served by George Catering. Landscape architect, **Warren Johnson**, who was the general contractor for Phase II, **Mary Brinegar** and **Dave Forehand**, Dallas Arboretum President and Vice President, respectively, were introduced and recognized for their significant role in bringing to fruition the construction of Phase II.

Gala co-chairs **Emilynn Wilson**, **Shelby Marcus** and **Patricia Cowlshaw** have announced that net proceeds of \$124,109 were raised from the gala event. The co-chairs would like to extend their appreciation to those members of the Women’s Council who were able to share in the elegance of this celebratory evening.

**Wachovia Sponsor
Representatives:**

**Rod and Lisa Ragland
Kathleen Martinez and
JJ Horan**



With grateful appreciation, the following donors are acknowledged for their sponsorship of features and elements within Phase II of the garden:

- **Martha and Willard Baker** The Fernwood Fold
- **Carol Ann and Dick Brown** The East Entrance
- **Wachovia Corporation** The Acequia Garden

Benches: Doris Anton, Linda and Allen Huffhines, Claire Cunningham, Pat Yanigan-Eigen, Jane Sparks, Betty Vondracek / BeeVee Studio.

Engraved Stones: Joyce McClellan, Clair and Dale Cunningham, Caroline Rose Hunt / Rosewood Corporation

Additional features within “A Woman’s Garden” remain for donor naming, and include the following:

The Rookery: The steepest garden within the Arboretum, a cliff faced strata of natural patina limestone provides 140 linear feet of hanging gardens; beginning beneath the bridge, with a display of sun-loving, blooming wetland plants, and traversing down the rugged limestone boulders in the shade of a stand of tall oaks.

The Cistern: Constructed of rough old stone, the Cistern, located at the western edge of The Rookery, receives the water flowing from beneath The Bridge and along The Rookery. The water spews through a trough, splashes into the swale and is then recirculated.

The Conifer Crag: Located immediately past the North Portal entrance to Phase II and adjoining The Rookery, a collection of upright Blue Atlas Cedars, White Cloud Desert Willows, Prostrate Cedars, Apache Plum and magnificent Ordo Nashiki Japanese Maple.

Maidenhair Falls View: Immediately after crossing The Bridge, enter on a bark path into a secluded alcove with a stone bench to view the waterfall – surrounded by Bald Cypress, Dawn Redwoods and Japanese Maple, amid a floor of hostas, ferns and ginger.

In addition to these features, the Women's Council is pleased to offer naming opportunities for the magnificent Japanese Maples, Dawn Redwoods and Blue Atlas Cedars located within Phase II. These trees may be purchased individually. These naming opportunities are available to Women's council members beginning at \$5,000.

For further details, please contact **Patricia Cowlshaw** at : (972) 239-1702; by FAX: (972) 960-8799; or by email at patriciacowlshaw@sbcglobal.net

Mad Hatters Tea

Continuing an 18-year tradition, on **April 19th** the Women's Council hosted one of their signature fund- raising events, the **Mad Hatters Tea**. This year's theme, Lavender and Roses, was executed amidst the spectacular floral backdrop of the Arboretum's Spring Dallas Blooms event. The Dallas Bloom's French festival theme was noticeable as well in the Mad Hatters décor. Wearing stylish hats accented with live blooms *a la* "lavender and roses" theme, Chairwoman, **Donna Miller** and co-chair, **Teresa Smith**, welcomed everyone to this exciting event. **Linda Ivy**, honorary chairwoman, in keeping with the French theme, appeared in a beautiful suit and hat designed by French couturier, Jean-Paul Gaultier. Guests enjoyed cocktails and an absolutely fabulous style show, which showcased the spring lines from Walker Row – all beautifully modeled in a production directed by Jan Strimple. The afternoon concluded with a delicious afternoon tea served on the patio surrounding Rosine Hall.

Kim Mathews and **Sarah Seddelmeyer**, worked diligently to put together a wonderful group of items for our raffle, which included a pair of elegant 18k gold earrings from **deBoule Jewelers**, two nights at the **Club Resorts Austin Barton Creek Resort & Spa**, a Santa Fe Getaway at the (Rosewood Hotels) **Inn of the Anasazi**, an **Elaine Turner** original handbag, a year of flowers – a monthly hand-tied bouquet in a sachet from **Cebolla Fine Florists**, and a **Jennifer Lipsky** studio session and portrait. Raffle winners were thrilled by these special gifts!

Emcees for the event were **Karen Borta** co-anchor and news reporter, and **Tracy Rowlett**, co-anchor and managing editor, both of whom are on CBS' Dallas Channel 11 affiliate KTVT-TV. The ladies in attendance looked spectacular in their hats, and all were impressed by the beautiful blooms, color, creativity and style displayed in the ladies' millinery creations. Our Mad Hatter's committee lined up an impressive panel of Celebrity judges, who were tasked with the difficult challenge of awarding special recognition in the established millinery categories. Our judges were:

Christine Allison - editor and publisher of **D Home**, Dallas' leading home and garden magazine

Ruth Buzzi - actress and comedy legend.

John Clutts - The Clutts Agency (talent)

Darren McGrady - Royal Chef for 15 years to Buckingham Palace and Princess Diana

Nicolas Villalba - Couture Designer and owner of Nicolas Designs

Winners of the best hat awards were:

Botanical: **Carolyn Rogers**

Elegant: **Julie Hopkins**

Whimsical: **Katherin King**

Vintage: **Barbara Daseke**

Ensemble of Friends: **Dee Wyly and friends: Lee Bailey, Barbara Brice, Yvonne Crum, Carolyn Lupton, Jill Rowlett and Carmelita Whitley**

The Mad Hatters Tea is always a tremendously popular and anticipated event for our membership, but more importantly, it is an important fund-raiser. **Donna Miller** and **Teresa Smith** were pleased to announce that this year's Mad Hatters Tea raised over \$42,000 for A Woman's Garden.



Mad Hatters Tea



2006 – 2007 Women’s Council Board and Board Meeting Schedule

President	Carolyn C. Rogers
President-Elect Nominee	Nancy Bierman
First Vice-President (Leadership)	Virginia Dykes
Leadership Assistant	Ruth Barnard
Third Vice-Presidents (Mad Hatter’s Tea)	Amy Moore & Kim Mathews
Fourth Vice-President (Membership)	Janet Nyland
Fifth Vice-President (Programs)	Jeane Pendery
Sixth Vice-President (Travel & Education)	Elizabeth Lee
Seventh Vice-President (Donor Naming)	Patricia Cowlshaw
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Lynn
Asst. Corresponding Secretary	Linda Huffhines
Treasurer	Linda Spina
Treasurer-Elect	Diane Chester
Historian	Judy Birchfield
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Sept. 6	Mrs. David Dowler (Marsha)	3509 Crescent Ave., Dallas, Texas 75205
Oct. 5	Mrs. William Cothrum (Kathy)	7101 Tulane, Dallas, Texas 75225
Nov. 2	Mrs. Clark Hunt (Tavia)	3920 Euclid Ave., Dallas, Texas 75205
Jan.	TBA	
Feb. 1	Mr. Randall Wolfswinkel V	3535 Gillespie #704, Dallas, Texas 75219
March 1	Mrs. Denise Wolford	4512 Lakeside Dr., Dallas, Texas 75205
April 5	Ms. Betsy Whitson	3512 Crescent Ave., Dallas, Texas 75205
May	TBA	

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