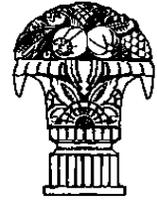




WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF THE DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN



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22nd Mad Hatter's Tea Party – Thursday, April 22nd, 11 am – 2 pm



D'Andra Simmons, Sharon Ballew



Mad Hatters Celebrity Hat Judges

Sarah Eveans, Assoc. Editor, D Magazine
Steve Kemble, Dallas – based Lifestyle Guru
Shirin Askari, Designer, Project Runway

(Mad Hatters design donated by Molly DeVoss, MDVC Creative)

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party is all about Fun, Fashion, and Fundraising for *A Woman's Garden* – and this year's event promises to deliver on all three. Mad Hatter's Tea Chairwoman, **Sharon Ballew**, honorary Chairman, **D'Andra Simmons** and committee members invite you to enjoy the **"Divas and Dahlias"** Mad Hatter's Tea Party and luncheon at the Dallas Arboretum. Begin your day at the Arboretum with a sparkling glass of champagne, listen to a classical music quartet, shop the silent auction, open 11am to 12 noon on the plaza.

Thank you to Women's Council President, Kathy Cothrum, for hosting the February 12th Mad Hatter's auction party and to all who donated. Donations are still being solicited so, contact **Janie Robinson**: (214) 5549-6315 or **Sharon Ballew**: (214) 343-0462 to donate items.

It just wouldn't be Mad Hatter's without the signature runway fashion extravaganza produced by Dallas' own fashion diva, Jan Strimple. This year, our beautiful models will showcase the very latest spring and resort fashion trends as interpreted by renown designers **Carolina Herrera, Jimmy Choo, Ralph Lauren, and St. John** – all of **Highland Park Village**.

Mad Hatters tickets may be purchased on-line as well as Raffle tickets. Note, Raffle tickets (\$25 each, or five for \$100) will NOT be on sale the day of the event. Purchase Mad Hatters and/or Raffle tickets at the Women's Council Website: **www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org** You won't want to miss a chance at these Raffle items:

- \$2,000 Highland Park Village Gift Certificate
- \$1,295 Designer Handbag from Jimmy Choo (Nappa Yellow leather with fringe)
- \$1,000 Carolina Herrera Gift Certificate
- \$ 665 Chef's Table for 8 at Lone Star Park
- \$ 585 Designer Necklace from Love It (aquamarine glass cut with fresh water pearls)

This year's presentation includes an opportunity to honor a "Diva" in your life with a listing in the program book. (Sponsor recognition: D-Home, Highland Park Village, Carolina Herrera, Jimmy Choo, Ralph Lauren, St. John, Royal Crown Valet, Paper & Chocolate, Acordoro & Pomodoro Restaurant, Posh Couture, Lone Star Park, and Robin Jackson Photography.)

President's Letter



Dear Members,

Some of you were without power for several days in February after the record breaking snowstorm. Winter weather woes make us anxious for spring and all of the wonderful Women's Council activities in April and May!

Sharon Ballew and the Mad Hatter's committee hosted 65-70 people at our Mad Hatter's Auction Cocktail Party the night after the big snow storm. We accepted items worth several thousand dollars from party attendees for the silent auction. I would like to thank everyone who braved the winter weather and left their dark, cold homes to enjoy a fun party for a good cause. I would also like to thank **Sharon Ballew** and her hard-working committee members for doing such a wonderful job planning the Mad Hatter's Tea Party and the associated events.

Our next Mad Hatter's event is a committee luncheon at a new restaurant in the Crescent Court, Arcodoro & Pomodoro. This same restaurant will host our Mad Hatter's Patron Party on Wednesday evening, March 31st. You will not want to miss this special patron party, so consider buying a patron level Mad Hatter's ticket so you may receive an invitation.

My presidency and the 2009-2010 year conclude with the Spring Annual Meeting and the Founder's Award dinner in May. I would like to express my appreciation to the Spring Luncheon Chairman, **Carol Seay**, and Assistant Chairmen, **Harriett Gibbs** and **Nancy Bierman**, for their work on the meeting. It is a very important event, as the new board officers are elected, the recipients of the Annual Leadership and Service Awards are announced, and Women's Council Historian, **Judy Birchfield**, presents the President's scrapbook, which is a wonderful memento of the past year.

The Annual Founder's Award Dinner on Wednesday, May 19th will honor this year's Founder's Award recipient, **Rory Meyers**. Founder's Award Co-Chairmen, **Therese Rourk** and her mother **Mary Lee Cox**, are doing an outstanding job planning this event, so please put it on your calendar.

Thanks to all the efforts of last year's President, **Sarah Seddelmeyer**, and her board we funded a new room in our garden that we have named **Orchid Hollow**. This lovely garden is scheduled for completion in the spring. Please watch for an email invitation to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new garden, followed by lunch in the DeGolyer tea room. If you do not receive e-mail and are interested in attending this event, please contact me. Thank you, *Kathy Cothrum*

Spring Volunteer Day – Wednesday, March 17th

Volunteer Day Chairman, **Helen Tieber**, and Assistant Chairman, **Debbie Kadane**, invite members to join in the Spring Volunteer Day. Volunteers meet at the Arboretum DeGolyer house just prior to their shift for assignments: docent duties at the DeGolyer house or visitor aid in the gardens. Spring Volunteer Day is during **Dallas Blooms** (March 6th – April 11th) when the Arboretum is planted with 500,000 spring bulbs. To volunteer contact **Helen Tieber**: (972) 490-1143

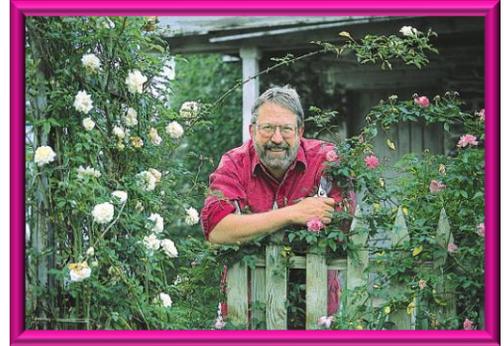
Morning Shifts: 9:00am to 1:00pm AND/OR Afternoon Shifts: 1:00pm – 4:30pm

Spring Dallas Gardens Trip – Thursday, April 8th

Linda Spina, Vice President, Service and Education and her committee: **Ruth Barnard**, **Carolyn Rogers**, **Emilynn Wilson** and **Beth Yablon**, have planned a wonderful tour of several private Dallas gardens including the gardens of Annette and Harold Simmons and Gene and Jerry Jones. After a morning tour of the first garden attendees will enjoy lunch at a Dallas restaurant, then visit the Simmons and Jones gardens. Meet at Northway Christian Church at 10am to depart. The cost of the trip is \$65 and space is limited. Your check made out to WC-DABG is your reservation and can be forwarded to Linda Spina, 5804 Spring Hill Drive, McKinney 75070. For questions contact Linda at: (214) 797-5966 or email linda.spina@sbcglobal.net.

Spring Meeting – Tuesday, May 11th, 10 am

Spring meeting Chairman, **Carol Seay**, and Assistant Chairmen, **Harriett Gibbs** and **Nancy Bierman** look forward to welcoming members and guests to the Spring Meeting. This is our final meeting for the 2009/2010 year, and we encourage members to attend as the business portion of the meeting will introduce the slate of officers for the upcoming year and attend to other items.



The Spring meeting will be held at 7000 Park Lane in Dallas and begins with a 10 am reception and program, followed by a 12 noon luncheon. Program speaker, **Michael Shoup**, is a horticulturalist and owner of *The Antique Rose Emporium* in Brenham, Texas. With masters degree in horticulture from Texas A&M, Shoup started his nursery in Brenham in the late 1970's and along the way he discovered numerous varieties of everblooming antique roses some of whom had once been in commerce 150 years ago. In the mid 1980's, he started a small display garden, combining native Texas plants with roses much as a pioneer gardener might have done here in the 1850s (but on a much larger scale.) Mr. Shoup will bring his antique roses and demonstrate how to cut, trim and transplant them to the garden. The spring meeting program/luncheon cost is \$45. Invitations will be mailed. To secure your reservation by May 5th, mail checks payable to WC-DABG to: Liz Respess, 3309 Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75225 For more information you may contact Liz at: (214) 739-6013 or email: brrer2@aol.com

Founders Award Celebration – Wednesday, May 19th, 6:30 pm

Established in 1996 by the Women's Council, the Founders' Award annually recognizes those who have made a significant impact in the growth and prominence of The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Co-chairs **Therese Rourk** and her mother, **Mary Lee Cox**, are pleased to announce that **Rory Mangeri Meyers** is the recipient of the 2010 Founders Award.



Mrs. Meyers has been involved with the Dallas Arboretum Board for over ten years, serving on its Executive Committee, as the Chairman of the Education Standing Committee and on its Board of Distinguished Advisors. Long known for civic leadership and community involvement, the Meyers family: **Mrs. Meyers**, and her husband, Dallas businessman, **Howard Meyers**, and sons, **Craig and Kevin Meyers**, funded a \$15 million challenge grant as part of the overall \$44 million cost to create a seven-acre expansion of the Dallas Arboretum. Upon completion of the project, to be designated the **Rory Meyers Children's Adventure**



Garden, this garden will become a national destination, designed to captivate children and engage them in the natural sciences through a variety of hands-on, creative and challenging exhibits. Construction is expected to begin in 2010 and complete in 2012. Invitations to the Founders' Award dinner will be mailed; individual or patron tickets @ \$75 or \$150 each. For more information/reservations, contact **Therese Rourk**: (972) 385-9618 / thereserourk@yahoo.com

Children's Christmas Tea – Sunday, December 13th



Children's Christmas Photography by Da Vinci Fine Portraiture. (above) photo of Mrs. Laura W. Bush reading to audience; (right) photo of event Co-chair and Emcee, Kathleen Cunningham, introducing Mrs. Laura W. Bush.

Children's Christmas Tea Co-Chairs, **Kathleen Cunningham** and **Jewel Williams** were thrilled to welcome as guest storyteller, **Mrs. Laura W. Bush**, who read before a spellbound audience from her recently published children's book "*Read All About It!*" co-authored with her daughter, **Jenna Bush**.

With over 300 in attendance, this was the most successful, Children's Christmas Tea ever, earning over \$30,000 for *A Woman's Garden*. Many attendees left with a lasting memento of this special holiday gathering, having purchased one of the 100 books personally signed by Mrs. Bush. Mrs. Bush expressed her appreciation for the gifts given her by The Cultured Cup, J. Dorian Chocolatier and Dave Kittrell of Kittrell/ Riffkind Artglass. Thanks to **Nancy Murphy**, event Treasurer and **Lucia Hrcncir**, Day Chairman. This holiday gathering will be long remembered by all.



Winter Meeting – Tuesday, December 8th

Close to 100 people attended the Winter meeting at the Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall. Thanks to Chairman **Janet Nylund**, Assistant Chairmen, **Susan Vaughan** and **Jacklin Boyd**, and committee member, **Sherry Sivils**, for all their hard work. Guest speaker, **Todd Fiscus**, of **Todd Event Design**, delighted the audience with a presentation on *Creating New Holiday Traditions*, sharing with the audience his creative design tablescapes and *Entertaining Hot Happenings*.

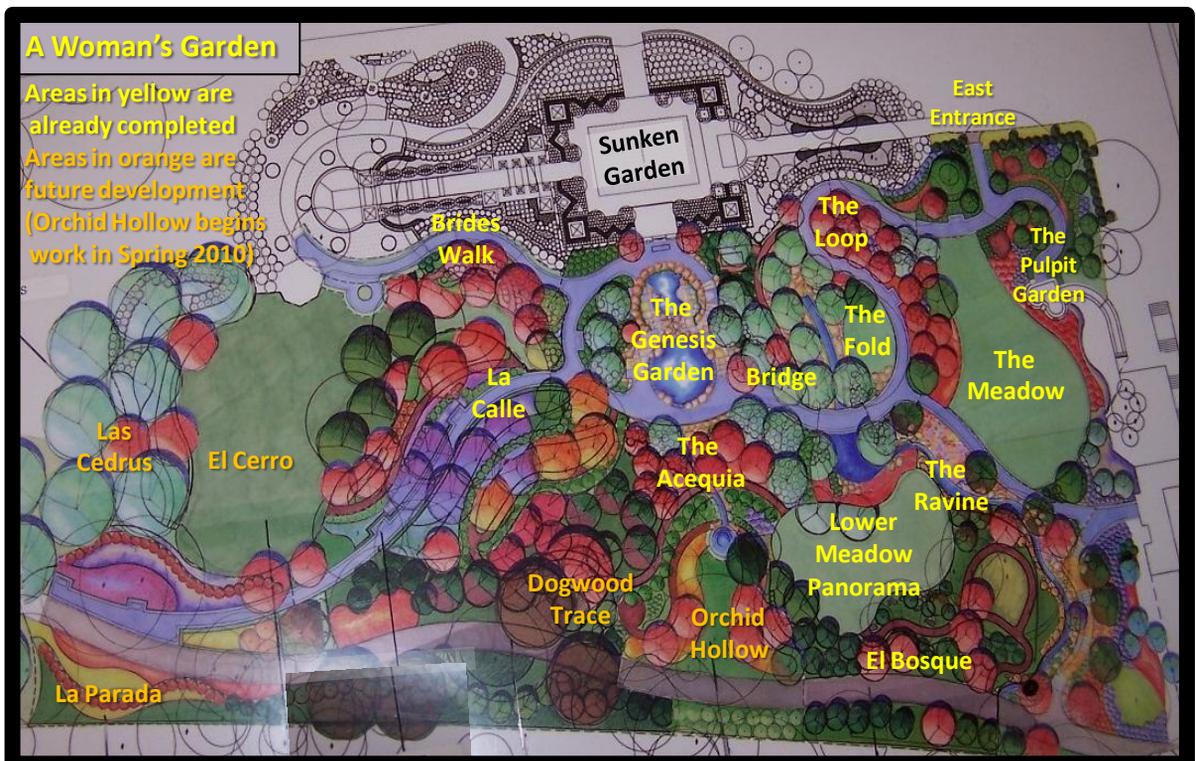
Successful Conclusion of 2009 – 2010 A Writer's Garden Literary Luncheon Series

The Women's Council hosted the third and final event of *A Writer's Garden* Book Review and Luncheon on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. In her presentation entitled, **Anne Morrow Lindbergh: A Twentieth Century Life**, reviewer Jan Stanford Gurley, shared an illuminating portrait of one of the most admired women and acclaimed writers of our time. Based on over twenty years of research, Gurley's biographical review richly detailed Lindbergh's remarkable life of adventurous triumphs, personal tragedies and courageous perseverance that riveted the public for much of the twentieth century. Married to the modern world's first hero-celebrity, Charles Lindberg, and an aviation pioneer in her own right, this intensely private heroine and pre-eminent diarist is today celebrated as the author of over twelve books including **North to the Orient** (1935 National Book Award) and **Gift From the Sea**, one of the most beloved bestsellers of all time.

Thank you again to Event Chairman, **Linda DeFee**, Honorary Chairman, **Faye Briggs**, Co-Chairmen, **Marsha Dowler** and **Bettina Hennessy**; Emcee **Len Bourland** and the AWG committee members for all of their hard work in organizing this year's highly successful literary luncheon series. Photos at right by Women's Council Website Administrator: Deborah Brown



(Photos: Left to Right): 1: Linda DeFee, Faye Briggs, Kathy Cothrum, 2: Liz Resesp, Dave Forehand, Mary Brinegar and Nancy Murphy, 3: Sharon Ballew, Susan Scullin and Janet Nylund, 4: Nell Broughton, Jan Stanford Gurley and Len Bourland, 5: Sue Prather, Nancy Connor and Jewel Williams, 6: Susan Hulick, Sandy Secor, Jill Goldberg and Jaclyn Braddy





From The Editor

The Women's Council Newsletter is a quarterly publication, published in late August, November, February and May of each year and forwarded to our Women's Council members. Should you have submissions or comments, please contact me as follows: **(214) 533-7033** or **cheryl.buckles@att.net**

Membership Report

Sue Ringle, Women's Council Membership Chair reported at the last board meeting that current membership was just over 700 members. Member are urged to renew their membership for the upcoming year on-line and save the Women's Council mailing costs.

2009 – 2010 Women's Council Remaining Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 4th, 10am – 12 noon

Wednesday, March 17th

Thursday, April 1st, 10am – 12noon

Thursday, April 22nd, 11am – 2pm

Thursday, April 8th, 10am

Tuesday, May 11th, 10am

Wednesday, May 19th, 6pm

Board Meeting, 3548 Rankin Ave, Hostess: Sarah Hardin

Spring Volunteer Day at the Arboretum

Luncheon/Board Mtg, 3512 Crescent Ave, Betsy Whitson

Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Dallas Arboretum

Spring Trip, Dallas Home Garden Tour

Spring Meeting/Luncheon, 7000 Park Lane, Dallas

Founders Award Celebration, DeGolyer House, Arboretum

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