



WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF THE DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN



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President's Letter



A heart-felt welcome to the members of the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum! Thank you for accepting the invitation to join this very special group of women. Unique among women's organizations, the Women's Council was organized in 1982 to promote the interest and growth of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. In 1986, these forward-thinking civic-minded women determined to build *A Woman's Garden*, one of the principal gardens within the Arboretum. *A Woman's Garden* is the only public garden in the nation dedicated to the spirit of women, conceived and funded by women. When you enter *A Woman's Garden* you should feel a pride of ownership in its beauty and serenity.

The Women's Council has chosen as a theme for the year: "The Dallas Arboretum and Our Homes: Inspiration from the Garden." In keeping with this theme we have planned events and programs that will both delight and motivate the genius of creativity within you to apply your Women's Council experience to your lives at home.

Our September 11th Welcome Party in the historic DeGolyer house set the stage for a fun-filled, productive year. Co-chaired by **Kim Mathews** and **Miriam Pugliese**, the gathering gave us an opportunity to connect with long-time friends while being introduced to fresh faces – the life-blood of our organization! Everyone loved Kim's party game that required guests to locate and "visit" board members. Sparkling red mugs were awarded to those whose game-cards boasted the most signatures. Lots of fun for all who participated!

On September 23rd our autumn General Meeting treated us to a fabulous, informative power-point presentation of the truly breath-taking new projects taking place right now –and in the future – at the Dallas Arboretum. Members feasted their eyes on outstanding visuals of the traditional but ever re-designed Pumpkin Patch Village, the gorgeous new "Twelve Days of Christmas" pavilions, the nationally-acclaimed new Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden, and still-to-be-executed garden projects too numerous to count, all while hearing fascinating descriptions by the experts themselves: Mary Brinegar, Maria Conroy, and Dave Forehand. A beautifully prepared brunch set the tone for this festive occasion, while optional tours of the Arboretum gave members an opportunity to linger and further absorb all they had learned. Many thanks to **Marena Gault**, **Sue John**, and **Sharon Walker** for arranging such a splendid event.

In closing, I'd like to leave you with the beautiful description of *A Woman's Garden* given to us by its designer himself, Morgan Wheelock:

"A Woman's Garden... depicts the subtle complexity of the virtues and strengths of women manifested in the form of a garden. The success of the garden rests in the willingness of the visitor to permit herself or himself the freedom to receive its mystery.... It is the permission to enter a place of magic and fantasy." - Morgan Wheelock

Bettina Hennessy

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Fall Volunteer Day – Wednesday, October 23rd – 9:30am – 12:30pm

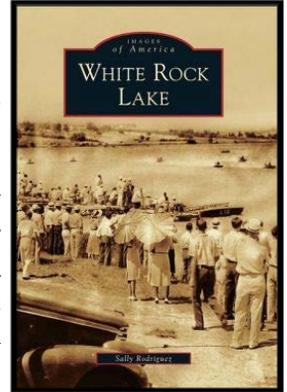


Volunteer Day Co-Chairs, **Markita Thompson** (photo at left) and **Shelby Fuqua**, invite members to participate in the Fall Volunteer Day, which takes place during the September 21st – November 27th “Autumn at the Arboretum” featuring the nationally acclaimed “Pumpkin Village.” Meet at the DeGolyer mansion on the Arboretum grounds just prior to 9:30am for assignments. We already have 28 volunteers, but room for more. Thanks to the generosity of **Dorothea Meltzer**, volunteers will be wearing official aprons this year. After the shift, volunteers may enjoy lunch (at their expense) on the Terrace. Contact Markita at: 972-596-8463 or via email at: mjthompson6@gmail.com.

Fall Service/Education Trip – Tuesday, October 22nd, 9am – 3pm



Nestled on the shores of White Rock Lake is our own Dallas Arboretum where we have a very special trip planned for Tuesday, October 22nd to explore the Arboretum's neighborhood: “White Rock Lake – Past and Present”. The day begins at Northway Christian Church, where **Sally Rodriguez**, an over 28 year veteran of the Dallas Park and Recreation Department, Park Department Historian and author of **White Rock Lake** (published 2010 by Arcadia Publishing) will present the history of White Rock Lake. This history begins in 1909 when Dallas city leaders approved the damming of White Rock Creek to create a new water source for the increasing needs of a growing city. Note, attendees will receive an autographed copy of her book. Next, attendees board a bus for a tour of the Pump House, Filter Bridge, Flagpole Hill, Big Thicket, the Bath House and other sites.



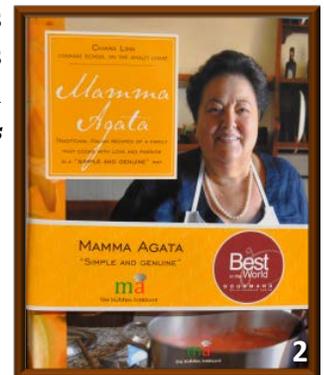
Following lunch, we will visit the Bradfield home designed by architect Frank Welch and landscape architect David Rolston. The 1997 stucco and stone home features elements of both Texas and modernism and has spectacular views of White Rock Lake. A two-story great room features an organ. Email lspina35@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the trip to ensure availability, there are few seats left. Your check for \$85 payable to “WC-DABG” constitutes your reservation. Mail to **Linda Spina**, our VP, Service and Education and fabulous trip planner at: 5804 Spring Hill Drive, McKinney, TX 75070

A Writer's Garden Literary Series – Tuesday, November 19th, 9:30am – 1:30pm



This year marks the 7th season of the highly successful **A Writer's Garden Literary Series** at the Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall. **Bettina Hennessy**, Women's Council President, and **Dorothea Meltzer**, Chairwoman of A Writer's Garden, will welcome guests to the program. This year's program features an exciting line-up of author/speakers, each of whom explores our symposium theme, **Hidden Treasures of Italy**, in the context of their literary works.

Halfway between the azure sea and green mountains of Italy, **Mamma Agata's Hidden Treasure Cooking School** sits majestically with its breathtaking view of the gorgeous Amalfi coastline. In this perfect setting amongst the terraces and vegetable gardens, students from across the globe have come to learn from Mama Agata the traditional Italian recipes of a family

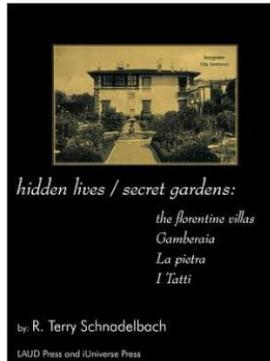


A Writer's Garden Literary Series (continued)

that cooks from the heart with love and passion in a “simple and and genuine way”. **Chiara Lima**, Mamma Agata's daughter and director of the school will unveil the culinary secrets and recipes that have pleased the distinguished tastes of some of the most noted celebrities through the years. Reputed to be among the first was **Humphrey Bogart**, whose nearby film location found him dining with wife **Lauren Bacall** at the *Villa Civita*, where a young Mama Agata served her famous Dolce al Limone (lemon cake). Thereafter, at Bogart's insistence it was served at every meal. Celebrity guests have included in years past, **Jacqueline Kennedy**, **Elizabeth Taylor** and recently **Woody Harrelson & Pierce Brosnan**.



(L to R: Gennaro Petti (Chiara's husband), Chiara, and Mama Agata, in Mama Agata's kitchen)



R. Terry Schnadelbach is an internationally known landscape architect, urban designer, educator, author, historian and preservationist of the natural as well as the built landscape. He is a full tenured professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Florida and is the landscape architectural program director at the University's Paris Research Center. He has had major commissions throughout the United States, Europe, South East Asia and the Middle East and has consulted in London, Paris, Rome, Athens and Berlin to governments, institutions, and private industry. Professor Schnadelbach is the author of several books and many publications, including his book *hidden lives / secret gardens*.

In his book he exposes the engaging and intertwined lives of a group of expatriates, their secluded hillside villas and secret new gardens that ushered in a new direction in garden design. Three successive new gardens at the Florentine Villas Gamberaia, La Pietra and I Tatti were among the earliest Modernist landscapes that inspired many landscape professionals in Britain and America in the very first year of the 20th century.

In *The Garden in Art*, acclaimed art historian **Debra Mancoff** reveals the many different ways in which artists of all periods of history, from Ancient Egypt to the present day, have employed the motif of the garden. Whether imagining the beauty of a historical or mythological garden, dissolving garden wall to offer a glimpse into a privileged or sacred space, or drawing on floral lore for religious or secular intent, the rendering of a garden is rarely a matter of simple representation. Debra is the author of books on European and American art, fashion and culture. She writes for

The Art Quarterly, The Royal Academy Magazine, The Encyclopedia Britannica and blogs on fashion for Britannica Blogs. She is Adjunct Professor of Art History, Theory and Criticism at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Scholar in Residence at the Newberry Library in Chicago.



All Women's Council members will receive an invitation to "Hidden Treasures," A Writer's Garden Symposium and Luncheon. Make your reservations to attend the November 19th event and consider patron level participation and table sponsorship. A limited number of individual tickets are available at \$150. Please consider Patron Level tickets at \$250 or Table Sponsorship (includes recognition in the day's Program). Refer to WC-DABG website for patron level details and to purchase your tickets on-line (MasterCard or VISA accepted) www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org or purchase tickets by check (payable to WC-DABG and include names of those with whom you wish to be seated). For additional information, call Dorothea Meltzer at (650) 248-8734. Checks may be mailed to: **Dorothea Meltzer**, 3917 Sagamore Hill Court, Plano, TX 75025 . 3

Upcoming Programs / Events for 2013/2014

Sue John, VP, Programs, has announced that we have an exciting roster of programs for our 2013 / 2014 year ahead. Thanks go out to the meeting co-chairs for all their hard work: (Fall Mtg) **Marena Gault, Sharon Walker**, (Winter Mtg) **Kay Weeks, Susan Adzick**, (Spring Mtg) **Vicki Petersen, Susan Scullin**.

- **January 14, 2014:** Our Winter General Meeting takes place at the Meadows Museum on the SMU campus. We begin with our business meeting, followed by a presentation by **Christy Rouse**, PBS chef, TV host, entertainment guru and cookbook author, who will present “Celebrating Spring: Tablescapes to Dazzle the Eye and Palate.” An optional lunch is served in the Jones Great Hall.
- **May 6, 2014:** Our Spring General Meeting and Awards Luncheon is hosted at the Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall, with program speaker, professional gardener and historian **Peter J. Hatch**, presenting a program on “Jefferson’s Revolutionary Garden.”
- **April 28 - 29, 2014:** A special “Get-Away” trip for members – a quick flight to Little Rock, Arkansas where attendees will stay at the Capital Hotel. The centerpiece of the trip is a visit to P. Allen Smith’s Moss Mountain Farm. Additional details will follow in the next newsletter.

A Woman’s Garden – Donor Naming Update

On behalf of the Women’s Council, **Patricia Cowlshaw**, VP, Donor Naming, would like to express our grateful appreciation for these gifts to A Woman’s Garden:

- **Barbara Lake** in naming The Genesis Garden
- **Anne and Tom Barton** in naming The Rockery
- **Val Imm Bashour** in naming Maidenhair Falls View
- **Paula and Jon Mosle** in naming Paper Bark Loop
- **Alan Walne** in naming a stone bench in the Serpentine

Our sincerest thanks to these donors for their extraordinarily generous financial gifts. For further information regarding donor naming opportunities, please contact Patricia Cowlshaw at 972.239.1702 or patriciacowlshaw@sbcglobal.net



The Genesis Garden: Photo Taken During Chihuly Glass Sculpture Exhibit

A Woman’s Garden – Update on Garden Projects

Marsha Dowler, VP, Garden Projects reports that the close of summer signals the start-up of the planning phase for the remaining Garden Development projects within *A Woman’s Garden*. Projects ranging from small but impactful implementation of defined pocket gardens to the construction of the lakeside tramway will be coordinated with **Dave Forehand**, Vice-President of Gardens for the Arboretum. As budget permits, installation will be scheduled for early 2014 to allow for completion before the annual spring opening of Dallas Blooms. Stay tuned for exciting new donor naming opportunities and gorgeous new views of White Rock Lake within A Woman’s Garden!



Marsha Dowler ❖ Patricia Cowlshaw

Women’s Council – Membership Update for 2013/2014

Nancy Connor, VP Membership (*photo at right*), is pleased to announce that year to date, we have over 600 members, which includes 86 new members. Membership dues are a major source of funding for our garden projects so thank you to all of our members! Please invite others to join by going to the Women’s Council website at: www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org or contact Nancy at: (214) 363-7445





From The Editor

The Women's Council newsletter is published and archived on-line at our website: www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org as well as mailed to those members who have requested paper copies as part of their membership subscription. Should you have newsletter submissions or questions, contact me at: cheryl.buckles@att.net or by phone at: **(214) 533-7033**

Memorials and Honoraria

Please remember our "Memorials and Honoraria" opportunities during the year benefiting A Woman's Garden Endowment Fund. A form is in your yearbook and can be sent to **Linda Huffhines** at: 6 Parliament Place, Dallas, TX 75225

2013 – 2014 Women's Council Calendar of Events

Monday, September 23 rd	Fall General Meeting, Arboretum Rosine Hall
Tuesday, October 22 nd	Fall Service/Education Trip to White Rock Lake
Wednesday, October 23 rd	Fall Volunteer Day at the Arboretum
Thursday, November 7 th	Board Meeting (5430 Northbrook Drive)
Tuesday, November 19 th , 9:30am – 1:30pm	A Writer's Garden Symposium/Lunch, Arboretum Rosine Hall
Tues. Jan. 14 th , 10am doors open, mtg 10:30am	Winter Coffee/General Meeting, SMU Meadows Art Museum
Thursday, February 6 th	Board Meeting (4805 St. Johns Drive)
Sunday, February 9 th , 2pm – 4pm	Valentine Tea, Arboretum Rosine Hall
Thursday, March 6 th	Board Meeting (3605 Caruth Blvd)
March (date TBD)	Spring Trip to Ft. Worth
Wednesday, March 26 th , 9:30am – 12:30pm	Spring Volunteer Day at the Arboretum
Tuesday, April 1 st	Board Meeting (4417 Belfort Place)
Thursday, April 10 th , 10:30am – 2pm	Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Arboretum Rosine Hall
Mon – Tues, April 28 th – 29 th	Spring Trip to Moss Farm near Little Rock, Arkansas
Tues. May 6 th , coffee 10am, mtg 10:30am	Awards Luncheon/Spring General Mtg, Arboretum Rosine Hall

(The board would like to recognize the hospitality committee: Katherine Phillips, Patricia Keene and Glenda Kotner who so graciously arrange our board meetings & Jill Goldberg for managing the RSVPs)



(Photo courtesy of Dallas Arboretum)