



# WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF THE DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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2017-2018

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A Writer's Garden

**Venise Stuart**

Mad Hatter's Tea

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Event Chairs, Nancy Connor and Dorothea Meltzer, presented our Annual Membership meeting on April 24 at Rosine Hall. So many important things happen at this meeting every year.

Melissa Lewis thanked everyone for all their support during the last two years. She presented Kathy Cothrum with the Leadership Award and Jo Anne McCullough with the Service Award. She also thanked her board, and presented Venise Stuart with a lovely silver tray for chairing Mad Hatter's.

Dave Forehand, VP of Gardens, told us all about exciting things happening in the gardens. This next Christmas the theme will change from the 12 Days of Christmas to 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, and there will be a Children's Christmas Village. We all want to make sure we see these new additions.

We had a delightful program given by Kathleen Cunningham. She told us all about Eileen Ford and Diane Vreeland and their impact on the Fashion Industry. Dorothea Meltzer read the Slate of Officers for 2018-2019, and the Slate was approved unanimously. Please see inside this newsletter for a list of those new officers. Melissa welcomed Linda Spina to the stage as our new President for next year.

After the meeting adjourned, lunch was ready to be served. The tables were decorated in spring colors with lovely centerpieces. Lunch was an exquisite serving of a trio salad (chicken salad, crab salad, and spinach salad) with a fresh berry tart with crème anglaise/guava drizzle. It was the perfect end to a perfect year! Thank you to Melissa Lewis and her Board.



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## *A Message from the President*

Thank you. Thank you to the 2017-18 Women's Council board, thank you to the members who have supported our outstanding events this year, and thank you to the wonderful staff of the Dallas Arboretum. Because of your hard work and dedication, our 35<sup>th</sup> year has been very successful; and we have given back over \$115,000 to A Woman's Garden in the form of capital improvements and garden maintenance. We will also be setting aside an additional \$125,000 for future Garden projects.

This year was not only a year of celebrations, but also an homage to the newest Garden at the Arboretum - A Tasteful Place. We kicked off the year with our first general meeting which featured Nancy Nichols, Senior Editor for D Magazine, who shared hilarious stories about her life as a Dallas restaurant critic.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Writer's Garden chaired by **Kay Weeks** and **Susan Adzick** offered three outstanding writers who shared their wisdom on Texas food, gardens, and the farm to table movement in the Lone Star State. We were thrilled to have the founder of A Writer's Garden, Nancy Bierman, as our honorary chairman.

At the Winter General Meeting in December, we celebrated the 35<sup>th</sup> year of our organization by honoring our first President, Doris Anton, with the Lifetime Leadership Award and our beloved Dave Forehand, Vice President of Gardens for the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, with the Founders Award. Our featured speakers were Jocelyn White, Kathy Fielder, and Terri Kennedy who showed us that holiday entertaining can be both fun and easy!

In keeping with our theme of food and entertaining, **Susan Vaughan Bayley**, hosted a fun and informative cooking class at Central Market in March. The hands on class included a wonderful Spring Brunch menu and lots of great cooking tips.

In April, we celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Mad Hatter's Tea and Luncheon. The event was executed perfectly by our Chairman, Venise Stuart. "A Garden By The Sea" filled the Ginsberg Family Plaza with a sea of elegant hats and evoked images of the beautiful Newport mansions with their fabulous lawns and gardens that overlook the ocean. We honored our former Mad Hatter's chairmen as they walked the runway in style as emcee **Jocelyn White** kept the event running on time and made sure all in attendance had a great time.

Our end of year luncheon was lovingly arranged by Dorothea Meltzer and Nancy Connor. The Service Award was presented to **Jo Anne McCullough**, and the Leadership Award was presented to **Kathy Cothrum**. Dave Forehand gave an update on all the happenings at the Dallas Arboretum, and **Kathleen Cunningham** presented a delightful program all about Eileen Ford and Diane Vreeland and the Fashion Industry.

Once again, thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, purchased tickets, or underwrote events to make the 2017-18 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. It has been an honor to serve as your president for the past two years.

*Melissa Lewis*



### *LEADERSHIP AWARD*



### *SERVICE AWARD*



Congratulations to  
**Kathy Cothrum**  
For Leadership  
and  
**Jo Anne McCullough**  
For Service

## *SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY*



Our Spring Volunteer Day was held on Thursday, April 19th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.. It was a beautiful day to be in A Woman's Garden. Volunteers were Robin Norcross (Chair), Linda Spina, Elle Cole, Sarah Andry, and Glenda Cotner. They toured A Woman's Garden—especially wanting to see the new Ring of Honor. Then lunch at the DeGolyer Café.



## *COOKING CLASS*

Susan Vaughan Bayley was the Chair for A Spring Cooking Class held at Central Market. Everything from preparation to presentation of an entire meal was taught. It was fun and informative. The menu consisted of Watercress Salad with Creamy Orange Dressing, Shrimp & Crab Cake Benedict, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes with Butter & Herbs, Grilled Asparagus & Tomatoes, and Homemade Cinnamon Rolls. Sounds yummy!



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**Our New Board for 2018-2019**

  
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The purpose of this organization shall be to support and promote the interest and growth of A Woman's Garden and The Dallas Arboretum

**Be sure to renew your membership!**

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