



WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF THE DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN



Fall 2020

14th Annual A Writer's Garden Tuesday, November 17

We invite you to join us for an unforgettable journey around the globe and across America with **Lisa Fine**, world-renowned textile designer, and **James Farmer**, Southern Lifestyle author and interior designer for this year's Virtual Literary Symposium, "*Near or Far... There Is No Place Like Home*"

Streaming Live from the Arboretum's DeGolyer House Library, Emcee **Jocelyn White** starts us on our journey with Lisa Fine as she brings to life the people, collections and faraway places that provide inspiration for her beautiful textiles and her personal design aesthetic. Next, we're off to visit with James Farmer, joining us live from Perry, GA, for a personal tour of Farmdale, his wonderful garden and home, and a discussion of his design aesthetic that blends the graciousness of Southern style with the sensibilities of contemporary life.

Diane Sealy is the Honorary Chair and **Suzanne Millet** is the Event Chair.

Please plan to support A Writer's Garden as an Underwriter or Dutch Treat Home Host and enjoy the Symposium and luncheon with the company of good friends, family



Southern Lifestyle Author and Interior Designer **James Farmer** and acclaimed Textile Designer **Lisa Fine**.

and neighbors in the comfort of your home or business. Individual Patron Tickets are available for \$250 and \$500 and include lunch, an autographed copy of a featured Symposium book and other benefits. Also available is a virtual Symposium-Only Ticket for \$75 which includes a one year subscription to the gorgeous FLOWER Magazine.

As always, there will be the special touches that make A Writer's Garden such a unique event! Perhaps, a delicious cocktail...an unexpected favor...a chance to win a spectacular Raffle Prize? We'd love to have you join us for

this Fall's astonishingly wonderful literary adventure. We are very happy to welcome this year's media sponsors: FLOWER Magazine, national magazine sponsor, The Scout Guide/Dallas, My Sweet Charity and Downtown Business News.

To learn more about being a Home Host and other Underwriting and Sponsorship Opportunities, contact **Mary Jo Lincicome** the Reservations Chair. She will be happy to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have. Contact Mary Jo at 214-707-5989 or maryjolinc@gmail.com.

President's Letter



Welcome new and returning members! We are excited to begin the 2020/2021 year! First off, I would like to thank **Venise Stuart** and her Board for a most successful and fun 2019/2020 year. Under Venise's leadership, WCDABG succeeded in a significant membership increase, fundraising excellence in spite of a pandemic, plus offered several wonderful educational opportunities for our members. Although this will be a different year, we are hopeful to meet success in engaging you, our members, in the preservation of our beloved A Woman's Garden.

The Membership team led by VP Membership, **Mary Ellen Winborn** has been hard at work getting membership renewals and securing new members. At this print deadline, we have over 55 new members. On September 14th a New Member Welcome will be held via ZOOM and led by **Kunthea Mam-Douglas**, New Member Welcome Chair. New Member events will be held monthly this year. If you know of any women who would like to join, it's never too late. Joining online is easy, just tell them to go to www.womenscouncilarboretum.org and click the Membership tab.

This year we will be focused on the health and safety of our membership while providing new ways of meeting, promoting and fundraising. We are adding a new program element this year, Fun Fridays which was developed by **Sarah Hardin**, VP Programs. Once a month, each Fun Friday will offer four to five interactive educational programs designed to engage members to meet and socialize with other WCDABG members. Some will be virtual, others in person, limited in size, following CDC guidelines. **Jill Goldberg**, Arrangements Chair will be taking reservations.

If you like to dig in the dirt, a fun Volunteer Day is planned for October 1st led by **Emily Jourdan** and **Sue John**, Volunteer Day Chairs. More details to follow! Our Fall Garden Trip, chaired by **Patti Mitchell** and **Janet Sue Rush** will take a new twist with a visit and lunch at the Arboretum's McCasland Greenhouse on October 21st.

Our fundraising teams are hard at work. Hopefully you have seen the virtual announcement video of A Writer's Garden, Near or Far...There Is No Place Like Home, featuring Southern Lifestyle Author and Interior Designer **James Farmer** and acclaimed Textile Designer **Lisa Fine**. Chaired by **Suzanne Millet**, we are delighted to have **Diane Sealy** as our Honorary Chair. The event will be live streamed from the DeGolyer House Library to the homes of Women's Council members and supporters with luncheon to follow on Tuesday, November 17th.

Jolie Humphrey, Mad Hatter's Chair has scheduled our WCDABG signature event on April 15, 2021. Jolie is underway with exciting plans and a fabulous theme. Please contact Jolie if you would like to serve on her committee.

I am honored to serve as your President this year. It no doubt will be a year filled with challenges and new ways of doing our meetings and our business. I look to you all for your support and flexibility as we work together for the benefit of our beautiful Woman's Garden!

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Kay Weeks

Women's Council President 2020-2021

The Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum newsletter is printed 3 times per year

by the WCDABG. The next deadline is: November 1.

Please send articles and photographs to **Sandy Secor**, Editor; jwsecor@sbcglobal.net

Fall Meeting and Program

Making a Difference: The Power and Role of Women in Philanthropy

The Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens Invites you to join us for the Fall Meeting and Program on Wednesday, September 23rd at 11:00 am - via Zoom. This is "an engaging, entertaining, inspiring and informative conversation", presenting **Ashley Anderson Smith**, Financial Advisor with Jones, Cannon and Scofield, A Private Wealth Advisory Practice of Amerprise Financial, and **Nicole Paquette**, Director of Marketing and Communications Communities Foundation of Texas, npaquette@cftexas.org.

This conversation will be moderated by **Sheila Soukup**, Senior Vice President, District Director Allianz Life Financial Services. More details about the speakers, including their contact information, can be found on our WCDABG website.

Just by being members of the Women's Council and supporting A Woman's Garden, we are all philanthropists!

Volunteer Day Fall 2020

It's time for Volunteer Day Fall 2020! Our event will be held at The Arboretum on Thursday, October 1st. Volunteer Day is a chance to garden a little, learn a little and have lunch with friends. The whole event, including lunch on the outdoor patio, will be an open-air experience that is socially distanced and includes masks. Those of you who love to get your hands in the dirt are in for a real treat!

We will start at 9am when we will be met by one of the staff members to go over the day's game plan. Our group will likely be planting



Fall volunteers, **Kay Weeks, Cindy Langford and Mary Ellen Winborn**

Chrysanthemums in the Poetry Garden or the Grotto entrance. Afterwards, we will get washed up and meet outside in the shade to hear a short talk on Trial Gardens and some plants they've had great success with at the Arboretum. And then it's off to the DeGolyer Café for an outdoor lunch on their patio at 12 noon! Co-chairs are: **Emily Jourdan** and **Sue John**.

All tools will be provided. All volunteers are encouraged to wear a hat and bring your own gloves and masks! We are limited to 10 people so first come, first served! Email: Emily.erna@yahoo.com or text: 512-965-0777 with full name, phone number and interest in attending. Hope to see you there!

Fun Fridays Events

We are happy to offer a variety of fun opportunities this year to keep our members engaged with safe and socially distant activities. To participate, please remember you need to sign up by the RSVP deadline date listed for that month.

You will be contacted with further details and a Zoom link for virtual activities. Each activity has a "Fun Leader" to guide that activity.

Friday, September 25th

Summer and September Birthdays Party in A Woman's Garden; Tour of Kips Bay Decorator Showhouse; Stroll through the Arboretum Pumpkin Patch and Lunch at the Degolyer House. Virtual Zoom Pumpkin Decorating Workshop with Floral Designer **Judy Blackman**; Virtual Zoom Autumnal Wine, Cheese & Charcuterie Pairing/Tasting presented by Central Market. Fun Friday, September 25th: RSVP by Friday, September 11th. Please sign up for your birthday month.

Friday, October 30th

October Birthdays Party in A Woman's Garden; Tour of Valley House and Sculpture Garden In Person; Virtual Zoom Pet Halloween Costume Contest; Virtual Zoom "Patio to Plate" Workshop by Gardenuity; Virtual Zoom Champagne Tasting with sommelier **Tricia Conover**.

Jill Goldberg is the RSVP Chair and can be reached at jdpogo@aol.com. **Sarah Jo Hardin** is the Fifth VP of Programs and the Fun Fridays Chair and can be reached at mashdallas@msn.com or 214-681-2929.

News and Notes

Congratulations to **Melissa Lewis** on the birth of her first grandchild; to **Sandy Secor** on the birth of her 6th grandchild; to **Lisa Laughlin** on the birth of her 8th grandchild.

Condolences to **Susan Scullin** on the loss of her father; to the families of **Sylvia Rundell**, and **Cecile Bonte** on their passing, to **Beth Roberts** on the loss of her mother **Helen Roberts**; to **Dixey Arterburn** on the loss of her step-mother.

Please send member news to **Carole Ann Brown**, caroleannbrown@sbcglobal.net.

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Calendar 2020 - 2021

September

Wednesday, September 23rd - General Meeting

Friday, September 25th - Fun Friday

October

Thursday, October 1st - Volunteer Day

Thursday, October 8th - Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 21st - Fall Trip/Lunch

Friday, October 23rd - Fun Friday

November

Tuesday, November 17th - A Writer's Garden

December

Tuesday, December 1st - General Meeting

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