WOMEN'S COUNCIL
OF THE DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

Spring 2020

Celebrate the Art of Chic at Mad Hatters April 16 Was Cancelled

32nd Year Mad Hatters benefiting the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden and A Woman's Garden cancelled.

The Womens Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botannical Gardens is deeply saddened by the current Coronavirus Pandemic and we offer our well wishes to all during this fearful time. In light of the situation, we are redirecting our yearlong hard work to meet our end goal of raising money for A Woman's Garden and cancelling Mad Hatter's Tea 2020 The Art of Chic.

Empress Gilbert, Patti Flowers**, Mad Hatters Chairman; **Venise Stuart**, Women's Council President; **Joni Krieg**; and **Regina Bruce.

While we all may not be able to attend this year's event and enjoy each other's company due to the Coronavirus, we can still come together as a group with a purpose to support the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden and our beloved A Woman's Garden. In this anxious time of uncertainty and darkness, it is always valuable to find the beauty in life, such as nature offers, to keep our spirits up and to encourage joy in others. A glorious garden can also offer comfort and peace in times of distress. Lifted hearts are healing hearts. With these thoughts in mind, we thank you so very much for your enthusiastic support of the Mad Hatter's Tea. It has been the hallmark event of the WCDABG for many years. Please keep these memories alive until we see you again at next year's event. We will get through all of this together until we can tip toe through the tulips again.

WCDABG Annual Meeting

The WCDABG Annual Meeting scheduled for May 19 has been canceled due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Your health and that of your family is our upmost concern. We want to honor your concerns.

The speaker for the day would have been Dallasite founder of EarthX **Trammell S. Crow**. On our behalf we want to extend our thank you to him and his organization.

While you continue to spend time to shelter at home, please take a moment to review the EarthX2020 website @ EARTHX.org. Learn more about the opportunities of how we can improve our earth, our planet. 2020 is the 10th anniversary of EarthX and the 50th anniversary for Earth Day.

Thanks also go to **Mari Epperson**, Annual Meeting Chair, and VP of Programs, **Sandy Secor**.

At this meeting the slate for 2020-21 would be presented to the membership. Incoming President **Kay Weeks** would have introduced her board to all in attendance.

President's Letter

Thank you all so much for your support of the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and our wonderful events this year! This has been a year of education, renewal, and opportunities for friendship with fellow Women's Council members. We celebrated our very own **Barbara Bigham** with awarding her with the Founders Award at a beautiful winter holiday general meeting and we learned about architectural landscaping from **Tary Arterburn,** Studio Outside Landscape Architects at our fall general meeting. **Trammell S. Crow**, founder of EarthX, had planned to speak to us at the May Annual Meeting regarding our earth, our planet.

Our Writer's Garden Symposium focused on Southern Style as we heard from renown interior designer and author **Bunny Williams**, and co-founder and CEO of *Garden & Gun*, **Rebecca Darwin**, who both shared their southern roots, their southern garden design and their passion of strong southern women.

As we were gearing up for the biggest event of the year, a global pandemic we've never seen before put our party hats and style show aside. The *Art of Chic* became the Art of Chaos. We weren't able to hold this event, but want to thank those that continued their support. We will tip toe through the tulips as soon as we are capable of doing so - hopefully, in the very near future.

With the fun and exciting start of the year, we ended the year in a world-wide crisis. We will maintain our garden and we will be strong in our endeavors to keep A Woman's Garden as beautiful as ever. I am grateful to know that your support will be there as well.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered time, purchased tickets, or underwrote events to make the 2019-2020 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 of our members and our board.

I have been honored to have served as your President. I will continue to be shoulder to shoulder with you as we walk into A Woman's Garden this next decade together.

Let's continue to grow the strength and the spirit of a woman!

Always,

Venise Stuart

Women's Council President 2019-2020

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

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Mad Hatter's Party at Empressive Earth Gallery. *Top left:* ***Martha Jackson, Nellie Sciutto, Kunthear Mam-Douglas, Abra Garrett****. Top right:* ***: Michelle Mew, Suzanne Millet, Joanie Stephens.*** *Center left:* ***Kay Weeks*** *and* ***Linda Spina****. Center middle:* ***Giuliano Matarese****, Exec. Chef,* ***Mille Lire*** *and a Mad Hatter's Tea Hat Judge;* ***Joni Krieg****, event co-chair. Center right:* ***Pat McDonough****. Bottom left:* ***Rose Gault, Joanie Stephens, Karen Burton****. Bottom right:* ***Beth Hall, Andrea Reich.***

Mad Hatter's Party at Empressive Earth Gallery. *Top left:* ***Kim Noltemy, Venise Stuart.*** *Top right:* ***Melissa Lewis, Mary Griggs, Joanne Terrill.*** *Center left:* ***Renée Ferren, Bob Bigham, Barbara Bigham****. Center right:* ***Lynn Townsend Dealey, Patti Flowers.*** *Bottom left:* ***Host, Empressive Earth Gallery; Kathy Dewbre.*** *Bottom left:* ***Faith Spitz, Paula Ratliff.***

Charleston Spring Trip

We have openings for this trip.
WCDABG members will travel to Charleston, SC. The Charleston Trip has been rescheduled to November 9-11 to visit Charleston's most historic sites including private garden tours and a day with the Charleston Horticultural Society. Contact **Nancy Connor**, nancyconnor9218@gmail.com, or **Kathy Cothrum**, wkcothrum@gmail.com if you are interested in this trip.

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News and Notes

Congratulations to **Melissa Lewis** on the birth of a granddaughter. Congratulations to **Patricia Cowlishaw** on her 50th wedding anniversary. Get well wishes to **Ramona Jones** who had a fall but is now on the mend, and to **Bettina Hennessy** and **Sharon Walker**'s daughter. Condolences to **Mari Epperson** on the loss of her mother; to **Wendy Hansen** on the loss of her mother; to **Carolyn Lupton** who lost her husband; to **Kimberly Yamanouchi** on the loss of her father. Please send cares and concerns to **Eleanor Casey**, Corresponding Secretary, eleanorcasey@aol.com.

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The Lisianthus Society was created in 2015 to recognize Members and Friends for their generosity, dedication and support of the Women's Council's annual fundraising events.

The Lisianthus flower is an elegant beauty grown in the southern United States and a descendent of the North American wildflower. Also known as a Texas Bluebell, it is native to Texas and is similar in appearance to a rose with double varieties resembling peonies.

It is the perfect WOMEN'S COUNCIL Spring symbol for the beauty, grace, strength and spirit of women so wonderfully celebrated in A Woman's Garden.

With a yearly contribution of $500 and above, one may become a member of the Society. These are ways you may do so: Yearly Membership Dues at the $500 Level or above A Writer's Garden Ticket at the $500 Level or above, or A Mad Hatter's Tea Ticket at the $500 Level Ticket or above, Event Underwriter or Table Sponsor.

You can join online at www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org.

Dues can be paid online at www. womenscouncildallasarboretum.org

Calendar 2020 - 2021

November 2020

November 16 & 17 – A Writer's Garden

April 2021

April 15th – Mad Hatter's Tea & Luncheon

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