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*A Writer's Garden Luncheon & Symposium*

*Our Tenth Anniversary Celebration*

It's our 10th Anniversary! Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, November 8 and feel free to bring a friend. It's going to be wonderful!

An Announcement Party was held June 13 at the home of Marsha and David Dowler. Phyllis McCasland was announced as Honorary Chair by Dorothea Meltzer, Program Chair. Our speakers will be Virginia Grace Tuttle, Susan Haltom, and Jan Johnsen. Dorothea displayed their books and told everyone a little bit about each one of them. Event Chair Alyce Heinrich encouraged everyone to attend and thanked our past sponsors. A big Thank You to Kathy Cothrum, Sharon Walker, Renee Farren, Liz Respess, Alyce and Dorothea for the terrific display of yummies. Nancy Bierman, the founder of this yearly event, brought her notebook from the very first Writer's Garden which was chaired by Renee Farren.

For complete information go to www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org and click on A Writer's Garden. Start putting your tables together now….

Be watching for information on how you can become a member of the Lisianthus Society

# *A Message from the President*

Welcome to the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. This is such a special time for the Dallas Arboretum and our beautiful "A Woman's Garden." The Arboretum was just named by *Architectural Digest* as the second most beautiful garden in the world! As the weather begins to cool down, I hope you will make plans to visit the gardens. I can't think of a more beautiful way to spend the day!

Whether you are a new member or a longtime supporter of the Women's Council, this year offers a variety of fun and educational events for you. Come celebrate the 100th year of the National Park System at our first general meeting on September 27th at the Dallas Country Club. Our special guest, Russ Whitlock, is the Superintendent of the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. The meeting will be followed by a luncheon and a special champagne toast to our new members!

You won't want to miss this year's 10th Annual Writer's Garden Symposium and Luncheon on Tuesday, November 8th. We have three outstanding authors this year who will share their thoughts on garden design and the development of flower gardens in America and the transforming power of nature.

Please don't forget to mark your calendars now for the best people watching luncheon in Dallas! April 27, 2017 is the date for the incomparable Mad Hatter's Tea and Style Show. This will be a day of fun, surprises, celebrity hat judges, and fabulous fashions from TOOTSIES!

As always, thank you all for all your support of the Women's Council and *A Woman's Garden.*

*Melissa Lewis,* President

## Mad Hatter's 2017—The Reveal

## An Evening of Announcements and Surprises at TOOTSIES

## Thursday, November 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## Linda Spina, Mad Hatter's Chair

## *FALL MEETING & NEW MEMBER WELCOME*

Our Fall Meeting and Luncheon will be held on September 27th at the Dallas Country Club. In recognition of the Centennial of our National Parks Service, our presenter will be Russ Whitlock, superintendent of the LBJ Historical Park. His topic will be "Our National Parks: Beginning Our Second Century."

Laura Bush and Jenna Bush Hager's book *Our Great Big Backyard* will be available for purchase with signed bookplates. We will have a special welcome for our New Members! See below. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Patty Langdale, Fall Meeting Chair

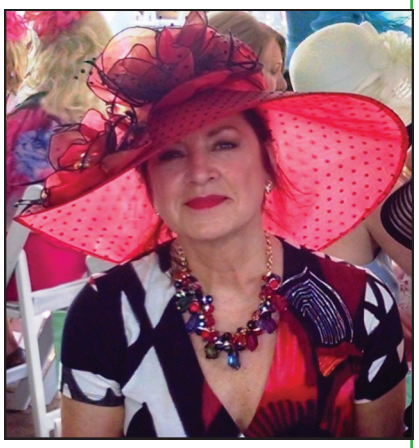
We welcome all our new members for this year. During dessert we will introduce you and celebrate you with a champagne toast!! Here is a list of all the new members as of this printing:

Ananda Boardman, Regina Bruce, Deborah Budge, Pier Burgess, Elle Cole, Tricia Conover, Jodi Cunningham, Liz Dierksmeier, Ann Drees, Paige Elliot, Marianne Gwinn, Rosanne Hart, Mary Ann Hyde, Julie Jodie, Kendra Karlock, Mary Kimberlin, Lesley Lake, Anne Ligon, Jeanne McClung, Sandra McPherson, Astrid Merriman, Amy Moore, Marianne Morris, Jeannie Nethery, Robin Norcross, Lauren Palmer, Mary Beth Parker, Kim Rozell, Janet Sue Rush, Hedy Sawyers, Tammy Schwab, Elizabeth Smith, Cindy Terrell, Patty Jo Turner, JoAnna Turner, Margaret Williams, and Betty Wilson.

Sarah Hardin, New Member Welcome Chair

## *VOLUNTEER DAY*

I would love to greet a record number of participants from the Women's Council for this upcoming Fall Volunteer Day on Friday, October 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Let's try to represent our grand organization by being either a docent at the DeGolyer Estate or a garden guide in *A Woman's Garden*. This year's Autumn at the Arboretum (September 14—November 25) will provide an incredible environment for the enjoyment of the whole family. It'll be our opportunity to convey who we are and why we choose to support this nationally-acclaimed Garden. Afterwards, volunteers can continue the fun by staying for a Dutch Treat lunch at the Restaurant DeGolyer. If you would like to volunteer, please call me at 214-437-7303 or email me at dhometexas@gmail.com.



Liz Dierksmeier, Volunteer Day Chair

## FALL/WINTER CALENDAR

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| September 8 | Board Meeting/3311 Drexel |
| September 27 | Fall Meeting/New Member Welcome |
| October 14 | Volunteer Day |
| October TBD | Fall Day Trip |
| October 27 | Board Meeting/3711 Lexington |
| November | A Writer's Garden Patron Party |
| November 8 | A Writer's Garden Symposium/Luncheon |
| November 17 | The Mad Hatter's Reveal |
| December 5 | Winter Meeting/Founders Award |


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Calendar for the Year, Complete Information on Events, & Online Payment