

WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF THE DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN



FALL

2009

President's Letter



I am extremely honored to serve as your 2009-2010 Women's Council President. Our members worked diligently over the spring and summer months to create a wonderful lineup of events appealing to a broad variety of interests. We've a great year ahead!

The **New Member Tea** Co-Chairmen **Missy MacNaughton** and **Carrie Cothrum** have planned a truly unique event this year on the DeGolyer patio. Program Chairman **Kim Mathews**, **Fall Meeting** Chairman, **Susan Hulick**, assistants, **Jill Goldberg** and **Jaelyn Braddy** have collaborated on the September General Meeting luncheon. Fall also brings the very popular **A Writer's Garden Literary Luncheon Series**, with book reviews and a very special symposium. I would like to thank *A Writer's Garden* Chairman, **Linda DeFee**, and her Assistant Chairmen, **Marsha Dowler** and **Bettina Hennessey**, plus all of their hard working volunteers! A special **Fall Trip** to New Orleans, planned by S&E Chairman, **Linda Spina**, and committee members **Ruth Barnard**, **Emilynn Wilson** and **Beth Yablon** is sure to be a lot of fun. **Fall Volunteer Day** arrives late in October, thanks to Chairman **Helen Tieber** and Assistant Chairman **Debbie Kadane**. After a wonderful **Winter General Meeting** by Chairman, **Janet Nylund**, and her assistants, **Susan Vaughan** and **Jacklin Boyd**, we are planning an event that you will not want to miss: our **Children's Christmas Tea** with special guest and storybook reader **Mrs. Laura W. Bush**. Contact Co-Chairmen, **Jewel Williams** and **Kathleen Cunningham**, to reserve your table early. **Sharon Ballew**, perhaps the most organized person I know, is working diligently on our spring **Mad Hatter's** event, "Divas and Dahlias." Last but not least, **Therese Rourk** and her mom, **Mary Lee Cox**, are working on 'An Evening in the Garden' a unique event to honor our 2010 **Founder's Award** recipient.

I also want to thank the Officers and Committee Chairmen who have worked diligently to ensure that we have a successful 2009-2010. Thank you to Membership Chairman, **Sue Ringle**, assistants **Kay Braly** and **Claire Cunningham**, as well as Database Manager, **Jennifer Mira** and to **Connie Rhoades**, our Yearbook Chairman, for putting the directory information together and arranging printing and distribution. And what would we do without **Deborah Brown**, our incredible Website Administrator and **Laura Greenwood**, our new 'mama' and Graphic Design Artist? Our board meetings rely upon Arrangements Chairman, **Charlotte Comer**, Hospitality Chairman, **Linda Betancourt**, assistants **Joan Perry**, **Patricia Keene**, **Pat Trimble** and **Michelle Mew**; **Marilyn Hailey** (name tags) and **Michelle Stone**, who sends the board meeting announcements. I want to thank **Carole Boss** (Bulb Sales), **Cheryl Buckles** (Newsletter) and **Patricia Cowlshaw** (Donor Naming) for continuing to do such a wonderful job year after year! Finally, a special thanks goes out to my friends **Nancy Connor** (Treasurer), **Susan Scullin** (Corresponding Secretary) and **Sandy Secor** (Recording Secretary) for agreeing to serve on the 2009-2010 Board. Thank you all,

Kathy Cothrum

New Member Party – Thursday, September 3rd, 6:30pm – 8:30pm



The 2009 – 2010 year starts with the New Member Party at the Dallas Arboretum DeGolyer House. Chaired by **Carrie Cothrum** (left) and **Missy MacNaughton** (right), this event is an opportunity for new members to hear about the exciting plans for the coming year, meet the Women's Council board and enjoy a garden tour. RSVP to: cothrum@sbcglobal.net or 214-361-1637. To join the Women's Council call **Claire Cunningham** at: 214-826-1853 or go to the Women's Council website to join on-line at: www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org

Fall Meeting – Tuesday, September 29, 10am

Join Fall meeting Chairman, **Susan Hulick**, and assistants **Jaclyn Braddy** and **Jill Goldberg** at the **Brook Hollow Golf Club**, 8301 Harry Hines Blvd for our fall meeting and program:

“Downtown Dallas is Blooming: The Arts District and Woodall Rodgers Park.”

Speakers for the program are The Honorable **Veletta Forsythe Lill**, who served for eight years on the Dallas City Council and in January 2009 was appointed by Dallas Mayor Tom



Leppert as the first executive director of the Dallas Arts District, and **Mr. John Zogg**, board member of the Woodall Rogers Park Foundation. At a projected cost of over \$75 million, construction on the Woodall Rodgers (deck) Park is underway in 2009 with completion expected in late 2011. This 5.2 acres park will provide pedestrian access along the wooded and landscaped pathways between the Dallas Performing Arts Center, Meyerson Symphony Center, Nasher Sculpture Garden, Dallas Museum of Art and more. **Mr. Zogg** was an early supporter of the park, helping to assemble architects, investors and area property owners to explore the feasibility of the proposed park. The program is free and guests are welcome. The cost of the luncheon is \$50.



Invitations have been mailed to members. A check made out to: WC-DABG is your reservation. Mail checks no later than September 24th to: Jill Goldberg, 4319 Arcady Avenue, Dallas, TX 75205. For more info or to make a meeting only reservation, call/email Jill at 214-528-2757 or jdpo@aol.com

Fall Service and Education Trip To New Orleans – Thursday/Friday, October 15 - 16

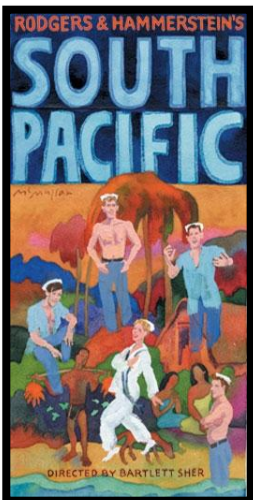


“Laissez les bon temps roulez!” or *“Let the good times roll!”* as they say in New Orleans. In an exciting departure from our typical itinerary, Service and Education Chair, **Linda Spina**, has planned two fun-filled days in New Orleans. Departing Dallas Love Field Thursday morning, October 15th, upon arriving in New Orleans the group goes to the **Houmas House Plantation** for a late lunch/tour, then on to a second plantation tour. Checking into the **Windsor Court Hotel**, located between the French Quarter and Garden District, the evening ends with dinner at a favorite local restaurant.

The next morning offers a choice of shopping at the exclusive **Yvonne Le Fleur** shop offering beautiful custom millinery (look for your Mad Hatter’s Tea hat), or members may indulge in an independent morning shopping along **Magazine Street**, featuring eclectic architecture, galleries, antique stores and restaurants. The trip cost of \$800 (double hotel room) or \$925 (single hotel room) includes airfare, one night hotel room, transportation, meals (not incl. alcohol) and tour admissions. For reservations, contact **Linda Spina** at 1-972-542-3288. An immediate deposit check to WC-DABG (dbl room: \$350, snl room: \$475) is required to reserve; mail to: Linda Spina, 5804 Spring Hill Dr, McKinney, TX 75070.

FALL TRIP REQUIRES ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS & IS NEARLY SOLD OUT! SO, REPLY IMMEDIATELY!

Winter Service & Education Trip to see “South Pacific” – Sunday, December 20, 2pm



The Winter trip takes us to the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) in the fabulous new Winspear Opera House for the inaugural season performance of Rogers & Hammerstein’s beloved musical, **SOUTH PACIFIC**. This show swept the 2008 Tony Awards®, winning seven honors including Best Musical Revival and Best Director. This event is open to members and guests at @ \$85 per ticket (**meet at Opera House “Will Call” ticket office day of performance to get tickets from Linda.**) Optional per vehicle parking: \$15 self park or \$25 valet is available. Voucher will be mailed to you. **Reservations are being taken now & must be received no later than October 15th to meet group ticket sales deadline.** Your check made out to WC-DABG is your reservation. Mail check for ticket & optional parking to: Linda Spina, 5804 Spring Hill Dr, McKinney, TX 75070.



(Images courtesy of DCPA)

A Writer's Garden Literary Luncheon Series – Rosine Hall, Dallas Arboretum



A Writer's Garden Literary Luncheon Series returns to Rosine Hall for its third groundbreaking season. (Photo, L to R) Assistant Chairmen, **Bettina Hennessy** and **Marsha Dowler**; Event Chairwoman, **Linda DeFee**; Honorary Chairman, **Faye Briggs**; and WC President, **Kathy Cothrum**, have created

elegant luncheons with beautifully illustrated presentations by celebrated authors, awarded speakers and inspired book reviewers. Join us at the Dallas Arboretum where literature enriches, design inspires and the garden delights! The series opens October 8 with **Nancy L. Ashley**'s review of wondrous tales of life and love by Elizabeth Spencer. The Literary Symposium will assembled three of our country's most distinguished authors who explore the connections between literature, film, landscape, and urban and interior design. Revisit the California Eden created through historical landscape and film set design with **Dr. James L. Yoch**. The superb artistry of Dallas designer **Jan Showers** glimmers throughout her classically inspired interiors. New York historian **Francis Morrone** will take us on a captivating urban design tour through America's greatest cities. The series closes on January 27 with **Jan Stanford Gurley**'s exploration of the extraordinary life of author and aviator, **Anne Morrow Lindbergh**.

A Writer's Garden Literary Symposium – Thursday, November 12, 10am – 1:30pm

Francis Morrone is a noted NY architectural critic, literary historian, and awarded educator at NYU. The author of five books on architecture and urban history, Morrone is one of the most highly sought guides of architectural tours in New York City. He is a frequent lecturer for the Municipal Art Society of NY, the Brooklyn Historical Society, and the Institute of Classical Architecture and Classical America. In his presentation ***The Breeze of Beauty: American Dreams of the Garden City***, Morrone will trace the influence of the British "Garden City" ideal through the elaborate landscape and picturesque architecture that remains the alluring hallmark of America's greatest cities.



Jan Showers' Dallas design firm and antiques business is recognized as one of the most distinguished in the nation. Her elegant interiors, a blend of Hollywood high style, mid-century modernism and classic 18-century French styles, have been published in numerous interiors and architecture magazines. Named as one of "The Top 100 Interior Designers in America", Showers was the 2008 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Interior Design from Fashion Group International. We are thrilled to celebrate Showers' long-awaited publication of her monograph, ***Glamorous Rooms***. Filled with over 200 dazzling photographs, this gorgeous volume is a must-have addition to any art or design enthusiast's library.

James J. Yoch is an awarded educator (University of Oklahoma), nationally awarded speaker and international landscape designer whose articles on the cultural context of gardens have appeared in *Architectural Digest*, *Garden Design*, and *Veranda*. He has lectured for the NY Botanical Garden, Central Park Conservancy, and the Garden Club of America. Yoch has written and produced for film and was consultant for National Geographic's Travel Series segment *Secret Gardens*. ***Landscaping the American Dream: The Gardens and Film Sets of Florence Yoch, 1890-1972*** is a lavishly illustrated study of his cousin's pioneering work in California landscape design. Her classically based illusion gardens, favored by film stars and Hollywood mogels of the 20's and 30's, continue to inform contemporary trends in American garden design.



Call and make your reservations today to attend these exceptional literary luncheons. Patron level tickets, table sponsorships, and individual tickets are available. Tickets for all three inspiring events are only \$250. Literary Symposium program & luncheon only are \$150; each of the two Book Review program/luncheons are \$50. To purchase on-line go to: www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.com (VISA or MC). For ticket purchase by check, make check payable to WC-DABG and mail to: **Lynda Willis, 7629 Spring Valley Road, Dallas, TX 75254**. For more information, contact **Lynda Willis** at: 214-766-2314 or lcwo116@gmail.com 3

A Writer's Garden Book Review Luncheons – 11am to 1pm

Rosine Hall at the Dallas Arboretum is the site of the Book Review Luncheon Series scheduled for **Thursday, October 8, 2009** and **Wednesday, January 27, 2010**. In response to your special requests, both **Nancy L. Ashley** and **Jan Stanford Gurley** return to A Writer's Garden 2009 – 2010.



Their multi-faceted presentations celebrate the lives of two extraordinary women whose memoirs and stories contribute to our cultural and literary heritage. Named "Best Book Reviewer of 2006" by the Dallas Observer, **Nancy L. Ashley** is widely acclaimed for her illuminating reviews of great writers of the Southern literary renaissance period. A passionate student of history, **Jan Stanford Gurley** is highly sought for her vividly detailed profiles of courageous heroines whose historical achievements continue to influence our world.



Thursday, October 8

***Landscapes of the Heart* ❄️ *The Light in the Piazza*
Author: Elizabeth Spencer ❄️ Reviewer: Nancy L. Ashley**



Elizabeth Spencer's reputation establishes her as one of the great Southern writers of her generation. In a distinguished career spanning over six decades, this Mississippi native has authored numerous novels and short story collections. Her work has been translated into fourteen languages and has received multiple awards including five O. Henry Prizes, the Pushcart Prize, and fellowships from both the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. Spencer's spirited memoir, ***Landscapes of the Heart***, chronicles her development as a writer through her outwardly idyllic childhood and later estrangement from family followed by years of cultural exile abroad before her eventual return "home." ***Light in the Piazza (and Other Italian Stories)*** is considered Spencer's finest work as a lyrical storyteller. Set in 1950's Florence and Rome, this sparkling valentine to young love grapples with powerful themes of cultural conflict and disorientation. The novella was successfully adapted into a Tony-Award winning musical fable.

Wednesday, January 27

***Anne Morrow Lindbergh: A Twentieth Century Life* ❄️
❄️ Reviewer: Jan Stanford Gurley**



Drawn from over twenty years of personal research and inspired by her struggle to overcome her own fear of flying, Jan Stanford Gurley's presentation is an engrossing and poignant portrait of ***Ann Morrow Lindbergh: A Twentieth Century Life***. Though an intensely private woman, Morrow's life of daring adventure marred by personal tragedy was the object of inescapable global scrutiny. Her spirit of calm perseverance became a symbol of hope during a time of dramatic change and world conflict. Wife and co-pilot of the world's first mega-celebrity, Anne authored a beautifully written account of their transatlantic adventures in ***North to the Orient*** which won the National Book Award in 1935. Her narrative of their pioneering flight captured the imagination of the American public and ensured the growth of the aviation industry. Even today, Anne's remarkable contributions to literature and aviation endure and inspire.

Children's Christmas Tea – Sunday, December 13, 2 pm to 4 pm



Enjoy the timeless tradition of a festive holiday tea, celebrate the spirit of Christmas in a program designed to engage and entertain both children and adults, and tour the beautifully decorated DeGolyer home to view *The Art of the Nativity*, a beautiful collection of nativity crèche creations. All of this and more await you at the annual Children's Christmas Tea. Co-chairmen of the event: **Jewel Williams** (lower left) and **Kathleen Cunningham** (lower right), are especially thrilled to welcome as guest storyteller, **Mrs. Laura W. Bush**, whose life long interest in women's and children's issues, reading and literacy make her a truly special participant in this holiday event. Repeating last year's popular holiday photography, there will be a professional photographer ready to preserve the memory of a delightful afternoon. (Note, the program will not allow for photos taken with Mrs. Bush.) Photos will be available for sale sometime after the event. The program and tea will be at the Arboretum Rosine Hall followed by the DeGolyer home tour of *The Art of the Nativity*. For more information, contact the Christmas Tea Co-Chairmen, **Jewel Williams** at: 214-532-8506 or **Kathleen Cunningham** at: 214-662-1982.

Update on A Woman's Garden – El Bosque

Continuing toward the completion of planting in *A Woman's Garden*, we celebrate El Bosque (The Woods), which is situated on the western edge of the Garden between The Rockery and the Lower Meadow Panorama. Japanese Maples and a rare specimen *Wollemia Nobilis* – a pine tree once thought to be extinct – are surrounded by an extensive collection of *Crinum Lilies*, generously donated to the Women's Council by Jimmy Turner, Director of Horticulture Research at The Arboretum, from his personal collection. Also planted is a collection of eight types of *Aspidistra*, which are new to the Dallas area. *Voodoo Lilies* & *Poet's Laurel* also enhance this unique area. A semi-circular boulder-stack planted with *Star of Bethlehem* creates a 6' stone wall delineating the boundary of El Bosque.



Dave Forehand, Kathy Cothrum



Above: Warren Johnson (landscape Architect), Dave Forehand (VP of Gardens, Arboretum), and Marsha Dowler (Women's Council VP, Garden Projects) discuss El Bosque plans.

Update on A Woman's Garden Donor Naming Activity

We gratefully acknowledge **Sarah and John Seddelmeyer** in the naming of **The Poetry Garden** and express our sincerest thanks to them for this extremely generous gift. We also thank Women's Council member **Theresa Wilcox** in the gift of a bench in honor of her husband, which is located on the curved walkway north of the Genesis Garden. For information on donor naming opportunities contact **Patricia Cowlshaw** at 972-239-1702 or email: patriciaacowlshaw@sbcglobal.net.

Fall Volunteer Day – Thursday, October 23

Volunteer Day Chairmen, **Helen Tieber** and Assistant Chairman, **Debbie Kadane**, invite members to participate in the Fall Volunteer Day. Volunteers meet at the DeGolyer house on the Arboretum grounds just prior to their shift for assignments: docent duties at the DeGolyer house or visitor aid within the gardens. **Volunteer Orientation** will be offered **Thursday, October 22nd** at the DeGolyer house starting at 10:30am. Look for the sign-up table at the Thursday, September 3rd New Member Party. Contact **Helen Tieber**: 972-490-1143 or **Debbie Kadane**: 214-826-4105 to sign up to volunteer.

Morning shifts: 9:00am to 1:00pm AND/OR Afternoon shifts: 1:00pm – 4:30pm



From The Editor

The Women’s Council Newsletter is a quarterly publication, published in August, November, February and May of each year and forwarded to our Women’s Council members. Should you have submissions, questions or comments, please contact me as follows: **(214) 533-7033** or **cheryl.buckles@att.net**

2009 – 2010 Women’s Council Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 3 rd , 6:30pm – 8:30pm	New Member Party, DeGolyer, Dallas Arboretum
Wednesday, September 16 th , 10am – 12noon	Board Meeting, 3516 Beverly Dr, hostess: Linda Greer
Tuesday, September 29 th , 10am	Fall General Meeting, Brook Hollow County Club
Thursday, October 8 th , 11am – 1pm	A Writer’s Garden Book Review & Luncheon, Arboretum
Thursday/Friday, October 15 th /16 th	Fall Trip to New Orleans
Thursday, October 22 nd	Volunteer Training
Thursday, October 28 th	Fall Volunteer Day at the Arboretum
Thursday, November 5 th , 10am – 12noon	Board Meeting, 3605 Caruth Blvd, Hostess: Carol Huckin
Thursday, November 12 th , 10am – 1:30pm	A Writer’s Garden Symposium & Luncheon, Arboretum
Tuesday, December 8 th , 10am	Winter General Meeting & Luncheon, Dallas Arboretum
Sunday, December 13 th , 2pm – 4pm	Children’s Christmas Tea, Arboretum
Sunday, December 20 th , 2pm	Winter Trip , South Pacific Musical, Dallas Perf. Arts Ctr
Wednesday, January 27 th , 11am – 1pm	A Writer’s Garden Book Review & Luncheon, Arboretum
Thursday, February 4 th , 10am – 12noon	Board Meeting, 4805 St. Johns Dr, Hostess: Jan Hegi
Thursday, March 4 th , 10am – 12 noon	Board Meeting, 3548 Rankin Ave, Hostess: Sarah Hardin
Wednesday, March 17 th	Spring Volunteer Day at the Arboretum
Thursday, April 1 st , 10am – 12noon	Luncheon/Board Mtg, 3512 Crescent Ave, Betsy Whitson
Thursday, April 22 nd , 11am – 2pm	Mad Hatter’s Tea Party, Dallas Arboretum
May (Date TBD)	Spring Trip, May Home Garden Tour
Tuesday, May 11 th , 10am	Spring Annual Meeting/Luncheon, 7000 Park Lane, Dallas
Wednesday, May 19 th , 6pm	Founders Award Celebration, DeGolyer House, Arboretum

(www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org *Newsletters posted & archived on website.*)

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