*Dr. Linda Burk announced as our Honorary Chair for this year’s Mad Hatter’s Tea

*Logo revealed by Venise Stuart, Event Chair & Melissa Lewis, President

*Past Mad Hatter’s Chairs Saluted

The Reveal Party held at TOOTSIES on November 16 was too fabulous! Ideas for hats and outfits were envisioned as Melissa Lewis told everyone to think of Newport, Rhode Island in the days of the Vanderbilts. Lynn Townsend Dealey captured that vision exactly. Thanks to TOOTSIES for hosting us at their amazing store. Jan Strimple will present another wonderful fashion show with clothes from TOOTSIES.

Our next reveal—HAT CATEGORIES!

Show your support for A Woman’s Garden and join us on April 12th. Don’t miss one of the best events in Dallas!
**Letter from the President**

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We have several exciting events coming up as we head into Spring. I hope you can join us for two very unique cooking classes in March. Details will be announced soon. Has everyone started thinking about their hat for Mad Hatter’s? Think “Seaside Chic” for our A Garden by the Sea. Unlike most charitable organizations, funds raised by the Women’s Council are not turned over to a “parent” organization or given away in the form of grants. We raise money in order to fund the ongoing maintenance, development, and redevelopment for our beloved A Woman’s Garden. We are currently focused on renovating the beautiful reflecting pool that overlooks White Rock Lake and are anxiously awaiting an engineering study that will tell us the best way to refurbish it so it can be enjoyed for many years to come. I will keep you updated on the progress of this important capital improvement.

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

Melissa Lewis

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

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**OUR EDUCATIONAL TRIP—JUNE 20-24**

Join us for a once in a lifetime opportunity to step back in time at The Newport Flower Show 2018. Our itinerary includes luncheon/program, opening night gala at Rosecliff Mansion with VIP buffet dinner, shopping at oceanside boutiques and Gardener’s Marketplace at the Flower Show. Also included are dinners at the Black Pearl, Cliff House, and The White Horse Tavern. We will tour the following: The Breakers, The Elms, Rough Point, the Green Animal Topiary Garden and the Blue Garden. Cost is $2,600—not including your airfare. Please see our website for full details.

If you should have any questions, please contact Sarah Andry, 6th Vice President of Service and Education, at 214-543-3621.
WINTER MEETING

The Winter Meeting was held at Lakewood Country Club on December 5th. Our Event Chair was Amanda Waring, and Jill Goldberg is our 5th VP Programs. “Designing Texas” Host Jocelyn White introduced our two speakers: Lifestyle Blogger Kathy Fielder and Interior Designer Terri Kennedy. They gave us all kinds of ideas on holiday entertaining—wearing a fake fur vest will make you look stunning wherever you go as will anything that sparkles. Later they showed us this “oh so cute” cookie making kit for Ugly Sweaters - sure to be a hit!

FALL AND SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY—A FUN NEW FORMAT

Fall Volunteer Day was spent planting lavender waterfall pansies in A Woman’s Garden. Volunteers were Sarah Andry, Regina Bruce, Giana dePaul, Jessica Horn, Melissa Lewis, Robin Norcross, Joella Phillip, Katherine Phillips, Linda Spina, Venise Stuart, Kay Weeks, and Gisela Ziebarth. Be looking forward to volunteering at the Spring Volunteer Day on April 19 for another fun planting followed by a Dutch treat lunch at the Arboretum. Please call me if interested. Robin Norcross, Chair Cell: 214-662-9133
SPRING/SUMMER CALENDAR 2017-2018

February 25—April 9  Dallas Blooms - A World of Flowers

March TBD  Cooking Classes at the Arboretum—1 day, 1 evening

April TBD  Mad Hatter’s Tea Patron Party

April 12  Mad Hatter’s Tea & Fashion Show “A Garden by the Sea”

April 19  Spring Volunteer Day

April 24  Annual Meeting—Installation of New Officers
          Volunteers Hours/Notebooks Due

          Board Members

June 20-24  Trip to Newport Flower Show (Rhode Island)

Be sure to check the website for a list of our Board Members, our Yearbook, Calendar for the Year, Complete Information on Events, & Online Payment.

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LIFETIME LEADERSHIP AWARD & FOUNDERS AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS!!

DORIS ANTON—LIFETIME LEADERSHIP AWARD

In late 1981 realizing the need of additional funding support in order for The Arboretum to have a presence in the Dallas area, Doris called upon two close friends, Margaret McDermott and Virginia Nick. She asked them to serve as founders of a new group to help move the Arboretum in the right direction by raising funds and increasing awareness. In the summer of 1982, a group of Dallas area women met and formed this group. Doris was asked and agreed to serve as its first President, and the name “Women’s Council of The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden” was selected. The group held its first membership meeting in June, 1983, with 313 charter members. Following her two-year term as President from 1982-1984, Doris served as Chairman of the 1986 winter fundraising event, Holiday at The Arboretum; Advisory Board Chairman 1989-1990; Chairman of the first Founders Award event in 1996; and with Anne Martin, co-chaired the 2001 Mad Hatter’s Tea Party. Her financial contributions to the Women’s Council include the gifting of the Rosenthal sculpture in the portal at the southern edge of the Infinity Pool in Phase I of A Woman’s Garden and two metal benches in Phase II. In its early years DABS was the beneficiary of Doris’ energy and involvement as she served on the Arboretum Board of Directors. In recognition and with appreciation for her valuable contributions spanning a thirty-five year history, the Lifetime Leadership Award was presented to Doris Anton for her service to the Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Society, Inc. and the Women’s Council of The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

DAVE FOREHAND—FOUNDERS AWARD 2017

Dave Forehand, the Vice President of Gardens, has been with the Arboretum since August of 2000. He oversees all the maintenance and care of the gardens, as well as current and future design elements for the landscapes and new gardens. During Dave’s tenure many new signature gardens have been designed and constructed at the Arboretum including the Trammel Crow Visitor and Education Pavilion and Gardens, Phase II of A Woman’s Garden, The Boswell Family Garden, The McCasland Sunken Garden, The Rory Meyers Children’s Adventure Garden, and most recently A Tasteful Place. He has also overseen the creation of the Arboretum’s nationally acclaimed plant trials research program, which is generating great results for the Horticultural industry and North Texas. In addition to his role as head of the gardens, Dave is the spokesperson for the Arboretum and is frequently on camera and radio, in print, and on social media platforms. Dave also works closely with the Arboretum’s development department and the capital campaign committee on fundraising opportunities for the gardens. For all his contributions to the Dallas Arboretum and A Woman’s Garden, Dave Forehand was presented with the Founders Award 2017 by Dyann Skelton, Event Chair.
Thank you to sponsors, committee members and Arboretum staff for their help in making A Writer’s Garden 2017 a huge success! Special thanks to Diane and Scott Sealy for hosting the elegant Texas-themed Patron Party on October 30th. Patron guests enjoyed small bites adapted from one of our speaker’s books entitled United Tastes of Texas and Texas wines were served. Elizabeth Rois-Mendez, owner of the Classic Gourmet, catered the party. The Symposium & Luncheon was well attended with each of our distinguished speakers sharing their special focus on Texas food, the organic Texas food movement, and the value of preserving Texas native plants in our daily lives and landscapes. We had a sellout of speaker books thanks to Marsha Dowler and her committee. The Silent Auction was also a huge success with over 60 items thanks to Giana DePaul and her committee. And last but not least, thanks to Michelle Mew who hosted a dinner for our speakers upon their arrival in Dallas.

Honorary Chair: Nancy Bierman          Event Chairs: Kay Weeks and Susan Adzick
Program Chair: Dorothea Meltzer        Speakers: Jessica Dupuy, Pamela Walker, and Andrea DeLong-Amaya