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GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS



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Garden Club Meeting

March 19, 2025
6:30 pm at the
"J"

Speaker: Sylvia Raupple

Topics: Plumeria trees for fragrance
and Hellebore for a shady area.



President's Message



Will March bring us luck? As gardeners, do we rely on luck? March will bring warmer weather. Perennials are starting to sprout as other plants are also starting to show signs of life. Gardeners are prepping the soil, cleaning out the dead stems and weeds. There's lots of planting of seeds and seedlings. Some are saying prayers for a good crop. Gardening is a sign of faith and hope for the future. When the crop does come in, some will say they had good luck. But was it? Perhaps the hard work, and careful tending and prayer had a little more to do with the successful gardening than just luck. After a day of hard work, wash your hands, and give yourself a pat on the back for what the future will bring, maybe with a little luck.

This month Sylvia Raupple will present a program on Plumeria trees and Hellebores. Whenever I think of Plumeria, it's sweet scent reminds me of Hawaii. I am excited to learn how to grow these plants here. She will also talk about an odd plant known as Hellebore. It's always fun to learn about a new plant.

A big thanks to Bob Grossman and Mike Rector for curating these programs. It takes a lot of effort to plan programs for a whole year. Remember to invite a friend and that if you get someone to join, you get the next years' dues for

— Anna

Visitors Welcome

CLUB MEETING LOCATION

At the Jewish Community Center, Big D room.

7900 Northaven Road, Dallas — Next to North Haven Gardens. Directions: From southbound U.S.75, Northaven Rd. is second street south of Forest Ln. turn west. From Hillcrest Rd. Northaven is fourth street north of Royal Lane, turn east.

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This month, we have a double barrel program. Plumeria trees for fragrance and Hellebore for a shady area.

Sylvia Raupple is a native of Dallas, Texas. Being a Dallasite, she attended SMU to major in Education. She taught Freshman English at the Abilene Christian College.

Sylvia has three grown children and seven grandchildren. She collects antique glass and English antiques.

Her joy is in God, her Grandchildren, and gardening.

Sylvia specializes in Plumeria, a tropical tree. She has been collecting Plumeria for over 30 years and has growing in her backyard over 100 trees. She is a member of the DFW Plumeria Growers.

Her other favorite plant is the Hellebore. A very prehistoric-looking plant. She has over 400 plants in her yard.

We look forward to her talk on these interesting topics.

Puzzle 60: Plant Defence Mechanisms

Leaf me alone

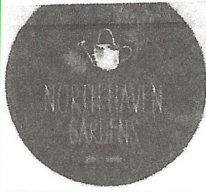
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Plants can have physical, chemical or reactive defenses



Vegetable Planting Dates

for North Texas: SPRING

SPRING Harvest Seed Outdoors- (O) / Indoors- (IN)

January: Onion sets & slips, Leeks (O)

Broccoli by seed (IN)
Brussels sprouts by seed (IN)
Cauliflower by seed (IN)
Collard greens by seed (IN)
Kale by seed (IN)
Lettuce by Seed (IN)
Tomatoes by Seed (IN)
Spinach by seed (IN/O)
Swiss Chard (IN/O)

Jan 15th - March 1:
Eggplant by seed (IN)
Peppers by seed (IN)

Feb. 1 - Feb 10: Peas (O)
Feb. 10 - Feb. 25: Leeks by seed (IN)/(O)
Feb 1 - March 1: Seed Potatoes (O)

Feb. 1 - March 1:
Asparagus crowns
Horseradish crowns
Rhubarb crowns

Broccoli transplants
Brussels Sprouts transplants
Cabbage transplants
Cauliflower transplants
Chinese Cabbage transplants
Kohlrabi transplants

Feb. 1 - March 15:
Beets by seed (O)
Carrots by seed (O)
Collard Greens by seed (O)
Kale by seed (IN)/(O)
Kohlrabi by seed (O)
Lettuce by seed (O)
Mustard greens by seed (O)
Scallions by seed (IN)/(O)
Spinach seed (O)
Swiss Chard by seed (O)
Turnips by seed (O)

Feb. 5 - May 1: Radish by seed (O)

March 15 - April 20:
Bush Beans by seed (O)
Lima Beans by seed (O)
Pole Beans by seed (O)

Late Feb -April 1:
Tomato transplants

March 15 - May 1:
Cantaloupe by seed (O)
Watermelon by seed (O)

March 15 - Mid-June: All (O)
Corn by seed
Cucumbers by seed or transplant
Pepper Transplants
Squash by seed or transplant
Watermelon transplants
Zucchini by seed or transplant

March 25 - April 30:
Pumpkin by seed or transplant (O)

April 1 - Mid-June:
Black Eyed Peas by seed (O)
Eggplant Transplants
Okra by seed or transplant

April 15 - May 15:
Sweet Potato slips

May 1 - May 15:
Tomatoes by seed (IN)/(O)



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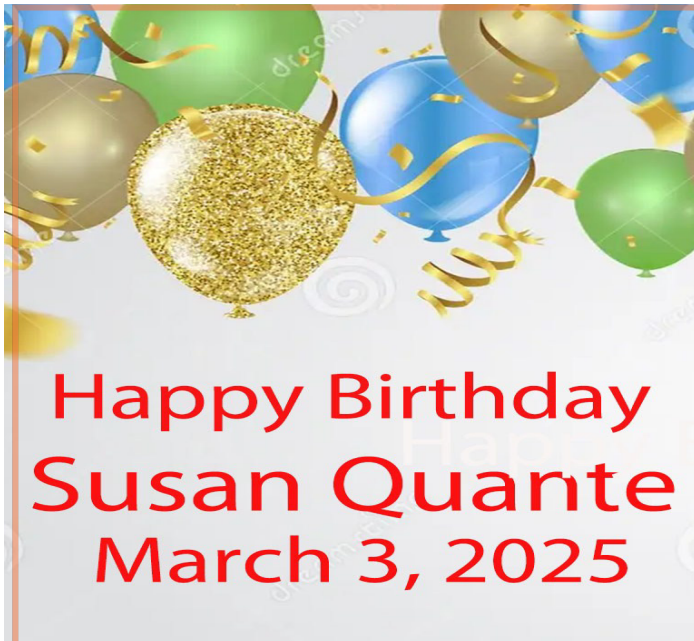
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Visitors are welcome. Membership is open to men and women, teenagers and young adults. \$50 annual dues includes *The Green Thumb* and membership in the national organization: Gardeners of America/Men’s Garden Clubs of America.



Bruce Miller

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Club Meetings 6:30 pm at the "J"

March 19, 2025
Sylvia Raupple
Plumeria Trees for Everyone

Board Meetings 7:00 pm

March 13, 2025
Bob & Connie Grossman
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Germinating Seeds for a Spring Garden

This is not an easy thing to do, but once you are set up, it's surprisingly simple, year after year.

First, you must set up the hardware - shelves, and lights. You can get a four rack, metal shelf (at Target, Lowe's, or Home Depot) 6 feet high 4 feet across and 18" deep. That is a perfect size, and mine is still like new 10 years later. It fits in the garage or anywhere indoors wherever you have, or can get electricity.

Next, you need four, four foot florescent work or office lights (there are two long bulbs I them). These are very common and available just about anywhere. Hang each light above your shelves with chains and hooks so they can be moved up and down as your lants grow. Regular lights do just fine and there is no need for "grow" lights. The above is all manual work, but now the brain activity starts.

"What Seeds To Plant And When"

Now is the time you need help from the Garden Club, or another gardener or a nurseryman. I like the Domes available at Park seeds. They hold 40 plants each and do very well with vegetables or flowers, and are good for many years. Some Domes are larger. Your nursery has planting trays also. Transplanting to larger pots, use any potting mix.

— Bob Grossman

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Cherry Chocolate Dump Cake

Thank you Marti for hosting the Board Meeting. Everything was delicious and the red wine that you served was perfect with the Cherry Chocolate Dump cake.

Preheat oven at 350

Lightly cover 9 x 13 pan with cooking spray

Ingredients

2 cans of cherry pie filling (could add 1 tsp. almond flavoring)

1 box Chocolate cake mix OR 1 box brownie mix

1 1/2 sticks of butter

Directions:

Place the cherry pie filling in the prepared pan, smooth to cover the bottom of the pan. Use all cake or brownie mix to completely cover the cherries. Slice the butter into pats and cover the top of the cake/brownie mix. I place butter in the freezer for a few minutes — makes it easier to cut in thin slices. Be sure to cover well, especially the edges. Optional scatter 1 cup of chocolate chips on the mix prior to adding the butter. Bake 45–50 minutes.



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