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GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS



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October 16, 2024 club meeting
at the "J"
6:30 pm social
7:00 pm meeting

The topic for this month is
Pumpkins and Pizzazz

The ever popular
Roseann Ferguson
Will be the guest presenter.

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.

President's Message



Here we are in October already, the month we know as the tenth month of the year. However, in the early Roman calendar, October was actually the eighth month – hence its name rooted in “octo” meaning

“eight.” Maybe that is why October often feels so hot – it is competing with our eighth month, August.

Hopefully, however, by the time you read this, October will feel like FALL! For those of you with fall gardens, cooler days and nights should really pay off and you can truly celebrate fall with a cornucopia of treats from your yield.

Another way to celebrate fall is to visit a park or take a walk in the woods and soak in the beauties of nature this time of the year. Naturalists say that to witness wildlife movement, one should be there early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Now, I hate to dispute the experts, but two weeks ago, I was turning the compost pile behind my fence which backs up to the SOPAC trail near White Rock, and along came a mother bobcat followed by six babies walking near the trail about ten feet away. The mother caught my scent and stopped and looked around, but the kittens were oblivious. One even stopped to rest a minute, then probably thought better of it and moved on!

Moving on to club business, we have a great program scheduled for October – Pumpkins with Pizzazz! And, don't forget that at every meeting we have a drawing for a \$50 gift card to a local nursery!

Meanwhile, please patronize our advertisers! Hope you have lots of trick or treaters – well, maybe not too many. Nothing worse than running out of candy! —Alan

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Nominations	open	
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Web sites

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New Web Page

www.thegardenclubofdallas.com

National headquarters: www.tgoa-mgca.org —
Select "**Members Only**"; log on with password: 'lily'

American Horticultural Society: www.ahs.org —
log on with password: '**dogwood**'

Marti Ives
Salad Dressing

Basil Vinaigrette

- 2 C fresh basil firmly packed leaves
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 2 Tbsp chopped shallot or red onion
- 3 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 3 tsp. salt
- 3 C extra virgin olive oil

Remove all the stems from the basil (stems are bitter)
Wash and dry the basil leaves then place them into a blender
add all ingredients and blend on high speed for 30 seconds or until smooth
Taste and adjust seasoning as necessary.

Show and Share Fun

If you have something to Show and Share with the club, bring it to the meeting this month.

Marti Ives says she is bringing a curly leaf spider or an airplane plant. She suggests sharing extra seeds, cuttings, and started plants by placing them in envelopes, paper cups, or plastic containers and labeling them with the plants' names.

Other ideas: Do you have a PICU? -a plant needing an intensive care unit? Someone else's green thumb may itch for the challenge of reviving such a plant. Maybe you just have something you would like to give away. These gifts bring sweet memories.

Club Birthday

Phyllis Rueckert October 10th
Alan Gage October 21st





ROSEANN FERGUSON

Contact: Dallas County Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau

To book a speaker:

<https://dallascountymastergardeners.org/get-help/speakers-bureau/>

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Roseann has loved gardening all her life, but it wasn't until retirement that she had time to really become involved. A trip to Costa Rica motivated her interest in butterflies, and her subsequent volunteer activity with Texas Discovery Gardens has given her the opportunity to develop her gardening skills. Roseann's other interests include gardening, travel, and photography.

Roseann speaks on the following topics:

1. Seductive Succulents – growing and propagating succulents (PowerPoint & demonstration)
2. Propagation Workshop – techniques for plant propagation (PowerPoint & demonstration)
3. Attracting Pollinators with Native Plants – encourage use of native plants (PowerPoint)
4. Succulent Pumpkins—create decorative pumpkins with succulents (PowerPoint & demonstration)
5. All About Seeds—identifying, collecting, storing, and planting seeds (PowerPoint)

CERTIFICATIONS

TEXAS MASTER GARDENER, Dallas County 2008

Greenhouse Specialist, Texas Master Gardeners 2012

RECOGNITION & AWARDS for volunteer work:

Volunteer at Texas Discovery Gardens Greenhouse since 2007

Lifetime member Texas Discovery Gardens 2012

President's Call to Service 2013

Hometown Hero (CBS Fox 4 News) 2014

TMGA Outstanding Individual, 2nd Place, 2018

MEMBER OF AND/OR WORKS WITH FOLLOWING HORTICULTURE ORGANIZATIONS (includes offices held):

Member – North Texas Cactus and Succulent Society

Dallas County Master Gardeners, Director of Education, 2010-12

Dallas County Master Gardeners, Director of Member Activities, 2014

Texas Discovery Gardens Board

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in History, University of Texas at Dallas

Master's Degree in Education, TAMU at Commerce

Club Meetings

6:30 pm

October 16, 2024

Roseann Ferguson

Topic Pumpkins and Pizzazz

November 20, 2024

Peter Schaar

Topic Unusual Herbs

Board Meetings

October 10, 2024

TRICK OR TREAT!

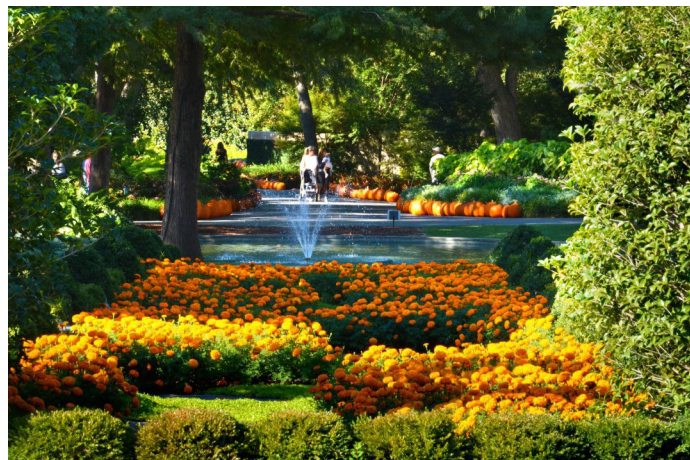
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Alan Gage House
4430 Santa Barbara
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MUST RSVP by Monday, Oct 7

Feel free to wear your favorite costume

Dallas Arboretum Spectacular Fall Pumpkin Show



In the Garden

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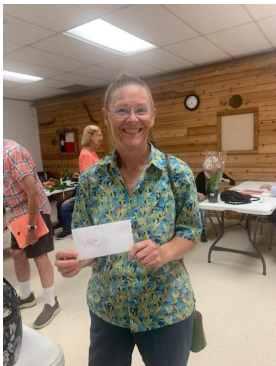
September Club Drawings



Jeanette Herzmark



Connie Grossman



Laurie Pessetto
\$50.00 gift certificate

This club welcomes beginner “wannabe” as well as experienced gardeners. We all can learn something about gardening at each meeting.

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.

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The Real Scoop

Enjoy your favorite flavor with a scoop of these fun facts.

The first U.S. ice cream parlor opened in 1776 in New York.

The waffle cone is said to have made its debut in 1904 at the St. Louis World's Fair.

Italy wins the record for the world's tallest ice cream cone, at over 9 feet tall.

The most popular ice cream topping worldwide is chocolate syrup.

At any period of time, 87 percent of Americans have ice cream in their freezer.

One cow provides enough milk to make 730 gallons of ice cream per year.

About 9 percent of milk produced in the U.S. is used for ice cream.

— Susan Quante

Clopton's Garden

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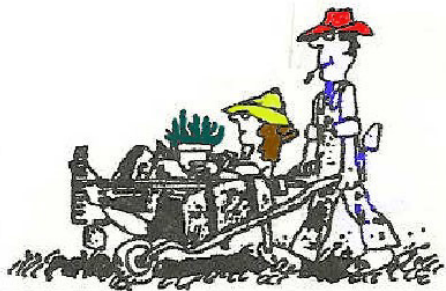
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