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Garden Club of Dallas

Club Meeting February 19, 2025
6:30 PM at the "J"



Guest Speaker is Andy Black
Topic: Pruning and Roses in general

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



Winter for Texans can be difficult. I want to be positive about winter. For starters, I positively know that I don't care much for it. While I am bundled up, I am going to think and be thankful for the benefits of winter in North Texas. A few days of below freezing temps does a good job of controlling many insects that could cause problems later on. The cost and labor of maintaining a yard and garden almost don't exist. There is a calmness as well as anticipation. Calmness while enjoying a hot beverage under a blanket and anticipation about what plans are being formed for the Spring. Having different seasons helps us to appreciate our favorite seasons. February is the beginning to the end of winter.

February is the month of Love. Flowers have been the symbol of love for what seems like forever. Different flowers have come to have different meanings for love. Early spring tulips symbolize love and admiration. Pink peonies symbolize deep affection and admiration. Sunflowers in the summer symbolize adoration. Even the stray dandelion picked and given by a child shows love. The most famous flower to symbolize love is of course the rose. The rose has symbolized love at least since the Victorian days. Fortunately roses are relatively easy to grow in north Texas, making them a great way to show the ones you love how your feel.

This month's timely program will be presented by Andy Black. It will be on the care and pruning of roses to help us understand how best to grow them. This will be a wonderful program that will help get us through the cold winter month.

While you are enjoying the garden programs, remember that if you have a friend join, you will have the next years dues waived. And as always, remember to patronize our advertisers!

Anna

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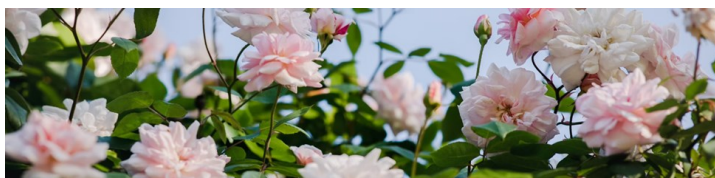
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New Web Page

www.thegardenclubofdallas.com

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Select "**Members Only**"; log on with password: 'lily'

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

**Bio****Andy Black****Education**

- Bachelor of Arts in Botany with a minor in chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin.
- Three years of graduate level studies at Texas A&M University. I studied plant breeding and plant pathology. Research work centered on Blackspot in roses.

Work

- Floral Designer
- Greenhouse Supervisor for a Whole Nursery
- Garden Consultant

Rose history.

- I have been continuously growing roses for around 40 years.
- The first rose I planted was Peace.
- Fun Fact I even had miniature roses in my dorm room while studying as an undergrad.
- Currently we have around 85 roses with selections from almost all the major classes.

Rose Society Work

- Current President of the Dallas Rose Society
- Rose Show Chair for the Dallas Rose Society for 6 years.
- Chairman of Prizes and Awards for the South-Central District of the American Rose Society.
- Consulting Rosarian for the American Rose Society since 2020
- Becoming an accredited judge for the American Rose Society

Alan Gage



I would like to start by congratulating Anna Williams, our new President, Chell Newberry, our new Secretary, and Mike Rector, our new Program Chairman. I want to personally thank you for taking the posts and wish you luck and enjoyment as you serve our membership.

For over ten years, I have enjoyed serving as the president of The Garden Club of Dallas, and am now happy to pass the torch onto new leadership. I will continue to assist the club in the capacity of Membership Chairman.

I have enjoyed my time as president, especially since so many members have been willing to share in many ways. It might be sharing success with certain plants, offering gardening tips, generously giving plants away, bringing in new members, or opening up their homes for monthly board meetings. The best thing about our club is that it has involved members!

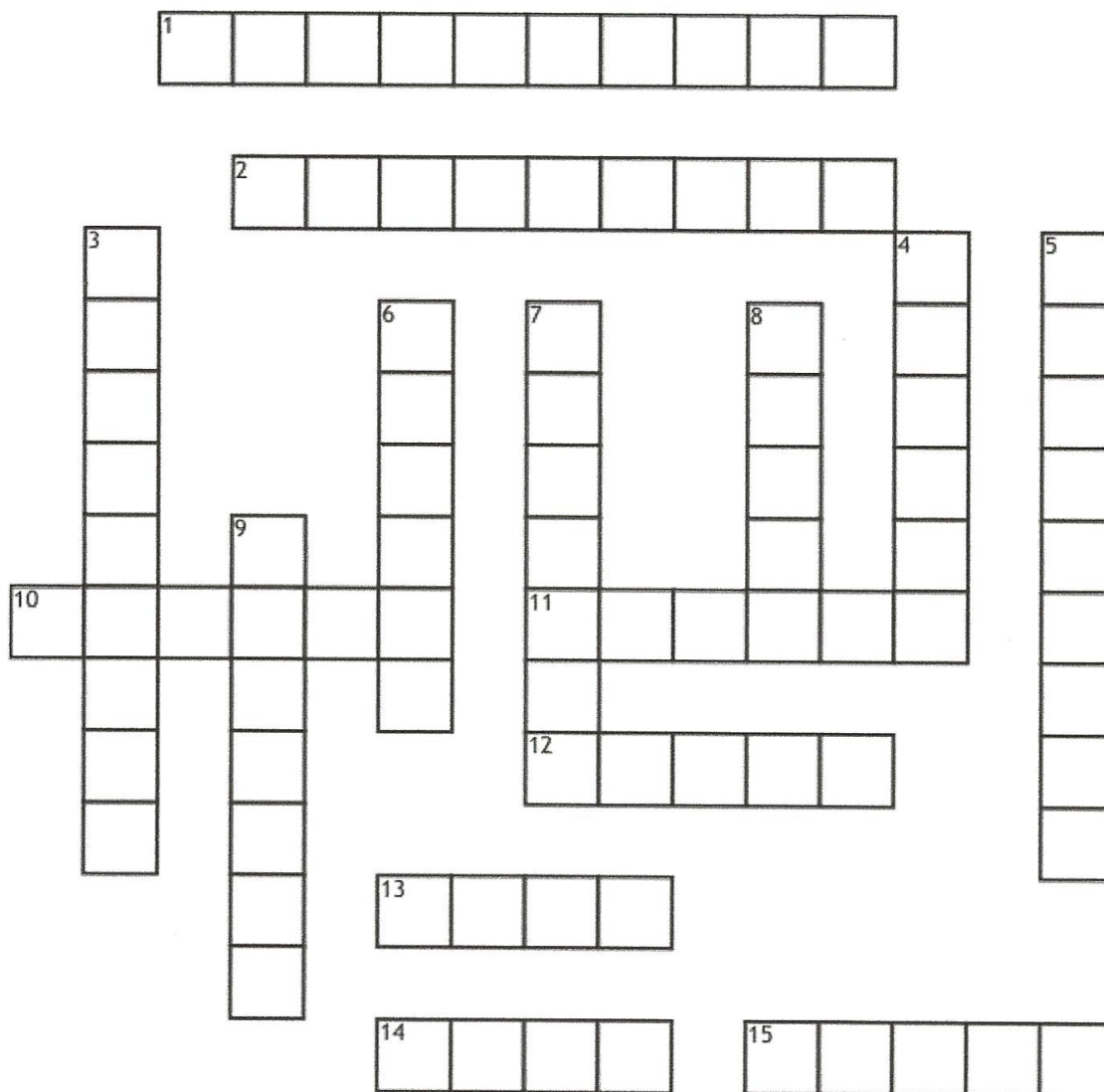
Among the highlights of my time in office was attending two different national conventions. Seeing gardens in other parts of the country was enlightening and inspiring.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to the late Bob Ploger and Tom Wilton for their exemplary leadership examples for me to follow. To Bob and Connie Grossman and to Ken Rueckert, I especially want to express my sincere admiration and thanks for their tireless work of many years on behalf of the membership of the club. Without Bob's efforts at securing top-notch programs, Connie's creative snack table at each meeting, and Ken's award-winning Green Thumb, we would not have the interesting and informative organization we have today.

It has been my privilege and honor to have been your president all these years. Once again, best wishes to our new officers!

Alan

Garden



Across

1. Second (2nd) number on fertilizer bag
2. Plants that complete life cycles in two (2) seasons
10. The study of plants
11. Sucking insects common on houseplants
12. The end product of flowers
13. Soil that becomes slick & sticky when wet

14. Added to reduce soil acidity

15. The number of pairs of legs insects have

Down

3. Microscopic worms that live in the soil and cause more damage in sandy soils than in clay soils

4. A fern's main means of sexual propagation

5. An example of a warm-season grass

6. A miniature plant in a resting state

7. Plants that complete the entire life cycle in one season

8. Non-green plants such as molds and mushrooms

9. Nutrient necessary to prevent blossom end rot

Welcome New Club Members
Mark and Tatianna Johns



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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Pruning Roses
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March 19, 2025
Sylvia Rapple
Plumeria Trees for Everyone

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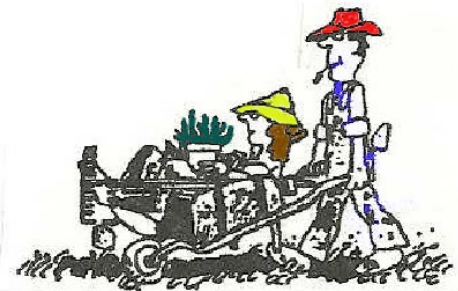
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