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President's Message *July*



This month we are celebrating our country's 250th birthday. It has gone through many transformations. The gardens of the past were probably much different. Despite the lack of modern day equipment, the farmers over tilled and repeatedly planted the same crops and caused the great dust bowl of the 1930s and 1940s. Diverse plantings and careful maintenance of the soil are lessons still being learned. Droughts and floods have shaped how food is grown. The motivation of the Americans shared in the Victory Gardens, started in 1941. That was the year this Garden Club was started. Current times have Americans gardening in many different ways. We have come a long way. And Americans should smile and be proud that they live in the best country on this planet. They should treat it as such. I hope you have a great 4th of July and celebrate. If you need me, I will be watching a parade waving an American flag, being thankful for the life I am free to live.

*In a World where You can Be
anything.....be KIND*



Sue Smith, our speaker for July. See pg 2



What are
Lebneh Balls?
Find out in
Lettuce
Entertain You
on the website.

July Club Meeting

Visitors Welcome

July 15th

We meet at the Dallas JCC
7900 Northhaven Road, Dallas.
Next to North Haven Gardens.

Meet & Greet @ 6:30 pm

Program @ 7pm

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**If you would like to help, contact Anna Williams.
We currently need a VP of Membership and
could also use some help at meetings.**

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Loyalty account #, your cell phone # and
your name.*

**Forms will also be available at the meetings.
See Connie Grossman for additional info.**



Ikebana is the Japanese art of floral design

Sue Smith holds her 1st degree, Somu, teaching certificate in the Sogetsu School of Ikebana. She has been offered more advancement but is happy to stay at her current level.

She currently teaches classes in her home in University Park, and has for the past 24 years. She also taught a continuing education course, Introduction to Ikebana, at Brookhaven College, before they changed to Dallas College and discontinued the continuing education courses. 2015-2020.

Her interest in ikebana began while her husband was in the Navy in 1976 and she took an ikebana course from the officers wives in Portsmouth, Va. She began her serious study of Ikebana here in Dallas in 1986 and received her 1st teaching certificate in 1993. She began teaching in 2002.

She has held various board positions in the two ikebana organizations locally, and has served as president of both groups. She demonstrates and exhibits in the DFW area through out the year. Some of the places she has exhibited are the TAO show at the Irving Arts Center, Dallas Arboretum, Trammel Crow Asian Art Museum, Dallas Museum of Art, Nasher Sculpture Center, Eiseman Center in Richardson, Ft Worth Japanese Garden Festivals, Downtown Dallas Library, The Jaycee Art Center in Irving and many local garden clubs.

Welcome to the June Garden Brunch at Anna & David's



Kilah won
Gardening Trivia
(given by Darees)

General
conversation



Enjoying brunch



Anna won
Nature
Meditations
given by
Darees

Connie won a
prize brought by
Darees



Anna & Deborah in the backyard



General discussion



*In a World where You can Be
anything.....be **KIND***

Puzzle 15: At the Garden Center

Botany
plants lately?



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Mystery Search

This month on the *website*, **NOT IN THE GREEN THUMB**, we will have a hidden **Firecracker (NOT fireworks)** for you to find.

This is for members only. The name of everybody who finds the **Firecracker** by Noon on July 14th and emails us at info@thegardenclubofdallas.com, will have the chance to have their name drawn for a prize.



Susan Quante is our June winner. She discovered the Worm on the Index on Tips, Tricks & Hacks. Congratulations to sharp eyed Susan.



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 (\$60 for couples) includes *The Green Thumb* and membership in the national organization: **Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America.**

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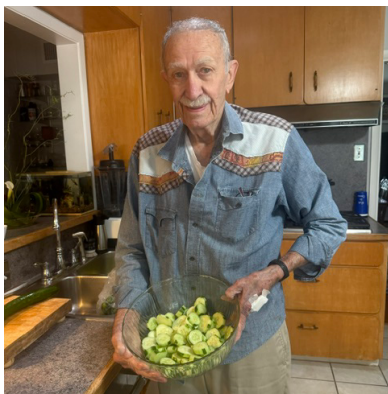
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This month's articles in Lettuce Entertain You

Bob's Giant Zucchini
8 Ball Zucchini
Cardinals in Anna's garden
Iris and Honeybee in the Burrows garden
Gerber Daisies in the Burrows garden
Holiday Yellow Squash
Charred Sugar Crusted Alaska Salmon
Summer Squash Lemon Bundt Cake
Lebneh Balls



Bob about to
make pickles from
his home grown
cucumbers, lol

\$50 Door Prize Winners

Elizabeth Chandler
won the Prize from
Brumley Gardens



**Brain cells die, skin
cells die, even hair
cells die.**

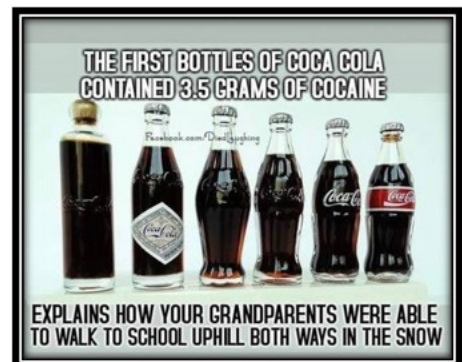
**But FAT CELLS...
must have
accepted Jesus
Christ as their Lord
and Savior because
they seem to have
eternal life.**

Did you know?

Air purifiers: NASA
research found that
common houseplants
(like Spider Plants)
can remove up to 87%
of air toxins in 24
hours.



Humor thanks to K. Rueckert



Sometimes, not
saying anything is the
best answer. You see,
silence can never be
misquoted.

Anger management:
When angry with someone,
it helps to sit down and
think about the problem...



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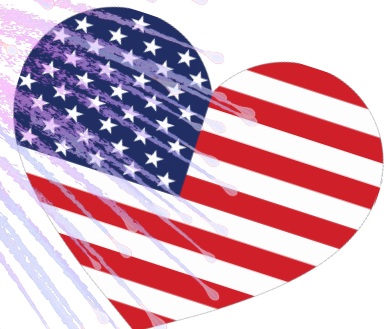
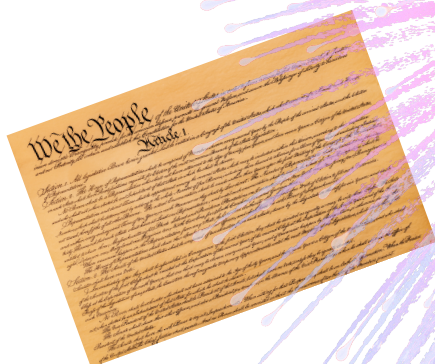
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