



Zilker Botanical Garden News

Fall 2004

Upcoming Events

Tree Symposium

Attend a tree symposium sponsored by the Texas Botanical Garden Society. A fundraising reception for constructing arbors on the Trail of Passages at Zilker Botanical Garden will follow. Local tree experts will present lectures on best tree varieties for Central Texas. There will also be presentations on pruning, fertilizing, and planting. Each participant will receive a sapling tree to take home. This event will be at a stunning landscape on two acres of hill country trees, you must see to believe! There will be two breaks for cold drinks and landscape viewing.

Speakers: Scott Harris, Executive Director, Treefolks, certified arborist, and Jim Carse, Regional Urban Forester, Texas Forest Service.

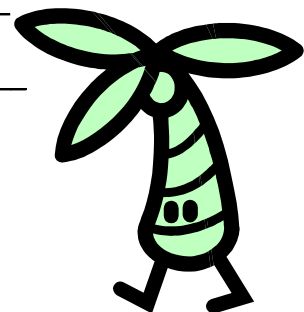
Saturday, November 13, 2004
Symposium: 1 to 4 PM, *by reservation only*, limited to 60 people
Reception: 4:30 to 6 PM

Location: Leslie and Kathy Moor's residence in West Lake Hills
 2705 Berenson Lane, Austin, Texas 78746, 15 minutes from Zilker Park.

To register send your name, guest names and check to:

Texas Botanical Garden Society,
P.O. Box 5642, Austin, Texas 78763

Name: _____
 Street: _____ Apartment: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone number: area code: _____ number: _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 Guest names: _____



Tree Clinic 1-4 PM, **\$35** per person, \$25 for TBGS members
 Number of Tickets: _____ Amount: \$35 (\$25) x _____ = \$ _____

Fundraising Reception 4:30 to 6 PM, **\$20** per person
 Number of Tickets: _____ Amount: \$20 x _____ = \$ _____
 Total Amount: \$ _____

Please make check payable to TBGS

You will receive confirmation with map and location by U.S. Postal Service or e-mail

See the TBGS website at: <http://texasbot.tripod.com/>

Christmas Bazaar

Nelda Moore

The Austin Area Garden Council will host a Christmas bazaar in the Austin Area Garden Center auditorium. We'll have unique gifts, baked goods, handcrafted items, poinsettias (lots of poinsettias), plants, bulbs and more! Shop here to support the gardens!

December 4 from 10 AM to 4 PM

Austin Area Garden Center
Zilker Botanical Garden
2220 Barton Springs Road



Town Lake Garden Club to Hold Auction

Nelda Moore

The Town Lake Garden Club's annual fundraiser is an auction December 9 at 10 AM in the Greene Solarium. Tommie Hill is the auctioneer. A covered dish luncheon will follow the fun and competition for prized items, some created by the members. If you want to attend these exciting events, call Nelda Moore at 327-0401.

Zilker Garden Festival 2004 Wrap Up

Summary and Thanks

Joyce Arispe Billings, Chair
2004 Zilker Garden Festival

The Festival was a success! We had a great response from vendors and their overall comments were very positive. The visitors to the Gardens were pleased with the Festival and the beauty of the gardens. The weather cooperated and did not flood our Festival.



I would like to acknowledge the 2004 Festival committee chairs for putting forth their spirit and energies toward the Festival's success.

Festival Co-Chair, Carolyn Williams (Master Gardeners)
Concessions, Valli Wasp (Master Gardeners)
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Entertainment, Craig Nazor (Austin Cactus & Succulent)
Exhibitors/Vendors, Tomye Zettner (Texas A&M Student)
Exhibitors/Vendors, Tim Folts (Tomye's brother)
Exhibitors/Vendor Co-Chair, Joyce Billings
Gate Admissions, Chuck Burt (Garden Club of Austin)
Flower Show, Florene Lusk (Capitol City Judges Council)
Holding Area, Clarice James (Porcelain Arts, Begonia Society)
Information Booth, Clarice James



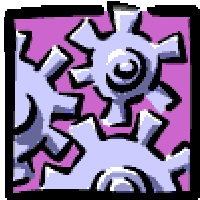
Kid's Corner, Linda Ray (Western Trails)
 Publicity, Linda Lehmusvirta
 Signs, Russell Kohlert (Austin Organics)
 Tickets, Nelda Moore (Iris Society)
 Raffle/Silent Auction, Nelda Moore
 Transportation, Michael Williams
 Transportation Co-Chair, Carolyn Williams
 Volunteers, Joyce Billings
 Treasurer, Alyne Fisher
 Treasurer's Assistants, Angie Smith & Pat Freeman
 (Capitol City Judges Council)
 PARD, Mel Hinson (ZBG Manager)
 PARD Staff, George Clarke, Mary McCalib, Todd Williams, Kathryn Golgert, Marvin Lewis, Darla Evans, Hector Juarez, Lory Gonzales, Manuel Medina, Angel Turrubiarte



Special Thanks

A special thanks to those ladies who stepped in to help me at a point when I felt like a deer in head lights – eyes wide open and just standing there. Yates Barrera volunteered her time to help process vendor applications received in February and March, and also helped prepare the 2005 vendor packs. Margarine Beaman made calls to confirm Festival volunteers and Margie Malone contacted businesses in our community for donations. We received 100 cases of Pepsi colas, 20 dozen Krispy Kreme Donuts for the volunteers to enjoy, juice drinks from four Sam's Clubs, fruit trays from Central Market, orange juice from Borden's.

And last but not least, thank you to all AAGC volunteers who worked the Festival. I must admit that at first I was concerned at the lack of response for Festival volunteers, but as the Festival date neared the volunteers were there. Thank you again for helping to make the 2004 Zilker Garden Festival a success.



Let's get the gears rolling for Garden Festival 2005!

Linda Ray of Western Trails Garden Club graciously volunteered to chair Zilker Garden Festival 2005. **Thank you Linda!**

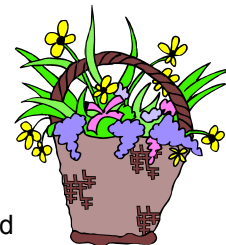
AAGC has lots of talented and experienced people. Please volunteer your time, ideas and talents to help make 2005 the most successful year.

If you're interested in volunteering for a Festival *committee chair*, please call Linda Ray at 282-2554. To volunteer for other positions please call Joyce Billings at 477-8672, ext.10. She will be happy to help you.

Silent Auction

Nelda Moore

Florene Lusk was the high bidder for the huge, beautiful pot from The Great Outdoors. The Austin Herb Society solicited donations such as jewelry, herbs, lotions, creams and plants. The donations were put into lovely baskets that were wrapped and tied with ribbons. Shirley Smith purchased a basket and filled it with gifts from West Lake area merchants, Anderson Coffee Company donated a coffee gift basket, and Russell's Bakery and Coffee Bar donated a huge basket with hand-decorated Easter cookies and other condiments.



The Austin Butterfly Forum offered three framed, butterfly photographs by John Ingram. Mrs. Nowlin and Mrs. Nichols became the new owners.

Other articles in the silent auction included Cornerstone's cobalt blue bird feeder, a hand painted porcelain plate representing work of the Porcelain Art Club of Texas and watercolor paintings.

Karen Andradi won the iris framed calligraphy; Mary Holland, the Reflexology session; Judy Knoblock, the welcome rock; Joy Osner, the book; Sandy Schutze, the pen and ink drawing in a leaf frame; and Carol Walker, the oil painting and the Walk of Friends engraved brick.

Winners of plants were Harriet and David Houston, Robert Ward and Gail Wheelus.

The auction and raffle yielded \$690.50 for the Austin Area Garden Council. **Everyone be thinking of donations we can get for next year's auction and let's make it even more successful!**



Japanese Characters Replaced

Joyce Billings

A special thanks to the Balcones Forge Blacksmiths, Scott Little and Rudy Billings, for volunteering their time, expertise and material to recreate the Japanese characters for the Tea House. Why did the characters need to be replaced? Well, some terrible person(s) stole three of the four characters early in 2004. Now the Tea House is restored and Heaven, Harmony and Man once again hang on the front of the Tea House for all to enjoy.

We Need Help!

Joyce Billings

Keep the Garden Center Building Beautiful

The city staff cleans restrooms and floors, and they remove trash. Because of budget cutbacks we need help in these areas from our volunteers to:

- Clean the auditorium stone walls and base boards.
- Clean paneling of auditorium.
- Clean Greene Room windows and walls, one wall could use a coat of paint.
- Clean the library shelves and dust and inventory the books.
- Wash the windows on the front of the building.

See what your club can do to help. Use these opportunities to increase your AAGC volunteer hours. Take pride in keeping this a great place to meet and hold your club events. The Parks Department needs to see AAGC members take pride in keeping the Garden Center building in good shape. Call the volunteer coordinator at 477-8672, ext. 10, to commit your group to one of these volunteer opportunities.

Alternate Night Attendant

AAGC is looking for an alternate night attendant. If you are interested in working a few hours at night while AAGC clubs meet at the Garden Center, please call 477-8672, ext. 10, for more information.

Computer Users and Data Entry Volunteers

If you can use a computer and would like to volunteer a few hours a week to do some data entry, please call 477-8672, ext. 10. You don't have to be fast, just accurate.