

# WOMEN'S COUNCIL

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The buzz around town is all about the new gala production - Gatsby Goes To Broadway.

Never ones to rest on their laurels, that power-house fund-raising group, the Women's Council - DABG is producing this new show with the event scheduled

for Saturday, November 5th at **The Four Seasons Resort**. Casting is complete and rehearsals are underway, for what is rumored to be a truly exciting production. In an exclusive interview, Diane Chester, the chairman of **Gatsby Goes To Broadway** discussed the production. "Like other revival productions, when something has been done before you are challenged to make it new and different. Our creative team more than met the challenge with this year's production. First off, we secured a wonderful venue - **The Four Seasons Resort** which has a fabulous ballroom and gourmet chef. Then, we've added some outstanding entertainers who will regale the audience with well-known Broadway show tunes. And of course, no gala is complete without a great dance band



and with **George Anderson's Signature Band** to entertain us we will celebrate a very special evening."

The guests will enjoy a lavish evening, which offers complementary valet parking, a cocktail reception, show tunes, an excellent dinner and dancing. According to Diane Chester the evening will be a success if "not only have we provided a memorable evening for the audience, but we have met our fundraising goals on behalf of the Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden (DABG)." **The Women's Council, who are the "Gatsby Goes To Broadway" production backers, can show their commitment to the DABG by attending Saturday, November 5th, and inviting friends and family to join in this exciting event.**

*We invite prospective donors to visit "A Woman's Garden - Phase II" display area at the Gatsby Gala. This is your 1st opportunity to sponsor a garden bench (with donor naming plaque) to be placed by the garden walks & features.*

## 2005 - 2006 Calendar of Events

- Wednesday September 14.. New Member Coffee  
Thursday, September 22 .. Fall Meeting & Luncheon  
(*Speaker is Warren Johnson of Fallcreek Gardens, contractor for Phase II of "A Woman's Garden"*)  
Friday, October 14 ..... Arboretum Fall Volunteer Day  
Saturday, November 5..... Gatsby Goes To Broadway  
Tuesday, November 29..... Fall Trip-Women's Museum  
Frontiers of Flight Museum  
Saturday, December 10..... Children's Christmas Party  
Thursday, February 16 .... Winter General Meeting  
(*Col. Patrick Daniell of Winchester, England speaks on "The Garden at Abbey Cottage Itchen Abbas"*)  
Thursday, March 16 .. Arboretum Spring Volunteer Day  
Tuesday, April 18 ..... Spring Trip-Federal Reserve  
Wednesday, April 19..... Mad Hatter's Tea  
Wednesday, May 24 ..... Historical Sites Guided Tour  
Thursday, May 19..... Spring Annual Meeting  
*Speaker - TBA*

## New Member Coffee

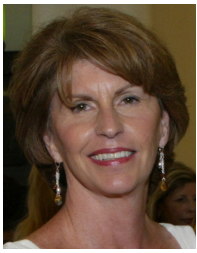


We look forward to welcoming our **new and prospective members at the New Member Coffee on Wednesday, Sept. 14th, from 9:30am to 11:30am at the Camp House** on the grounds of the Dallas Arboretum at 8525 Garland Road in Dallas. This is a social event, allowing new and prospective members to meet each other and the members of the Women's Council board. You don't have to be a new member to attend. Our meeting will be followed by a garden tour. New members may sign up and pay (cash or check) for the fall meeting and luncheon, or sign up for committees. **Kim Mathews: 214 528-7211 Amy Moore: 214 739-6673**

## Fall Meeting

The fall meeting/luncheon is at 10:00am Thursday, September 22nd in Rosine Hall. Members may send their \$45 check to our hostess, Pat Holder, at 9139 Villa Park Circle, Dallas, 75225. You must have a pre-paid reservation for the luncheon.  
**Pat Holder: 214 987-2306**

## Presidents Corner



I want to welcome everyone to the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 2005-2006 year. I am so pleased to be serving as your president this year and promise that we will have a lot of fun working together to promote and support the Arboretum and A Woman's Garden. I have large shoes to fill this year following the excellent leadership of **Liz Respass** and her board. It was last years fundraising efforts that put us in a position to go forward with the **Phase II construction of A Woman's Garden** and Liz has been a major guiding force during the contract negotiation phase.

But our job is far from over. We have planned a number of social and fundraising events throughout 2005-2006. On September 14<sup>th</sup> **Kim Matthews and Amy Moore** will host a **New Member's Coffee** at the Arboretum Camp House. This is a good time get acquainted with the Women's Council and have an opportunity to become involved in all of this years exciting activities. **Christy Baer** has been working on our general meetings for the year, with our first scheduled **meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Warren Johnson of Fallcreek Gardens (the contractor for Phase II of A Women's Garden) will be our speaker. Also, mark your calendar for the fall **Dallas Blooms** and the **WC Volunteer Day, October 14<sup>th</sup>**.

On **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate the construction ground breaking of Phase II of A Woman's Garden at our **Gatsby Goes to Broadway gala at the Four Seasons Resort**. **Diane Chester** is chairing this special evening, one you won't want to miss! **Cheryl Brown** has a great line up of interesting sightseeing trips around Dallas beginning with the **trip to the Woman's Museum on November 29<sup>th</sup>**. **Linda Lynn** and **Nancy Rothacker** are planning the **Children's Christmas Party for December 10<sup>th</sup>**. In the spring we look forward to the **opening of Phase II of A Woman's Garden** with a special event in the works. And we have the **Mad Hatter's Tea on April 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Arboretum, chaired by **Donna Miller**.

Many thanks to **Carolyn Robbins** for doing a superb job with membership. **Nancy Rothacker** and her telephone committee did a yeomen's job in contacting members who forgot to send in their dues. And without **Fran Clem** we would not have such an excellent and well-done yearbook. I could go on, but there is always the next newsletter. However, I do want to thank you for the privilege of being your president this year. I look forward to serving the Women's Council and having a fun, successful year. Thanks, *Nancy*

## Fall and Spring Volunteer Days

*Marilyn & Beverly plan to host a spring "Volunteer Appreciation Party" as a special thank you to volunteers.*

The Women's Council has been asked to furnish volunteers for Dallas Blooms on **Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. The theme this year is "Palette in Bloom." We will **need twenty volunteers**, ten for the morning (10:00am – 1:30pm) shift and ten for the afternoon (1:30pm – 5:00pm) shift. Volunteers will greet visitors and **act as docents** in the DeGolyer House (information is provided). Food and refreshments will be provided for the volunteers. Some members of the Women's Council may wish to volunteer to **bring food** rather than be a docent. This is a great opportunity to see the arboretum at its best, so if you can volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Co-chairs as follows:

**Marilyn Schmidt: 214 363-5488** or **Beverly Morrison: 214 373-4263** or e-mail: [bwattsm@swbell.net](mailto:bwattsm@swbell.net)

*( Fall Dallas Blooms: September 24 - October 30 / Spring Dallas Blooms: March 10 - April 17 )*

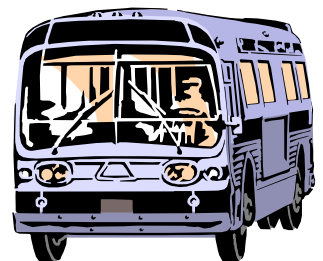
## Service and Education

**Tuesday, November 29, 2005:** A docent-guided tour of "The Women's Museum", Fair Park. Next, a guided tour of "The Frontiers of Flight Museum" and lunch in one of Dallas many trendy bistros. (All tours include bus, lunch & gift bag.)

**Tuesday, April 18, 2006:** Bluebonnets and wild flowers here we come! A morning with mother nature and lunch at a local café. To complete the day, money, money and more money! The Federal Reserve Bank, naturally.

**Wednesday, May 24, 2006:** Guided tour of historical city sites and old cemeteries. Uncover the lives of famous outlaws Bonnie & Clyde and many historical sites. We will have lunch at a restaurant in route.

**Cheryl Brown: 214 739-4343**



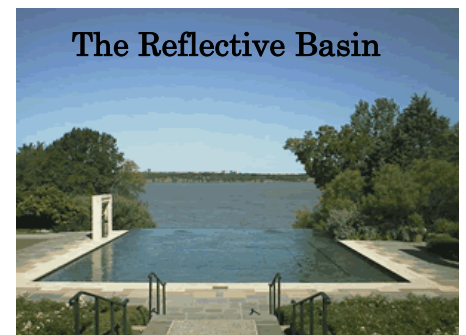
## A Woman's Garden – Phase I and Phase II



As we embark on Phase II of “A Woman’s Garden” master design plan, it seems appropriate to share a bit of history on the existing Phase I initiative, and the plans for Phase II. According to Patricia Cowlshaw, it was twenty-three years ago, in 1982 that Mrs. Eugene McDermott and Mrs. Frank Nick founded the Women’s Council as a fundraising and support organization for the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden (DABG). While initial fund raising proceeds were initially applied to operating expenses, by 1986 as membership and fundraising efforts grew, the Women’s Council decided to take up the challenge of funding a major Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden project.

In 1991, with funds in place, a search committee was formed to identify a designer for the project, comprised of members of the Women’s Council, of the DABG staff, and Warren Johnson, a well-known local landscape architect. Patricia Cowlshaw was one of the charter members of the Women’s Council and served on this initial design search committee. After much review and discussion, a list of design candidates was reduced to three candidates, whose gardens were visited and evaluated. This process yielded the selection of award winning landscape architect Morgan Wheelock of Boston, Massachusetts.

Wheelock’s perspective on his design commission as noted on his website states that *“A Woman’s Garden ... is a balance of broad formal grandeur and richly textured human scale elements. It offers garden “rooms” for broad vistas or for quiet contemplation ... the garden engages the adjacent lake and appears to pull this major element into its composition at the reflecting pool. In its understated elegance it is “Garden as Art”, which features art pieces within. Most importantly, it is a garden, which conveys a deeper symbolic meaning – its inspiration derived from the various qualities of a woman.”*



**The Reflective Basin**

Construction of Phase I of A Woman’s Garden began in 1995, and opened to the public in September of 1997. At 1.8 acres the completed project cost was \$1.7 million, with a follow-on endowment of \$1.5 million to address the ongoing maintenance. Phase I included a number of major endowed features:

- ◆ The Reflective Basin (square pool)
- ◆ The Grand Entrance (entry to Phase I)
- ◆ The Poetry Garden
- ◆ The Serenity Oak Garden
- ◆ The Terrace (lawn leading to Reflective Basin)
- ◆ Stepped Fountain (in front of Terrace)
- ◆ The Pecan Parterre (hedge partitioned garden)
- ◆ The Pulpit Garden (heart shaped overlook)

Phase II, which has just commenced construction, is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2006, with a construction cost of \$1.4 million. Adjacent to Phase I at its northern edge (next to the pulpit), Phase II encompasses 1.7 acres. Warren Johnson’s firm, Fallcreek Gardens, is executing the construction for Phase II, simultaneously undertaking an Arboretum sponsored renovation of the nearby Sunken Garden.

Phase II is comprised of a number of major features as noted below. With the exception of the East Entry which has been endowed, all of the **major features and a number of smaller garden areas are available as donor naming opportunities.** Should you be interested in this, please contact Patricia Cowlshaw at (972) 239-1702.

◆ **The East Entry:** flowering urns atop rustic stone columns provide access from the DeGolyer walkway and the Magnolia Allee. The East Entry also encompasses the planting area from the Pulpit Garden to the entry area.

◆ **The Bridge:** a crescent-shaped span of architectural interest linking the meadow and grotto providing views into the meadow, woodland and the water source.



**The East Entry**

◆ **The Grotto (The Genesis Garden):** a wellspring and inspiration for the entire garden – both a sanctuary and a source. The symbol of life force and the essence of life, the grotto is a beautiful two-level pool surrounded by boulders of varying sizes, walkways and bench areas.

There are approximately seven (7) other smaller garden areas that will be discussed further in the next newsletter. And again, these are also available for donor naming opportunities.



**The Bridge**



**The Grotto (Genesis Garden)**

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## **A Candy Cane Christmas – Children’s Christmas Party**

On **December 10<sup>th</sup>**, we again welcome area children to our annual Christmas party. Hosted at **Rosine Hall** on the grounds of the Dallas Arboretum, the festivities take place from **10:30am to 1:00pm**. This year our party is themed “**A Candy Cane Christmas**,” and guaranteed to delight children young and old. Our co-chairs for this ever-popular event, **Linda Lynn** and **Nancy Rothacker**, have outdone themselves.

The children will be thoroughly engaged and entertained. A visit to the **Story Telling Corner** where the children’s favorite Christmas tales are told might be a good place to begin. For those young minds and hands that enjoy more active pursuits, head for the **Craft Corner** where the children may unleash their creativity. Our Christmas musicians, **Brownie Shytles** and **Ye Merrie Olde Players**, return again this year to entertain us with the traditional Christmas melodies that are so much a part of this holiday. The children loved the Christmas music last year, listening, singing along and even dancing. And to inspire our young dancers even more, look to the **ballerinas** who accompany the music with their classical dance.

A photo of your child or grandchild with **Santa** will provide a memento of the party, or perhaps the purchase of a **Candy Cane Tin of Sweets** or better yet, bid on an item in our **Silent Auction** and take something home for the holiday. Gil’s Elegant Catering will provide **refreshments** selected to appeal to the young and the not so young. We hope that you, your family and friends will plan to join us for our annual Children’s Christmas Party. We know it will be a lot of fun for everyone. Look for invitations with further information to be mailed in the fall. Should you have any questions, you may contact either **Linda Lynn** at (972) 771-2473 or **Nancy Rothacker** at (972) 771-3389.

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## **Membership Update**

Many thanks and appreciation is due to the Membership Committee and the Telephone Committee for their help with new and renewing member registration. We have enrolled **603 Renewals and 118 New Members**. Please e-mail, fax or mail information on a potential new member, and we will promptly mail an invitation to join the Women’s Council – Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden. Thank you for helping the Women’s Council – Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens to continue as a strong and vibrant organization. We are looking forward to an exciting year with our members and friends.

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