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WOMEN'S COUNCIL

OF THE DALLAS ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDEN

— Celebrating our 25th Anniversary —

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Mad Hatter's Garden Party – Thursday, April 10th, 11am

Mark your calendars for The Women's Council's annual spring event and make plans for this "must-attend" luncheon. Held for the first time during The Arboretum's "Dallas Blooms" event, the **Mad Hatter's Garden Party** begins with a champagne reception, and follows with an exciting presentation by noted Dutch Master floral designer René van Rems, after which attendees may visit over a delicious catered luncheon.



Nancy Bierman, Carol Huckin

"This is a very exciting year as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of The Mad Hatter's and 25th anniversary of The Women's Council of The Dallas Arboretum," said Mad Hatter's Garden Party chairman, **Carol Huckin**. "We are thrilled to welcome our special guest speaker, René van Rems, to the luncheon."

Van Rems' program will take the audience on a journey through the early days of floral arrangement and symbolism up to the modern methods and practices utilized in contemporary floral design. His presentation is opulent, rich and dramatic—a synopsis of floral art history in a highly visual format, providing step-by-step instruction in the creation of sophisticated, yet stunning hand-tied flower bouquets in all their variations.

This year's auction chair, **Nancy Rothacker**, has arranged for an expanded silent auction, including a number of colorful *Mystery Hat Boxes* holding selected auction items, and a raffle including items donated by Neiman Marcus and Bachendorf's. Invitations will be mailed in February. For information on tickets or sponsorships, contact **Carol Huckin** at 214-368-0009 or carolhuckin@yahoo.com.

Spring Garden Tour & Fiesta Luncheon – April 24th, 9am – 3:00pm

Come along with us as we visit some of Dallas' loveliest homes in Preston Hollow, Bluffview, and near North Dallas. **Elizabeth Lee** has planned a wonderful day for us, as we tour five wonderful gardens. You won't want to miss the terrific luncheon provided by Mi Cocina at the home of Carolina and Mico Rodriguez! Join us on this fun-filled day. Send your \$55 reservation check to **Jeanne Rumley** at **3436 Amherst, Dallas, TX 75225**. Space is limited to the first 50 reservations. Further details on meeting place and itinerary will be mailed to in a confirmation letter prior to the trip.



Jeanne Rumley

Spring Annual Membership Meeting – Tuesday, May 6th, 10am

Mark your calendars for the Spring Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, May 6th at the Dallas Country Club. New officers will be elected for the 2007 – 2008 year ahead. Co-chairs **Lisa Longino** and **Sharon Popham** are promising a wonderful program entitled “*From So-So to Sumptuous*” to be given by Dallas entrepreneur **Lisa Luby Ryan**. **Ryan** will reveal her design secrets in a one-day home makeover. If you are tired of those same old four walls, just sit back and relax while **Lisa Luby Ryan** inspires your creativity. You will discover that achieving a new look won’t break the bank. **Ryan** will show attendees how to keep the things they love and incorporate special finds for an incomparable décor, how to blend antiques with one-of-a-kind vintage pieces for elegance with a twist. Get a head start by visiting *Vintage Living*, **Ryan’s** home furnishings boutique in Snider Plaza. Meeting invitations will be mailed and your \$45 check is your reservation for the luncheon. For questions or to volunteer to help with the Spring Membership Meeting, contact **Sharon** at rsigrady@aol.com or 214-265-9677, or **Lisa** at lisalongino@aol.com or 214-522-4889.



Lisa Luby Ryan

President’s Letter



It’s hard to believe that it’s time to “think spring” for The Women’s Council of The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Join **Kathleen Cunningham** and friends for a fun-filled day during “Dallas Blooms” at The Dallas Arboretum at Spring Volunteer Day on Thursday, March 27th. **Elizabeth Lee** has a wonderful day planned for the Spring Home and Garden Tour! Enjoy a peek over the garden walls of some of Dallas’ loveliest homes on Thursday, April 24th.

Chairman, **Carol Huckin**, and her committee are planning a fabulous **Mad Hatter’s Garden Party**, on April 10th and I invite you to put a table together for this fun event. It has been a pleasure to collaborate with the Dallas Garden Club on the appearance of Rene van Rems and I am especially grateful to our members **Kay Hyland** and **Roberta Williamson** for their cooperation and patience, and to Arboretum President **Mary Brinegar** and staff for their assistance with Mad Hatter’s this year.

Finally, thanks to everyone for their support and attendance at the inaugural literary program – *A Writer’s Garden* and the *Book Review Series* this fall. Special kudos go to **Renee Farren** and her team of volunteers. See you at Mad Hatter’s! *Nancy Bierman*



Book Review – January 10th – The Lemon Jelly Cake

The January book review wrapped up a very successful literary series. Photos: 1) Diane Sealy, Bettina Hennessy, Beth Averitt, Diane Brierley; 2) Rita Conway, Ann Dunbar, Katherine Phillips; 3) Claire

Cunningham and Renee Farren 4) Fox 4 News anchor and event MC, Megan Henderson and Joyce McClellan. 2

Spring Bulb Sales



Carole Boss has included a caladium bulb sales order form in the newsletter. Members must order bulbs by March 31st and bulbs will ship mid April. Make checks payable to: Women's Council – Dallas Arboretum and mail with form to: Carole Boss, 5514 Springmeadow Dr, Dallas, TX 75229



Founders Award Reception – Wednesday, May 14th

Established in 1996 by the Women's Council, the Founders Award annually recognizes individuals whose dedication and volunteer contributions have made a monumental impact in the growth and prominence of The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. It is a special honor this year to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of **Emilynn** and **Claude Wilson**. The reception will be held at the DeGolyer House at The Dallas Arboretum.



Winter Membership Meeting – December 3rd

Linda Huffhines, Winter meeting chairman, welcomed Women's Council members to a lovely holiday brunch held in the Arboretum's DeGolyer Estate. Decorated for the holidays, attendees viewed one of the largest privately owned doll collections, belonging to John and Kim Semyan. Women's Council members had a chance to visit, enjoy a buffet brunch and wander through the rooms of the DeGolyer Estate where the over 10,000 pieces of the Semyan's personal collection of handcrafted vignettes were arranged in various displays. It was truly a beautiful setting for the Women's Council final meeting of 2007.



1) Arboretum President, Mary Brinegar and Linda Huffhines; 2) Kathleen Cunningham; 3) Dolly Marting and Phyllis Comu

Spring Volunteer Day – Thursday, March 27th

Volunteer Day Chairman, **Kathleen Cunningham**, invites Women's Council members to the Spring Volunteer Day, themed "The Star of Texas," on Thursday, March 27, 2008. Volunteers may purchase lunch for themselves at the DeGolyer Garden Café between shifts. Morning shifts: 9:00am to 1:00pm AND/OR Afternoon shifts: 1:00pm – 5:00pm For more information or to volunteer, contact **Kathleen Cunningham** at: 214-368-4319; or liaisons **Connie Rhoades** at: 972-931-4211 or **Jewel Williams** at: 214-532-8506 . 3



From The Editor

The Women's Council Newsletter is a quarterly publication, published in August, November, February and May of each year and forwarded to our 800 Women's Council members. Should you have submissions, questions or comments, please contact me as follows: **(214) 533-7033** or **cherylbuckles@tx.rr.com** *Cheryl Buckles*

Memorials and Honoria

Janice Livingstone, chairman, Memorials & Honoraria would remind members to consider honoring a loved one on a special occasion or in a memorial, by making a donation to *A Woman's Garden*. Contact Janice at: 214-341-0775 . Make checks to WC-DABG and mail to: Janice Livingstone, 9316 Canter Drive, Dallas, TX 75231



Women's Council – Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

2007 – 2008 Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| Thursday - March 6 th , 10:30am | Board Meeting (3824 Beverly Drive) |
| Thursday – March 27 th , 11am & 1pm | Spring Volunteer Day, Dallas Arboretum |
| Thursday, April 10 th , 11:00am | Mad Hatter's Garden Party, Dallas Arboretum |
| Thursday - April 24 th , 9am – 3pm | Spring Garden Tour and Fiesta Luncheon |
| Thursday - April 17 th , 10:30am | Board Meeting and Luncheon (4616 Dorset Road) |
| Tuesday - May 6 th , 10:00am | Spring Member Mtg/Luncheon, Dallas Country Club |
| Wednesday – May 14 th | Founders Award Reception (DeGolyer House) |

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