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May Club Calendar

1—Dallas Council of Garden Clubs Meeting—North Haven Gardens.
10:30AM—Installation of 2025-27 officers.

7—Oak Cliff Garden Forum Meeting—The Home of Jon Papp. 10 AM—Friends of Oak Cliff Parks presents their program on *Twenty-three Years of Improvements in Oak Cliff Parks..*

18-21—National Garden Clubs Annual Convention—North Charleston, SC.



**Newsletter Submissions
may be emailed to
Todd Eich.**

The Dallas Council of Garden Clubs believes in unifying all member clubs in our area to better serve our cities and our communities. We promote our love of gardening and floral design, and demonstrate our dedication to the conservation of natural resources and the preservation of wildlife habitats by informing the member clubs of events happening on the district, state, regional, and national levels.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SYLVIA CARTER

From the Desk of
Sylvia Carter

Dear Members of Dallas Council of Garden Clubs,

What a great April Meeting! We had our largest crowd in the smallest space ever, thanks to the Designers and Diggers Garden Club. Also, we appreciated the good lunch provided by D&D. Plano Garden Club brought some very nice door prizes.

Thanks to Stan Aten for an informative program. He always comes through for our Garden Club needs, and all the other Clubs he is in.

I was honored to attend a 90th birthday party for Delores Greagor, a former President of Dallas Council of Garden Clubs from 2015-2017. (see pictures in newsletter.)

We had a good Texas Garden Club Convention in Nacogdoches, April 1-5. Many from our Dallas Council attended. New TGC President: Linda Jean Brown from Elkhart. Installed from District X were VP Finance - Carol Coughran – Dallas, VP Lone Star Gardener – Linda Love – Dallas, VP Organization Study – Sylvia Carter – Sunnyvale, Corresponding Secretary – Jeanette Hobbs – Sunnyvale. Mary Whitehurst – Sadler, was installed as our new District X Director. Marilyn Fitzner – Mesquite, was installed as our new Trustee. Stan Aten – Dallas, Social Media Website. Karen Murell – Dallas, Flower Show School Chair, Dana Serafine – Plano, Flower Show Symposium Chair, Faye Nabors and Jeanette Hobbs – Sunnyvale, have positions on the Butterfly Garden Awards.

I can't believe May will be my last meeting as your President. We will be installing new officers. These offices will be installed for Dallas Council of Garden Clubs for 2025-2027:

- President: Nancy Keim
- First Vice President of Membership: Faye Nabors
- Second VP of Programs: Georgeann Moss
- Recording Secretary: Jeanette Hobbs
- Treasurer: Stan Aten

I hope you all had a blessed Easter and I look forward to seeing you on May 1st at North Haven Gardens at 10:30 AM.

Sylvia Carter, President



DALLAS COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

A change to the Dallas Council of Garden Club's by-laws was approved to ease the restriction on members of the nominating committee from serving more than one year in succession.

Voting on the proposed amendment took place at the April 10, 2025 meeting. After discussion, a motion to accept the change was proposed by Georgeann Moss and seconded by Jacque Gavin. A quorum of attendees was established, a vote took place, and the motion carried.

Amended bylaw:

Article VII – Elections (page 34 of our Handbook)

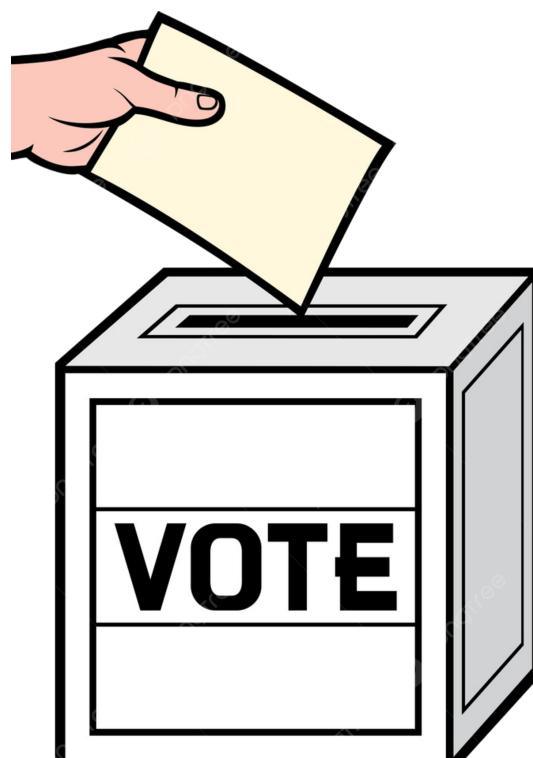
Section 3.

Members of the Nominating Committee may serve more than one year in succession.

Changes to the DCGC bylaws may be made per:

Article IX – Amendments (page 35 of the DCGC Handbook)

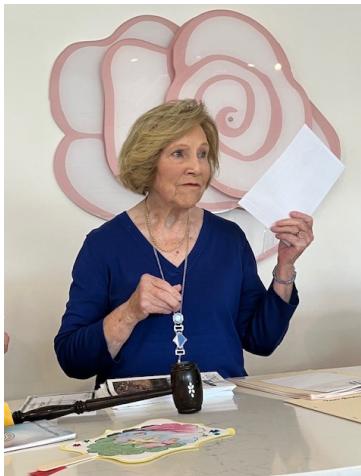
The Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of this organization by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.



DALLAS COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

APRIL MEETING

The Dallas Council of Garden Clubs held its April meeting on Thursday, April 10th at 10:30 AM at North Haven Gardens. Stan Aten presented his program on *The History of Greenhouses*. The Designers and Diggers Garden Study Club, Jr. Group of Dallas Garden Club, and Ovilla Garden Club provided refreshments, decorations, and raffle prizes.



Faye Neighbors



Mary Whitehurst



Sylvia Carter

TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS

SPRING CONVENTION

On April 3rd and 4th, Texas gardeners traveled to Nacogdoches to attend the Texas Garden Club's Spring Convention. There were representatives from across Texas and the President of National Garden Clubs and her husband attended the convention.

While in Nacogdoches, attendees of the convention toured the Gayle Mize Gardens which are part of the Stephen F. Austin (SFA) Arboretum. Our luncheon speaker on Wednesday, April 3rd, was Dr. Jim Creech who created the SFA Arboretum. The Gayle Mize Gardens are focused on azaleas and Japanese maples.



DALLAS FLOWER SHOW JUDGES

80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 80th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, May 21st at 10 AM

Northwood Club

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Dallas, TX 75240



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JUST BULBS GARDEN CLUB

JOIN TODAY

Just Bulbs Garden Club is a new garden club looking for members to join. Our mission is to educate and encourage the planting of bulbs in home gardens and the community. We have monthly online meetings on the 4th Saturday of the month via Zoom.

Contact us at justbulbsgardenclub@gmail.com or check out our [website](#) using the QR Code below.



LES FLEURS DES JEUNES

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

Our club, Les Fleurs des Jeunes, was organized in 1955. One of our members, Mary Lou Alford, just celebrated 65 years of membership. She joined in 1960! We celebrated her milestone at our Valentine themed meeting in February where we made arrangements for senior living homes. It was a fun day!



Mary Lou Alford



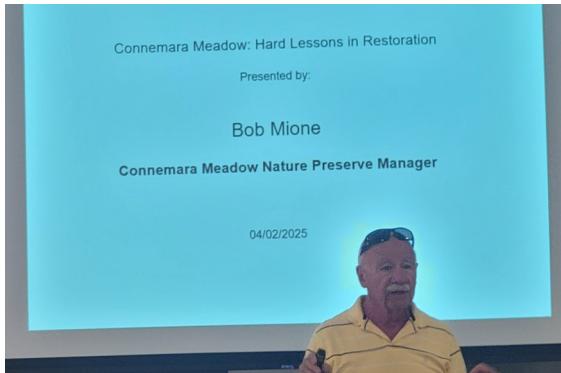
65 Years of Membership



OAK CLIFF GARDEN FORUM

APRIL MEETING

The Super Seeders Garden Club hosted our April meeting on Wednesday the 2nd at 10am at the Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center. Robert Mione with the Connemara Meadow Nature Preserve presented his program on *An Oasis for Plants, Animals, and our Community in Allen, TX.*



Robert Mione, Connemara Meadows

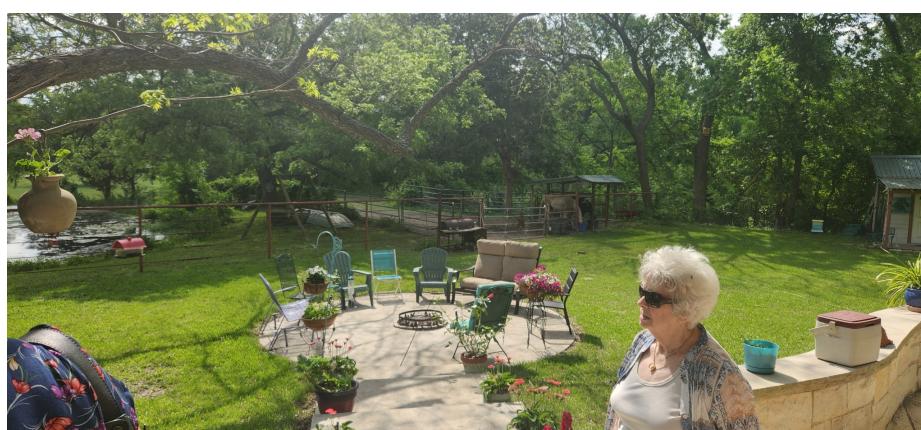


Marie James delivers our April inspiration.

OVILLA GARDEN CLUB

APRIL MEETING

The Ovilla Garden Club met on April 17, 2025 for their regular scheduled monthly meeting at Amber Parker's home in Oak Leaf, Texas. Amber gave a tour of her beautiful garden complete with pond, horses and her She Shed. Ovilla Garden Club had a wonderful time during the tour and outdoor picnic.



OVILLA GARDEN CLUB

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL

Members of the Ovilla Garden Club plant caladium bulbs in the Blue Star Memorial in Ovilla Heritage Park on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. In a few weeks, park visitors will enjoy the beautiful colors when they visit the park.



OVILLA GARDEN CLUB

HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

Mattie Thompson hosted the Ovilla Garden Club to her home in Midlothian on April 25, 2025. Mattie has filled almost every inch of her lovely garden with amazing flowers and ornamental greenery. Members enjoyed an outdoor picnic afterwards.



RAINBOW GARDEN CLUB

APRIL MEETING

On April 20th, we held our monthly meeting at Michael Ray Blackstock's home in Oak Lawn. Michael is a long-time member with a big heart and a beautiful home and garden. He generously provided lunch for all attendees. Our speaker, Stephanie Smith, is a Dallas County Master Gardener. She gave a very informative program on *How to Start a Vegetable Garden and How to be Successful*. Attendees learned new things about growing vegetables our gardens.



SHIZEN SCHOOL OF IKEBANA

IKEBANA OF THE MONTH

The Shizen School of Ikebana offers free classes in the Japanese Art of Floral Arrangement the second Saturday of each month at 11am at the [St. Augustine's Oak Cliff](#) in Dallas. Shizen School incorporates uneven numbers and heights of floral materials, asymmetry, and space in their arrangements. Anyone interested in studying Ikebana is welcomed to contact Ikebana.insights@gmail.com.



This rather large arrangement is a "free style". A free style arrangement is one that is not part of any official, objective teaching curriculum. It is a personal creation of an ikebanist, although almost all Shizen free styles do adhere to the traditional Shizen guidelines of (1) minimalism, (2) asymmetry, and (3) "see-throughness" (the viewer's seeing "through" the arrangement from front side to back side). This arrangement consists of only about 7 irises and many iris leaves (called "spears"). All the irises are at the top of the arrangement. Notice that the lower and upper level spears at the left are balanced at the right by 2 spears at the middle level and one spear at the upper level. The unusual pottery container is a compote (bowl on stem). The bowl part is in the shape of a small Asian boat. The entire arrangement has a wonderful "see-through" quality, which is a characteristic of Shizen arrangements.

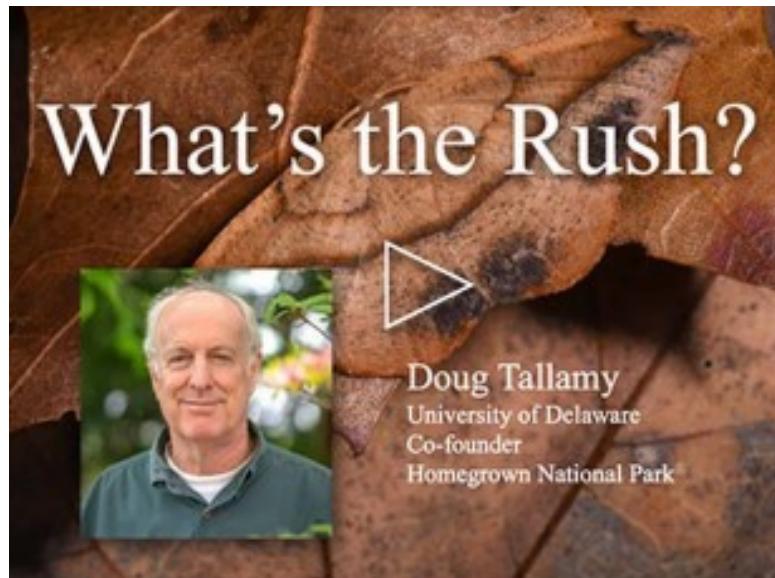
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DOUG TALLAMY, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

What's the Rush?

What's the rush to regenerate biodiversity and start your [Home-grown National Park](#)? Why should you care about planting native, removing invasive species, and restoring habitat? Hear from Doug why joining the movement and getting on the MAP is so important. We are pretty sure you will want to be part of this massive and exciting grassroots conservation movement!



What's the Rush? Doug Tallamy, Co-Founder Homegrown National Park®

This is a recording of the April 6th virtual event. Doug Tallamy with the University of Delaware, presents the grassroots science-based solution to the biodiversity crisis and explains why it's so urgent.

Bring your garden to life.



When it comes to attracting beautiful butterflies and birds to your yard or community, the best thing you can do is use native plants. By planting natives, you restore the health and function of your local ecosystem. This website will help you find the best native plants specifically for your area that attract butterflies and moths and the birds that feed on their caterpillars. A native oak tree can support the caterpillars of over 500 species of butterflies and moths. That's the power and importance of planting native plants when it comes to supporting wildlife. This tool focuses on butterflies and birds, but many other wildlife species also benefit when you plant natives.

BULLETIN BOARD

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[Newsletter submissions, click here!](#)

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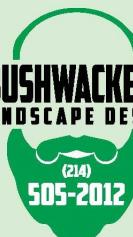
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