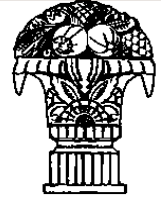


FALL

WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF THE DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN



2011

President's Letter



Welcome to all of our new members who have joined us this year, we are grateful that you have chosen to become involved and to support our organization. Also, special thanks to all of our more than 500 returning members for renewing your memberships. You are the foundation of our organization and you are very much appreciated. Our ongoing support to the Dallas Arboretum continues because of your membership, support of the fundraising events and donor naming contributions.

This year marks the 29th year of the Women's Council and the significant positive impact of our organization to the Dallas Arboretum and to the Dallas community continues to grow. We take pride in knowing that taxpayer dollars can be used in other areas due to our support of *A Women's Garden*. This very special area in the Dallas Arboretum is nationally recognized every year, it has been featured on many local and national television programs, and is a favorite photograph location. It is a key to the Dallas Arboretum being recognized as one of the top fourteen places to visit in the world during spring by MSN.com. Also, we can take pride in knowing that we are part of this ever changing work of "botanical art," a place where you can renew your spirit, make memories with family and friends, and a place where you can feel blessed.

Looking ahead, the event chairs have worked diligently planning some wonderful events for the coming year. Special thanks to Chairman **Carole Ann Brown** and Program Chairman **Glenda Cotner** for kicking off our year with the first General Meeting on Wednesday, September 14th, at the Bent Tree Country Club. Thanks to **Kathy Cothrum** for hosting the New Member Reception on Wednesday evening, September 21st and **Myra Hammond** who chaired the event. Volunteer Day at the Arboretum is Wednesday, October 26th, thank you to **Helen Tieber**, Chairman and **Markita Thompson**, Co-Chair. Please don't miss *A Writer's Garden* Symposium and Luncheon which will be Thursday November 10th. This event, which is chaired by **Jocelyn White**, will definitely motivate and inspire you. A special thank you to our Writer's Garden Honorary Chairs, **Dee and D'Andra Simmons**. We are very fortunate as these ladies will also present a very special program at the Valentine Tea in February. Thursday, April 12th will be the over-the-top Mad Hatter's Tea Party Luncheon. Thank you to Chairs **Carmaleta Whiteley** and **Barbara Daseke** as they have been working through the summer on this major event for the Women's Council. More information about all of these upcoming events and others is listed in the newsletter and on the Women's Council website.

Also, thank you to our Membership Team; **Sue John, Jennifer Mira, Judy Birchfield, Giana DePaul**, and **Michele Mew** for working through the summer. Special thanks to our Finance Team; **Melissa Lewis** and **Helen Nixon** for their help and work on the budget. Thank you to **Sue Ringle** for hosting our first board meeting in June, and to our Website and Tech Team, **Linda Spina** and **Beth Walthall**. Special thanks to **Sharon Walker**, our Board Meeting Arrangements Chair and to **Kathryn Phillips**, our Board Meeting Hospitality Chair. Thank you to **Sharron** and **Bunny O'Neil** for planning our spring trip, to Esprit de Corps **Carolyn Robbins**, and to our Recording Secretary **Sydney Reid-Hedge**. Also thank you to **Carol Boss** who continues to take care of the bulb sales every year. Finally, thank you to **Nancy Bierman, Patricia Cowlshaw, Sharon Barbee, Renee Farren, Wendy Hansen, Bettina Hennessey, Kathy Cothrum, Nancy Connor, Carolyn Rogers, Jo Anne McCullough** and **Sandy Secor** for all your help over the summer.

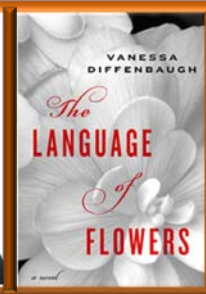
Fall Meeting – Wednesday, September 14th, 10am Coffee, 10:30am Meeting/Program



Carol Ann Brown, Glenda Cotner

Fall Meeting Chairman **Carol Ann Brown** and Program Chairman **Glenda Cotner** collaborated on our first event of the year – the Fall General Meeting held at the Bent Tree Country Club. “The Language of Flowers” was presented by author, Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

(speaker photo and book jacket at right)



New Member Party – Wednesday, September 21st



Women's Council President, **Sharon Ballew**, and New Member Party chair, **Myra Hammond**, welcomed new members to a catered reception at the home of 2009 – 2010 Women's Council President, **Kathy Cothrum**, who had very graciously extended the hospitality of her home for this reception welcoming new members. Attendees heard about the exciting plans for the coming year and met members of the Women's Council Board.

– **Kathy Cothrum**

Myra Hammond –



Founder's Award – Wednesday, October 26th, 6:30pm – 8:30pm



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 (DABS). It is with great pleasure that this year's Founder's Award Chairwoman, **Bettina Hennessy**, announces our 2011 Founder's Award recipient **Stephen A. Coke**, pictured at left with his wife, **Cheryl Coke**.

Steve Coke is a long-time supporter of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. He joined the Arboretum Board of Directors in 1979 and has served continuously as an elected board member, board officer or legal counsel. His years of dedication and leadership have been exemplary and highly appreciated.

It is interesting to note Steve's historical family ties to the Arboretum, Dallas and Texas. His great uncle, **Richard Coke**, came to Texas in 1850 and served on the Texas Supreme Court, was Governor of Texas and served as a United States Senator from Texas for 18 years. Steve's great Grandfather, **Henry C. Coke**, settled in Dallas in 1881 and became a noted lawyer, banker and businessman, serving for decades as Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank in Dallas. Steve was quite close to his great-aunt, **Roberta Coke Camp**, who was a patron of the arts, loved gardens and was the owner of the DABS Camp House. Certainly, she would be very proud of the Arboretum today and Steve's continuing the family tradition of service to the Arboretum and greater Dallas community. Steve credits his wife Cheryl – his best friend and supporter, for her invaluable assistance and partnership in support of the Dallas Arboretum.

The award celebration will be hosted in a private Dallas home at 5950 Deloach Avenue (75225). The evening begins with a 6:30pm cocktail reception and is followed by a cocktail buffet. Valet parking will be provided. The Founder's Award reception is \$80/person and attendees are asked to RSVP no later than October 21st. Please forward your RSVP and payment (check made out to WC-DABG) by 10/21/11 to: **Sue Ringle**, 3514 Gillon Ave, Dallas, TX 75205

Fall Volunteer Day – Wednesday, October 26th

Volunteer Day Chairman, **Helen Tieber**, and co-chair, **Makita Thompson**, invite members to participate in the Fall Volunteer Day. Volunteers meet at the DeGolyer House on the Arboretum grounds just prior to their shift for assignments: docent duties at the DeGolyer House or visitor aid within the gardens. Contact **Helen Tieber** at: 972-490-1143 to sign up for volunteer day (indicate a shift preference).

Morning shifts: 9:00am to 12:00pm AND/OR Afternoon shifts: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

A Writer's Garden Literary Series returns to the Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall for its 5th season. Women's Council President, **Sharon Ballew**, Chairwoman, **Jocelyn White**, and honorary chairwomen, **Dee Simmons** and **D'Andra Simmons**, will welcome guests to this year's outstanding program series featuring an exciting line-up of remarkable women speakers, entrepreneurs and authors.



Jocelyn White



Dee Simmons



D'Andra Simmons

Honorary chairwoman, **Dee Simmons** is the Founder and Chairman of Ultimate Living International, Inc., a nutritional supplement and skin care company. **Dee** and her daughter, **D'Andra**, (VP of Ultimate Living International and CEO of her own skin care company, Hard Night Good Morning), co-host the national television show "Ultimate Living with D'Andra and Dee." (Note, that Dee and D'Andra Simmons will be presenting a very special program at the Women's Council Valentine Tea on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012.)



Paula Lambert: Speaker, author and entrepreneur **Paula Lambert** has combined two of her passions, Italy and food, in a highly successful Dallas-based business, "Mozzarella Company." Paula and the company's cheeses have been featured in countless publications including *Gourmet*, *Food & Wine*, *Bon Appétit*, *Saveur*, and *The New York Times*. Her cheeses have been served at the Academy Awards, to presidents and to royalty and have also won over 100 prestigious awards.

In 2000, Paula published her first cookbook, **The Cheese Lover's Cookbook and Guide**, which included over 150 recipes and instructions offering guidance on how to buy, store and serve your favorite cheeses. A finalist for the World Cookbook Awards in Cork, Ireland it has been reprinted numerous times. Paula's second book published in 2007, **Cheese, Glorious Cheese!**

offers more than 75 tempting recipes for cheese lovers. Paula has served on the board of many professional organizations, including serving as President of the International Association of Culinary Professionals, and has received numerous awards recognizing her many professional achievements.

Dina Moor: With the publication of her first book in 1998, **Women Who Have Won™**, Dina Moor launched a writing career that has documented the stories and accomplishments of a group of remarkable women who have achieved notable success in their fields. Her first conference in 1998 (Laura Bush was keynote speaker) introduced a theme – "**Unstoppable Woman**," addressing the all too real barriers that women experience in their rise to leadership and the executive ranks, and provided inspiration, networking and mentorship advice for overcoming those barriers. That theme has continued in her next three books, as Dina continues to chronicle that unique mix of intellect, vision, tenacity and passion for what they do that has given rise to an accomplished and select roster of "Unstoppable Women" in North Texas.

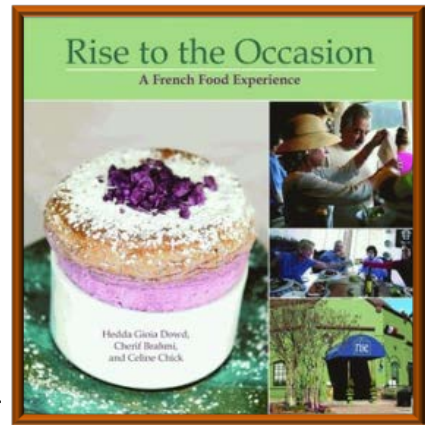


An Unstoppable Woman herself, Dina has organized events, conferences and seminars in the U.S. and abroad for a client list that includes the Southland Corporation, the American Electronics Association, Chrysler and Dodge (Chrysler Group, LLC) and Ford automotive companies, the Department of Defense and more. She is a marketing consultant, spokeswoman, contributing author to text books, scripts, speeches, advertising copy and radio/television commercials. She is the recipient of the Wall Street Journal Award of Excellence, listed in *Who's Who in American Women* and is active in the non-profit sector.

A Writer's Garden Literary Series (continued)



Hedda Gioia Dowd: A special treat awaits the Francophiles among us – speaker **Hedda Dowd** will share with us the “joie de vivre” inspired by her family heritage (her mother is from Strasbourg, France), which has manifest in several French ventures: French antiquing, French cuisine and the publication of a French cookbook. Her retail boutique, Antique Harvest, is a treasure trove of rare and unique items found in her explorations of French châteaux – antique linens, silver flatware and other “tabletop” items. In



early 2008, **Dowd**, partner/chef **Cherif Brahmi** and partner **Mark Maguire** (owner of Maguire's restaurant in Dallas) opened to much acclaim their 92-seat French soufflé restaurant and wine bar, Rise No.1, in Inwood Village in Dallas. The restaurant name derives from French street signage that identifies streets by their arrondissement (municipal borough). And more recently, **Dowd** collaborated with **Brahmi** and food writer **Celine Chick**, on the publication of their cookbook, **Rise to the Occasion: A French Food Experience**. The cookbook offers more than soufflé recipes however, with recipes ranging from the savory to the sweet, from the appetizer to dessert course. Pretty enough for the coffee table, the cookbook also includes anecdotes and recollections from **Dowd** and **Brahmi** (who was born in Lyon, France), and is beautifully illustrated by photographer **Courtney Perry**. The book also includes photos of Dowd's east Texas farm home and retreat.

A Writer's Garden Symposium and Luncheon invitation booklets have been mailed to WC members. Make your reservations to attend the November 10th event and consider patron level participation and table sponsorship (see WC-DABG website for patron level details and to purchase your tickets on-line, MasterCard or VISA accepted at: www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org) A limited number of individual tickets are available for the Literary Symposium program and luncheon at \$150. Patron Level tickets available at \$250 and include recognition in the day's Program as well as an invitation to the October 26th Patron Party Founders Award reception. To purchase a ticket(s) by check, make check payable to WC-DABG (include names of those with whom you wish to be seated) and mail to: **Renee Farren, 5218 Edmondson Ave, Dallas, TX 75209**. For more information, contact **Jocelyn White** at: **214-912-2464** or via email at: jocink@aol.com.

Winter Meeting – Tuesday, January 24th, 10am

Women's Council President, **Sharon Ballew**, Winter meeting Chairman, **Margaret LaRocca**, and the Vice-President of Programs, **Glenda Cotner**, welcome members and guests to the Winter meeting to be held at Tuesday, January 24th at the Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall. This very exciting program will introduce the **Dale Chihuly Exhibition** planned for installation this Spring, and scheduled to run from May through November 2012. **Chihuly's** stunning art glass appears in museums, commercial and upscale residential installations around the world. Photos at right are (L to R) **Margaret LaRocca**, and program speakers **Mary Brinegar**, Dallas Arboretum President, **Talley Dunn**, owner of Talley Dunn Gallery, representing Chihuly in the Dallas area and **Jimmy Turner**, Arboretum Sr. Director, Gardens.

Coffee is served at 10am and the meeting will begin at 10:30am, at no charge. The price for the luncheon to follow will be provided at a later date. For questions contact: Margaret LaRocca at: 214-797-6696 or via email at: margosells@sbcglobal.net.



Spring Trip to Philadelphia – Tuesday to Thursday, May 1 – 3 , 2012

Service and Education Chairman, **Sharron O'Neill**, and Co-Chairman, **Bunny O'Neill** invite members to join them for an exciting trip to Philadelphia. The highlight of the trip will be a visit to Longwood Gardens. Attendees will also tour the du Pont mansion and private gardens in the area. The spectacular **Longwood Gardens** encompasses 1,077 acres with 20 indoor and 20 outdoor gardens, woodlands, and meadows; a 195,668 square foot conservatory that is one of the world's greatest greenhouses; and several indoor and outdoor venues, which annually host over 400 performing arts events. Resident musical instruments include: a 1923 Steinway concert grand piano purchased by Pierre du Pont, which now sits in the Conservatory Music Room; the Chimes Tower (built in 1929), which now houses a 62-bell carillon; and the largest residence organ in the world—Longwood's 10,010 pipe Aeolian organ, installed in 1930.

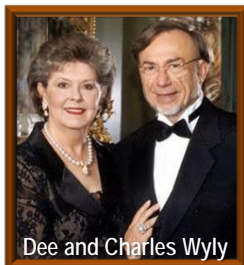
Located on land once inhabited by Lenni Lenape Indians, Longwood Gardens was later owned by William Penn who sold the property in the 1700's to Quakers, Joshua and Samuel Pierce. The Pierce land was sold in 1906 to Pierre du Pont, great-grandson of Eleuthère Irénée du Pont, who arrived from France in 1800 to found E.i. du Pont de Nemours Co. (originally a gunpowder works, now a diverse multinational industrial giant). While many generations helped create Longwood Gardens, it was Pierre S. du Pont (1870-1954), industrialist, conservationist, farmer, designer, impresario, and philanthropist who made the most enduring contribution to the design, preservation and management of the gardens. Sharron (214-789-4766) and Bunny (214-789-4197) will announce pricing and additional details in January 2012.



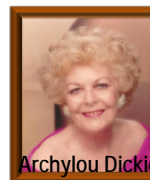
Carole Boss (*right*), the chairman of the WC-DABG annual bulb/holiday poinsettia sales event reminds members that this fundraiser will be launched entirely on-line again this year; the paper forms will no longer be used. The on-line form will be posted soon on the WC website.



Condolences



We mourn the passing of several Women's Council members and member spouses in recent months. Those of us who knew **Ruth Barnard**, were deeply saddened to hear of her death this past September 4th. Ruth was a much beloved member of the Women's Council for over 20 years, a generous and enthusiastic volunteer in the organization and past President (2001 – 2002). She will be sorely missed by all. ☞ The Dallas community, friends and family were shocked and saddened by the unexpected death of **Charles Wyly**, husband of Women's Council member, **Dee Wyly**, in a tragic automobile accident on August 7th. Well known for their generous and wide-ranging philanthropy, the Wyllys contributed to a variety of organizations, including those in social services and healthcare, academics, and most notably the Dallas ATT Performing Arts Center, where their \$20M contribution helped in the realization of a world class arts district, recognized with the naming of the Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre. ☞



April 23rd marked the passing of Women's Council member, **Archylou Dickie**, a Women's Council member for over 15 years, Archylou was active in numerous Dallas charities. ☞ Our condolences as well to member **Dean Kadesky**, whose husband, **Dr. Melvin Kadesky**, passed away on August 13th. Dr. Kadesky was instrumental in founding Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas and had served as Chief of Staff & Chair of the Urology Dept. Condolences also to member **Janet Nylund**, whose husband, radiologist **Dr. Jack Nylund**, passed away August 12th. Dr. Nylund, who had served in Vietnam, practiced medicine for over 30 years.



From The Editor

My apologies for the delay of our Fall newsletter due to technical computing problems. The Women's Council Newsletter is a quarterly publication, published in August, November, February and May of each year and forwarded to our Women's Council members. Should you have submissions, questions or comments, please contact me as follows: **(214) 533-7033** or **cheryl.buckles@att.net**

2011 – 2012 Women's Council Calendar of Events

Thursday, Sept 8 th , 10:30am	Board Meeting, Arboretum Camp House
Wednesday, Sept 14 th , 10am	Fall General Meeting/Luncheon, Bent Tree Country Club
Wednesday, September 21 st , 6:30pm	New Member Reception, Home of Kathy Cothrum
Wednesday, October 26 th	Fall Volunteer Day at the Arboretum (morning & afternoon shifts)
Wednesday, October 26 th , 6:30pm – 8:30pm	Founder's Award Reception/Buffer (5950 Deloache Ave, 75225)
Thurs. November 3 rd , coffee 10am, mtg 10:30am	Board Meeting (Host: Jean Maier Dean, 5420 Swiss Ave, 75214)
Thursday, November 10 th , 9:30am	A Writer's Garden / Luncheon, Rosine Hall, Arboretum
Tues. January 24 th , coffee 10am, mtg 10:30am	Winter Coffee and General Meeting, Arboretum
Thurs. February 2 nd , coffee 10am, mtg 10:30am	Board Mtg (Host: Becky Renard, 4947 Brookview Circle, 75220)
Tuesday, February 7 th , 2pm – 4pm	A Writer's Garden Valentine Tea, Arboretum
Thursday, March 1 st , coffee 10am, mtg 10:30am	Board Meeting (Host: Harriett Gibbs, 3525 University, 75205)
Wednesday, March 21 st	Spring Volunteer Day, Arboretum
Thursday, April 5 th , coffee 10am, mtg 10:30am	Board Mtg (Host: Sharon Walker, 6123 Northwood Rd, 75225)
Thursday, April 12 th , 11am	Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Rosine Hall, Arboretum
Tues. May 1 st – Thurs. May 3 rd	Spring Service & Education Trip to Philadelphia
Tues. May 8 th , reception/mtg 10am, lunch 12 noon	Annual Spring Meeting and Tea, (700 Park Lane, Dallas, 75225)

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