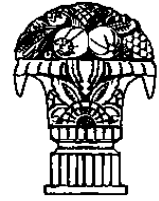




WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF THE DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN



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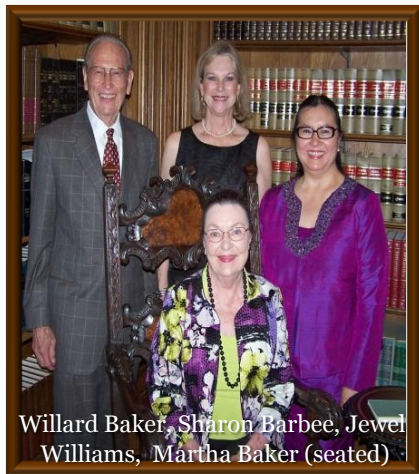
President's Letter



Sharon Barbee

My dear friends, it has been such an honor to serve as your Women's Council President for the 2010 - 2011 year. Your trust, confidence and support throughout this year have meant so much to me. As my term comes to an end, I reflect on all of the outstanding events of the past year, including A Writer's Garden Literary Series, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Charleston, SC trip, Founder's Award dinner and the wonderful general meetings and programs. The Women's Council Board, committee chairs and members worked very hard to provide our membership a fabulous selection of entertaining events and successful fundraisers. Together, we supported A Woman's Garden - through our fundraising activities, in our fall and spring volunteer days, and our bulb sales. My deepest thanks go to our membership for their appreciation and support of *A Woman's Garden* and the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. **Sharon Ballev**, your incoming President, is already hard at work preparing for a wonderful year. Best wishes to the upcoming 2011-2012 Women's Council Board. Have a safe and happy summer. *Sharon*

Founders Award - Wednesday, May 11th



Willard Baker, Sharon Barbee, Jewel Williams, Martha Baker (seated)

In the final event of this year, **Sharon Barbee**, Women's Council President, greeted Women's Council members, guests, the family and friends of the 2011 Founder's Award recipients, **Martha and Willard Baker**, and welcomed all



Willard Baker, WC President Sharon Barbee holding the Boehm Rose Founders Award, and Martha Baker

to the wine reception and dinner hosted at the historic DeGolyer House. Special thanks go to **Jewel Williams**, the event chairwoman, who so capably arranged a truly lovely evening. Though inclement weather moved the reception indoors as opposed to the original dining al fresco planned on the loggia, the evening was most enjoyable. Hosted in the intimate setting of the historic DeGolyer library, warmed by the fire, guests conversed and dined on a delicious buffet dinner catered by Blue Mesa and were serenaded by the soft jazz instrumentals of a piano and saxophone duo. After accepting the Founder's Award, Martha Baker offered a heartfelt and touching thank you, as she reminisced about the couple's long-time involvement with the Women's Council and the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, as well as the changes that they had witnessed over the years and their appreciation of those with whom they had worked along the way.



The Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Women's Council President **Sharon Barbee**, Mad Hatter's Tea Chair, **Susan Walker**, Honorary Chair, **Yvonne Crum** and Presenting Sponsor, **Dee Wily** welcomed Women's Council members and guests to the 2011 Mad Hatter's Tea. Despite the overcast "damp" day, this year's Mad Hatter's Tea Party was memorable in every way. "A Wonderland of Fashion"

kicked off with a champagne reception on the Ginsberg Family Plaza, in the company of Alice, the White Rabbit and Mad Hatter who helped set the stage for an afternoon luncheon in the garden. Also on the plaza was the Frank Olive hat collection of Women's Council member and former model, **Marilyn Hailey**. Everyone enjoyed the traditional and always exciting runway fashion show produced by **Jan Strimple**, showcasing the fashions of Anne Fontaine, Betty Reiter, Karen Millen, Tootsies and Tory Burch boutiques.



Sharon Barbee, Susan Walker



Jill Rowlett, Dee Wily, Yvonne Crum



Billy Fulmer



Cheryl Buckles, Connie Rhoades



Jill Goldberg, Sharon Ballew, Jan Harbour



Faye Briggs



Susan Vaughan, Jaclyn Braddy, Sandy Secor



Carmelita Whiteley,
Barbara Daseke
(next year's Mad Hatters chairs)



Shane Walker



Dean Faulkner, Jan Strimple, Steve Kemble



Guest, Susan Scullin

Spring Trip – April 8th – 12th

Charlotte Kimberlin led the Spring trip to Charleston, South Carolina's 64th annual Festival of Homes & Gardens, visiting: Middleton Place Plantation Garden (1741), Nathaniel Russell House (1808) the Aiken Rhett House (1820) and other historic sites.



Linda Spina,
Sharon O'Neill



Mad Hatters Judges: Daniel Lewis, David Nelson Wren,
Valerie Elizabeth, LeAnn Locken and Lisa Garza



Patricia Cowlshaw,
Judy Birchfield

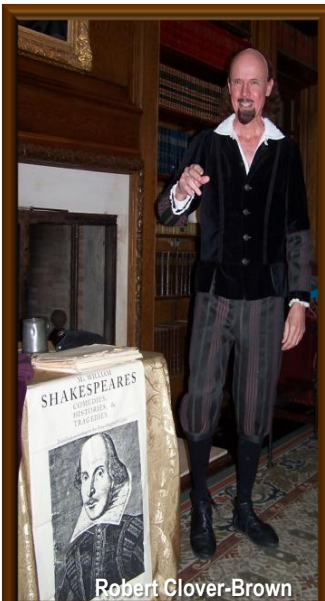


Mad Hatters hat winners: Shane Walker, Billy Fulmer, Faye Briggs,
Carmaleta Whiteley, Virginia Dykes, Susan Scullin, Steve Kemble



Spring Meeting and Afternoon Tea – May 3rd

Women's Council President, **Sharon Barbee**, welcomed members and guests to the Spring meeting at the DeGolyer House. After expressing her thanks and appreciation to the board members who had so generously given of their time and talents to make our 2010 - 2011 year a success, Sharon offered special recognition for two of our board members, **Patricia Cowlshaw**, who received the Leadership Award, and **Linda Spina**, who received the Service Award. Sharon then introduced president elect, **Sharon Ballew** and the slate of officers for the upcoming 2011 – 2012 year. (See page 4 of newsletter for the new board members.) Adjourning the short business meeting, VP Programs, **Bettina Hennessy**, then introduced program speaker **Robert Clover-Brown**, *Shakespeare Man*, who performing in the role of **William Shakespeare, Transformative Poet of the Elizabethan Countryside**, sharing the abundant, vivid and evocative use of the English countryside and floral images in Shakespeare's plays and sonnets, and his home of Stratford-upon-Avon, England. The program was followed by an afternoon English Tea outdoors on the DeGolyer loggia. **Jewel Williams** offered a reminder and invitation to the upcoming Founders Award reception and dinner honoring Martha and Willard Baker, long time Arboretum supporters.



Robert Clover-Brown



Sharon Barbee, Linda Spina



Sharon Ballew



Sharon Barbee, Patricia Cowlshaw



Jewel Williams



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As our 2010 – 2011 year comes to a close, I would like to thank the board and members of The Women’s Council for the pleasure of sharing another wonderful year together. Our board and committee members dedicate many hundreds of hours to the stewardship and fundraising efforts on behalf of *A Woman’s Garden* and I am so appreciative of the opportunity to be a part of this rewarding effort. The result is a garden that represents and celebrates the very best qualities within women: their generosity and nurturing spirit, their creative genius and insistence that the beauty in nature is always relevant, always important. In the midst of lives that demand much, we are all in need of a respite, which we have created in *A Woman’s Garden*.

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