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President's Corner - Member Profile

After going a bit out of order last month, we are back on track this month with Wendi as our featured member. Never one to be shy, let's see what she would like to share with us:

I was born in Chicago 60 years ago! We moved every 4 years until college due to my dad's job. I have 4 brothers...all younger which could explain my personality trait...of whistle blowing and leading the way. I went to the University of Oklahoma for undergrad and grad and then taught for a year. I started flying for American Airlines.



We moved to Texas in '84 from California. and then to Southlake in '85. I'm married to Domenic, and together we have five children (4 girls and 1 boy ages 36 to 23) Two are married and no grandchildren. Our college funds went out of state...Oklahoma, Duke, Washington, Arizona State, and Stetson (in Florida). Lots of animals...love my Newffie, Boomer and the fish outside in the pond. I retired from American Airlines last year and am as busy as ever...I think I have tried to be a part of everything I can...started with sport team board member (Soccer, Softball), then Women's Club president, and then on to garden interests. Tarrant County Master Gardener, Southlake Garden Club, Keep Southlake Beautiful, PGS, and SPIN.



From the dirt up - The Year in Review

It's hard to believe that it was 9 month ago that we started to build our garden plans. I think we've learned a lot and had a lot of fun along the way!



In our first meeting we laid the foundation of our gardens by learning about soil and how to amend it to get the most out of our plants.

Then we had our very own Sharon Duquemin help us develop thoughtful plans for our garden projects. From the bubble diagrams to the final

drawings, Sharon's help was invaluable! We are so lucky to have members who share their special talents with us.

Once we had our Master Plans completed, it was time to learn about trees and shrubs. Steve Huddleston, Fort Worth Botanic Garden, had some beautiful slides and lot of great information to share with us. Even those of us who have lived in the area for years learned a few things about some spectacular trees and shrubs.

I think that everyone will agree that the holiday lunch at Mi Cocina's was a great event. It was wonderful that so many members were able to join us that day. And how fun was it to take home some special bulbs to plant in our gardens?

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### May Gardening Events

Flowercade/Spring Festival in the Japanese Garden—  
FW Botanic Garden,  
April 24-25

Colleyville Garden Club Promenade—  
May 2nd, 11-4

Plant sale—Dallas Arboretum—May 8



Next meeting - May 12

Kelly Foster's House

1305 Wakefield,  
Southlake!

business meeting starts  
at 9:30, followed by  
garden tour and  
luncheon



## The Year in Review (cont.)

In January it was on to hardscape. Who knew that learning about rocks, concrete and walls could be so much fun! Rick Edwards did a great job of sharing insight into how to approach our projects, what we should and should not try on our own, and how to evaluate potential contractors.

And who could forget the blustery day in February when Toni Moorehead shared her insight on pruning. It's such an important task in the garden, but one that we sometimes are hesitant to tackle. With Toni's tips and handouts, I think that we are all better prepared. Little did we know that our morning of pruning would be

followed by the biggest snow storm in North Texas history!

It was another chilly day when we went to the Dallas Arboretum in March. We didn't let a little thunderstorm dampen our spirits!

And for our April meeting, we learned about adding color to our gardens. Walking through Michael Maken's gardens was really inspiring. Did anyone else stop on the way home and buy more perennials?

Finally, a big thank you to all of our members who opened their homes and their gardens to us for our meetings. And to all of the hostesses who kept us well fed at our meetings!

## May PGS Meeting & Elections

Please make sure that you attend the May PGS meeting. **We'll start at 9:30 at Kelly Foster's house** with a short business meeting and the election of officers (see below). We will also be signing up hostesses for next year's meetings. And, don't forget that next year's dues (\$25) should be paid at the May meeting. If you are

not going to be at the meeting, you can mail your dues to Beckie (1407 Whispering Dell Ct.) After our business meeting, we'll take our annual tour of member's gardens, followed by lunch at Diane Bredenberg's house. Details/directions for the tour will be available at the meeting.

## PGS Officer/ Board Nominees for 2010-2011

During our April meeting we had a lot of people volunteer to take on new roles within PGS. Here is the list of officer/board nominees for the coming year:

Co-Presidents—Beckie & Wendi

Secretary—Margaret Collins

Programs—Wendi, Beckie, Randa Jessen

Membership—Jennifer Myers

Hospitality—Deb Knudson & Rosemary Hutchins

Meeting Reminders—Judy Anderson

Web Master—Ed Richmond

Historian/Publicity—Susan Schlepperell

Newsletter—Sheryl Chambers

If you are interested in helping out with any of these positions, please let us know—we can always use more volunteers as backups!

## Year End Luncheon

Diane Bredenberg has graciously offered to host the member's luncheon after the May meeting and garden tour. We would like each member to bring either a salad or a dessert. A sign up sheet was passed around at the April meeting, but we it

only made it to 6 people. If you are attending the luncheon and did not sign up at the meeting, please contact Diane (dmarieb@charter.net) to coordinate so that we have a good balance of salads and desserts.



The Perennial Garden Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating its members on gardening topics specific to the North Texas area. The primary focus of the group is native and adapted drought tolerant perennials and grasses. Our purpose is to promote, encourage and share ideas with other gardeners regarding the implementation of native and adapted perennial in the suburban Texas landscape.