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*President's Corner*

Fellow Gardeners,

September is just around the corner which means the start of the 2010-2011 Perennial Garden Society season!

Our programs this year will cover a wide variety of topics we hope you'll enjoy. As a preview, included are programs on current landscape trends, propagation and as promised, Michael Bosco with Soils Alive will be back by popular demand. We'll break tradition in December with a pot-luck holiday brunch, but prior to brunch, plan on having some fun with a hands-on gardening project – just remember, we bill ourselves as the “get your fingernails dirty” garden club, so there will be soil involved!

The season will wrap up with our annual members' garden tour. There is still a need for two or three gardens so please consider volunteering. Any size, shape or type is always welcome and enjoyed.



Wendi and I are excited about the new PGS season and hope everyone will plan on joining us September 8<sup>th</sup> @ The Lodge in Bicentennial Park. See you then!

Beckie Underwood

**Local Gardening  
Events**

- 9/10-9/12—Art in the Garden—Ft. Worth Botanic Garden
- 8/29—Gardening 101, North Haven Gardens
- 9/25—Iris & Daylily Sale, Ft Worth Botanic Garden
- 9/18-11/14—Autumn at the Arboretum, Dallas Arboretum

*Kick Off Meeting - Landscape Trends*



Sharon Duquemin is going to be our presenter at this coming month's kickoff meeting. She will give a brief summary of last year's topic, Design 101, just to refresh our memories and introduce the topic of landscape

design for any new members. Part of the review will include some tips on identifying good design when you are presented with a plan. The balance of the presentation will be on Outdoor Living, trends in 2010. She is going to cover outdoor furniture, pools, plants, pottery etc.



## September Meeting - Bring Your Notebook

Please remember to bring your notebooks from last year. We want this to be a go-to tool for you, so we'll be providing some new tabs and

inserts for you so that you can add this year's handouts and notes.

## Membership list - We need your picture!

In order to help us get better acquainted, we would like to add pictures to our membership list. You can either send a picture (in JPEG format) to Jennifer Myers. Jennifer's e-mail

address is [Jenmyers56@yahoo.com](mailto:Jenmyers56@yahoo.com). Don't worry if you don't have a picture to send, we will be taking pictures at the September meeting.



## Member Profile—The Carpenters



My husband, Dick, and I met and married 46 years ago in Dayton, OH. He is originally from Syracuse, NY and I'm a southern girl from KY. Our last of four moves with

IBM ended us up in Grapevine 30 years ago. We have 3 grown sons, 4 granddaughters and 1 grandson all living in TX. We owned and operated Grapevine Executive Suites and Trophy Club Executive Suites from 1986 until 2007 when we sold the suites. Since I started working

only part time I was able to turn my attention to "gardening". First with Grapevine Garden Club and then I added Southlake's Perennial Garden Society. In gardening school I am in pre-kindergarten. But – I am learning. I love meeting other more experienced people and sharing their beautiful gardens. Dick is joining this year so maybe together and with your all's help we can enjoy bringing the colorful beauty of a bountiful yard and garden to all of our neighbors and all of the bees, birds, butterflies and insects that might like to stop and smell the roses or taste the nectar. At least the road will be paved with good intentions. We're looking forward to trying.

**Next meeting  
September 8 at Liberty  
Garden—Trends in  
Landscaping  
Social Time—9:30 am  
Meeting—10:00 am**

## New This Season - Yum-O!

Over the years there have been many delicious dishes shared by our members, and many request for those recipes. During a conversation last May, PGS member Pattie Minder graciously volunteered to collect recipes each month from our hosts and co-hosts and organize them into a booklet she will pass out at our next May luncheon. Please help Pattie by either bringing a printed copy of your recipe to the meeting or

emailing her [pminder108@aol.com](mailto:pminder108@aol.com) an electronic version. Don't fear if time doesn't permit a homemade treat and you plan on bringing something purchased – just contribute a favorite recipe you think other members will enjoy. With any luck we can talk Pattie into including a chapter for past seasons recipes, so dig those out and submit them also!



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## This Month's Garden Tips



- Finish wildflower seedlings this month.
- Plant them into tilled soil, away from competition of turfgrasses.
- Transplant daylilies, iris, oxalis, jonquils, Shasta daisies and other spring-flowering perennials after temperatures start to fall.
- It is best to water deeply and infrequently to encourage deeper root growth. It is best to water early morning. Try running your sprinklers twice in one morning to get a good soaking. Water container plantings as needed (maybe daily!)
- Prune *shrub* roses by one-third in early August to promote new growth and blooms for fall. Fertilize and mulch after pruning roses.
- Fall is definitely flower season. Many annuals perform their best bloom shows in the cooler days of fall. Marigolds, for example, look fabulous in the fall and their nemesis, spider mites, are on the decline, making spraying unnecessary.
- Give *salvia greggii* a few-inch “haircut” to encourage fall blooms.
- Keep deadheading perennials (removing spent blooms) to keep them blooming longer.
- Mulch all bare soil to conserve soil moisture and keep soil temps cooler.
- Prune any erratic growth on shrubs that were hard pruned last spring. Wait until February to do any major pruning, though.
- Fertilize: Lawn grasses and landscape and garden plants.

## 2010-2011 Co-Hosts Needed

Please take a look at the attached list of meeting dates, times and programs. It’s going to be another action packed season! We do have a need for some additional co-hosts for October, February, and March. For this season, we would like to encourage the co-hosts to keep it simple.

We all enjoyed the great goodies last year, but we don’t want anyone to feel that we need an elaborate table full of goodies. If you would like to sign up to be a co-host for one of these meetings, please contact one of our Hospitality chairs—Randa or Jennifer.

## May Member Garden Tour

Would you like to be part of the annual member garden tour in May? If so, please let Beckie or Wendi know. We would like to have at least 4

member gardens to tour, before our luncheon at Diane’s house.



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PERENNIAL GARDEN SOCIETY

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PROGRAMS, HOSTS & CO-HOSTS



**September 8<sup>th</sup>** Trends in Landscape Design - Sharon Duquemin  
Location The Lodge @ Bicentennial Park  
Co-hosts Pattie Minder, Wendi Carlucci, Jackie Phillips, & Beckie Underwood

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** Propagation – Marilyn Sallee  
Host Susan Schleppegrell 525 Brooks Court, Southlake  
Co-hosts Barbara Schlauch & \_\_\_\_\_

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** To Be Announced  
Host Tamara Hauser 911 Emerald Blvd., Southlake  
Co-hosts Sharon Duquemin & Marge Carpenter

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** Hands-on project – Claire Alford  
Location The Lodge @ Bicentennial Park  
Pot-luck Brunch Everyone bring something to share along with gift for GRACE

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** Vegetables – Bill Vanderver and Bill Hall  
Host Kelly Foster 1305 Wakefield Court, Southlake  
Co-hosts Sheryl Chambers & Jennifer Myers

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** To Be Announced  
Host Margaret Collins 2901 Knight Court, Southlake  
Co-hosts Shirley Morris & \_\_\_\_\_

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** Soil/Compost/Bugs – Michael Bosco w/ Soils Alive  
Host Bob Hudnall 1402 Plantation Drive  
Co-hosts Ken Stone & \_\_\_\_\_

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** Field Trip

**May 12<sup>th</sup> –** Members Garden Tour and Lunch

Lunch Hostess Diane Bredenberg

Members asked to bring Salad or Dessert

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