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President's Corner - Member Profile

This month we're featuring Diane Bredenberg. For those of you who don't know, Diane is a charter member of PGS (club started in 2003) and she took over as membership chairperson in 2007. She hosted the luncheon concluding the member's tour in 2006 at her previous home on Highland Ave., last year at her new home and will host again this year—everyone is looking forward to see how the new garden has "matured".



Let's see what Diane would like to share with us:

I'm originally from CT but moved to TX in 1979. I've lived in Southlake since 1996. I'm married to my husband Rollin and we have 6 children – all born in

Texas. Three are married, three are not! The baby, Maddie, is a sophomore at Baylor University majoring in Neuroscience. We have 2 Rice, 1 Texas State, 1 TX Tech and 1 UT Business School graduates. So we've spread our money around my adopted state of Texas quite nicely! We have 7 grandchildren and one more due March 4th. I spend as much time as possible with them!

We've lived on Bob Jones Rd. since 2007 and I've been working hard on growing my garden ever since! I will always choose working outside over inside any day of the week! We love animals and have 2 mini donkeys, 2 horses, 3 dogs and 1 cat! I always have some outdoor project in the works and I don't think I'll ever "finish" my yard! My husband and sons scatter whenever I approach them with a magazine picture in my hand!!!

From the dirt up - Dallas Blooms!



Spring is right around the corner, and to celebrate, the March meeting will be a field trip to The Dallas Arboretum, where we can all enjoy Dallas Blooms. If you haven't been to this annual festival, you've been missing out! **Dallas**



Blooms is the largest floral festival in the south. This year a 12" tall Ferdinand the Bull topiary will delight guests, bringing the classic children's tale to life. Ferdinand will be "smelling

the flowers" accompanied by a honey bee topiary amongst a bed of blooming spring flowers.

Dallas Blooms has been featured in Southern

Living Magazine and MSN has stated that it is one of the top ten things to do in the country in the Spring. Over the years Dallas Blooms has grown to be the largest outdoor floral display in the Southwest and will feature 500,000 spring-blooming bulbs including tulips, daffodils, Dutch Iris and hyacinths which will bloom alongside over 100,000 pansies, violas, poppies and thousands of other spring annuals and perennials.

Here's a little information on the history of the Arboretum. In the early 1930's, Everette DeGolyer chaired a committee to find a landsite for an arboretum for Dallas. Sixty year later, the concept for a botanical preserve is a reality – on

March Gardening Events

All Texas Gardening Show—
Arlington , Feb 26-28

Dallas Blooms—Dallas
Arboretum, March 6– April 11

Butterflies in the Garden—FW
Botanic Garden , Feb 27-April 2

Butterfly Gardening 101—
Texas Discovery Gardens, Fair
Park, March 6,



Next meeting - March 10

Field Trip to Dallas Arboretum

Meet at The Lodge at 8:45, car pools depart promptly at 9:00

Lunch in Southlake to follow



Dallas Blooms! (cont.)

the very land DeGolyer once owned. In 1974, the Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Society (DABS) adopted bylaws, elected officers and incorporated as a nonprofit organization. In 1977, the City of Dallas Park Board recommended that the grounds of the DeGolyer estate, which the City had purchased from Southern Methodist University, be the official location for the botanical garden. The City encouraged DABS to raise funds for the initial cost. During 1978 and 1979, DABS membership increased

and DABS obtained civic and business awareness for support of the arboretum project. By 1980, DABS had raised over one million dollars and purchased the 22-acre Camp Estate, which is adjacent to the DeGolyer Estate. Both estates are located on White Rock Lake. In 1982, the signing of a contract between the City of Dallas and DABS created an arboretum and botanical garden on the combined 66 acres of the DeGolyer and Camp properties. The gardens opened to the public in 1984.

March PGS Meeting—Details

Admission to Dallas Blooms is regularly \$10, but fortunately for us there is a buy one, get one free coupon good on Wednesday's. Parking is \$7.00 per car. We will meet at 8:45 a.m. in the parking lot at Bicentennial Park near The Lodge, work out carpools, and leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. If you prefer to join us there, the address of the Arboretum is 8525 Garland Road Dallas, Texas 75218. Wendi's cell phone number is 817 504-8488 so you can find us.

We expect to stay until around 12:00 p.m. then drive back to Southlake. For those that can join us, we'll have a late lunch at Nelson's (Byron Nelson and 1709). Please let Wendi or Beckie know if you are planning on going to the Arboretum so we know how many to expect. Every year we seem to leave 2 minutes before someone arrives because we didn't know they were coming!

Felder Rushing Wrap Up

I hope that everyone enjoyed their evening with Felder Rushing. To wrap up the even, we wanted to share some pictures with you.



April PGS Meeting

The April meeting will focus on Color in the Garden. We'll meet at Wendi's house, and our

special guest will be Michael Makens of Walkabout Gardens.

Pruning Follow Up

I know that everyone enjoyed the hands-on pruning session with Toni. She provided the following

link for more pruning tips: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/pruning/pruning.html>



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.