



FORT WORTH GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

October 2025



Flower of the Month: Marigold

Beloved by many gardeners and flower lovers, Marigolds hold rich symbolism. Although the meaning of Marigolds varies between cultures and locations, they are often seen as symbols of joy, resilience, and passion. These warm-colored blooms are also linked to the holidays of Dia de los Muertos and Diwali.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Musings, Reflections and Thoughts....

Its officially autumn! A time for walking outside and appreciating a whiff of a cool breeze in the evenings and soon the leaves will be turning into magnificent colors. I encourage you to attend the Girls Nature Workshops. You will learn so much and to see the excitement of the girls is infectious. It will make your day! And not to be missed are MDL library events. They are informative and heartwarming in so many ways. Great snacks too!

A special "Thank you" to Cami Goff, for kicking off the year, by opening your home, with a very memorable "Meet and Greet" event with Mark Sikes!

Anne Marie Bratton

WELCOME NEW GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS!



The Membership Committee welcomed 39 new members at the Orientation on September 11th. They heard from committee chairs about the many projects and events to join this Centennial year. We are so excited to dig in together to the Fort Worth Garden Club and watch this group bloom!

NEW MEMBER SOCIAL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
5:00-7:00PM
FWBG BEGONIA GREENHOUSE

The first of four new member socials will be on October 7th, with a two-hour tour of the Begonia Greenhouse at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. Your sponsor is encouraged to come with you- please RSVP [HERE](#). RSVPS will conclude on October 2nd at midnight. Please note this event is limited to new members and their sponsors.

OCTOBER- A MONTH FULL OF FANTASTIC EVENTS!

FLOWER DESIGN WORKSHOP
HANDS-ON ARRANGING WITH GUEST METKA TERSCLICH
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
10:30-12:30AM
BOTANIC GARDEN CENTER

On October 15, Garden Club members are invited to join for a wonderful workshop with Metka Tersclich of Dallas Events Floral. Metka has created designs for DMA, SMU, Ferarri, Brad Oldham and many others both here and in Los Angeles. The workshop fee is \$45.00, and



all materials will be provided. This class is limited to 20 Fort Worth Garden Club Members. [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your spot.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
GUEST SPEAKERS CINDY RINFRET AND TAYLOR MATTOS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
10:00AM REFRESHMENTS, 10:30AM MEETING
LECTURE HALL AT THE GARDEN CENTER



For the October monthly meeting, we will welcome guest speakers Cindy Rinfret and Taylor Mattos for an exciting discussion as they delve into the trade secrets of creating truly unique and timeless interiors while exploring the connection between indoor and outdoor living. They will also highlight the importance of working with skilled craftsmen to elevate your home and garden, creating seamless transitions between the two.

Cindy Rinfret (left) is a renowned interior designer with award winning projects and international recognition.



Taylor Mattos (left) is a Senior Designer at Rinfret, Ltd. Mattos brings a fresh, forward-thinking style to the design firm that compliments her mother's classic approach.

Refreshments will be served at the Lecture Hall at the Garden Center beginning at 10:00am, and the meeting will start at 10:30am. We look forward to seeing you there!

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP EVENT - COOKING DEMONSTRATION
"HERB YOUR ENTHUSIASM"
LED BY KACIE BRATTON AND LISA LUBY RYAN
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
12:30PM ATELIER BY NOBLE 31
3851 CAMP BOWIE BLVD



Thyme for Herbs! Join us for an exciting cooking demonstration where we explore the world of fresh herbs and how they can elevate your everyday meals! Our expert chef, Kacie Bratton, will guide you through essential techniques while providing tips on pairing herbs with different ingredients at the beautiful demonstration kitchen at Noble 31 Atelier.



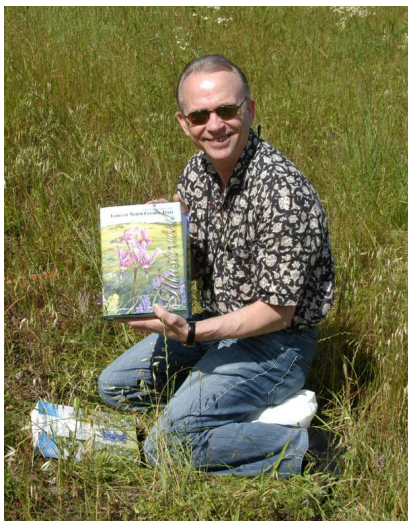
Lisa Luby Ryan will use her wit and charm while helping each member create a lovely herb design to take home. Get ready to chop, sprinkle, and taste your way to more vibrant meals! Note- This event is limited to 20 Fort Worth Garden Club Members. The cost is \$50. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP.

GIRLS NATURE WORKSHOP: "BLOOMING FANTASY"
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
10:00 - 11:30AM
BRIT CLASSROOM



Join us on Saturday, October 18 for the next Workshop! Participants will learn the art and principles of floral design, drawing inspiration from the fall harvest of flowers and vegetables. Each workshop highlights skills and activities designed to inspire the next generation of plant lovers and environmental stewards. These classes are open to all girls who reside in Fort Worth. Registration is through the Fort Worth Botanic Garden/ BRIT website [HERE](#).

MARY DAGGETT LAKE LIBRARY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21
1:00-3:00PM
ROCK SPRINGS BUILDING



Join us for a small group experience in the historic Mary Daggett Lake Library (Rock Springs Building) for a presentation by Barney Lipscomb (Leonhardt Chair of Texas Botany and BRIT's Director of Press and Library) entitled "A Review of *Shinners & Mahler's Illustrated Flora of North Central Texas*" Please arrive at the main entrance of the Moncrief Garden Center by 12:45 pm to ride the Beauty Bus to the Rock Springs Building to join this event. You may also walk to the Library

which is located in the Rock Springs Building. Attendance is limited. Please RSVP by contacting library chairman Melanie Smith at 682-225-6921 or email melanie.smith@smithfamilyoffice.com.

GARDEN GALS EVENT- CELEBRAMOS MARIGOLD CARPET PLANTING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00AM-12:00PM

ROSE GARDEN, FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDENS



All FWGC members are invited to make our Botanic Garden more beautiful! This is a hands-on instructional experience alongside the Botanic Garden staff, as well as a wonderful opportunity to gain new skills, develop new friendships and of course, have fun! A box lunch will be provided. If there is inclement weather, the event will be cancelled. Please contact Cameron Newberry at 817-703-6392 or Nancy Parker at 817-991-5312 with any questions.

GARDEN VARIETY STUDY GROUP EVENT

JOE T. GARCIA'S GARDEN TOUR - SOLD OUT- WAIT LIST ONLY!

WENESDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:30AM - 1:00PM

JOE T. GARCIA'S, 2201 N COMMERCE STREET

Owner Lanny Lancarte will host a personally guided



tour of Joe T.'s spectacular patio and container garden, showing off patio landscaping with potted plants and what works here in Fort Worth. Following this exclusive tour, we will enjoy lunch and a famous Joe T.'s margarita.

Price includes tour, lunch, margarita, tax, and gratuities. This event is limited to 20 Fort Worth Garden Club Members. The cost is \$43. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP.

OCTOBER STARS!



Elizabeth Waddill and Becky Egger, thank you for an inspiring new member orientation luncheon!

Melinda Burt and Barbara Baker, for truly inspiring Girls Nature Workshops.

Melanie Smith, for MDL Library programs that warm hearts and minds.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NOVEMBER 5th CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Reserve your spot for a most special celebration! The 100th Centennial Celebration of the Fort Worth Garden Club will take place on Wednesday, November 5 from 2:00-4:00pm in the majestic Japanese Gardens. Mayor Parker and FWGC President Anne Marie Bratton will give a special champagne toast to the FWGC's past 100 years of contributions as we look to the future. Contact Susanne Avondet or Tina Gorski with any questions. The cost is \$20 per person. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP for this event.

ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY



The dates for the annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, in conjunction with the City of Fort Worth, will be:

Friday, November 7- location TBD

Saturday, November 8- Tarrant County Master Gardener Association Demo Garden

Sunday, November 9- Fort Worth Botanic Gardens

The purpose is to educate the community about the benefits of trees, adding to the urban tree canopy, and making a healthier and more beautiful city. Each person who takes a tree receives materials describing the tree, instructions on planting and caring for the tree, and materials on the benefits of trees. We give out 200 trees over the three days.

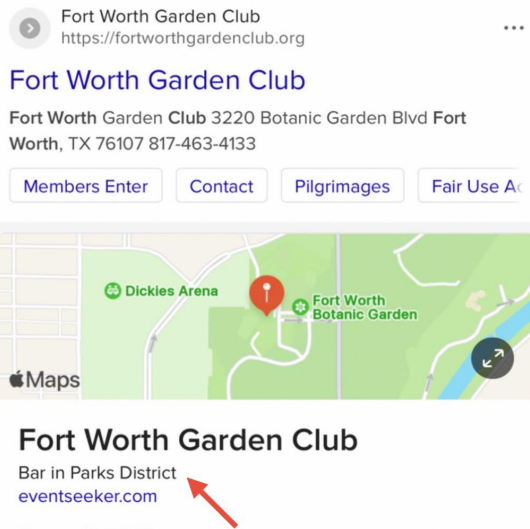
Trees are the heart of our community—bringing beauty, shade, and life to Fort Worth. By planting and preserving them, we create a greener, healthier, and more vibrant city for generations to come.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

Please submit names of Fort Worth Garden Club members to be considered to serve on the current Nominating Committee. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our organization and participate in the process of selecting our 2026-2027 Executive Board. Self submissions are welcome also! Please send submissions to suzbahan@gmail.com and theresafreeman@FWgardenclub.org no later than October 5, 2025.

A LITTLE HUMOR

Apparently our public listing is a bar! Thank you to Brooke Lively for this little gem.



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