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GREATER DALLAS ORGANIC GARDEN CLUB

Co-President's Note

What happened to Spring??? We are having early summer temps and if you are like me there are not enough hours in the day to get everything done. My dill is struggling and since it is one of my favorite herbs I will keep babying it hoping for a decent harvest. My crabapples are blooming and my blueberries are coming along so hopefully no hail this year so I will get more than five berries.

Speaking of plants we are helping ...how are your plant sale plants coming along? You can start seeds, divide some of your larger plants and gather up any garden/yard STUFF that might be taking up space in your garage or that you have had in your yard but now you are ready for something new. Our Plant Sale is our Primary fundraiser each year that enables the club to pay for speakers, the field trip, donations and the main dish at both the members' garden tour lunch and at the holiday party. So we need for each of you to help by contributing plants and items, and/or volunteering to work a shift during the sale. We will be setting up Friday April 28th from 5-9pm at Allison's house. If

Spring Garden Events

Plant Sales, Tours and Classes

Butterfly Plant Sale at Texas Discovery Gardens April 8-9

http://texasdiscoverygardens.org/plant_sale.php

Texas SmartScape has plant sales at various nurseries and Home Depot locations. For example, they will be at the Richardson Home Depot on Apr 22. But there are lots of locations and dates. They aren't purely organic, but promote plant that are either native or highly adapted to use little or no fertilizer and water. Fits in great with our mission. See

<http://www.txsmartscape.com/events/plant-sale.php>

Gardeners in Community Development

already had their tomato sale Mar 18, but are still selling at some local markets. Check them out on Facebook (updated more regularly)-this weekend they are in Tyler. They also regularly sell amazing produce, and other plants like Asian peppers.

Keep Flower Mound Beautiful

Environmental Fair is Apr 1st, and the Trinity Forks Chapter of the Native Plant Society will have a plant sale there.

http://www.kfmb.org/home/going_green_matters_fair

you are contributing or volunteering you can shop this night as a pre-sale. There will be a shift sign-up sheet passed around at the meeting. The sale will be held Sat. April 29th from 9am-2pm, at which time the leftover plants will be donated. The BOGO will be from 1pm-2pm. Please join in to make this a successful sale. Yes, it's a bit of work -but it is a lot of fun and you get to know other members better and learn from them too. We are putting together a plant list to help advertise the sale so if you could write your plant names down and give them to a board member at the meeting, or email to Debbie or Jacki from the website that would be great! Thank-you, thank-YOU!!!

Happy Planting,

Debbie Brooks

2017 Co-Pres

Great Links

Love this! I basically grew up at Flag Pole Hill

<http://lakewood.advocatemag.com/2017/03/21/meeting-week-looks-flag-pole-hill-nonprofit-planning-new-disability-friendly-playground/>

Did you know the Dallas Public Library has a seed catalog and exchange? Check it out

<http://www.dallasnews.com/life/gardening/2017/03/21/new-flower-veggie-seeds-stop-dallas-public-library-really>

I was not aware of this nonprofit

Ft. Worth Botanical Garden plant sale is April 7th and 8th

<http://www.fwb.org/events/2016/4/7/spring-plant-sale>

Texas Earth Day at Fair Park is April 21st-23rd.

<http://earthdaytx.org/>

Heard Museum annual spring plant sale is the weekend of April 21st in McKinney. For details:

<http://www.heardmuseum.org/plantsale#ata glance>

The **Collin County Master Gardener plant sale** is also in McKinney on April 22nd (same weekend as Heard).

<http://www.ccmgatx.org/community-service/plant-sale.aspx>

Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center bird walk (8am) and plant sale (10am) April 15th (see Great Links). Seminar is free, and attendees get first choice at sale.



North Central Texas **Native Plant Society Sale** is May 6th in Arlington

www.txnativeplants.org/plant-sale-general-info/native-plant-sale/

Native Plants and Prairies Day is May 6 from 10-3 at the Bath House Cultural Center at White Rock Lake. There are walks, talks, plants, products, and much more. GDOGC will have a table there-look for a volunteer signup sheet!

<http://public.ntmn.org/nppd-2017-schedule>

nature center in Cedar Hill-interesting and looks beautiful.

<http://www.dogwoodcanyon.org/Page/About-Us.aspx>

March Meeting

Please join us Sunday, March 26, 2017 at North Haven Gardens when our speaker will be **Roger Sanderson**, Director of Horticulture at the Texas Discovery Gardens, Naturalist, and Owner, Prestige Environments, Garden/Nature Writer.

Roger's program will be **Gardening for Butterflies**.

Sunday, March 26th, 2017

2:30 social time, 3pm meeting



Did you miss the Meeting?

Our February meeting was a wonderful opportunity to learn about woodpeckers. Now your first thought might be that you really aren't too interested in that. But of course you would have changed your mind quickly once the presentation got started. Woodpeckers are amazing creatures. Woodpeckers are responsible for making initial holes in trees for their nests--but once the holes are made they can be used by an array of other creatures--screech owls love to make nests in old woodpecker nest holes. There are 23 kinds of woodpeckers in north America we learned how to identify the most common kinds in our immediate vicinity. Did you realize that when the birds drum on metal it isn't misguided--in fact it's clever? The drumming is used to make it clear that this area is taken--no more woodpeckers are needed here, and when drumming is done on metal it carries further and really gets the message across!

We learned about extinct woodpeckers too--Imperial and Ivory Billed--what amazing creatures they were. We must be alert and aware and try to make our surroundings as full of life as we can. Of course the best way is the organic way and the practice of using as many native plants as possible. We need to plant trees and preserve the old trees. In areas where this is safe dead snags make wonderful habitat for woodpeckers.

The Dallas Zoo supports conservation activities. If you would like more information be sure to go to Dallaszoo.com.

Of course be sure not to miss the next meeting!!!

Recipe: Cheese Squares

I enjoyed these yummy cheesy squares at the last meeting-here's how to make them:

1 lb Medium Cheddar cheese, shredded
1 lb Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
1 cup Sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded
1 can evaporated milk
1 cup flour
2 eggs
1 (12oz.) jar sliced jalapenos, drained

Combine cheese, place ½ of cheese mixture in a lightly buttered 13x9 inch baking pan. Layer jalapenos and top with remaining cheese. Blend milk, eggs and flour. In blender or mixer and pour over cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 to 70 minutes or until lightly browned.

Cool and cut into 1 inch squares.

NOTE: I only used about one-third to one-half of the jalapenos and chopped finer. Also do not use a dark pan...

Submitted by Carol Brabham

Plant of the Month

Bulbine

Bulbine frutescens

GDOGC Plant sale

Date: Saturday, April 29th

Location: 4448 Twin Post Rd (Liddell home)

<https://goo.gl/maps/MN5fe4gmN782>

The GDOGC Annual Plant Sale is our main fundraiser for the year, and we use the proceeds for club activities, club expenses and at the end of the year a donation to a worthy garden-related group. Please help us by donating any plants you have propagated from your garden, and by of course shopping yourself. We also need volunteers to staff the Friday night set-up session and the sale itself. Look for the sign-up at the next meeting.

2016 GDOGC Donation

This year the club voted to make a cash donation to the REAL school garden at Preston Hollow Elementary. We visited the school on the tour last fall, and were impressed by the program which involves a garden that is used for outdoor teaching, not just of gardening but others subjects as well. Please greet the Preston Hollow Elementary principal Tom Brandt, who will be our guest at tomorrow's meeting.

Future speakers

Debbie created a new form for members to use if they hear about an interesting speaker.

<http://www.gdogc.org/informationarticles/commentary/740-speaker-contact-form.html>



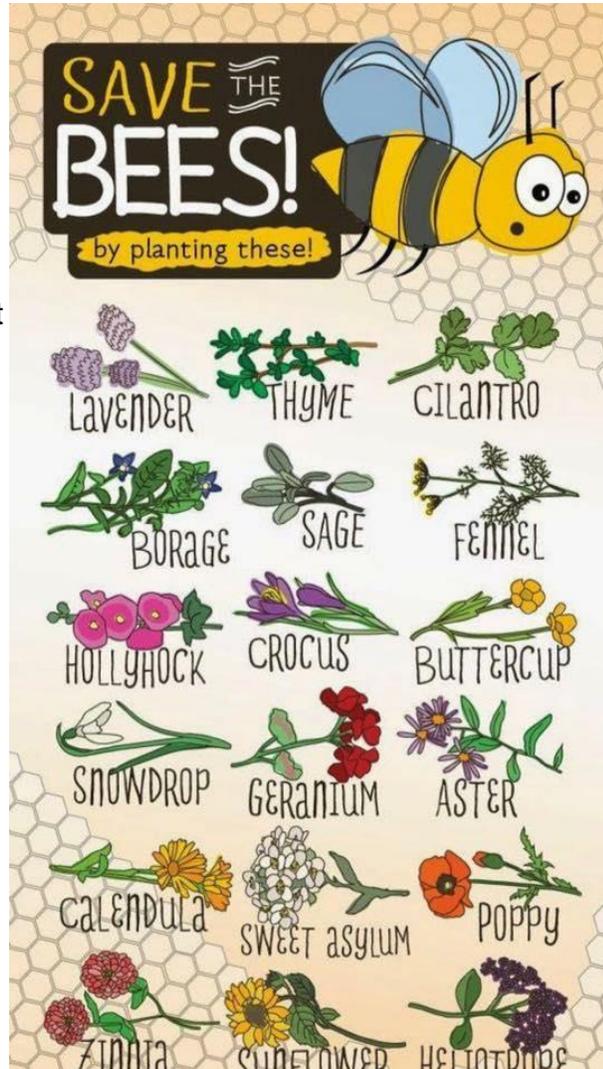
Feel free to use this and submit by scan and email or drop off at mtg.

This is a clumping succulent and it continues with our theme of trying to promote plants that use less water but are still very beautiful in our landscape. This is a very small plant. It gets about a 1' tall and spreads to about 2 feet. Each of the plants will clump and create more plants which makes its very easy to divide.

Bulbine comes in both yellow flowering and orange flowering cultivars, with flower spikes to about 2 feet tall. 10 to 15 flowers will form per plant. They flower all the way from mid-spring through fall, and they love our heat! They're native to South Africa, which makes them very heat and drought tolerant. But they are also hardy to 20 degrees.

They love full sun, but they can also take light shade. In light shade, they may flower a little bit less, but that's easy to give up if you have a shady spot. They add a structural contrast with their upright succulent leaves that adds a nice contrast to leafy plants or agave beds.

Very, very low water on these. But if you give them too much water, they really won't mind too much. They may just not flower as much or may not look as healthy. They're very



adaptable to different soil types, which makes them another great addition to our perennial gardens.

Source: Central Texas Gardener

<https://www.klru.org/ctg/resource/bulbine/>

What's in Your Garden?

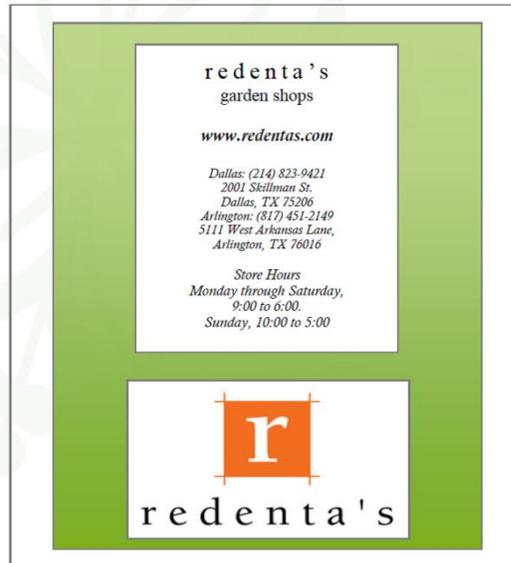
Snap a photo and email it to alliml@yahoo.com and we'll include it in the newsletter.

Jacki has tropicals potted up for the GDOGC plant sale. What do you have?



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Editor's note

Contributions to the newsletter are always appreciated! If you have photos of a garden you like or of GDOGC events, recipes, book reviews, fun links, travelogues please send them to alliml@yahoo.com

GDOGC History

Check out the fantastic scrapbook pages created by our history committee-Georgyi, Barbara Stockard and Pat Curry.

Were you there?

<http://www.gdogc.org/history/715-2015-scrapbook-images.html>

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