April 27, 2017 marks the 29th Mad Hatter's Tea Party, chaired by Linda Spina. TOOTSIES sponsored a wonderfully attended Reveal Party where we were thrilled to announce that Honorary Chairs Amy Warren and her daughter Amanda Hill will be joined by fashion icon Rachel Zoe. The Warrens are the family that named Klyde Warren Park and are dear friends of Mad Hatter’s Vice Chair Sharla Bush. Rachel Zoe comes to us compliments of our Runway Fashion Show sponsor TOOTSIES. Patrons of our “Under the Tuscan Sun” themed event will be invited to a Patron Party on Tuesday, April 25 at the Warren’s lovely home in Preston Hollow. Underwriting Sponsorships as well as individual tickets are available. Individual Patrons at the $500+ level also receive membership in The Lisianthus Society. For full information, check us out on our website.

Join us on Sunday afternoon, February 12th from 3:00—5:00 p.m. for a Mad Hatter’s Italian Wine Tasting. We’ll be at Sharla’s in historic downtown McKinney, 109 E. Virginia Street. Let us know you are coming by RSVPing to Hedy Sawyers at hedysmail@tx.rr.com or 214-794-2969.

Linda Spina,
Mad Hatter’s Chair

Pictured: Amanda Hill, Melissa Lewis, Linda Spina, Sharla Bush, and Amy Warren
A Message from the President

Dear Members,

For those of you who may have been out to the Arboretum recently, you may have noticed that our garden looks a little different. By different I mean there is a big fence and a lot of construction going on! We are thrilled to share with our members that construction has begun on the refurbishment of Phase I of A Woman’s Garden. As you know, gardens grow and change and so has ours over the past 20 years. All work will be done according to original specifications. This extensive refurbishment project will bring A Woman’s Garden back to the beautiful vision that Morgan Wheelock designed. The project should be completed by the opening of this year’s Dallas Blooms so make plans to come out beginning February 25th and tour the garden and see the dazzling colors of spring.

Our Spring Volunteer Day will be on Friday, March 14. This is an excellent way to get to know the Arboretum better and have a chance to know your fellow Women’s Council members! Be sure to contact Connie Rhoades if you would like to help.

The Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, May 16 in Rosine Hall. We will install our new officers for 2017-2018 and hear Andrew Samsom, one of Texas’ leading conservationists.

GREAT NEWS: The Directory is now online at our website. Select Directory and Forms—then select Directory. The password is Awomans. Please let me know if you have any corrections or changes.

Again thank all of you for your support of A Woman’s Garden at the Dallas Arboretum.

Melissa Lewis

SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY

Our Fall Volunteer Day was held on Friday, October 14. The morning started off raining heavily, but once the skies cleared, members Connie Rhoades, Paige Elliott, and Jessica Horn welcomed quite a number of Arboretum guests to tours of the DeGolyer House. Visitors came from near and far with a variety of questions for us. We were able to answer them all thanks to our information sheets (from the Arboretum’s Docent Handbook).

I hope several of you will volunteer to help at the Spring Volunteer Day on Friday, April 7. Afterwards, we can continue the fun by staying for a Dutch Treat lunch at the Restaurant DeGolyer. If you would like to volunteer, please email me at carhoades@yahoo.com. Look forward to hearing from you!

Connie Rhoades, Event Chair
A WRITER’S GARDEN SYMPOSIUM & LUNCHEON

A Writer’s Garden 10th Anniversary celebration kicked off with a festive Patron Party hosted by Misty and Steven Smathers in their beautiful home. Barbara Bigham, Patron Party Chair, and Eleanor Casey, Party Reservation Chair, welcomed guests to the “Meet & Greet the Authors” special event featuring delicious hors d’oeuvres and sweets from Elizabeth Rois-Mendez of The Classic Gourmet.

The Arboretum’s Rosine Hall provided the perfect setting for the Symposium theme “Women in the Garden.” Honorary Chair was Phyllis McCasland. Bettina Hennessy, Emcee, introduced the authors and their programs: Virginia Grace Tuttle, Susan Haltom, and Jan Johnsen. Each author vividly brought to life the rich history of American gardening and captured the audience’s interest and imagination with their gorgeous presentations of garden photographs, paintings and drawings.

A huge “Thank You!” to Marsha Dowler, Book Sales Chair and her committee: Mary Ellen Winborn, Bonnie Case, Patricia Keene and Amy Moore. Guests were delighted to receive a special take-home treat from Sprinkles Cupcakes. New this year, and just in time for holiday gift giving, was A Writer’s Garden Silent Auction. “Hats Off!” to Giana DePaul, Silent Auction Chair, and her committee: Suzanne Guthrie, Jackie Ondracek, Candy Munster and Mindy Stenger for making the silent auction a grand success.

We salute our outstanding sponsors Faye Briggs, Michael P. Geary, Esquire, Amy Moore, Katherine Blair, and Enterprise Holdings Foundation for their generosity and support of this very important fundraising event. As sole supporters of A Woman’s Garden, the Women’s Council appreciates everyone’s support as all proceeds go to maintain our beautiful garden at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

Alyce Heinrich, Event Chair & Dorothea Meltzer, Program Chair

WINTER MEETING & LUNCHEON AND FOUNDERS AWARD

The Winter Meeting & Luncheon was held on Monday, December 5 at 7000 Park Lane. Chair for the event was Kathy Cothrum. Harriett Gibbs, 5th VP of Programs, introduced our speaker, Margot Shaw, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Flower magazine. She presented a variety of ways to decorate our home for the holidays. Committee members were Connie Rhoades, Sue Ringle, Sharon Ballew, Dorothea Meltzer, Bettina Hennessy, Gail Vesledahl, and Dixie Marshall. The program began with Nancy Connor, Chair of the annual Founders Award, who presented this prestigious award to longtime members Carole Ann Brown and Claire Cunningham.

Nancy Connor, Founders Award & Kathy Cothrum, Winter Meeting
WINTER/SPRING CALENDAR

January 19    Board Meeting/4333 Versailles
February 12   Italian Wine Tasting/Sharla’s in McKinney
February 25-April 9   Dallas Blooms—Peace, Love and Flower Power
April 4       Board Meeting/3637 Stratford
April 7       Spring Volunteer Day
April 25      Mad Hatter’s Patron Party
April 27      Mad Hatter’s Tea Party
May 16        Annual Meeting/Installation of Officers
May 23        Board Meeting/5609 Prestwick
               Volunteer Hours/Notebooks Due

Be sure to check the website for a list of our Board Members, our Yearbook, Calendar for the Year, Complete Information on Events, & Online Payment

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