



**Zilker Botanical Garden News**  
**Winter 2004**

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS!***



**Christmas Bazaar**

The Austin Area Garden Council hosts a Christmas bazaar in the Austin Area Garden Center auditorium. We'll have unique gifts, baked goods, handcrafted items, poinsettias (lots of poinsettias), plants, bulbs and more!

Shop here to support the gardens!

December 4 from 10 AM to 4 PM  
Austin Area Garden Center  
Zilker Botanical Garden  
2220 Barton Springs Road

Additional parking  
under the Mopac Bridge off Stratford Drive.

*Happy Holidays*  
*from the*  
*Austin Area Garden Council!*



## Town Lake Garden Club to Hold Auction

Nelda Moore

The Town Lake Garden Club's annual fundraiser is an **auction December 9 at 10 AM in the Greene Solarium**. Tommie Hill is the auctioneer. A covered dish luncheon will follow the fun and competition for prized items, some created by the members. If you want to attend these exciting events, call Nelda Moore at 327-0401.

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## Zilker Garden Festival 2004 Wrap Up

### Summary and Thanks

Joyce Arispe Billings, Chair  
2004 Zilker Garden Festival

The Festival was a success! We had a great response from vendors and their overall comments were very positive. The visitors to the Gardens were pleased with the Festival and the beauty of the gardens. The weather cooperated and did not flood our Festival.



I would like to acknowledge the 2004 Festival committee chairs for putting forth their spirit and energies toward the Festival's success.

Festival Co-Chair, Carolyn Williams (Master Gardeners)  
Concessions, Valli Wasp (Master Gardeners)  
Concessions Co-Chair, Joyce Billings (Master Gardeners)  
Entertainment, Craig Nazor (Austin Cactus & Succulent)  
Exhibitors/Vendors, Tomye Zettner (Texas A&M Student)  
Exhibitors/Vendors, Tim Folts (Tomye's brother)  
Exhibitors/Vendor Co-Chair, Joyce Billings  
Gate Admissions, Chuck Burt (Garden Club of Austin)  
Flower Show, Florene Lusk (Capitol City Judges Council)  
Holding Area, Clarice James (Porcelain Arts, Begonia Society)  
Information Booth, Clarice James  
Kid's Corner, Linda Ray (Western Trails)  
Publicity, Linda Lehmusvirta  
Signs, Russell Kohlert (Austin Organics)



Tickets, Nelda Moore (Iris Society)  
Raffle/Silent Auction, Nelda Moore  
Transportation, Michael Williams  
Transportation Co-Chair, Carolyn Williams  
Volunteers, Joyce Billings  
Treasurer, Alyne Fisher  
Treasurer's Assistants, Angie Smith & Pat Freeman (Capitol City Judges Council)  
PARD, Mel Hinson (ZBG Manager)  
PARD Staff, George Clarke, Mary McCalib, Todd Williams,  
Kathryn Golgert, Marvin Lewis, Darla Evans, Hector Juarez, Lory Gonzales, Manuel Medina,  
Angel Turrubiarte



### Special Thanks

A special thanks to those ladies who stepped in to help me at a point when I felt like a deer in head lights – eyes wide open and just standing there. Yates Barrera volunteered her time to help process vendor applications received in February and March, and also helped prepare the 2005 vendor packs. Margarine Beaman made calls to confirm Festival volunteers and Margie Malone contacted businesses in our community for donations. We received 100 cases of Pepsi colas, 20 dozen Krispy Kreme Donuts for the volunteers to enjoy, juice drinks from four Sam's Clubs, fruit trays from Central Market, orange juice from Borden's.

And last but not least, thank you to all AAGC volunteers who worked the Festival. I must admit that at first I was concerned at the lack of response for Festival volunteers, but as the Festival date neared the volunteers were there. Thank you again for helping to make the 2004 Zilker Garden Festival a success.



### Let's get the gears rolling for Garden Festival 2005!

Linda Ray of Western Trails Garden Club graciously volunteered to chair Zilker Garden Festival 2005. **Thank you Linda!**

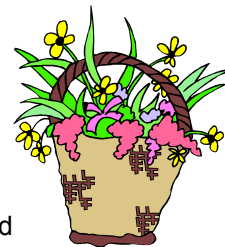
AAGC has lots of talented and experienced people. Please volunteer your time, ideas and talents to help make 2005 the most successful year.

If you're interested in volunteering for a Festival *committee chair*, please call Linda Ray at 282-2554. To volunteer for other positions please call Joyce Billings at 477-8672, ext.10. She will be happy to help you.

### Silent Auction

Nelda Moore

Florene Lusk was the high bidder for the huge, beautiful pot from The Great Outdoors. The Austin Herb Society solicited donations such as jewelry, herbs, lotions, creams and plants. The donations were put into lovely baskets that were wrapped and tied with ribbons. Shirley Smith purchased a basket and filled it with gifts from West Lake area merchants, Anderson Coffee Company donated a coffee gift basket, and Russell's Bakery and Coffee Bar donated a huge basket with hand-decorated Easter cookies and other condiments.



The Austin Butterfly Forum offered three framed, butterfly photographs by John Ingram. Mrs. Nowlin and Mrs. Nichols became the new owners.

Other articles in the silent auction included Cornerstone's cobalt blue bird feeder, a hand painted porcelain plate representing work of the Porcelain Art Club of Texas and watercolor paintings.

Karen Andrasi won the iris framed calligraphy; Mary Holland, the Reflexology session; Judy Knoblock, the welcome rock; Joy Osner, the book; Sandy Schutze, the pen and ink drawing in a leaf frame; and Carol Walker, the oil painting and the Walk of Friends engraved brick.

Winners of plants were Harriet and David Houston, Robert Ward and Gail Wheelus.

The auction and raffle yielded \$690.50 for the Austin Area Garden Council. **Everyone be thinking of donations we can get for next year's auction and let's make it even more successful!**

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## Other News

### Those Pesky Permits, AAGC Has Your Club Covered!

Joyce Arispe Billings  
Information Coordinator



Yep! That's right. Just got word from the Department of Agriculture that AAGC club members no longer need to request individual event permits for plant sales at the Garden Center.

Our Nursery and Floral License allows us to sell nursery products and floral items at the Garden Center. Individual permits for each club sale are *not* needed if that sale is at the Garden Center. You do not need a permit for a plant *show*.

Thank you one and all for your patience as we walk through the valley of government compliance.



### Japanese Characters Replaced

Joyce Billings

A special thanks to the Balcones Forge Blacksmiths, Scott Little and Rudy Billings, for volunteering their time, expertise and material to recreate the Japanese characters for the Tea House. Why did the characters need to be replaced? Well, some terrible person(s) stole three of the four characters early in 2004. Now the Tea House is restored and Heaven, Harmony and Man once again hang on the front of the Tea House for all to enjoy.

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### We Need Help!

Joyce Billings



### Keep the Garden Center Building Beautiful

The city staff cleans restrooms and floors, and they remove trash. Because of budget cutbacks we need help in these areas from our volunteers to:

- Clean the auditorium stone walls and base boards.
- Clean paneling of auditorium.
- Clean Greene Room windows and walls, one wall could use a coat of paint.
- Clean the library shelves and dust and inventory the books.
- Wash the windows on the front of the building.



See what your club can do to help. Use these opportunities to increase your AAGC volunteer hours. Take pride in keeping this a great place to meet and hold your club events. The Parks

Department needs to see AAGC members take pride in keeping the Garden Center building in good shape. Call the volunteer coordinator at 477-8672, ext. 10, to commit your group to one of these volunteer opportunities.

### Alternate Night Attendant

AAGC is looking for an alternate night attendant. If you are interested in working a few hours at night while AAGC clubs meet at the Garden Center, please call 477-8672, ext. 10, for more information.

### Computer Users and Data Entry Volunteers

If you know how to use a computer and would like to volunteer a few hours a week to do some data entry, please call 477-8672, ext. 10. You don't have to be fast, just accurate.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

