



# GREAT GARDENS GAZETTE

Fall 2004

## Great Greetings!

"In my garden there is a large place for sentiment. My garden of flowers is also my garden of thoughts and dreams. The thoughts grow as freely as the flowers, and the dreams are as beautiful." - Abram L. Urban

We recently had a booth at the BOMA tradeshow and our centerpiece was "Josephine the Giraffe". Josephine is a five foot tall topiary giraffe covered in ivy and some liriopie that creates a mane down her neck. She made quite an impression on people at the show and we even received a second place award for our booth decorating. As much as it pains us to give her up, we are offering her for sale at the price we paid, which is \$525. Please call us if you are interested in giving Josephine a new home!! She really would be a stunning addition to any yard. Please visit our website to see more and larger pictures of the Great Garden's Giraffe.



Fall brings all kinds of changes!!  
**FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN!!**

## Great Garden Structures

While to most of us what comes to mind when we say the word garden is the plant life, there are other elements that are equally as important when creating a perfect outdoor space. One such feature is the garden structure. When added to a specific spot in the garden, a structure can serve as a guide to the garden, sending us in a direction or focusing our attention on a particular spot. A path can lead the visitor to hidden spots in the garden, while an arch invites one to pass underneath and venture into the areas beyond. The garden structures are there to provide a flow, direction, movement and additional interest to your garden.

The garden structure also provides a mood for your garden. A formal structure, such as a roman type archway, translates a different message to the garden guest than does a simple picket fence. A gravel walkway lends a much more casual and rustic air to the garden than does a mortared stone path. The garden structure might be one that might reminds you of another time or place such as an antique gate or a Victorian gazebo. The structures you use in your garden will help to define you as a gardener. They will be part of the message you send about yourself, what you like, where you come from and what your passions are.

Ultimately the main function of a garden structure is to give the garden shape and expand its possibilities. By putting in a path you have given the garden form and order, given it a flow and connected different parts that were once separate and inaccessible from each other. A fence gives boundaries and defined limits to your garden. A patio, deck or terrace creates a specific outdoor "room" to your garden, a focal point where the garden can be viewed and enjoyed and the visitor is drawn to. An arbor or pergola, supporting climbing plants, provide stopping points in your garden, giving the guest a shelter from the sun while granting a new vantage point to view the garden. No matter what structure you choose, they will be the framework for your garden and will help your garden become great!

## Great Information

While the City of Dallas watering restrictions have been lifted as of October 1st, there is another date everybody in Dallas needs to be aware of. The city is requiring that all irrigation systems have a rain/freeze sensor installed by January 1, 2005. Homeowners who have a system that was installed prior to January 1, 2002, and have a new sensor installed between July 1 and December 31, 2004, are eligible for a \$50 rebate from the City of Dallas.

Great Gardens can install a rain/freeze sensor for \$140. If you are interested in this service please call our offices at 972-562-4746 to schedule an appointment.

## Great Gardens Website

Please be sure to visit our website to see pictures of our projects. Currently there are three projects that are spotlighted. We have highlights of the Heard Craig Home, the Shriner home and the Smith home as featured in "Better Homes and Gardens." To the right is a picture from our website of the Shriner backyard.



## Great Gardens Second Annual Picnic

Great Gardens held its second annual picnic in July. Once again it was a great opportunity for our workers to enjoy a rare Saturday off with family and friends. We enjoyed a wonderful sunny afternoon cooking out, throwing water balloons and playing volleyball. Hope you enjoy the pictures as much as we enjoyed the day off!!!



## Great Reminders

We will be starting our fall color change out during the week of October 18th. For any customers who have ordered fall color we should be in your area the week before your scheduled installation date to pull the old color.

## Great Gardens Services

Yard Renovations  
Landscape Design  
New Construction Landscape  
Flagstone Path/Patio Construction  
Courtyard & Container Gardens  
Retaining Walls  
Sod Installation  
Mulching

Total Lawn Maintenance  
Fertilization  
Weed & Pest Control  
Irrigation Repairs  
Aeration  
Tree Care  
Shrub & Groundcover  
Maintenance

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