

## **Herb Garden History**

The Herb Garden was designed by Nancy Blansett and DJ Corbell in March 2006, and proposed to the Club's Board of Directors as a fundraiser, garden rest spot, and for the member's use if they needed some herbs for themselves. Construction started in October 2006, installing the brick for the fountain, laying water and electric lines, hauling the decomposed granite for the pathways and soil for the beds. The pergola was built by Club members, using reclaimed wood from the original ranch house. The first planting occurred in spring 2007.

There are 8 areas in the Herb Garden where one will find a variety of herbs and edible flowers. Some of these are Greek Oregano, Marjoram, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme. Society Garlic, Dill, Anise, and Bay leave are also in the garden, along with an abundance of Basil varieties. Roses, Jerusalem Sage, Tiger Lillies and rock roses are some of the flowers seen along the edges of the garden.

The fountain in the center of the Herb Garden was donated in memory of Edith Womack, one of the founders of the Horticulture Club. Money was collected from Edith's many friends and neighbors, and the fountain was dedicated in June of 2007. An engraved brick with her name is in the brick path surrounding the fountain. In an attempt to preserve the fountain but deal with ever present leaks, it has been turned into tiers of succulents.

The crew have dedicated areas to care for and to have herbs available for all the members who wish to pick a few at a time.