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LONDONWOOD CELEBRATES SUMMER  
WITH BENEFIT SOIREE IN THE GARDEN

Music, delectable food and an exciting silent auction of creative “Grand Gourmet Parties” will be highlighted at the annual garden party June 7 benefitting Lendonwood Gardens in Grove. The festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. in the public botanical garden located at 1308 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street (Har-Ber Road).

Theme of the garden party this year will be “Summer Soiree,” emphasizing the garden’s beautiful backdrop as well as a celebration of the upcoming summer solstice. By early June, Lendonwood should be resplendent in color and texture, with the garden’s large collection of daylilies starting to bloom.

Tickets to the event are \$30 per person and may be purchased by calling Lendonwood at 918-786-2938.

Catering for the “Summer Soiree” will be handled by the Back Porch Cafe, a Grove restaurant located at the entrance of Har-Ber Village. Treats will include a wide variety of hearty hors d’oeuvres.

Music will be provided by Grand Lake entertainer Dink West, who offers well-loved songs for listening and dancing.

Throughout the evening, about 12 “Grand Gourmet Parties,” provided by donors to Lendonwood, will be offered in a silent auction. Spirited bidding is expected for such party packages as a speed-boat ride, dinner at Cherokee Yacht Club, “Around the World with Santa’s Old Broads,” an Arabian Nights dinner, and “Margaritaville, Anyone?”

The party packages will be redeemable for up to one year, unless prior arrangements are made with the contributing hosts.

The evening's festivities will feature seasonal tables, decorated to reflect the four seasons of the year. New lighting in the garden will add a romantic atmosphere as the evening progresses.

Planning the event is a hard-working committee led by Sharon Houck of Grove. Members also include Robyn Carnett, Mardee Dodge, Sadie Cole Gordon and Cindy Reynolds, all of Grove.

“The ‘Summer Soiree’ not only benefits Lendonwood, a wonderful asset to our community, but it offers a beautiful and festive way to celebrate summer in a garden setting,” said Houck. “We look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends, as we celebrate in the garden.”

Lendonwood Gardens is a public botanical garden supported by volunteers and contributions. The garden is open to the public year-round, from dawn to dusk. Botanical highlights include large collections of azaleas, rhododendrons, daylilies, hostas, peonies, Japanese maples, dogwoods, and many other plants and trees.

In recent years, Lendonwood has become a popular site for weddings, prom and graduation photos and other special events. In addition, Lendonwood is home to the Angel of Hope statue, which stands as a memorial to lost loved ones, especially children.

For more information about Lendonwood, see the garden's web site at [www.lendonwood.org](http://www.lendonwood.org) or call 918-786-2938.