

LETTER FROM LADYBIRD JOHNSON AFTER THE DEDICATION OF THE
PINEYWOODS NATIVE PLANT CENTER



APRIL 12, 2000

Stonewall, Texas

DEAR DAVE,

WHAT A ROYAL WELCOME YOU GAVE ME LAST FRIDAY! I LOVED VISITING THE BEAUTIFULLY PRESERVED MILL CREEK CROSSING AND LANANA CREEK TRAIL, AND I COULD HAVE STAYED ALL AFTERNOON JUST DRINKING IN THEIR BEAUTY!

THE DEDICATION WAS SO WELL PLANNED AND JUST RIGHT IN EVERY WAY FROM THE BEAUTIFUL SUNSHINE, SCOUTS BEARING COLORS AND LEADING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, TO THE INFORMAL BUT ENJOYABLE SPEECHES, THE GRAND OLD TUCKER ESTATE AND THE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN! AND THE LUNCHEON WAS NO LESS ENJOYABLE -- I ESPECIALLY LOVED THE WILDFLOWER TABLE ARRANGEMENTS AND LITTLE POTS OF WINKLER'S WHITE FIREWHEEL!

TOMORROW THE MEN WILL PLANT MY WHITE FIREWHEEL AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL RARE BLOSSOMS GROWING IN MY VERY OWN YARD! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN ALLOWING ME TO TAKE ENOUGH FOR THE RANCH, MY HOUSE IN AUSTIN AND THE WILDFLOWER CENTER!

HOW HAPPY YOU AND JAMES MUST HAVE BEEN TO SEE YOUR DREAM REALIZED, AND I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR PRESERVATION WORK AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PINEYWOODS NATIVE PLANT CENTER AND LADY BIRD JOHNSON DEMONSTRATION GARDEN -- I HAVE THE HIGHEST HOPES FOR BOTH OF THEM! IT DID NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT THE LABOR OF A LOT OF CARING AND DEDICATED HANDS, AND I HOPE EVERYONE CONCERNED IS BASKING IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE CREATED SOMETHING OF ENDURING IMPORTANCE FOR THE AREA. PLEASE CONVEY MY BEST REGARDS AND GRATITUDE TO ALL OF YOUR STUDENTS WHO SO ABLY ASSISTED YOU.

WITH A HEART FULL OF THANKS,

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Dear Dave,

What a royal welcome you gave me last Friday! I loved visiting the beautifully preserved Mill Creek Crossing and Lanana Creek Trail, and I could have stayed all afternoon just drinking in their beauty!

The dedication was so well planned and just right in every way from the beautiful sunshine, Scouts bearing colors and leading the pledge of allegiance, to the informal but enjoyable speeches, the grand old Tucker Estate and the demonstration garden! And the luncheon was no less enjoyable – I especially loved the wildflower table arrangements and little pots of Winkler's White Firewheel!

Tomorrow the men will plant my White Firewheel and I can't wait to see the beautiful rare blossoms growing in my very own yard! Thank you so much for your generosity in allowing me to take enough for the ranch, my house in Austin and the wildflower center!

How happy you and James must have been to see your dream realized, and I commend you for your preservation work and establishment of the Pineywoods Native Plant Center and Lady Bird Johnson Demonstration Garden – I have the highest hopes for both of them! It did not happen without the labor of a lot of caring and dedicated hands, and I hope everyone concerned is basking in the knowledge that they have created something of enduring importance for the area. Please convey my best regards and gratitude to all of your students who so ably assisted you.

With a heart full of thanks,

(signed) Lady Bird Johnson

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