



The Little Garden Club of Memphis

Yearbook | *2019-2020*

Mission Statement

“The Little Garden Club of Memphis, member of the Garden Club of America, is a non-profit volunteer organization designed to educate and stimulate its members and the community in the development and promotion of horticulture, conservation, flower arranging and garden design. The organization maintains a strong commitment to supporting and cooperating in community improvements that enhance and further the goals of civic beautification.”



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* Elizabeth Heard (Mrs. Robert)	1939-40
* Minetry McCoy (Mrs. Harry)	1940-41
* Carroll Russell	1942-43
* Mary Budd Bodine (Mrs. Richard H.)	1943-44
* Elizabeth Gilliland (Mrs. Frank)	1944-45
* Emily Allen (Mrs. Raynor)	1945-46
* Ellen Ramsey (Mrs. Jack)	1946-47
* Connie Austin (Mrs. John)	1947-48
* Olivia Brinkley (Mrs. Hugh)	1948-50
* Louise Scott (Mrs. Harold H.)	1950-52
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Kathy Adams (Mrs. Ben)	2012-14
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- 7 Anne Keesee
- 8 Stephanie Weatherford
- 13 Nora Witmer
- 24 Barbara Gassaway
- 24 Karen Wellford
- 29 Emily Kay
- 30 Barbara Keathley
- 31 Dot Fisher

February

- 1 Kim Lowrance
- 5 Julie Hussey
- 7 Peggy Jones
- 9 Connie Adams
- 10 Margaret Tabor
- 11 Natalie Latham
- 14 Linda Mallory
- 15 Virginia Rowland
- 16 Michel Allen
- 18 Mimi Graves

March

- 3 Carol Barton
- 17 Christy Muller
- 22 Kathe Crane
- 24 Barbara Williamson
- 29 Catherine Huffman
- 31 Marilyn Allen
- 31 Elizabeth Williamson

April

- 2 Mary Saxton
- 3 Kathy Adams
- 4 Margaret Fraser
- 4 Kathy Hughes
- 10 Christian Owen
- 10 Abbie Williams
- 12 Weetie Whittemore
- 13 Corinne Adrian
- 19 Mimsie Crump
- 20 Stacey Hussey
- 22 Dee Muller
- 24 Shelley Turley

May

- 2 Michelle Dunavant
- 4 Kim Gibson
- 14 Kate Trammell
- 20 Jeannie Tabor
- 25 Liz Crosby

June

- 1 Lucy Carrington Jones
- 14 Sara Dobbs
- 17 Chris McClure
- 19 Anne Gibson
- 20 Buzzy Hussey
- 20 Anne Stokes
- 24 Katherine Dobbs
- 24 Lisa Snowden
- 25 Elise Lake
- 26 Jean Johnston
- 28 Norma Owen
- 30 Aggie Turley

July

- 1 Ginger Collier
- 1 Flo McGowin
- 2 Judith Campbell
- 3 Marilyn Ray
- 16 Polly Glotzbach
- 17 Foy Coolidge
- 21 Bowie Campbell
- 23 Denise Ware
- 29 Suzette Haag
- 31 Gay Boyd

August

- 2 Kate Connell
- 8 Lucia Gilliland
- 11 Lawrence Cowart
- 13 Sue Clark
- 20 Eva Mae Hussey
- 23 Debbie Phillips
- 26 Vance Lewis

September

- 5 Gina White
- 7 Catherine Sikes
- 14 Nora Browning Witmer
- 16 Leslie Schutt
- 17 EJ Baird
- 18 Deborah Tipton
- 19 Meredith Pritchatt
- 21 Lucia Crenshaw
- 21 Judy Powell
- 21 Ann Prince
- 22 Janet Misner

October

- 2 Lisa Wilder
- 4 Kim MacQueen
- 7 Loren Powell
- 8 Mary Call Ford
- 9 Susan Driscoll
- 10 Lynn Fulton
- 18 Suzette Turner
- 20 Mary Margaret Hughes
- 26 Sally Treadwell
- 29 Tempe Thompson
- 30 Paige Proctor

November

- 6 Suki Carson
- 7 Ruthie Taylor
- 10 Sherrill Crump
- 12 Wendy Ansbro
- 14 Jan Bell
- 15 Suzanne Varner
- 18 Ragan Magness
- 22 Leslie Drinan

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- 5 Julie Mills
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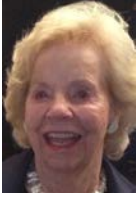


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In Memoriam
2019



Marily Davis Hughes

Board Meetings
2019-2020

Tuesday, September 10 – 10:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden, Library

Wednesday, October 2 - 10:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden, Library

Wednesday, November 13 - 10:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden, Library

Wednesday, December 4 - 10:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden, Library

Wednesday, January 8 - 10:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden, Library

Wednesday, February 12 - 10:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden, Library

Wednesday, March 18 - 10:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden, Library

Wednesday, April 8 - 10:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden, Library

Wednesday, April 29 – 11:00 am

At the Home of Mary Call Ford

Programs, Hostesses and Important Dates
2019-2020

September 12 - 11:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden

Program: Elmore Inscoe Demott

"Flowers for Mom"

Hostesses: Jean Johnston, Denise Ware

Stephanie Weatherford,

Abbie Williams

September 11 - 13

Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference,
Denver Botanical Gardens, Denver, CO

September 17 - 19

Presidents' Council Meeting, New Orleans

September 21

MBG Backyard Bash – Celebrating 10 Years

October 3 - 11:00 am

LeBonheur Children's Hospital

Program: The LeBonheur Green

Hostesses: Bowie Campbell, Natalie Latham,

Vance Lewis, Shelley Turley

October 24

LGC Club Flower Show, *Power of Perception*
Hardin Hall

November 14 - 11:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden

Program: Susan Sully

"Southern Hospitality at Home: The Art of Gracious Living"

Hostesses: Dot Fisher, Eva Mae Hussey,
Ann Prince, Katie Wiener

November 21 - 11:00 am

Phoebe Cook Lecture Series, MGC

Dixon Gallery - Winegardner Auditorium

Program: Isabel and Julian Bannerman of
Highgrove

December 5 – 11:00 am

At the home of Elizabeth Williamson

Program: Garden District

"Christmas Decorating from the Field"

Other Hostesses: Julie Hussey, Christian Owen,
Virginia Rowland, Lisa Snowden

January 9 - 11:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden

Program: Round Table and GCA Handbooks

Hostesses: Gay Boyd, Barbara Keathley,
Kim Lowrance, Tempe Thompson

February 19 – 5:00 pm (note evening time!)

Joint Meeting with Memphis Garden Club

Memphis Country Club

Joint Meeting Program: Frances Schultz

February 23 - 26

NAL Conference – Washington, D.C.

March 19 - 11:00 am

Memphis Botanic Garden

Program: Marsha Cannon

"Creating the Fascinating from your Garden: Fun with the Botanical Arts"

Hostesses: Lucia Crenshaw, Chris McClure,
Ruthie Taylor, Weetie Whittemore

April 3 - 5

Memphis Garden Club Flower Show

"A Birds Eye View of Memphis"

April 9 - 11:00 am

Beale Street Landing

Program: Missy Marshall

"Keep Tennessee Beautiful"

Hostesses: Sue Clark, Sherrill Crump,
Dee Muller, Lisa Wilder

April 14 - 16

GCA Zone IX Meeting, Monroe, LA

May 3- 6

GCA Annual Meeting, Asheville, NC

May 14 - 11:00 am

Annual Picnic

At the home of Liz Crosby

Other Hostesses: Loren Powell,
Paige Proctor, Kate Trammell,
Gina White

Little Garden Club Awards

Marguerite R. Turner Achievement Award

"In recognition of outstanding accomplishments while promoting the activities and interests of The Little Garden Club of Memphis"

Lucy Carrington Jones - 1980

Martha Robinson - 1982

Peggy Wellford - 1984

Mary Gotten - 1985

Mary King - 1988

Suzette Turner - 1989

Peggy Jones - 1992

Frances Donelson - 1994

Buzzy Hussey - 1998

Flo McGowin - 2000

Marilyn Hughes - 2002

Foy Coolidge - 2004

Eva Mae Hussey - 2006

Lisa Snowden - 2008

Tempe Thompson - 2010

Kathy Adams - 2012

Lynn Fulton - 2014

Ruthie Taylor - 2016

Kate Connell - 2018

Mary Whitaker Gotten Trophy

"Awarded biennially to a member of ten years or less whose knowledge, ability and enthusiasm have furthered the ideals of The Little Garden Club"

Lynn Fulton - 1998

Sally Treadwell - 2000

Eva Mae Hussey - 2002

Kathy Adams - 2004

Virginia Rowland - 2006

Lisa Wilder - 2008

Kate Trammell - 2010

Janet Misner - 2012

Mary Call Ford - 2014

Michelle Dunavant - 2016

Loren Powell - 2018

Lucy Carrington Jones Cup

"Awarded biennially to a member of The Little Garden Club for her creative flower arranging talents and in recognition of her generosity in sharing those talents"

Natalie Latham - 1999

Nora Witmer - 2001

Lisa Snowden - 2003

Gina White - 2005

Sally Treadwell - 2007

Suki Carson - 2009

Chris McClure - 2013

Katherine Dobbs - 2018

Frances Garrett Donelson Horticulture Award

"Awarded biennially to a member for her knowledge and love of horticulture and for her inspiration and education of the membership."

Ruthie Taylor - 2005

Janet Misner - 2007

Gina White - 2009

Lynn Fulton - 2011

Michelle Dunavant - 2013

Kathy Adams - 2015

Kate Trammell - 2017

Kim MacQueen - 2019

Certificate of Appreciation

Janet Misner - 2005

Buzzy Hussey - 2014

Kim Gibson & Julie Hussey - 2016

Catherine Erb & Leslie Schutt - 2018

Greg Campbell & Erick New - 2019

"Purse String" Award

Lisa Wilder - 2006

Leslie Dunavant - 2017

Perennial Award

"Awarded to a Past President who has remained enthusiastically involved in the endeavors of The Little Garden Club of Memphis"

Cathie Kirk - 2012

Anne Keesee - 2014
Flo McGowin - 2016
Natalie Latham - 2018
Peggy Jones - 2019

Chairman's Award

"For being our "go to" member for all things technical"
Virginia Rowland - 2014

"Best in Show" Award

"Awarded to a member who enthusiastically accepts a job, has a positive willing attitude and encourages others along the way.

Sherrill Crump - 2016
Shelley Turley - 2017

Garden Club of America Awards

GCA National Awards

Katherine Thomas Cary Medal

Outstanding achievement in the field of flower arrangement education
Lucy Carrington Jones - 1982

Founders Fund Award

*Established in 1934 to honor the twelve clubs that founded
The Garden Club of America*

The Little Garden Club Sensory Garden - 1989

GCA Zone Awards

The Creative Leadership Award

Awarded to a member for outstanding and unusual talent in the field of leadership, exemplifying continued judgment and initiative over a period of time

Tempe Thompson - 2018

Zone IX Civic Improvement Award

Achievement in civic improvement

Lisa Snowden - 2010

Buzzy Hussey - 2015

Zone IX Conservation Award

Service to conservation

Marguerite Turner - 1970

Mary Gotten - 1987

Mary Margaret Holmes - 1993

Zone IX Floral Design Award

Lisa Snowden - 2015

Zone IX Horticulture Award

Horticultural achievement

Ida Brown - 1969

Frances Donelson - 1984

Mary Margaret Holmes - 1988

Lynn Fulton - 2004

Zone IX Civic Improvement Commendation

Jim Duncan - 2015

Zone IX Historic Preservation Commendation

Virginia McLean - 2015

Zone IX Horticulture Commendation

Horticultural achievement to a non-member

Rick Pudwell - 2005

Dabney Turley - 2015

Zone IX Awards

GCA Zone IX Alice Kain Stout Mentoring Award

Awarded to a member of Zone IX who has expressed her love and knowledge of GCA endeavors through inspiration and encouragement to Zone IX club and club members.

Lynn Fulton - 2009

GCA Club Awards

*Awarded by The Garden Club of America at the request of
The Little Garden Club*

GCA Medal of Merit

*Exceptional contribution in horticulture,
conservation, civic achievement, or leadership*

Corinne Murrah - 1952, Horticulture

Emily Haizlip - 1962, Civic Beautification

Marguerite Turner - 1964, Conservation

Frances Hill - 1965, Horticulture

Marguerite Turner - 1972, Conservation

Mary Gotten - 1975, Conservation

Peggy Wellford - 1985

Jan Bell - 1986

Lillian Dunavant - 1987

Frances Donelson - 1988

Peggy Jones - 1989

Kathe Crane - 2004

Buzzy Hussey - 2005

Lisa Snowden - 2009

Anne Keesee - 2010

Natalie Latham - 2012

Tempe Thompson - 2015

GCA Club Appreciation Award

Dedicated, sustained participation in activities

Nora Witmer - 1995

Lillian Dunavant - 1997

Norma Owen - 2003

Flo McGowin - 2009

Peggy Jones - 2010

Marilyn Hughes - 2011
Barbara Keathley - 2012
Lisa Wilder - 2013
Loren Powell - 2014
Kate Connell & Linda Mallory - 2015
Virginia Rowland - 2016
Kate Connell & Kim Lowrance - 2017
Kate Trammell - 2018
E.J. Baird - 2019

GCA Club Civic Improvement Award

Outstanding service in civic improvement

Buzzy Hussey - 2011
Mary Helen Butler - 2013
Janet Misner - 2016

GCA Club Communication Award

For utilizing effective communications to promote the mission of GCA

Virginia Rowland - 2013
Christian Owen - 2019

GCA Club Conservation Award

Outstanding service to conservation

Kirk McClintock - 2009
Norma Owen - 2011
Barbara Keathley - 2017

GCA Club Flower Arrangement Award

Excellence in flower arranging

Sarah Ann Varner - 2000
Sally Treadwell - 2004
Gina White - 2009
Chris McClure - 2011

GCA Club Horticulture Award

Excellence in the field of horticulture

Kathy Adams - 2009
Ruth Taylor - 2013
Kate Trammell - 2014
Gina White - 2015

GCA Club Photography Award

Excellence in photography

Vance Lewis - 2012

Catherine Erb - 2017

GCA Club Commendation

*Certificate of Acknowledgement to Non-Members Sponsored by
The Little Garden Club*

Historic Preservation

Todd Richardson - 2018

Horticulture

Tom Pellett - 1995

Jim Duncan - 2010

Chris Crosby - 2011

Jim Duncan in recognition of MBG's 60th Anniversary - 2013

Brussel Martin - 2018

Conservation

Hugh Fraser - 2010

GCA Flower Show Awards

*All GCA Flower Show Awards listed here correspond to the Flower
Show Awards on the GCA website,.*

GCA Floral Design Awards

Best of Show – Floral Design

Nora Witmer - 1995

Zone IX Flower Show - MGC/LGC

Chris McClure, Lisa Snowden & Gina White - 2010

GCA Major Flower Show - Memphis GC

Carol Coffey Swift Medal of Excellence

In recognition of an arrangement of great distinction in a competitive class at a GCA Flower Show. The arrangement must have been created at the show and either individual or joint entries are eligible. The medal is awarded only if there is an exhibit worthy of this honor.

Lisa Snowden - 2004

GCA Major Flower Show - MGC

Chris McClure, Lisa Snowden, Gina White - 2010

GCA Major Flower Show - MGC

Margaret Clover Symonds Medal

Outstanding innovative, modern design, creatively combining man-made material with fresh and or dried plant material

Lisa Snowden and Gina White - 2014

GCA Major Flower Show – MGC Memphis in Milano

Elizabeth Platt Corning Medal

Outstanding horticulture in a Major GCA Flower show

Mary Margaret Holmes - 1986

Sandra Baylor Novice Flower Arrangement Award

Awarded for a unique and skillful response to the schedule and who has never won 1st place

Linda Mallory - 2010

Zone IX Flower Show –Founders GC of Dallas, TX

Dorothy Vietor Munger Award

In recognition of a creative work of outstanding beauty using predominately fresh plant material.

Lisa Snowden and Gina White - 2003

Zone IX Flower Show - GC of Lookout Mountain

Gina White - 2007

Zone IX Flower Show - Alamo Heights Terrell Hills

Harriet DeWaele Puckett Creativity Award

For creative, innovative and interpretive flower arrangement in a small flower show

Chris McClure and Lisa Snowden - 2000

Zone IX Flower Show- Magnolia GC

Lisa Snowden - 2011

GCA Flower Show - GC of Lookout Mountain

GCA Horticulture Awards

Best in Show - Horticulture

Gina White - 2012

Zone IX Flower Show - Greenville GC

Gina White - 2016

GCA Major Flower Show – Memphis Garden Club

Gina White - 2017

GCA Major Flower Show – Florescence, Houston

GCA Flower Show-Founders GC of Dallas

Gina White - 2018

GCA Flower Show – Red Mountain GC & Little GC of Birmingham

Best in Show – Cut Specimen

Gina White - 2017

GCA Flower Show - Greenville GC

Catherine Beattie Medal

Awarded for a horticulture entry distinguished by its vibrancy, prime condition, and perfection of grooming

Loren Powell - 2012

Zone IX Flower Show - Greenville GC

Gina White - 2016

Zone IX Zone Meeting – Little Rock, AR

Ruthie Taylor - 2017

GCA Flower Show – Greenville GC

Certificate of Excellence in Horticulture

Kate Trammell - 2016

GCA Major Flower Show, Memphis GC

Elizabeth Platt Corning Medal

Lynn Fulton - 2018

GCA Major Flower Show - Memphis GC

GCA Novice Award in Horticulture

Awarded to an individual for an outstanding exhibit and who has never won 1st place in a horticulture division

Barbara Williamson - 2013

2013 Zone Meeting - Tyler, TX

Rosie Jones Horticulture Award

Awarded for a horticultural entry of exceptional visual appeal that reflects the spirit of growing with joy and enthusiasm

Ruthie Taylor - 2015

Zone IX Flower Show - Lookout Mt, TN

Gina White - 2016

Zone IX Flower Show - Little Rock AR

Gina White - 2017

GCA Flower Show - Founders GC of Dallas

Gina White - 2018

GCA Flower Show - Red Mountain GC & Little GC of Birmingham

Judges Commendation

Horticulture

Kathy Adams - 2010

GCA Major Flower Show - Memphis GC

Lynn Fulton - 2012

GCA Major Flower Show - Memphis GC

Photography Awards

Best in Show - Photography

Ruthie Taylor - 2003

Zone IX Flower Show - GC of Lookout Mountain

Connie Adams - 2004

Zone IX Flower Show - Nashville GC

Foy Coolidge - 2005

Zone IX Flower Show - LGC/MGC

Foy Coolidge - 2006

Zone IX Flower Show - GC of Houston

Certificate of Excellence in Photography

Catherine Erb - 2017

GCA Major Show - Florescence, Houston

GCA Novice Award in Photography

Awarded to an individual for an outstanding exhibit and who has never won 1st place in a photography division

Tempe Thompson - 2012

GCA Flower Show - River Oaks GC

Photography Creativity Award

Catherine Erb - 2016

Zone IX Meeting Flower Show-Little Rock, AR

Botanical Arts Awards

Best in Show - Botanical Arts

Kate Trammell - 2014

GCA Major Flower Show - MGC Memphis In Milano

Conservation Awards

Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Conservation Award

Outstanding conservation exhibit in a small flower show

Mary Margaret Holmes - 1988

The Little Garden Club/Memphis Garden Club/ Elmwood

Cemetery Conservation Project - 2005

Garden Club of America Appointments

Zone IX Director

Mary Margaret Holmes 1996-1997

Tempe Thompson 2013-2015

Zone IX Chairman

Tempe Thompson 2011-2013

Zone IX Vice Chairman

Aggie Turley 1973-1976

Peggy Jones 1993-1995

Tempe Thompson 2009-2011

GCA Floral Design Committee, Chairman

Lisa Snowden 2018-2020

GCA Founders Fund Committee, Chairman	
Tempe Thompson	2015-2017
GCA National Affairs and Legislation Committee, Vice-Chairman	
Mary Margaret Holmes	1993-1996
Conservation Committee; Vice-Chairman, Endangered Species and Rain Forests	
Mary Margaret Holmes	1989-1993
Visiting Gardens Committee; Vice-Chairman	
Anne Keesee	2017-2019
Zone IX Nominating Representative	
Tempe Thompson	2017-2019
Zone IX Awards Representative	
Natalie Latham	2009-2011
Zone IX Bulletin Representative	
Marion King	1974-1978
Natalie Latham	2001-2003
Zone IX Conservation Representative	
Mary Gotten	1983-1985
Mary Margaret Holmes	1987-1989
Zone IX Founders Fund Representative	
Flo McGowin	1993-1995
Marilyn Hughes	2001-2003
Anne Keesee	2007-2009
Zone IX Horticulture Representative	
Mary Gotten	1981-1983
	1985-1987
Lynn Fulton	1997-1999
	2001-2003
Ruthie Taylor	2019-2021

Zone IX Judging Representative
Lisa Snowden 2015-2017

Zone IX Photography Representative
Vance Lewis 2019-2021

Zone IX Program Representative
Lillian Dunavant 1985-1987
Peggy Jones 1996-1997
Vance Lewis 2017-2019

Zone IX Scholarship Representative
Lillian Dunavant 1991-1993

Zone IX Visiting Gardens Representative
Barbara Keathley, Visiting Gardens 2003-2005
Anne Keesee, Visiting Gardens 2011-2013

Garden Club of America Judges
Lynn Fulton - Horticulture, Emeritus
Lucy Carrington Jones - Horticulture, retired
Lisa Snowden - Floral Design
Kathy Adams - Horticulture
Ruthie Taylor - Horticulture
Kate Trammell - Horticulture, Prospective
Linda Mallory - Horticulture, Prospective
Gina White - Horticulture, Prospective
Vance Lewis - Photography
Tempe Thompson - Photography, Prospective

History of The Little Garden Club of Memphis

I. Important Dates

- 1929 The Memphis Junior Garden Club was formed in the spring of 1929 with Mrs. Carroll Turner elected as its first president. It was the outgrowth of a group of 12 young women meeting together as a sewing circle. The organization of the Memphis Garden Club a few years earlier had inspired them to form a garden club of their own. They petitioned the MGC to sponsor them. 28 ladies accepted the invitation to join. By 1930, its name had changed to the Little Garden Club and membership had increased to 40.
- 1932 Joined the TN Federation of Garden Clubs.
- 1935 Helped organize the Memphis and Shelby County Council of Garden Clubs. The Little Garden Club pioneered in the field of color slide programs, making them available to federated clubs throughout the state.
- 1949 Became a member of the Garden Club of America.
- 1982 Awarded exemption from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 1986 Memphis Botanic Garden resolution giving the Little Garden Club Board representation.
- 1987 GCA gives permission to increase the number of active members from 55 to 65.

- 1987 Mayor Hackett presented Citations and keys to the City of Memphis to Marguerite Turner, Elizabeth Gilliland, and Tinnie Blake for their dedicated involvement at Brooks Memorial Art Gallery.
- 1989 LGC wins Garden Club of America's Founders Fund Award.
- 1992 Receives exemption from the state of Tennessee for sales and use tax.
- 1996 LGC given life membership in the Memphis Botanic Garden.
- 1997 New logo of potted ivy-ring plant designed for The Little Garden Club.
- 1998 First monthly newsletter, *The Ivy Vine*, published.
- 2000 Purchased *Great Blue Herons*, by Walter T. Matia for the Sensory Garden.
- 2002 A new long-range plan was developed for the future of the Little Garden Club.
- 2007 Voted to support with 100% participation the MBG Children's Garden Project. We pledged \$350,000.
- 2008 Increased pledges to the MBG Children's Garden Project to \$500,000 to include My Little Garden and Playhouse Lane
- 2009 "My Big Backyard" Children's Garden at MBG opened on August 1, 2009
- 2014 Sensory Garden Renovation Celebration
- 2018 Introduced new Little Garden Club logo
- 2019 90 Years of LGC Birthday Celebration

II. Projects

- A. Prior to Membership in Garden Club of America

1938-48: Planted and maintained the grounds of the Crippled Adults Hospital.

Late 1930s: Established a roof garden at the Psychiatric Hospital in the Medical Center.

B. Projects at Brooks Memorial Art Gallery
1950-1987

1950 Installed bronze fountain The Aquacade and had pool designed for it on north side of gallery called the Holly Court. Added plantings, iron gates, benches, and urns.

1953 Established the Azalea Trail, introducing the Glendale Azalea to this area.

1962 Installed the Seasons Garden with three marble statues by sculptor Wheeler Williams, representing the three growing seasons summer, spring, and fall. A pool, flower beds, and marble walkways were also installed.

1963 Purchased carved marble urn for the Cedar Tree Alley.

1967 Added marble steps, balustrades, urns, and walkways in Italian Renaissance design to the west entrance of Brooks. Marble benches, planting around the steps, and dogwoods on the hillside were given.

1972 Commissioned design and planting of the Sculpture Garden. Bronze statue *Future Generations* by William Zorach given in memory of past president Mrs. Harry McCoy by the LGC and estate of Harry McCoy.

1977 Ornamental iron gate, fence, and walkway added to South Garden.

1985 Replanted Sculpture Garden; planted 35 azaleas on the Azalea Trail. In addition to the above, maintenance of the gardens, sprinkler

system, and fountains was done as needed.

C. Projects at the Memphis Botanic Garden

1950s Planted cherry trees from Southern Avenue to Park Avenue on Cherry Road.

1974 Established a docent program to train guides for spring school tours.

1984 Planted 100 cherry and other ornamental trees.

1987 Voted to construct a Sensory Garden for the handicapped. The Little Garden Club and its members contributed \$130,000 toward this project. This amount was in addition to other grants and the GCA Founders Fund Award. Total cost was \$225,000.

1990 Dedication of The Sensory Garden.

1993 Gift of large sign identifying Memphis Botanic Garden, as well as the lighting, sprinkler system, and landscaping surrounding the sign. Planned and hosted the first family Christmas festival, "An Old Fashioned Holiday."

1994-2000 Hired Tom Pellett to oversee the Sensory Garden and interns to work in the garden during the summer.

1995 Co-sponsored Mid-South Native Plant Conference.

1996 Pledged \$35,000 for the Orientation Theatre at the MBG. Co-sponsored the Mid-South Perennial Symposium. Chaired Preview Party for the Plant Sale.

1999 "GCA Project 2000" gift of 7 sets of teak tables and chairs and 4 large planters for seasonal plantings given for the Trippeer Terrace adjoining Hardin Hall. Cost was \$18,500. Co-

- sponsored Perennial Symposium.
- 2000 Voted \$1,000 for lightning protection for large oak near Hardin Hall. Added new walkway and beds in The Sensory Garden.
 - 2003 Funded an intern at MBG at cost of \$1,400.
 - 2005 Replanted the Cherry Trees along Cherry Road. Cost of \$11,750.
 - 2006 We identified, cataloged, and made signage for over 320 plants in the Sensory Garden, creating the first true database of a garden within the MBG, as well as provided the first scanned-to-disc landscape plan layout of the garden and all its contents. This work was completed and submitted and accepted January 2006. It represented countless hours of research and effort.
 - 2006 Designed and printed a children's sensory guide to the MBG Sensory Garden
 - 2006 Initiated Planning Process for MBG Children's Garden
 - 2007 Replaced dead Cherry trees and trimmed more along Cherry Road
 - 2007 Raised \$500,000 in pledges for the Children's Garden and presented them with \$175,000 in December.
 - 2008 Donated MBG's "Touched by Nature" program \$1,000.
 - 2008 Donated \$175,000 to MBG for second installment for My Big Backyard, Children's Garden at MBG.
 - 2009 My Big Backyard, Children's Garden at MBG opened on August 1, 2009.
 - 2009 Donated \$150,000 as last installment to My Big Backyard, Children's Garden at MBG.

- 2011 Donated \$1,000 for Cherry Tree Pruning.
- 2011 Donated \$4,200 for Fairie Closet Playhouse in My Big Backyard.
- 2012 Donated \$2,800 to renovate N J Woods house.
- 2013 Donated \$5,000 to Playhouse Lane
- 2013-2014 Gave \$125,000 to Renovation of the Sensory Garden with 100% of LGC participation
- 2015 Donated \$5,000 to My Big Backyard
- 2017-18 Donated \$3,955 to Sensory Garden
- 2017-18 Donated \$25,000 to Hardin Hall
- 2017-18 Donated \$5,000 to My Big Backyard
- 2017-18 Donated \$2,000 to MBG Cherry Trees
- 2017-18 Donated \$3,955 for Sensory Garden intern
- 2018-19 Donated \$10,000 for MBG interns (\$5,000 to Sensory Garden and \$5,000 to My Big Backyard
- 2018-19 Donated \$1,200 for to MBG Cherry Trees

D. Other Projects

- 1961 Planted a roof garden at Gailor Psychiatric Hospital.
- 1969 For Memphis' 150th Birthday, the LGC sponsored Tree Planting Week, in cooperation with the City Beautiful Commission. A full page newspaper ad during Arbor Week announced the event and the nurseries provided trees at a reduced price. LGC planted 25 horse chestnut trees in Audubon Park on the west side of Cherry Road.
- 1972 With the City Beautiful Commission, *The Commercial Appeal*, and the Memphis Garden Club, the Little Garden Club sponsored

- “Operation Flower Basket,” a project of decorating doors with baskets of flowers.
- 1973 Purchased and distributed GCA educational packet “The World Around You” to schools for students in grades 3, 4, and 5.
- 1974-1975 Participated in Tennessee Beautiful Clean-Up Campaign by contacting businesses in the White Station area concerning litter and beautification. Won a certificate of merit from TN Beautiful and Ginger McClure won an award for exceptional publicity.
- 1981 Voted \$8,000 for planting the southeast corner of the Airways/Interstate 240 interchange.
- 1985 \$5,000 (half from LGC and half from LGC member) given to Dixon Gallery and Gardens for landscaping of new addition.
- 1995 Donated two wooden bridges (\$8,000) to Dixon Gallery and Gardens for their woodland garden.
- 1996 Funded six raised flowerbeds (\$3,800) for the Therapeutic Garden at the Kings’ Sons and Daughters Home.
- 2006 Contributed to the Zone IX Horticulture Restoration Fund for the Zone IX Clubs affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- 2007 Funded \$1000 for the replanting of trees at the Wolf River Restoration Project in Collierville.
- 2008 Funded \$1,500 for the replanting of trees at the Wolf River Restoration Project in Collierville.
- 2008 Contributed \$500 to the GCA scholarship fund.
- 2009 Funded \$1500 for the replanting of trees at the Wolf River Restoration Project in Collierville.
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- 2011 Funded Neighborhood School Garden \$1,200.
- 2011 Funded \$1,500 for the replanting of trees at the Wolf River Restoration Project in Collierville
- 2011 Funded \$500 to Dixon for tulips.
- 2011 Funded \$500 to Historic Charleston Foundation.
- 2011 Funded \$100 to Shelby Farms Park Conservancy for tree project.
- 2011 Funded \$100 to TFGC District 1 TN Residence Project.
- 2012 Funded Neighborhood School Garden \$805.
- 2012 Donated \$10,000 to the Tennessee Governor's Garden in Nashville.
- 2012 Funded & Decorated Tables with MGC for WRC Harvest Dinner.
- 2013 Funded \$2,000 to Dixon Lily Bulb Planting.
- 2013 Donated \$1,500 to WRC Tree Planting.
- 2013 Donated \$1,200 Neighborhood School Garden
- 2013 Assembled flower arrangements with the Memphis Garden Club for the Wolf River Conservancy Greenway Soiree.
- 2014 Donated \$1,500 to WRC tree planning.
- 2014 Donated \$1,000 to the Binghampton School Garden.
- 2015 Donated \$1,500 to WRC tree planning.
- 2015 Donated \$500 to Shelby Farms Weed Wrangle
- 2016 Donated \$1,300 to Church Health Center.
- 2017-18 Donated \$2,500 to WRC tree planning.
- 2018-19 Donated \$2,500 to WRC tree planting.
- 2018-19 Donated \$50 to Methodist Hospice.
- 2018-19 Donated \$50 to Salvation Army.
- 2018-19 Donated \$2,500 to Binghampton Christian Academy.
- 2018-19 Donated \$100 to Elmwood Cemetery.

E. GCA Projects

- 2010 Committed Centennial Tree Project involving the Wolf River trees and Cherry trees at MBG.
- 2010 In July, gave \$2500 to the GCA Centennial Celebration Project, 69th St. entrance of Central Park & Dene Summer House.
- 2014 Donated \$500 to Save the Redwoods Program
- 2017 Received \$1,500 from GCA Partners from Plants which was split between LGC and MGC as a joint project.
- 2019 Received \$2,000 from GCA Partners from Plants.

III. Ways and Means

From the 1950s until 1991, the principal fundraisers were the Merry Christmas Houses, a house tour usually accompanied by a boutique or estate sale. This was a Memphis tradition, with ticket sales often exceeding \$1,000.

Other fundraisers were the Spring Festivals, featuring a house tour and sale of Easter baskets.

In 1970, in connection with the Memphis Sesquicentennial, we published a booklet entitled *Trees That Thrive in Memphis*, which was sold by nurseries participating in the tree planting campaign.

In 1993, members of the LGC designed tall hurricane lanterns for sale to the public.

In May of 1998, the first "Secret Garden Tour", featuring 3 gardens, was held.

In April of 2001 a biennial fund raiser was instituted. Susie Edwards of Great Britain was featured as the first, well-known floral designer to speak and offer a workshop on flower design.

In April of 2003 Paula Pryke of Great Britain was speaker for the biennial fund raiser. A workshop was also offered.

In December of 2003, we held our first In-House auction to raise funds to supplement our member's travel expenses to GCA meetings.

In November of 2005 Ron Morgan of San Francisco was speaker of the biennial fund raiser, Happenings.

In December of 2006 we had our 2nd In-House auction to raise funds to cover travel expenses for our delegates to attend GCA meetings.

In November of 2008 Chris Giftos of New York was speaker of Happenings.

In December of 2009 we had our 3rd In-House auction.

In November, 2011 Hitomi Gillian of Vancouver was speaker of Happenings.

In 2012 we initiated the Kroger card program.

In December, 2012 we had our 4th In-house Auction raising \$17,681.

In 2013, joined Blooming Bucks Program through Brent & Becky's Bulbs.

In November, 2014 Calder Clark of Charleston, SC was speaker of Happenings.

In December, 2015 we had our 5th In-house Auction raising \$15,455.

In March 2017 Putnam & Putnam were speakers at Happenings

In October 2017 we hosted a club Flower Show, "Rooted in Reading."

In December 2018 we held our Christmas Auction, raising \$16,069.

IV. GCA Meetings

- 1952 Hosted the Southern Zone Meeting with the Memphis Garden Club.
- 1972 Hosted the Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of America with the Memphis Garden Club.
- 1979 Hosted the Zone IX Meeting with the Memphis Garden Club.
- 1995 Hosted the Zone IX Meeting with the Memphis Garden Club.
- 2005 Hosted the Zone IX Meeting with the Memphis Garden Club called "Wild About Memphis."
- 2011 Hosted Zone IX Presidents' Council
- 2015 Hosted the Zone IX Meeting with the Memphis Garden Club called "Memphis in Bloom:"

Members of The Little Garden Club have attended the GCA annual meetings and Zone IX meetings each year. When offered, members have also attended Zone and national meetings about horticulture, conservation, and programs.

V. Garden History and Design

Gardens that have been accepted into the
Archives for American Gardens Horticultural
Division of the Smithsonian Institute

2008 - Lib Dunklin (Mrs. George)

2010 - Karen Wellford (Mrs. Alex)

2012 - Buzzy Hussey

2012 - Buxton Garden

2016 - Gina White

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Constitution and Bylaws

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The Little Garden Club of Memphis

Constitution and Bylaws

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be The Little Garden Club of Memphis.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- (1) To provide instruction and training of its members by developing and improving their skills in gardening, horticulture and conservation of trees, plants, and flowers.
- (2) To promote horticulture and conservation movements.
- (3) To support civic improvements such as landscaping and beautification of art galleries, civic centers, botanic gardens and other public areas.

Article III. Membership

There shall be Active, Mentor, Affiliate, Life and Honorary members.

Sec. 1: Active

The number of Active members shall be sixty-five or less. The qualifications and requirements shall be:

- (1) To take part in all club projects, including financial support, serving as officers or on committees and furnishing flower arrangements and horticulture when requested.

- (2) To attend five regular meetings annually.
- (3) To hostess and provide lunch for 1 meeting every other year.
- (4) To join Memphis Botanic Garden annually at any membership level.
- (5) To purchase 1 tickets annually to Memphis Botanic Garden Plant Sale Preview Party.
- (6) To purchase 2 tickets and work a shift at “Happenings”.
- (7) To pay dues as recommended by the Board and approved by the Membership.
- (8) When a member has not qualified for Active membership for one year, she shall be so advised before the September Board meeting by a member of the Membership Committee. If she is unable to resume the activities of the club, her name shall be considered for a change of membership status. Action shall be taken by the Board at its October meeting, and notification of this action shall be sent in writing to said member.

Sec. 2: Mentor

The qualifications and requirements shall be:

- (1) An Active member in good standing wishing to become a Mentor may apply to the Membership Committee in writing by May 1. To be eligible for this category a member must have served 20 years as an Active. No more than 2 members may apply each year for this category and they may remain in this category no more than 5 years at which time they will move to Life.
- (2) A Mentor must attend 3 meetings a year, serve as a hostess every other year, may serve on committees and on the Board (excluding the

- Executive Board). She is obligated to pay full annual dues as recommended by the Board and approved by the Membership.
- (3) A Mentor may propose or endorse and vote for candidates for membership. She may not be a delegate to a Zone or Annual meeting but she may serve as a Zone Representative.

The Board has requested that this membership category be reviewed after 2 years (November 2009).

Sec. 3: Affiliate

The qualifications and requirements shall be:

- (1) An Active member wishing to become an Affiliate member may apply to the Membership Committee in writing by May 1 stating reasons. The Membership Committee will consider the application and make recommendations to the Board for action. Such action will take place before the May Membership meeting.
- (2) An Affiliate may take part in the activities of the club, attend meetings, serve as a hostess, and serve on committees. She will receive a yearbook and newsletter and be obligated to pay annual dues as recommended by the Board and approved by the Membership.
- (3) An Affiliate may not vote, hold office, or propose or endorse candidates for membership; nor can she represent this club as a delegate to a zone or annual meeting.
- (4) An Affiliate moving to another area may be recommended by this club to a local GCA club in the area. Membership is neither automatic nor mandatory.
- (5) An Affiliate who was an Active member in good

standing in The Little Garden Club may apply in writing to the Membership Committee for reinstatement into Active membership at any time and will automatically fill the first vacancy available.

- (6) There shall be no limit to the number of Affiliate Members

Sec. 4: Life Members

A member, who after 20 years of active participation in Garden Club activities, may request being placed in the Life member category. Such application must be made in writing by May 1 to the Membership Chairman and passed on by the board. Such action will take place before the May Membership Meeting.

- (1) They may not vote, hold office or serve on the Board. They may propose and endorse candidates for membership. They may serve as a hostess or on a committee when requested.
- (2) The yearbook shall be sent to them each year and the newsletter. They may attend all meetings.
- (3) They pay dues as recommended by the Board and approved by the membership. They are excused from all club obligations, but may work voluntarily.
- (4) There shall be no limit to the number of Life members

Sec. 5: Honorary Membership

Honorary membership may be conferred by the Board of Directors and voted on by the membership to an individual of established reputation and ability in horticulture, conservation, and floral or landscape design who is dedicated to the same ideals and

interests of The Little Garden Club. An Honorary Member shall enjoy all Club privileges except that of voting, holding office and proposing new members. He/she shall be exempt from dues and attendance requirements.

Sec. 6: Election of New Members

- (1) The Membership Chairman will announce the number of vacancies to the Board. The Board will determine the number of vacancies to be filled. Election of new members will be held in October. The Membership Chairman will have proposal forms available anytime at the request of proposer or at the September Membership Meeting. All forms must be returned to the Membership Chairman no later than one week after the September membership meeting.
- (2) Each candidate shall have one Proposer and two Endorsers. No member may propose or endorse more than one candidate per election. A candidate may be proposed a maximum of three times.
- (3) Each Active Member shall cast a ballot in person, by proxy, or by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be delivered before the vote is tallied at the election meeting. Each member may vote for the number of candidates she chooses, not to exceed the number of vacancies.
- (4) A candidate must receive a majority of the ballots cast to be elected to fill the available spaces. In the event of a tie the President may cast a tie-breaking vote. The President may neither propose nor endorse a candidate and can vote only in the event of a tie.

Article IV. Meetings

Sec. 1: Meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month except in the months of June, July and August. The President may call special meetings or change the regular meeting day when unusual circumstances make it advisable.

Sec. 2: Assigned members shall serve as hostesses at each meeting. They shall be responsible for the refreshments and the flower arrangements.

Article V. Officers

Sec. 1: The officers shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, a Parliamentarian/ Archivist.

- (1) The President-Elect must have served on the Board for at least two years; and upon her selection, she becomes a Board member if not currently serving. She shall accompany the President to the zone and GCA annual meetings.
- (2) The President shall be announced at the May membership meeting the year prior to taking office.
- (3) The retiring President shall automatically become First Vice-President.
- (4) The officers shall be installed at the annual meeting in May.

Sec. 2: The officers' duties shall be those usually assigned to such offices and including the following.

- (1) The President, in addition to presiding over meetings, shall be ex-officio member of all

- committees except the Nominating Committee. Should a vacancy occur in any office or chairmanship, she shall make an appointment to fill this vacancy.
- (2) The First Vice-President shall educate the new members and act in an advisory capacity. She is also the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
 - (3) The First Vice-President shall represent the Club on the Memphis and Shelby County Council of Garden Clubs, the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, and at any other meeting where representation is desirable.
 - (4) The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the record of the minutes.
 - (5) The Corresponding Secretary shall write notes of condolence to members and send other appropriate communications as may be required. She shall keep current records of membership dues at MBG and notify members when they need to rejoin.
 - (6) The Treasurer shall bill the members for their current dues in May. She shall render a monthly report at the Board meetings and at the annual meeting in May. She shall close her books for the current year after all bills have been paid and have them audited in August. The incoming Treasurer shall take over the books biannually as soon as the audit is complete.

- (7) The Assistant Treasurer shall carry on the duties of the Treasurer when necessary and be responsible for acknowledging memorial contributions and reconciling Memorial Account.
- (8) The Parliamentarian/Archivist shall rule on parliamentary procedures. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the club when they are not inconsistent with the rules of this organization. She is responsible for keeping the scrapbook and club history current.

Article VI. Committees

Sec. 1: There shall be Standing Committees. The Chairmen shall make a monthly report at the Board meetings. They shall keep a complete record of all the activities of their respective committees in a notebook provided by the Club, which must be handed on to their successors.

Sec. 2: Duties of Standing Committees

- (1) The Program Chair shall secure speakers and arrange for at least one program annually on conservation, horticulture, and flower arrangements in cooperation with the Chairmen of these committees. The remaining programs may be on varied subjects compatible with garden club interests. Funds for operational expenses shall be included in the annual budget.
- (2) The Horticulture Committee shall keep the Club informed on current horticultural developments; shall be responsible for carrying out at least one project each year, encouraging members to

- participate in order to submit horticultural specimens for the Garden Club of America meetings; shall cooperate with the Program Committee in planning one program; shall submit articles to the *Ivy Vine* and send a written report to the GCA.
- (3) The Conservation Chairman shall inform the Club of conservation programs and major legislative matters, both locally and nationally; shall cooperate with the Program Committee in planning one program; shall submit articles to the *Ivy Vine* and send a written report to the GCA.
 - (4) The Community Projects Committee shall plan and carry out such projects as the club adopts. Maintenance funds shall be included in the annual budget. To secure funds for a new project, an application must be made in writing to the Finance Committee.
 - (5) The Communications and Bulletins Committee shall be in charge of news coverage and publicity. All media coverage (including newspaper, magazine, television) of any LGC event, meeting or accomplishment will be coordinated through the Communications Committee exclusively. No other member or organization may solicit or arrange for media coverage of any LGC activities without the Chairman's prior knowledge. The Bulletin Committee shall encourage members to write articles for the GCA Bulletin and submit their manuscripts to the editor in charge of publication.
 - (6) The Ways and Means Committee shall be

responsible for planning and carrying out the money making projects.

- (7) The Membership Committee shall conduct the election of new members; shall keep a permanent attendance record book in which each member present shall sign at each meeting; shall keep a permanent record of all membership classifications. When a member has not attended 5 regular meetings annually, she shall be so advised before the September Board meeting by the Membership Chairman. If she is unable to resume the activities of the Club, she shall be considered for a change in membership status. Action shall be taken by the Board at its October meeting and notification of this action shall be sent in writing to said member.
- (8) The Finance Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Its duties shall be to formulate the policy on income, disbursements, and project finances.
- (9) The Entertainment Committee shall be responsible for the place of meetings, assignment of hostesses, and for all entertainment.
- (10) The Exhibits and Flower Show Committee shall be responsible for flower shows, decorations, and exhibits, either in our own Club or in cooperation with other groups.
- (11) The GCA Medals and Awards Committee shall keep informed on national and zone awards for which one or more of our members might be eligible and secure such information as is

necessary to propose candidates for said awards.

- (12) The Yearbook and Printing Committee shall compile and publish the yearbook and distribute it to the entire membership. It shall be responsible for printing other material upon request, including the Ivy Vine.
- (13) The Scholarship Chairman and Visiting Garden Chairman shall be in charge of necessary arrangements pertaining to an exchange student when one is assigned to our zone. She shall keep the Chairman of Zone IX informed of the gardens in our club which are open to visiting members of Garden Club of America. She will be notified by the Zone Chairman when such visitors plan to arrive, notify the owners of the gardens, and arrange a tour.
- (14) The Garden History and Design Committee shall educate members by interacting with other GCA committees to provide programs and activities which further understanding of garden history and design. It shall continue to add to the GCA Collection at the Archives of American Gardens of the Smithsonian Institute by documenting and photographing gardens of note.

Article VII. The Board

Sec. 1: The Board shall consist of the officers and the Chairmen of Standing Committees.

- (1) It shall meet before the first meeting and once a month thereafter between the regular meetings of the club. It may be canceled or called in special session by the President.

- (2) It shall hear the reports of the Committee Chairmen and formulate the policy.
- (3) It shall make recommendations to the membership for adoption, except when immediate action is necessary, when it shall have the authority to transact all business.
- (4) Two-thirds of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 2: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers.

- (1) It shall have the same authority as the Board to transact business whenever time does not permit action by the Board, but not fewer than four members must participate in the voting.

Article VIII. Amendments

Article IX. Dues, Assessments – Fiscal Year

Sec. 1: Active and Mentor members shall be obligated to pay annual dues as recommended by the Board and approved by the Membership.

Sec. 2: Affiliate members shall pay annual dues as recommended by the Board and approved by the Membership.

Sec. 3: Life members shall pay dues annually as recommended by the Board and approved by the Membership.

Sec. 4: Dues are due on June 1st, becoming delinquent August 1st when the Treasurer shall give notice of delinquent dues to the members in arrears. Names of delinquent members shall be presented to the Board for action.

Sec. 5: Any assessment must be approved by the membership.

Sec. 6: The Fiscal Year shall be from June 1st to May 31st.

Article X. Disposition of Assets on Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the club will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c) and 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or Local government for exclusive public purposes. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution, this club shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) an organization exempt from Federal Income tax under Section

501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law of (b) an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (C) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Standing Rules

- (1) The Finance Committee has the authority to approve any unbudgeted expense up to \$500. If the amount is \$500 or larger, then it is to be brought before the Board of Directors for approval.
- (2) Upon the death of a Little Garden Club member, a donation shall be made by The Little Garden Club to the Memphis Botanic Garden in her memory.
- (3) Active, Mentor, and Affiliate members shall pay annual dues in the amount of \$300.
- (4) Life members shall pay annual dues in the amount of \$150.

Garden Club of America Little Known Facts

- (1) GCA has one membership category: Active Member
- (2) GCA is composed of member clubs - not individuals! You are a member of a GCA club but “you” as an individual are not a GCA member.
- (3) The following privileges of GCA membership are: judging at flower shows, attending lectures, using the National Headquarters services, visiting GCA gardens and receiving the Bulletin.

Please Send Memorials to:

Mimsie Pettit Crump
222 Belhaven Street
Memphis, TN 38117

The Little Garden Club

I wish for my gift to be made: In Memory of
In Honor of

Name _____

Please send the acknowledgment to:

Name _____

Address _____

My name on the acknowledgment card:

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SILVER BELLS (25+ Years)

The Glory of the Garden

*Our country is a garden, and such gardens are not made,
By saying "Oh how beautiful!" and sitting in the shade.
While better folk that we go out and start their working
lives,
At pulling weeds from gravel paths with broken dinner
knives.*

*There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so
thick,
There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so
sick,
But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done,
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.*

*Then seek your job with thankfulness and work til further
orders,
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders;
And when your back stops aching and your hands begin
to harden,
You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden.*

*Oh, Eve was a gardener, and God who made her sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon her
knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands
and pray
For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away!
And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away!*

Rudyard Kipling
(Adapted for LGC's 90th Birthday)

Notes

