



The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Yearbook | *2021-2022*

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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* Clara Phillips (Mrs. John, Jr.)	1933-34
* Ida Brown (Mrs. S. Toof)	1934-35
* Sara Allen (Mrs. Seddon)	1935-36
* Frances Hill (Mrs Henry G.)	1936-37
* Anne Phillips (Mrs. William G.)	1937-38
* Elizabeth Humphrey (Mrs. Onias, Jr.)	1938-39
* 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
* Winnie Pritchatt (Mrs. A. Vancourt, Sr.)	1952-54
* Margaret Jones (Mrs. Carrington)	1954-56
* Irene McDonnell (Mrs. J. Walter)	1956-58
* Mary Abbay Joyner (Mrs. Guy)	1958-60
* Mary Budd Bodine (Mrs. Richard)	1960-62
* Mattie Leftwich (Mrs. Groom)	1962-64
* Weetie Bondurant (Mrs. Julian B.)	1964-66
* Elizabeth Gilliland (Mrs. Frank M.)	1966-68
* Laura Saunders (Mrs. Ames)	1968-70
* Aggie Turley (Mrs. Hubert K.)	1970-72
* Martha Robinson (Mrs. James D.)	1972-74
* Marion King (Mrs. John S., Jr.)	1974-76
* Floyd Buxton (Mrs. J. Stewart)	1976-78
* Peggy Wellford (Mrs. Alexander, Sr.)	1978-80
Jan Bell (Mrs. Roy E., Jr.)	1980-82
* Lillian Dunavant	1982-84

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* Shirley Milnor (Mrs. William H.)	1988-90
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Natalie Latham (Mrs. Davant)	1992-94
Lynn Fulton (Mrs. Graham D. S.)	1994-96
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Lisa Snowden (Mrs. J. Bayard)	2004-06
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Katie Eleazer (Mrs. L. Edwin)	2010-12
Kathy Adams (Mrs. Ben)	2012-14
Vance Lewis (Mrs. John)	2014-16
Barbara Williamson (Mrs. Lewis)	2016-18
Mary Call Ford (Mrs. Mott, Jr.)	2018-20
Kate Trammell (Mrs. Brad)	2020-22

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Yearbook	Dot Fisher Stephanie Weatherford

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Birthdays

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- 4 Beth Hussey
- 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
- 3 Stephanie Wilson
- 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

July

- 1 Ginger Collier
- 1 Flo McGowin
- 2 Judith Campbell
- 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 Garnett Hutton
- 14 Nora Browning Witmer
- 16 Leslie Schutt
- 17 EJ Baird
- 18 Deborah Tipton
- 19 Meredith Pritchart
- 21 Lucia Crenshaw
- 21 Judy Powell
- 21 Ann Prince
- 22 Janet Misner
- 30 Bradley Fogelman

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

December

- 4 Katie Wiener
- 5 Julie Mills
- 15 Katie Eleazer
- 15 Kirk McClintock
- 17 Musette Morgan

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Meetings, Programs,
Hostesses

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Board Meetings

2021-2022

Meetings will be held at Memphis Botanic Garden unless otherwise noted.

2020

Wed, Sept 8, 10 am

Wed, Oct 13, 10 am

Wed, Nov 10, 10 am

Wed, Dec 1, 10 am (if necessary)

2021

Wed, Jan 12, 10 am

Wed, Feb 9, 10 am

Wed, Mar 2, 10 am

Wed, Apr 6, 10 am

Wed, Apr 27, 5:30 pm at Kate Trammell's

Programs, Hostesses and Important Dates
2021-2022

2021

September 9 – 11:00 am

Program: John Mark Sharpe, John Mark Enterprises
“Party Flowers”

Goldsmith Room, Memphis Botanic Garden

Hostesses: Connie Adams, EJ Baird, Mimsie Crump,
Catherine Sikes

September 14-16

GCA Zone IX Presidents’ Council (hybrid virtual/Dallas)

September 22-23

GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference (virtual)

October 7-9

MBG Fall Plant Sale

October 14 – 11:00 am

Program: Brian Vogt, CEO, Denver Botanic Garden
*“How Public Gardens are Changing the World -The
power of horticulture, conservation and community
engagement”*

Goldsmith Room, Memphis Botanic Garden

Hostesses: Katie Eleazer, Bradley Fogelman, Anne
Keesee, Debbie Phillips

October 28 – 6:30 pm

New Member Party

At the home of Michelle & Bill Dunavant

6381 Swan Nest Cove

November 11

Inspirations with Bunny Williams

Memphis Botanic Garden

November 17

GCA Conservation Study Conference (virtual)

December 2 – 11:00 am (Guests may be invited, tkt price tbd.)

Program: Christopher Spitzmiller

“A Year at Clove Brook Farm”

Hardin Hall, Memphis Botanic Garden

Hostesses: Corinne Adrian, Emily Kay, Ragan

Magness, Sally Treadwell, Katie Wiener

December 8

GCA Floral Design Study Conference (virtual)

2022

January 13 – 11:00 am

Program: Rebecca Vizard, Designer

“Once Upon a Pillow: A Story of Home, Design and Exquisite Textiles. Preserving, repairing and re-purposing centuries old pieces for the enjoyment of all.”

Goldsmith Room, Memphis Botanic Garden

Hostesses: Mary Call Ford, Barbara Gassaway, Kirk

McClintock, Stephanie Wilson

January 24-28

GCA Judging Workshop (virtual)

February 16 – 6:30 pm

Joint Board Dinner with Memphis Garden Club

At the home of Catherine & Tom Sikes

3773 S Galloway

February 17 – 11:00 am

Program: Joint Meeting with Memphis Garden Club

Sybil Sylvester

Memphis Country Club

February 28-March 2

GCA National Affairs & Legislation Conference (NAL),
venue tbd

March 3 – 11:00 am

Program: Janelle Lynch, Photographer
“Abiding Presence”

Goldsmith Room, Memphis Botanic Garden

Hostesses: Michel Allen, Garnett Hutton, Kim
MacQueen, Mary Saxton

March 31

Photography Study Conference (virtual)

March 31 – 6:30 pm

LGC Auction

Visitor’s Center, Memphis Botanic Garden

April 21-23

MBG Spring Plant Sale

April 27-29

GCA Annual Meeting, Parsippany, NJ
(hybrid virtual/in-person)

May 5 – 11:00 am

Awards Picnic

At the home of Barbara Williamson, 5955 Fairwood

Other Hostesses: Michelle Dunavant, Jean Johnston,
Linda Mallory, Janet Misner

May 10-12

GCA Zone IX Meeting & Flower Show

Hosted by Garden Club of Lookout Mountain

Awards/GCA
Appointments

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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

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
Marily 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
Michelle Dunavant	2020

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
Catherine Erb Sikes	2020

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
E.J. Baird	2021

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
Margaret Fraser	2021

Certificate of Appreciation

Janet Misner	2005
Buzzy Hussey	2014
Kim Gibson & Julie Hussey	2016
Catherine Erb & Leslie Schutt	2018
Greg Campbell & Erick New	2019
Linda Mallory & Gina White	2020

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

Cathie Kirk	2012
Anne Keesee	2014
Flo McGowin	2016
Natalie Latham	2018
Peggy Jones	2019
Katie Eleazer	2020

Chairman's Award

For being our "go to" member for any job needed

Virginia Rowland	2014
Julie Hussey	2020

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
Katie Wiener	2020
Jeannie Tabor	2021

The Garden Club of America Awards

GCA NATIONAL AWARDS

Katherine Thomas Cary Medal

Awarded for outstanding achievement in the field of floral design education

Lucy Carrington Jones 1982

Founders Fund Award

Established in 1934 to honor the twelve clubs that founded GCA

The Little Garden Club Sensory Garden 1989

GCA ZONE AWARDS

Zone IX Creative Leadership Award

Awarded 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

Awarded for outstanding efforts in civic improvement

Lisa Snowden 2010
Buzzy Hussey 2015

Zone IX Conservation Award

Awarded for outstanding service in conservation within the zone

Marguerite Turner 1970
Mary Gotten 1987
Mary Margaret Holmes 1993

Barbara Spaulding Cramer Zone Floral Design Education Award

Presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in floral design and floral design education throughout and beyond the zone.

Lisa Snowden 2021

Zone IX Floral Design Achievement Award

Awarded for outstanding achievement in floral design beyond the activities of the recipient's own club

Lisa Snowden

2015

Zone IX Horticulture Award

Awarded for outstanding horticultural achievement beyond the activities of her own club

Ida Brown

1969

Frances Donelson

1984

Mary Margaret Holmes

1988

Lynn Fulton

2004

ZONE IX AWARDS

Awards given in Zone IX only

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 ZONE COMMENDATIONS

Certificate of Acknowledgement to non-members sponsored by LGC

Zone IX Civic Improvement Commendation

Presented to non-member individuals, or an organization, for outstanding efforts within the zone, which enhance, protect, or restore the local environment or improve the community through sharing the knowledge of plants and/or gardening.

Jim Duncan

2015

Zone IX Historic Preservation Commendation

Awarded to one or more non-members or an organization which have made a significant contribution to historic preservation within the environs of the zone

Virginia McLean

2015

Zone IX Horticulture Commendation

Awarded to one or more non-members, or an organization, which have made a significant contribution to horticulture

Rick Pudwell

2005

Dabney Turley

2015

GCA CLUB AWARDS

Awarded by The Garden Club of America at the request of LGC

GCA Medal of Merit

Awarded for contributions of exceptional merit in the field of horticulture, conservation or civic achievement, or dedication and inspirational leadership within the area of a member's respective club

Corinne Murrah (Horticulture)	1952
Emily Haizlip (Civic Beautification)	1962
Marguerite Turner (Conservation)	1964
Frances Hill (Horticulture)	1965
Marguerite Turner (Conservation)	1972
Mary Gotten (Conservation)	1975
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

Awarded for dedicated, sustained participation in activities within member's own club

Nora Witmer	1995
Lillian Dunavant	1997
Norma Owen	2003
Flo McGowin	2009
Peggy Jones	2010
Marily 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

Presented to GCA club members or a member club for outstanding efforts within the club, which enhance, protect, or restore the local environment or improve the community through sharing the knowledge of plants and/or gardening

Buzzy Hussey	2011
Janet Misner	2016

GCA Club Communication Award

Presented for utilizing effective communications to promote the mission of GCA

Virginia Rowland	2013
Christian Owen	2019

GCA Club Conservation Award

Awarded for outstanding service to conservation within the recipient's club or community

Kirk McClintock	2009
Norma Owen	2011
Barbara Keathley	2017

GCA Club Floral Design Achievement Award

(formerly know as Flower Arrangement Achievement Award)

Awarded for excellence in floral design within the recipient's own club

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

GCA Club Horticulture Award

Awarded for outstanding service in horticulture within the recipient's club or community

Kathy Adams	2009
Ruthie Taylor	2013
Kate Trammell	2014
Gina White	2015
Leslie Schutt	2020

GCA Club Photography Award

Awarded for excellence in photography at the club level

Vance Lewis	2012
Catherine Erb	2017
Tempe Thompson	2020

GCA CLUB COMMENDATIONS

Certificate of Acknowledgement to non-members sponsored by LGC

Club Civic Improvement Commendation

Presented to non-members or an organization, for outstanding efforts within the zone which enhance, protect or restore the local environment or improve the community through sharing the knowledge of plants and/or gardening

Mary Helen Butler	2013
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Club Conservation Commendation

Awarded to non-GCA club members or a non-member organization, which have made a significant contribution to conservation in the community

Hugh Fraser	2010
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Club Historic Preservation Commendation

Awarded to non-GCA club members or an organization, which have made a significant contribution to historic preservation in the community

Todd Richardson	2018
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Club Horticulture Commendation

Awarded to non-GCA members or an organization, for excellence in the field of horticulture in the community

Tom Pellett	1995
Jim Duncan	2010
Chris Crosby	2011
Memphis Botanic Garden	2013
Brussel Martin	2018

GCA Flower Show Awards

Awards listed correspond to Flower Show Awards on GCA website

BOTANICAL ARTS

Best in Show Botanical Arts

Awarded to the best entry in the Botanical Arts Division

Kate Trammell GCA Major Flower Show, Memphis GC 2014

CONSERVATION

Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Conservation Award

Awarded for an exhibit of exceptional educational and visual merit that increases knowledge and awareness of the environment

Mary Margaret Holmes 1988
LGC/MGC/Elmwood Cemetery Conservation Project 2005

FLORAL DESIGN

Best in Show Floral Design

Awarded to the best entry in the Floral Design Division

Nora Witmer Zone IX Flower Show, MGC/LGC 1995
Chris McClure, Lisa Snowden & Gina White 2010
GCA Major Flower Show, Memphis GC

Carol Coffey Swift Medal of Excellence

Awarded for an exhibit of great distinction (only at a GCA Major Flower Show)

Lisa Snowden GCA Major Flower Show, Memphis GC 2004
Chris McClure, Lisa Snowden, Gina White 2010
GCA Major Flower Show, Memphis GC

Dorothy Vietor Munger Award

Awarded in recognition of a creative work of outstanding beauty using predominately fresh plant material

Lisa Snowden & Gina White 2003
Zone IX Flower Show, GC of Lookout Mountain
Gina White Zone IX Flower Show, Alamo Heights Terrell Hills GC 2007

Harriet DeWaele Puckett Creativity Award

Awarded for a uniquely skillful and creative response to an imaginative schedule

Chris McClure & Lisa Snowden	2000
Zone IX Flower Show, Magnolia GC	
Lisa Snowden GCA Flower Show, GC of Lookout Mountain	2011

Margaret Clover Symonds Medal

Awarded for an innovative, modern design, which creatively combines man-made material(s) with fresh and/or dried plant material (only at a GCA Major Flower Show)

Lisa Snowden & Gina White GCA Major Flower Show, MGC	2014
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Sandra Baylor Novice Floral Design Award

Awarded to a novice exhibitor for a unique and skillful response to the schedule

Linda Mallory Zone IX Flower Show, Founders GC of Dallas	2010
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HORTICULTURE

Best in Show Horticulture

Awarded to the best entry in Horticulture Division

Gina White Zone IX Flower Show, Greenville GC	2012
Gina White GCA Major Flower Show, Memphis GC	2016
Gina White GCA Major Flower Show, GC of Houston	2017
Gina White GCA Flower Show, Founders GC of Dallas	2017
Gina White GCA Flower Show, Greenville GC	2017
Gina White GCA Flower Show, Red Mtn GC & Little GC of B'ham	2018
Ruthie Taylor GCA Annual Meeting Flower Show, Virtual	2021

Catherine Beattie Medal

Awarded for a horticulture entry grown by exhibitor for at least 6 months for vibrancy, prime condition, and perfection of grooming

Loren Powell Zone IX Flower Show, Greenville GC	2012
Gina White Zone IX Flower Show, Little Rock GC	2016
Ruthie Taylor GCA Flower Show, Greenville GC	2017

Certificate of Excellence in Horticulture

Awarded to an exhibit of great distinction in horticulture (only at a GCA Major Flower Show)

Kate Trammell GCA Major Flower Show, Memphis GC	2016
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Elizabeth Platt Corning Medal

Awarded to an entry with distinction and originality, notable for its cultural difficulty, and exceptional standard of horticultural excellence (only in a GCA Major Flower Show)

Mary Margaret Holmes	1986
Lynn Fulton GCA Major Flower Show, Memphis GC	2018

GCA Novice Award in Horticulture

For an outstanding exhibit by an individual novice exhibitor and GCA club member, placing first, second, or third in the Horticulture Division

Barbara Williamson Zone IX Flower Show, Gertrude Windsor GC	2013
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Judges Commendation Horticulture

Kathy Adams GCA Major Flower Show, Memphis GC	2010
Lynn Fulton GCA Major Flower Show, Memphis GC	2012

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 Zone IX Flower Show, GC of Lookout Mountain	2015
Gina White Zone IX Flower Show, Little Rock GC	2016
Gina White GCA Flower Show, Founders GC of Dallas	2017
Gina White GCA Flower Show, Red Mtn GC & Little GC of B'ham	2018

PHOTOGRAPHY

Certificate of Excellence in Photography

Awarded for an exhibit of great distinction in photography at a GCA Major Flower Show

Catherine Erb GCA Major Flower Show, GC of Houston	2017
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Best in Show Photography

Awarded to the best entry in the Photography Division

Ruthie Taylor Zone IX Flower Show, GC of Lookout Mountain	2003
Connie Adams Zone IX Flower Show, Nashville GC	2004
Foy Coolidge Zone IX Flower Show, LGC/MGC	2005
Foy Coolidge Zone IX Flower Show, GC of Houston	2006

GCA Novice Award in Photography

Awarded for an outstanding exhibit by an individual novice exhibitor and GCA club member, placing first, second, or third in the Photography Division

Tempe Thompson GCA Flower Show, River Oaks GC 2012

Photography Creativity Award

Awarded for creative and technical excellence in response to the theme of the schedule

Catherine Erb Zone IX Meeting Flower Show, Little Rock GC 2016

The Garden Club of America Appointments

Zone IX Director

Mary Margaret Holmes	1996-1997
Tempe Thompson	2013-2015

Zone IX Chairman

Tempe Thompson	2011-2013
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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
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GCA Founders Fund Committee, Chairman

Tempe Thompson	2015-2017
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GCA Conservation Committee, Vice Chairman, Endangered Species and Rain Forests

Mary Margaret Holmes	1989-1993
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GCA Judging Committee, Vice Chairman

Polly Glotzbach	2020-2022
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GCA National Affairs & Legislation Committee, Vice Chairman

Mary Margaret Holmes	1993-1996
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GCA Visiting Gardens Committee, Vice Chairman

Anne Keese	2017-2019
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Zone IX Nominating Representative

Tempe Thompson	2017-2019
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Zone IX Awards Representative

Natalie Latham	2009-2011
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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
Mary Call Ford 2021-2023

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

Floral Design

Polly Glotzbach

Lisa Snowden

Horticulture

Lynn Fulton, Emeritus

Lucy Carrington Jones, Emeritus

Kathy Adams

Ruthie Taylor

Kate Trammell

Linda Mallory, Prospective

Gina White, Prospective

Photography

Vance Lewis

Tempe Thompson

History and Bylaws

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History of Little Garden Club of Memphis

I. Important Dates

- 1929 The 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 who felt the need to acquire more knowledge about horticulture and landscape design. The organization of the Memphis Garden Club a few years earlier had inspired them to form a garden club of their own. In 1930, 28 young ladies (daughters and daughters-in-law of MGC members) were invited to join, increasing the membership to 40 women. The name changed at that time to Little Garden Club to distinguish it from Junior Garden Clubs being formed in schools throughout Tennessee.
- 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 The 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 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
- 2020 All in-person LGC and GCA meetings from March to June were canceled due to COVID-19
- 2020-21 GCA held virtual meetings/conferences due to COVID-19. LGC meetings followed Shelby County Health Dept regulations.

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 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 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
- 2013-14 Gave \$125,000 to Renovation of the Sensory Garden with 100% 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
- 2019-20 Donated \$2,000 from GCA *Partners for Plants* Grant
- 2019-20 Donated \$900 to MBG Cherry Trees
- 2019-20 Donated \$5,000 for Summer 2019 Sensory Garden Intern
- 2019-20 Donated \$5,000 for Summer 2019 Children's Garden Intern
- 2019-20 Donated \$1,000 for MBG *Can't Stop the Music* campaign paver
- 2019-20 Donated \$8,333.33 to MBG Capital Campaign (1st payment of 3-year, \$25,000 pledge)
- 2020-21 Donated \$1,500 from GCA *Partners for Plants* grant
- 2020-21 Donated \$4,480 to MBG Cherry Trees
- 2020-21 Donated \$5,000 for Summer 2020 Sensory Garden Intern
- 2020-21 Donated \$5,000 for Summer 2020 Children's Garden Intern
- 2020-21 Donated \$8,333.33 to MBG Capital Campaign (2nd payment of 3-year, \$25,000 pledge)

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.
- 1974-75 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.
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- 2008 Contributed \$500 to the GCA scholarship fund.
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- 2011 Funded \$500 to Dixon for tulips.
- 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 \$2,500 to Binghampton Christian Academy
- 2019-20 Members donated individually a collective sum of \$50,000 to Le Bonheur Green Project

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 for Plants* grant which was split between LGC and MGC as a joint project.

- 2019 Received \$2,000 from GCA *Partners for Plants* grant which was then donated to Memphis Botanic Garden
- 2019 Donated \$3,000 to GCA's Second Century Campaign (1st payment of 5-year, \$15,000 pledge)
- 2020 Received \$1,500 from GCA *Partners for Plants* grant which was then donated to Memphis Botanic Garden
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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, a "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 help cover 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, raising \$18,380.

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

IV. GCA Meetings

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

2015 Hosted the Zone IX Meeting with Memphis Garden Club called "Memphis in Bloom:"

Members of LGC have attended 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

2009 - Lib Dunklin (Mrs. George)

2010 - Karen Wellford (Mrs. Alex)

2012 - Buzzy Hussey

2012 - Buxton Garden

2016 - Gina White

VI. Flower Shows

2013 Club Flower Show, "Birthday Blowouts" (honoring GCA's 100th birthday) held on April 11, 2013 at the home of Loren Powell

2017 Club Flower Show, "Rooted in Reading" held on October 26, 2017 at Sara's Place, MBG

2019 Club Flower Show, "Power of Perception" held on October 24, 2019 at Hardin Hall, MBG

Little Garden Club of Memphis
Constitution and Bylaws

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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.

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 has been an Active member in The Little Garden Club 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.

Memorials

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Please Send Memorials to:

Jeannie Sherman Tabor
6500 May Creek
Memphis, TN 38119

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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- Children's Garden at MBG
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