

Horticulture, Conservation, Flower Arranging, & Garden Design

# THE IVY VINE

The Little Garden Club of Memphis  
Member of the Garden Club of America

April 2019



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### *Happy Birthday to Us!*

Dede Petri, President of The Garden Club of America, summed it up perfectly when she said, "There is nothing "Little" about The Little Garden Club of Memphis!". Smiles were big and hearts were full as we celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday at our March Meeting. As I mentioned during the meeting, I wished you all had the view that I had at the podium looking out at your darling faces. Some of you were draped in pearls, some were donning furs and stoles, there were hats of all styles (vintage and current), and many a pair of white gloves on lovely little hands! It was a sight to see and I think we all felt the joy and pride of being a part of The Little Garden Club of Memphis. And, what a treat to be able to enjoy this party in a beautiful setting, Sara's Place, named for Sara Misner (Janet Misner's mother) at the Memphis Botanic Garden.

We celebrated our Silver Bells (members of 25+ years), our members of 40+ years, our Past Presidents and all of you who have made a difference to this club.

## GIRLS & GARDENING

A Girls Day at The Farm  
Girls, Inc. Urban Youth Garden  
Tour & Lunch  
Thursday, April 18

Girls Club Center  
Lucille Devore Tucker Center  
686 North Seventh St., 38107

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 10:45

RSVP to Lawrence Cowart



Memphis has some pretty fantastic things happening in the world of gardens. This little secret in North Memphis has been providing many young women with opportunities to

Looking at the Silver Bells sitting in the front few rows, I couldn't help but think of how much you all have done to make this group what it is today. You are the ones who have insisted we have a purpose. You are the ones who have made the Sensory Garden a reality. You are the ones who had the vision of a Children's Garden and you have done the work to raise the funds to make it happen so that children and families from near and far can enjoy all that My Big Backyard has to offer. You are the ones who do those little "extras" that make being a member of The Little Garden Club a privilege. You, Silver Bells, have set the bar high for the rest of us and your examples of friendship and commitment to our club and to Memphis have been planted in the hearts and minds of all of us. We will do our very best to continue the great work you have started which has resulted in deep friendships and a more beautiful Memphis.

Thank you to EVERYONE who made the celebration one that we will remember for a long time. In this issue of *The Ivy Vine*, I know you will enjoy the pictures that capture a beautiful and delightful day!

*Cheers!* to Ninety Years!

*Mary Call*

## April Birthdays

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

learn how to become expert gardeners as well as benefit from the fruits of their labor!

We are so excited that Girls, Inc. has agreed to share with us their Urban Youth Garden and tell us more about their initiatives in Memphis. April's meeting will be all about "Girls & Gardening."

We will be shuttled by the Girls, Inc Staff to the Garden in North Memphis at 11:00 am.

Everyone needs to be prompt given our tight time frame. We will tour their site and learn about all the fun things happening in their neighborhood, then return to LDT Center for lunch and the remainder of the meeting.

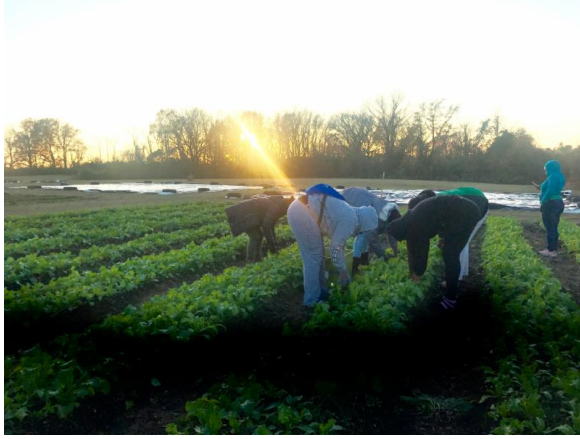
Carpooling is suggested as parking will be limited. Please wear casual clothes and garden worthy shoes! It could be muddy!

In the event of **rain** the entire meeting will take place at the LDT Center for Girls, Inc.

We look forward to seeing you there!

–Kim MacQueen & Ragan Magness  
Programs





## The Glory of the Garden

by Rudyard Kipling

Adapted for The Little Garden Club's 90th Birthday

Our country is a garden, and such gardens are not made,  
By saying "Oh how beautiful!" and sitting in the shade.  
While better folk than 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!*

## April Events

April 2-5 – The Little Garden Club goes to Greenville, S.C.

April 3 – Suburban Garden Club, NGC Flower Show, St. George's Episcopal Church

April 7 – Drop off Hort for Zone Meeting, Corinne's house, 1-4

April 8 – Opening Evening for *Art by Design*, (Cocktails and Book signing with Greg and Erick) 6-8 p.m. Pipkin Building

April 8-11 – GCA Zone IX Meeting, Beaumont, TX



April 12–13 – Spring Plant Sale at Memphis Botanic Garden

April 15 – Articles due for Ivy Vine

April 17 – LGC Board Meeting, 10:00 am, MBG

April 18 – "Girls and Gardening" at Girls, Inc. Urban Youth Farm

April 18 – Photography Workshop – Dixon 3:30 p.m.

April 23–24 – TN Federated Garden Club Convention, U of M,  
Holiday Inn

April Events at Memphis Botanic Garden

## Photography

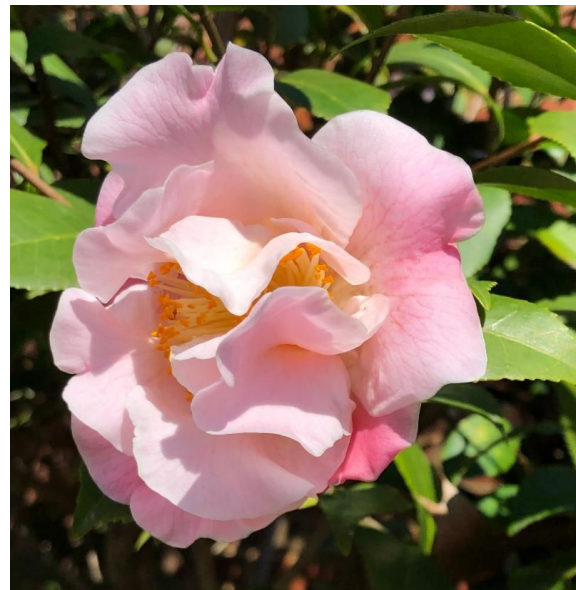


### PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Thursday April 18, 3:30 pm  
Dixon Cutting Garden

Bring your Camera or iPhone and Vance will help us frame some images that could be potential entries for upcoming Flower Shows. Learn to find the schedules on the GCA website and feel comfortable entering. We have our own LGC show coming up too!

Please let Ruthie know if you will be coming.





All photos by Ruthie Taylor

## Natalie Dunn Latham



It is no surprise that Natalie Latham is a devotee of gardens! Her father, Nat Dunn of Cartwright Nurseries in Collierville, inspired her love of flowers from an early age. At Dunn's passing, he had over 400 roses. One of his most precious gifts to his daughter was a greenhouse, one of the first geodesic greenhouses in Memphis, for her former house on Walnut Grove.

[Read more about Natalie](#)

## Hitomi Gilliam Floral Design Workshop





On one of our very rare sunny days this February, twenty five GCA Floral Design Instructors crisscrossed the USA to arrive in Memphis. Once here they participated in a two-day workshop focusing on FD skills and trends. Under the guidance of Vancouver designer and teacher, Hitomi Gilliam, the instructors fine tuned the designs and materials for future club workshops. It was thrilling to see what is new in the design world and to experiment with the latest products. But best of all was seeing the Little Garden Club rise to action. As with many projects, it takes a village, and our group came out in force.

Thanks to the helping hands of Kathy Adams, Mimsie Crump, Sue Clark, Kim McQueen, Julie Hussey, E J Baird, Katie Eleazer, Katie Weiner, Linda Mallory, Kate Trammell, Ruthie Taylor, Gina White, and Connie Adams, we transported, fed, shopped, supplied, assisted, stored away, and made possible this event. A special shout out to EJ, Gina, and Kim who spent long hours assisting Hitomi with her prep and mechanics.

The LGC made it work and made it FUN!

From a grateful,  
Lisa Snowden

## Dues are Due

Dues are due on June 1. You may mail a check to Weetie Whittemore, 62 S. Goodlett, 38117 or bring a check to the April meeting. Active, Mentor, Affiliate are \$300 and Life is \$150.

## Horticulture

April 14, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Growing Dahlias–easy techniques with Pam Beasley

Millstone Market & Nursery.

They have a wide selection picked for our region.

### Short & Sweet Begonia Rooting Workshop

Tuesday, April 30, 10:00  
a.m.

Home of Peggy Peters  
4359 West Cherry Place

Peggy and Frances Montgomery have generously offered to host and teach us an EASY method for rooting Begonias. With MANY varieties in their greenhouses, we can go home with up to 10 different cultivars! They will have the stems pre-cut, so we will grab and go after a quick tutorial.



They are so kind to do this for our club so let's blow them away by having a huge turnout. Peggy said, "I want everyone to succeed. That is really important to me. They can come back anytime and I will show them exactly how to pot them up if they are unsure."

If you cannot attend, ask a friend to pick up your cuttings.

See you there for some Little Garden Club Fun and you will be ready with an easy entry into our club Fall Flower Show!

Corinne and Leslie  
Horticulture

Support Local Plant Sales!





Memphis Botanic Gardens  
Preview Party – April 11, 5:30–7:30  
Plant Sale – April 12–13, 9am–5pm

The Dixon Plant Sale  
April 12–13

Lichterman Nature Center  
May 3–4

Shop Early – Shop Hard – Shop Local!!!

Hort Needed for Zone IX  
Meeting!  
Drop off is Sunday, April 7  
1:00–3:00 p.m.

Corinne Adrian  
1786 Harbert Ave  
Cell (901) 496–1209



Please bring your conditioned cuttings. If you know the botanical name, please bring that with you. Think greenery this time or a very sturdy bloom. This will not be shown for a couple of days. Thank you so much for your willingness to help!



On March 11, an op-ed in the New York Times featured Frances Corzine of the Garden Club of Nashville and their annual "Weed Wrangle."

Read the New York Times  
"Weed Wrangle" Article

## April Memorials, Honorariums and Contributions

### Memorial Fund

in memory of Maryanne Marks  
*Dot and Dick Fisher*  
*Emily and Harvey Kay*  
*Michelle and Bill Dunavant*  
*Gay Boyd*

in memory of Shirley Stribling  
*Michelle and Bill Dunavant*

### Sensory Garden

in memory of Marily Hughes  
*Janet Misner*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Paul McClure*  
*Kathe and Larry Crane*  
*Ruthie and Edward Taylor*  
*Kathy and Ben Adams*  
*Meredith Pritchartt*  
*Barbara and Roy Keathley*



in memory of Mary Lou Adams  
*Emily and Harvey Kay*  
*Michelle and Bill Dunavant*  
*Gay Boyd*  
*Barbara and Sam Gassaway*

*Norma and Davis Owen*  
*Judith and Bruce Campbell*  
*Dee and Ralph Muller*  
*Flo McGowin*  
*Kate and Brad Trammell*  
*Anne and Tommy Keesee*

in memory of Bill Carrington Jones  
*Emily and Harvey Kay*  
*Gay Boyd*  
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*Barbara and Sam Gassaway*

in memory of Mary Lou Adams  
*Janet Misner*  
*Barbara and Roy Keathley*  
*Dee and Ralph Muller*  
*Kate and Brad Trammell*

in memory of Molitor Ford  
*Julie and Robert Hussey III*  
*Michelle and Bill Dunavant*  
*Tempe and Michael Thompson*  
*Gay Boyd*  
*Barbara and Sam Gassaway*

in memory of Bill Carrington Jones  
*Mr. and Mrs. Paul McClure*  
*Dee and Ralph Muller*  
*Flo McGowin*  
*Kate and Brad Trammell*

in memory of Marily Hughes  
*Emily and Harvey Kay*  
*Andrea and Craig Sander*  
*Dot and Dick Fisher*  
*Betty and Kenneth Jack*  
*The Palvado Family*  
*Bill and Jean Butler*  
*Weetie Whitemore*  
*Julie Mills*

in memory of Molitor Ford  
*Kate and Brad Trammell*  
*Dee and Ralph Muller*

*Dr. and Mrs. James Hamlett*  
*Julie and Robert Hussey III*  
*Michelle and Bill Dunavant*  
*Tempe and Michael Thompson*  
*Lisa and John Colcolough*  
*Reagan and Lon Magness*  
*Leslie and Jeff Drinan*  
*Barbara Shainberg*  
*Nora and Wallace Witmer*  
*Jane Hughes Coble, Bill Coble and*  
*Family*  
*Lucia and Hal Crenshaw*  
*Susan and Mike Driscoll*  
*Linda and Neely Mallory*  
*Julie and Jim Raines*  
*Eva and Bob Hussey, Jr.*  
*Barbara and Sam Gassaway*

in memory of Maryanne Marks  
*Mr. and Mrs. Paul McClure*

### **Children's Garden**

in memory of Marily Hughes  
*Foy and Bill Coolidge*  
*Connie and Lou Adams*

in memory of Molitor Ford  
*Connie and Lou Adams*  
*Corinne and Bob Adrian*

in memory of Bill Carrington Jones  
*Corinne and Bob Adrian*

Please send donations for the  
Memorial Fund, Sensory Garden  
Fund, and Children's Garden Fund  
to Mimsie Crump, 222 Belhaven  
Street, 38117.

## **LAST CALL!**

If you wish to change your membership status, please notify  
Katie Eleazer by May 1.

## **Daffodils!**



This is the gold ribbon for the best standard daffodil in the show. This is Ruthie's and is called "Ringtone."



These are also Ruthie's ribbons. The one on the left is best three stems of a classic daffodil. The name of the flower is "Jetfire." The two ribbons on the right are for the same entry. The first is the best single stem classic. The second is the best cultivar in the classics. These are also "Jetfire." Classics are daffodils introduced between 1940 and 1969.



This is Ruthie's yellow ribbon for best intermediate daffodil. The flower's name is "Brooke Ager"



Ruthie with her winnings.



Young Kate Connell (daughter of member Kate Connell) won youth exhibit best bloom for her flower called "Cheerfulness." (A great start to her gardening career!)





Gina won the best small grower daffodil. The name of her flower is "Surprise."

## Happy 90th Birthday, Little Garden Club!















Little Garden Club Past Presidents



## Conservation

We attended the NAL conference in Washington, DC and here are a few takeaways from the topics discussed:

Botany Bill—encourages the use of native plants in restoration projects and hiring more botanist to help combat invasives.

Land and Water Conservation Fund— this became law!  
Protects millions of acres of land and miles of wild rivers

Reviving Americas Scenic Byways Act— passed the house vote.  
These special roadways limits billboards, creates corridors for nature and encourages the use of native plants and vegetation.

National Parks— Provide \$6.5 billion over 5 years to help with the maintenance of our national parks, visitor centers and trails due to lack of funds in the past.

At the end of the two day discussion, the theme which kept circling back around was the use of native plants. As you are working in your yard this spring, try keeping your plantings around our Memphis



weather and let your plants show you their pleasure! [Here is a link](#) for reference. Just type in your zipcode.

-Liz Crosby & Kim Gibson  
Conservation and National Parks

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## *Tulips*

*The tulips make me want to paint,  
Something about the way they drop  
Their petals on the tabletop  
And do not wilt so much as faint,*

*Something about their burnt-out hearts,  
Something about their pallid stems  
Wearing decay like diadems,  
Parading finishes like starts,*

*Something about the way they twist  
As if to catch the last applause,  
And drink the moment through long straws,  
And how, tomorrow, they'll be missed.*

*The way they're somehow getting clearer,  
The tulips make me want to see—  
The tulips make the other me  
(The backwards one who's in the mirror,*

*The one who can't tell left from right),  
Glance now over the wrong shoulder  
To watch them get a little older  
And give themselves up to the light.*

*-A. E. Stallings*

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