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Green Lines

THE LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF MEMPHIS

Member of The Garden Club of America



President's Letter

We are nearing the last lap of this LGC year, but we are busy as usual, trying to fit everything in.

For our membership meeting this month we will have the fabulous Anne Blackwell of Blackwell Botanicals. She has been featured in more magazines than I can name and you will be amazed at what she can do with flowers, foliage and even seaweed. Thanks to our AMAZING program chairs, we are closing out our speaker meetings with a BANG!

Then, on Tuesday the 16, a group of us will head to Nashville for the 2024 Zone Meeting, entitled, "Strings and Springs", all about music and water. More information later on where and when to bring your cuttings and plants for entry into the show.

Our last hort "pop-up" of the year will be on Wednesday, April 24 at 11:00 in Sara's Place. We will be learning all about host plants and what

we should be growing to attract the most beneficial species to our gardens.

Also on the 24th at 1:00, we will have our last planting opportunity at Carpenter Art Garden until fall. Jazzy has just let us know that all of the bulbs that we planted along the fence line are coming up! We will have pictures in the next Green Lines.

I hope many of you were able to attend the show put on by the American Daffodil Society last month at the Dixon. I don't know if there's a happier experience than being in a room filled with a yellow sea of every daffodil you can imagine. Linda Mallory, Kathy Adams and Ruthie Taylor all won firsts this year. Linda received a first place for her 3-stem of her "Happy Smiles". For her "Tahiti", Kathy not only won first place but received awards for "best in single stems" and "best cultivar" in the Classics section. Ruthie won for "Best historic 3 stem", "Best pre 1940 bloom", and "Best historic collection of 5 ribbon." Congratulations to our winners and thank you for making us look so good!

Can't wait to see everyone at the meeting. Don't forget to reply to the invitation so our hostesses know how many to prepare for.

Love,
Emily



Linda's



Kathy's



Ruthie's

Welcome April Speaker Anne Blackwell Thompson of Blackwell Botanicals

A former historical decorative artist, Virginian Anne Blackwell Thompson

was so inspired by a pair of framed pressed botanicals seen in a magazine ad, that she tracked down the artist. This led to an apprenticeship with him in Turin, Italy which ultimately culminated in Blackwell Botanicals in 2010.



Blooms and foliage collected from nooks and crannies of the Southern Landscape are what define Blackwell Botanicals. From March to October, Anne can be found in snake boots with a bag of tools foraging and harvesting specimens to use in her art.

Through a meticulous and time-consuming process, sometimes six to nine months, Anne preserves foliage and flowers using centuries-old traditions creating one-of-a-kind compositions reflecting classical and contemporary styles.

In addition to working with private collectors, designers and landscape architects, Anne's work has been featured in Milleu Magazine, Veranda, Southern Living and Garden and Gun, just to name a few.

Welcome Anne!

--Paige Proctor and Jean Johnston

Photos Needed from Zone IX!

It is our turn to show the beauty we have all around Zone IX in the upcoming May issue of GCA's eNews!

Please consider sharing your photos with the rest of the GCA by sending them to [Chris Wood](#), eNews Photo Editor. This is not a competition, just a request to share a pretty images from nature (no people) from our area.

Here are the details:

Images are to be taken in or around the month of May by Zone IX members. Seasonal is the key. A way to simplify this process would be to check photos from May 2023 and submit those

- images must be at least **1 MB** in size
- images must be **Horizontal** format – no verticals, no

panoramas.

- images must be taken in Zone IX in or near May.
- ****More details [HERE](#), deadline is April 10****

To share in the effort if each of our (21) clubs in Zone IX send at least 3-5 images, we are set!

National Affairs & Legislation Conference



What an amazing meeting NAL is! It was packed full of information and expertise and made us want to launch all new energy towards saving Mother Earth!

We were informed by those as renowned and knowledgeable as the Chief scientist of The Nature Conservancy, the Executive Director of the Environmental Defense Fund, The office of Federal affairs and Environmental Law, The National Director of Food Wasteland the Natural Resources Defense Fund, The CEO of the National Wildlife Federation and mutiple other Senators, and Directors of Non-Profits and worldwide initiatives. All efforts were and are focused on nature based solutions to solve issues surrounding global warming and the effects of fossil fuel and waste on our planet. The stats were not just alarming but shocking! Our planet is struggling and it needs our help to combat what we have done to it!

Catherine and I can't wait to share more at the meeting about specific initiatives related to climate change, alternative energy solutions, recycling and more!

It was a windy day on Capital Hill but beautiful as the Cherry trees showed early which was delightful but again due to climate change... what can we say?

We enjoyed time with Libby Dickinson as well from Memphis Garden Club and of course GCA did it right in terms of dinners out and meeting new fun delegates.

Our tip from time on Capital Hill , don't go see Marsha Blackburn it's a waste of your time!

--Catherine Erb and Kim Macqueen

Dues are Due

It's that time of year again!

Little Garden Club dues for next year are payable by **June 1, 2024**

Actives, Mentors, and Affiliate Members dues are **\$300**
Life Members dues are **\$150**

There are three ways to pay:

- by check made out to *The Little Garden Club* and mailed to: Linda Mallory, 141 W. Chickasaw Pkwy, Memphis, 38111
- by Venmo to @lindamallory
- with a credit card via our website. Go to the LGC Member area and choose the "Membership Dues" page to make your payment.

We will have a drawing for a \$100 dues rebate at the May picnic...but you must pay your dues by then to be in the drawing!

Thank you for your PROMPT payment!

Horticulture



**Host Plant pop-up seminar
April 24th at 11:00 am – Sara's Place**

No cost--please text Elizabeth 901-550-3549 to reserve your spot.

Come learn about host plants and specialist insects!

Most of us know that Milkweed is the sole host plant to the monarch butterfly's caterpillar but did you know that there are many pollinators that require specific plants to live? Come learn about these insects and what they need to live and thrive in your garden! Anne Ballentine, Native Plant Curator and horticulturalist for the Memphis Botanic Garden's Pollinator Garden, will help us learn how to make our gardens welcome environments for pollinators. If you want to grow vegetables or fruits or even if you just want to learn about this interesting part of nature, plan to join us!

*Dress to walk around the garden, as Anne will lead us on a garden tour pointing out and educating us about some of these amazing host plants and the beneficial insects that call them home.

--Elizabeth Williamson

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
19 Anne Dunavant
20 Stacey Hussey
22 Dee Muller
24 Shelley Turley

Japan Visiting Gardens Trip November 9-21, 2025



Our GCA trip to Japan is back, and it's better than ever! Closed to Western influence for centuries, Japan today is a mix of revered ancient customs and traditions and the most of-the-moment contemporary influences. On this trip, we'll travel back in time from a very modern Tokyo to the early capitals of Kyoto and Nara. From exquisitely preserved and restored shrines and temples with their landscaped gardens to the incredibly fast bullet train, each day will be filled with memorable cultural experiences, delicious cuisine, and outstanding accommodations. We'll stay in traditional ryokan and five-star hotels. We'll see an impressive array of Japanese gardens, cultural sites, and enjoy the camaraderie of GCA friendship (you can't put a price tag on that!). Come travel with the GCA to Japan during the spectacularly beautiful fall season.

Be sure to add your name to the Japan Interest List. Only those on the interest list will receive advance notification of the trip's registration date, time, and the trip itinerary (approximately two weeks in advance of the registration date). By signing this list, you are asking for detailed information.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE INTEREST LIST!](#)

There is no obligation to take the trip, so I've already got my name on the list! Please call me with any questions.

--Leslie Schutt
901-828-1319

Floral Design





A great time was had by all at the pop up by Caroline Christenbury featuring vases made by local ceramicist, Kelsey Berry. We used a mix of store bought flowers and greenery straight from the garden for our “grocery chic” creations. The highlights were learning to reflex tulips and manipulate carnations!

Be sure to follow her on Instagram @floralinebycaroline

--Michelle Dunavant and Mimsie Crump

Membership Changes

The deadline to change your membership status is May 1st. As of today, we have 1 opening for Mentor category. If you have been in the Active membership category for 20 years you may go Life. Please contact me (tempet@gmail.com) if you have any questions regarding your membership level. Thank you.

--Tempe Thompson

Hot Cheese Squares from *The Southern Living Party Cookbook*



Serves 18

1 (16-ounce) white bread loaf, unsliced
½ cup (4 ounces) salted butter, melted
3 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 ounce sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (about ¼ cup)
2 large egg whites
Thyme sprigs

Trim the crusts from the bread. Cut into 3 (1-inch-thick) slices, stack the slices, and then cut the slices into 6 squares.
Melt the butter, cream cheese and cheddar cheese in a saucepan over medium heat, whisking often until smooth. Let cool 15 minutes.
Beat the egg whites with an electric mixer at high speed until stiff; fold into the cooled cheese mixture. Spread the cheese mixture on all sides of the bread squares; place on baking sheets lined with parchment

paper. Cover and chill overnight. (Squares may be frozen at this point, and thawed and cooked later.)

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Uncover the cheese squares, and bake in the preheated oven until browned, about 15 minutes; serve hot, garnished with thyme sprigs, if desired.

--from The Southern Living Party Cookbook
by Elizabeth Heiskell

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