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THE IVY VINE

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

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Ruthie Taylor

President's Letter

February is chock full of club meetings, jump starting us into spring! Membership Meeting with Rebecca Vizard next week (Note: meeting is on a Tuesday), and then the annual LGC/MGC Joint Board Dinner and Joint Meeting are the week following. Meeting details included later in this newsletter so you can mark your calendars accordingly.

NAL (March 1-2) is now fully virtual and all club members are invited to participate. For more info and registration: [Virtual NAL Conference](#)

The Club Auction is being held on March 31, 6:30 pm, at MBG. The Auction will serve as our April meeting and attendees will receive meeting credit. Please let the Auction Chairs ([Anne Keesee](#), [Christy Muller](#), [Weetie Whittemore](#)) know what you plan to donate ASAP so that they can prepare before spring break. All monies raised at the auction

will go to the GCA Education Travel Fund, which provides stipends to members attending GCA meetings and conferences.

The August 1–5 trip to NY/CT to visit the gardens of Bunny Williams, Christopher Spitzmiller and more is filled. Last call to let me know if you want to be on the waiting list. Moving forward all trip correspondence will be sent to trip participants only.

See you all soon!

Kate

(Postponed) January Membership Meeting Tuesday, February 8



We are thrilled to have Rebecca Vizard as the speaker at our "January" meeting (which is now Tuesday, February 8)

In 1994, Rebecca launched her luxury-pillow business from the back of the family car. It was a literal trunk show! This young artist living in a remote Louisiana town with a newborn baby decided to follow her dreams and create and sell beautiful hand-made pillows using antique fabrics.

With very little money to spare, Rebecca leaned into her lifelong fascination with textiles and started a creative cottage industry that has taken her all around the world in search of antique textiles. She truly appreciates the beauty and history of these amazing fabrics and preserves them in luxurious one-of-a-kind pillows. Even though

Rebecca frequently takes trips abroad to find antique textiles, she always returns to her Louisiana roots and tradition of decorative arts for inspiration.

Early in her career, while working on interior design projects from New York to New Orleans, Rebecca noticed a void in the pillow market. Discovering a niche for antique textiles, she focused on designing these one-of-a-kind pillows for clients, and in the process employed many local seamstresses. Soon pillows sold to Neiman Marcus and other exclusive stores. When Neiman Marcus placed its first order in 1999, B VIZ Design was officially launched. Her pillows frequently grace the covers of national publications, such as House Beautiful, Veranda, Elle Decor, Traditional Home, and Architectural Digest.

Rebecca's book, Once Upon A Pillow is the first book to highlight a designer making luxury pillows from antique textiles. It features a stunning collection of pillows and accessories designed by Rebecca. Once Upon A Pillow is now in its third printing! Since the publication of her book in 2015, her daughter Sarah has joined the team. This new energy has produced two B. Viz Design storefronts in her hometown of St. Joseph, Louisiana and New Orleans. Rebecca, Sarah and their team of expert seamstresses are committed to preserving, repairing and/or repurposing centuries old pieces for the enjoyment of all.



LGC/MGC Joint Meeting

Featuring
SYBIL SYLVESTER
Wildflower Designs
Birmingham

Thursday, February 17
10:30 a.m.

University Club of Memphis
1346 Central Ave
Memphis, TN 38104

Garden History and Design



Please enjoy this short video about Frederick Law Olmsted!

GCA Olmstead Video

–Janet Misner & Leslie Schutt

Conservation



Look how our wonderful Little Garden Club members, Peggy Jones and Margaret Fraser, are making a huge difference in Memphis! Along with

conserving this beautiful natural parcel of land for the public to enjoy, park rangers are gathering input from the community on possible developments of bike and hiking trails, new ponds and other natural areas for the public to enjoy. Thank you, Margaret and Peggy!!

T.O. Fuller State Park in southwest Memphis now has an additional 144 acres of land, thanks to the donation of philanthropists Margaret Jones and Hugh Fraser and the Carrington Jones family of Memphis. A land dedication ceremony Friday, September 17, celebrated the addition to the 1,138-acre park, which features diverse terrain with Mississippi River flood plains and bluff ridges.

“I am honored to be here today and honored to give this land back to the state, back to the community, so it can be for everyone,” Jones Fraser said.

T.O. Fuller State Park was established in 1938. It was designated at the time as Shelby County Negro State Park. But in 1942, the park was renamed to honor Thomas O. Fuller, a prominent African American educator, pastor, politician, civic leader and author who spent his life empowering and educating African Americans. It was the first state park east of the Mississippi River to provide access to African Americans.

The five adjoining parcels of land have been in the Carrington Jones family for at least 70 years, Jones Fraser said. Around the time her father Bill Carrington Jones passed away in 2019, she and her husband, Hugh, began talking with the state park, Wolf River Conservancy and Land Trust for Tennessee about donating their land.

“We started looking at what was here, and what we were now the stewards of as the next generation, and we realized that the proximity to Fuller Park and the opportunity to do some conservation work was there, and we jumped on it,” Fraser said.

Excerpted from the Daily Memphian, September 17, 2021

–Ragan Magness & Abbie Williams

Membership

If you are interested in changing your membership category, you must send to me in writing by May 1. Please refer to Pages 65–68 in your yearbook.

If you are interested in the Mentor Category, there are only 2 slots per year and it's on a first come first serve basis.

Please do not hesitate to call me or email me any questions you may have. Thanks!

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November Memorials and Honorariums

Don't forget that donations may be made on our [website](#).

Children's Fund

In Memory of Norma Davis Owen
Graham and Lynn Fulton

GCA Education Fund

In Honor of Ruthie Taylor
Elizabeth Simpson

Memorial Fund

In Memory of William B. Dunavant, Jr.
Gina and John White

In Memory of Norma Davis Owen
Peggy Jones
Kathleen Rogers
Margaret and Owen Tabor
Tempe and Michael Thompson

In Memory of Victor Smith
Gina and John White

Sensory Garden Fund

In Memory of Norma Davis Owen
Kathe and Larry Crane
Janet Misner
Meredith Pritchartt
Kate and Brad Trammell



February Birthdays

- 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

LGC Reads



Many thanks to Jean Johnston for being our gracious hostess and providing a wonderful meal and lovely setting for our first LGC READS gathering. It was a huge success! Cloud Cuckoo Land provided lots to discuss. As Lucia Crenshaw said, "We went back in time and on to the future with Idaho in between!"

Thank you to all who participated. We will have an announcement soon regarding our spring selection.

Boxwood Seminar



**Friday, February 18
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Dixon Gallery and Gardens
Free and open to the public**

During this day-long event, the most knowledgeable professionals in the industry will be discussing the history of boxwood, landscape use, and cultural information including

pest control. The current challenges of boxwood blight and successful strategies for living with this disease will be the most important topic of the day.

Speakers include Lynn Batdorf, International Cultivar Registration Authority for Buxus, and Bennett Saunders, Owner of Saunders Brothers Boxwood Nursery. They will participate in a round table discussion with local experts Dr. Chris Cooper and Booker T. Leigh, UT Extension, along with Leslie Hollandsworth, UT plant inspector and Katy Kilbourne, UT plant pathologist.

Schedule and More Information

Love Me Tender

[Elvis Presley - "Love Me Tender" \(Live 1970\)](#)

Please click below to email information for the January *Ivy Vine* by Sunday, February 20. Thanks!

Email to ivyvine.lgc@gmail.com

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