



Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

THE IVY VINE

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

January 2022



Ruthie Taylor

President's Letter

Happy New Year! So sorry we had to postpone the January meeting but it worked out just fine as we were able to reschedule. We have a busy spring so hopefully this January respite will give you a chance to recharge your battery.

LGC is hitting the road soon so dust off your suitcases, ladies! Some of us will scoot up to Nashville for the Antiques & Garden Show on Feb. 10! Kim MacQueen and Debbie Phillips have been working on that trip as well as our late April trip to Historic Garden Week in Virginia.

And, hold on to your hats, because there is another big LGC trip in the works – probably first week of August – to tour the gardens of Bunny Williams, Christopher Spitzmiller and more. We will be between terms for Travel Chairs so Ruthie Taylor and I will be planning this trip with John Tackett's assistance. Details to follow as they become available!

Kate Connell and Catherine Sikes were to attend NAL late this month in

Washington, DC but we were notified late this past week that the conference has transitioned to an all-virtual event for 2022. Hopefully they will enjoy. Thank you, ladies, for representing LGC at this important GCA conference.

Enjoy a relaxing January and I look forward to seeing you next month!

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)

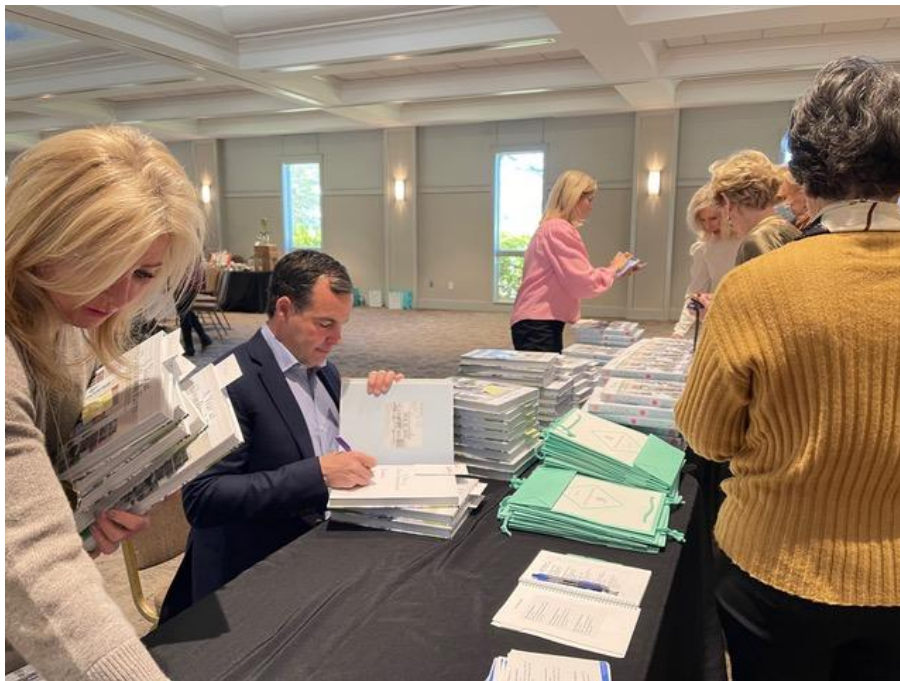
In 1994, Rebecca launched her luxury-pillow business from the back of the family car. It was a literal trunk show! This young artist living in a remote Louisiana town with a newborn baby decided to follow her dreams and create and sell beautiful hand-made pillows using antique fabrics.

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.

December Meeting with Christopher Spitzmiller





Alice's Adventures at the Garden



Last fall we voted to sponsor the Idea Garden in My Big Backyard during the traveling exhibit, Alice's Adventures at the Garden. Lisa Snowden and I went to a planning session last fall and I am super excited about this fun exhibit.

Mary Helen is collecting items that can be used in the Idea Garden. Check your attic and garage and maybe you will find something you can contribute!

- Cups, Plates and Tea Pots (These will be used for both tea party table in exhibit as well as at events. Indestructible metal ones would be great!)
- Large clear glass or plastic bottles (to be tagged "drink me")
- Mismatched Wooden Chairs (that can be painted for our Mad

Hatter's table)

- Tea Carts
- Small metal table and chair sets (that we could use for events or within the space for photo op)
- Small Shovels, Garden Hoes and Hand Rakes (for making birds and creatures to hang in trees)

Smaller items may be left at the MBG front desk. If you have a larger item, call or text Mary Helen (901.494.6314) and she will have someone meet you in the parking lot. Or contact me and I will be glad to come pick up/deliver your items.

-Kate

Horticulture



GCA Exclusive: Fresh Picks

Planning Your Kitchen Garden for the Year With Nicole Burke

Consider this: It's soup time in mid-November, you jump in your car, drive to the market, spend umpteen dollars on two-week-old produce OR... you walk out your door and pluck all the ingredients fresh from your kitchen garden.

From potagers to planters on your balcony, Nicole's kitchen gardens have one thing in common: an extended growing season. Nicole gives you the tools to plan your crops' harvest from spring through post-frost.

Raised beds and trellises allow for intensive planting, resulting in healthier bountiful plants, soil, and water conservation. With a bit of planning, your little petunia patch will be transformed into a stylish, yet productive year-round garden!

This episode is a journey to be enjoyed in one sitting, or as you please. Navigate between chapters by clicking the chapter markers in the play bar.

-Gina White & Margaret Fraser

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November Memorials and Honorariums

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Anne Connell
Ginger and Dabney Collier

Sensory Garden Fund

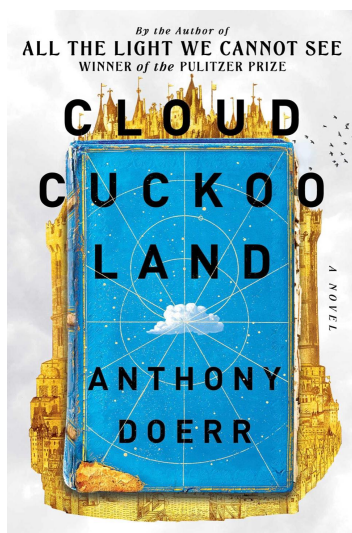
In Memory of Marsh Gibson
Dot and Dick Fisher



January Birthdays

4 Beth Hussey
5 Mary Muscari
7 Anne Keese
8 Stephanie Weatherford
13 Nora Witmer
24 Barbara Gassaway
24 Karen Wellford
29 Emily Kay
30 Barbara Keathley
31 Dot Fisher

LGC Reads



Please join us for a FUN discussion of
“Cloud Cuckoo Land” by Anthony Doerr

Wednesday, January 26th 6:30–8:30pm
Jean Johnston’s home
39 E. Cherry Drive

*Dinner provided!
RSVP Barbara Williamson
Text: 901 299–8385
Email: barbaracwilliamson4@gmail.com

LGC READS Committee:

Julie Hussey, Jean Johnston, Leslie Schutt, Lisa Snowden, Jeannie Tabor, Kate Trammell, Stephanie Weatherford & Barbara Williamson

Photography



Zone IX will be featured in GCA eNews in the January 2022 issue. Hopefully our club members were able to submit their photos! Check your inbox for the email from enews@gcamerica.org.

For those of you who might have entered The Covid Project submission deadline was December 31, 2021. The e-

book will be compiled for viewing on the GCA website and also will be available for purchase as a hard copy.

The 2022 Photography Conference will be held on March 31, 2022. This will be a virtual event. More details to follow...

(Photo by Ruthie Taylor)

-Michelle Dunavant and Katherine Sikes

It Snowed by Meaghan Smith



*Everybody's
happy cause
it snowed last night*

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

Email to ivyvine.lgc@gmail.com