



Green Lines

THE LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF MEMPHIS
Member of The Garden Club of America



Emily Kay

President's Letter

Dear Mother Nature,

We are waving the white flag. We hear you and have nothing but the utmost respect for you, but anything on a slightly smaller scale from here on out would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

WARM Regards,
Your LGC Garden Devotees

Now, if only that correspondence does the trick and winter does her thing without being the cause of broken bones, pipes and roots.

Just seeing the invitation for this month's meeting made me happy, The colorful flowers seem to mean so much more after the weather of the last couple of weeks of December. Of course, we have some months to go until spring and winter is so important for our gardens, but my sights are already set on April. Jeannie Jones, from Millstone Market, will whet our appetites even further when she speaks to us at our January membership meeting about container planting for spring.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2023 but in the meantime, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Love,
Emily

January Meeting - Millstone Market's Jeannie Jones



Arranging Indoor and Outdoor Spring Containers

To help us kick off the New Year, the talented Jeannie Jones from Millstone Market will be our January speaker.

Jeannie, Greenhouse Manager at Millstone Market, will help guide us on refreshing our indoor containers and planning ahead for our spring containers.

As many of you know, Jeannie has been a fixture and integral part of Millstone Market for eleven years. She is responsible for the design of landscapes around town, both small and large, and is particularly well known for her beautiful container plantings at clients' homes. Many of us have seen and enjoyed her wonderful creations throughout some beautiful gardens around town.

We are excited to have her and Jeannie will be the perfect one to get us all thinking and planning our containers and gardens to come!

Floral Design



Save the Date – Floral Design Conference

For those of you who are interested in signing up for the Floral Design Conference, please mark your calendars for Tuesday February 28, 2023. This virtual conference will be open to all GCA club members! You never know you might learn something in Floral Design, and it will beat the winter doldrums.

Click [here](#) for more information on the 2023 Floral Design

Flowers are beautiful things, and they make a perfect gift for someone you care about, but have you ever thought about how they live and develop? Here are some fun facts about flowers.

Enjoy!
-Mimsie and Michelle

Cool Facts About Flowers And Health

Below are some facts about flowering plants and their medicinal properties!

- Daisies are thought to have medicinal properties such as relieving indigestion, easing coughs and easing back pains.
- Greek mythology says that when Achilles was born, his mother plunged him into a bath of yarrow tea, a flower known for its protective qualities. Yarrow was also used to heal soldiers during World War I.
- If you want to sleep better, place some Gerbera daisies by your bed: they emit oxygen and absorb toxins.

Flowers In History

Flowers first appeared several million years ago, and they've had a fascinating history!

- The world's oldest flower bloomed about 125 million years ago. It was discovered in 2002 in China, and it resembles a water lily.
- In Holland in the 17th century, tulip bulbs were more valuable than gold and next time you are out of onions apparently you can substitute a tulip bulb (make sure it is a fresh bulb and not exposed to pesticides!)
- Saffron comes from a type of crocus flower and is one of the most expensive spices in the world, *Crocus Sativus*



- The English name for dandelion flowers comes from the French 'dent de lion' meaning "lion teeth" due to the shape of its leaves.
- The Segoe Lily plant is the state flower of Utah because it is what Mormon pioneers lived off when they arrived in the Salt Lake Valley.
- Angelica was thought to be a cure to everything in Europe: it

was even used as a cure from the bubonic plague and was thought to detract evil spirits.



- The largest flower in the world can be up to ten feet tall and three feet wide, and it can weigh up to 24 pounds! It is called the Titan Arum and it has a distinctive smell of rotting flesh, hence it is also known as the "corpse flower".



Interesting Rose Facts

Roses are perhaps the most famous flower in the world, but did you know all these things about them?

- Rose oil is very expensive and labor intensive to make: making five milliliters of oil requires about 250,000 rose petals, or 10,000 roses!
- The Juliet rose is a beautiful apricot hued flower and the most expensive rose ever developed. It took its breeder David Austin \$4.37 million and 15 years to create!



- In 2010, around 198 million roses were produced for Valentine's Day.
- Of the 400,000 species of flower plants which exist in the world, over 35 000 are species of roses.

Conditioning Flowers

Whether you are cutting flowers and foliage from your own garden, or simply love flowers and want to get the very most from them, the GCA Floral Design Committee have given us some important tips.

Click [here](#) for more information on conditioning flowers.

January Birthdays



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



Ring-a-Ling and Welcome to our three new Silver Bells!

At our recent December meeting, we had the pleasure of honoring our newest *Silver Bells*, Corinne Adrian, Dot Fisher and Kathy Adams. These wonderful ladies have been dedicated members of The Little Garden Club for 25 years (since 1997!). In addition to honoring these three, all (Active, Mentor and Life) members who have been in the Little Garden Club for 25 years were given an engraved silver bell. And, moving forward we plan to recognize new Silver Bells each year at the December Membership meeting. What a privilege and honor it is to have these ladies in our midst. We are a better club and better members because of each one of them.

-Mary Call Ford



Corinne Adrian



Dot Fisher



Jan Bell (our longest-ringing and TRUE Bell!) and her daughter Kathy Adams



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