

**The Little Garden Club  
Membership Meeting  
Thursday, November 10  
The Memphis Botanic Garden  
Sarah's Place**

Emily Kay, President, called the meeting to order.

Emily asked for any corrections or additions to the September 2022 minutes. Katie Eleazer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jean Johnston seconded. The motion passed.

Mary Muscari, Corresponding Secretary, reminded everyone that all Little Garden Club members are required to join the Memphis Botanic Garden, and she will email everyone who needs to renew their membership. Membership can be renewed online or at the MBG membership desk.

Vance Lewis, Flower Show, thanked everyone for their efforts in making our GCA Flower Show a success. The Little Garden Club received 12 commendations from the judges, with at least one commendation from each division.

Bradley Fogelman and Elizabeth Williamson, Horticulture Chairs, announced that they brought back many seed packets from the Shirley Meneice Conference seed swap and encouraged everyone to take seeds home. They also announced that there will be a Horticulture event on Dec 1 from 5-7:00 at Elizabeth's home. "Cocktails with Herbs" will show members ways to incorporate the garden into holiday entertaining. The cost is \$15. Elizabeth reported that each year the GCA identifies a stellar North American native plant to receive the award of Plant of the Year. The winner of this award, also known as the Montine McDaniel Freeman Horticulture Medal, went to *Lonicera sempervirens*, commonly known as Coral Honeysuckle. Two honorable mentions went to Spicebush and Beauty Berry. The goal of this award is to draw attention to select native plants, encourage their use in landscape, and make them familiar to gardeners and more available in nurseries. Next year's Medal will be awarded to a favorite woody native plant, and Elizabeth encouraged everyone to think of a plant they might want to nominate.

**New Business:**

Janet Misner, Advisory, informed the club of Sarah's Scholarship Fund, founded by her mother. Because of her mother's passion for the Memphis Botanic Garden, particularly the Hort and Education staffs, she instituted this fund which provides opportunities for the staff to travel to conferences and to other gardens for continuing education. Janet encouraged the club to keep this fund in mind when making donations to MBG.

Jean Johnston, Programs, introduced our speaker, Alex Hitz. Alex is an award winning chef, best selling author, popular tv personality, event designer, consultant, and tastemaker. Alex delivered an entertaining presentation detailing his life and his pursuits to preserve the elegance of the past in our entertaining and everyday lives.

At the conclusion of Alex's presentation, Emily Kaye thanked Alex. She thanked the meeting hostesses:

Lisa Snowden, Sherrill Crump, Julie Hussey and Christy Muller.

Emily invited everyone to stay for lunch highlighting recipes from Alex's books.

There being no further business, Emily adjourned the meeting.