

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Membership Meeting
March 9, 2023
Goldsmith Room

President, Emily Kay, welcomed everyone.

The February meeting was a joint meeting between The Little Garden Club and The Memphis Garden Club held at the Memphis Hunt and Polo Club. There was no business conducted at this meeting.

Mimsie Crump, Floral, announced that there will be a floral pop-up on March 29 at 10:00 am at MBG. The owner of Snapdragon Floral Design will lead us in arranging a floral design. The cost is \$30 and while flowers will be provided, everyone is encouraged to bring cuttings from their gardens or other flowers as well.

Kate Connell, Civic Improvement, announced the 3 finalists for the Garden Club of America's Founders Fund, a \$30,000 Grant for Civic Improvement that we need to vote on as a Club:

A: The Cylburn Arboretum Friends Nature Center, St George's Garden Club, Zone VI

B: Butterfly and Bee Pollinator Meadow at Chickasaw Park in honor of Muhammed Ali, Glenview Garden Club, Zone VII

C: Sewing and Growing Evanston Grows: Urban Gardens and Community, Garden Club of Evanston, Zone XI

After some discussion, a voting sheet was passed around. Mary Muscari will email to the LGC membership the details of each of these proposed projects.

Bradley Fogelman, Horticulture, reported that the Milk Jug Challenge was a big success, and everyone is encouraged to bring their milk jugs to the picnic on May 4.

Tempe Thompson, Membership, reminded everyone that the deadline to change membership status is May 1. Active members are required to attend 5 meetings each year. Anyone who has been an active member for 20 years can elect to become a Mentor or Life member. Any member who hasn't been a member for 20 years but who is unable to attend meetings can elect to become an Affiliate member.

Ginger Collier, Photography, announced that there will be a Photography Pop-Up on March 23 at 1:30 at the Botanic Gardens. Vance Lewis will teach us tips and tricks on how to use our phones and some helpful apps to take better pictures.

Ruthie Taylor, Travel, reminded everyone that she and Sue Clark have a trip planned to LaGrange, TN on April 20. The bus will leave the parking lot at Best Buy promptly at 9:00. They have a fabulous itinerary planned for the day. The cost is \$80 and there is no limit on attendance.

Also, there is a trip planned to Chicago September 11-15 where we'll visit 6 gardens. There is only space for 30 participants, so there will be a lottery on March 30. Deposits are due April 5.

Emily announced that the Botanic Garden requested that the Little Garden Club increase the payment to interns from \$5,000 to \$6,000. The LGC board voted to approve this increase.

Jean Johnston, Programs, announced that she still has 2 books by Margot Shaw available for sale.

Emily thanked our hostesses, Katherine Huffman, Vance Lewis, Mary Muscari, and Loren Powell for this month's meeting.

Paige Proctor introduced our speaker, Cyndi Routledge from Clarksville, TN. Cyndi is a federal and state licensed master bird bander. She is founder and CEO of Southeastern Avian Research started in 2014. While she has dedicated much time with the International Crane Foundation as a Crane ambassador advocating for the preservation of the Whooping Crane, her passion and major research focus has been on hummingbirds, and she has banded over 15,000 hummingbirds over the last 8 years. Cyndi gave an informative presentation on hummingbirds.

Emily thanked our speaker and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Garnett Hutton