

The Little Garden Club of Memphis  
Membership Meeting  
April 11, 2024  
Goldsmith Room

President, Emily Kay, welcomed everyone.

Emily asked Mike Allen to come forward. Kim MacQueen presented Mike with the Garden Club of America Club Civic Improvement Commendation in recognition of his enthusiastic leadership and service to the Memphis Botanic Garden and the city of Memphis.

Emily Kay asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2024 meeting. Connie Adams made the motion, Anne Keese seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Emily Kay announced that the budget for the upcoming year was emailed to the entire membership and will be voted on at the May Picnic.

Michelle Dunavant announce that Tricia Hunt of Millstone Market has several miniature Ginkgo trees that were ordered in the Fall and haven't yet been picked up.

Bradley Fogelman and Elizabeth Williamson, Horticulture, encouraged everyone to enter horticulture today be 4:00 at the Memphis Garden Club GCA Flower Show at the Dixon.

Additionally, LGC will be receiving horticulture entries at Emily Kay's home on Tuesday, April 16 for the Zone Flower Show. Kim MacQueen will be taking our entries. On April 24 at 11 am there will be a seminar on host plants and specialist insects in Sarah's Place.

Garnett Hutton and Bradley Fogelman, Inspirations Sponsorship Co-Chairs, encouraged everyone to be thinking about potential sponsors for our Inspirations event on November 7.

Tempe Thompson, Membership, announced that we have 4 slots for new members. The deadline to change your membership status is May 1.

Kim MacQueen reported on her trip to the GCA National Affairs and Legislation Conference where she and Katherine Sikes attended as our delegates. Over 3 days they heard from national speakers such as the Chief Scientist of The Nature Conservancy, the Director of the Environmental Defense Fund, the Director of Probable Futures, the National Climate Advisor, Senators from 12 different states, and many others. Topics included food waste, recycling, fossil fuel emissions, energy alternatives, plastic production and much more.

Emily thanked our meeting hostesses, Michelle Dunavant, Barbara Gassaway, Mary Saxton, and Stephanie Weatherford.

Jean Johnston, Programs, introduced our speaker, Anne Blackwell Thompson of Richmond, Va. Anne is an artist who preserves foliage and flowers using centuries old traditions and turns them into beautiful compositions. Anne's business, Blackwell Botanicals, is a culmination of her years of study and significant training in studio art and art history and her love for the natural world. Anne presented a delightful talk on how she started in the art of pressed flowers and foliage, the different species she chooses and why, and her process, all the while showing beautiful images of her work.

Emily Kay thanked Anne for her wonderful presentation and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Garnett Hutton