

**The Little Garden Club of Memphis**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**December 7, 2023**  
**Home of Mary Call Ford**

Emily Kay, President, welcomed everyone and asked for a motion to approve the November membership meeting minutes. Kate Trammell made the motion to approve the minutes as written; Connie Adams seconded the motion.

Margaret Frazer gave a report of her trip to the GCA Conservation Study Conference. The focus of the conference was on marsh ecology- the wildlife and habitat, and the flora and fauna that make up the marshlands. The results of the work of Jane Hurt Yarn, perhaps the most active conservationist of the Georgia coastline, was highlighted. Margaret encouraged all of us to be mindful, active, and supportive of the efforts to preserve our marshes and ended her report with the conference motto: Let your voice be heard, each of you matters.

Emily Kay thanked our hostesses: Mary Call Ford, Courtenay McAllister, Barbara Williamson, Anne Keesee and Denise Ware.

Jean Johnston, Programs, introduced our speaker, Susan Gravely. Susan is the founder and CEO of Vietri, a lifestyle brand offering handcrafted tabletop, home and garden accessories. Vietri has grown from its founding in 1983 to become America's largest importer of Italian ceramics. Vietri can be found in over 2,000 specialty shops across the United States and beyond. Susan gave the fascinating and down-to-earth account of the founding of Vietri, weaving in her life story with endearing humor.

Emily thanked Susan for joining us and adjourned the meeting.