

The Little Garden Club
Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 8
The Memphis Botanic Garden
Sarah's Place

President Emily Kay opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Liza Wellford Fletcher and the victims in the shootings last night and for Liza's family and the Memphis community.

She proceeded by calling for a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Julie Hussey made the motion and Katie Wiener seconded the motion.

Anne Dunavant, Assistant Treasurer, read the report for Linda Mallory in her absence. She also made her own report. The balances are as follows:

Community Fund	\$25,223.56	(+CD of \$86, 240.35)
Administration Fund	\$35,729.55	(+CD of \$55,915.09)
GCA Education Fund	\$10,225.97	(+CD of \$65596)
Sensory Garden	\$ 9,466..40	(+CD of \$32,410)
Children's Garden	\$ 7438.11	(+CD of \$38,795)
Zone Meeting Fund	\$ 5,524.84	(+CD of 47,901.20)
Memorial Fund	\$ 7438.11	(+CD of 21,337)

Michelle Dunavant and Mimsie Crump, Floral Chairs, announced an upcoming Hands-On Floral Workshop with Julie Speer, date TBA. This will center around learning more about flower show judging: the rules, regulations, and what the judges are looking for. Also, they are passing a sign-up sheet for volunteers to arrange flowers for the MBG membership desk on 4 dates this year. Mary Helen wants the membership to know that Ichibana does a floral arranging workshop in the Horticultural Center twice a month.

Vance Lewis, Flower Show, reminded everyone that Greenways and Greenlines is Thursday, October 20 in Hardin Hall. Set up and the judge's dinner will be on October 19. Entries will be accepted on the morning of the 20th, followed by judging, and the show will open to the public from 2-5:00. There will be a Toast to the Show from 5:30-7:30 and tickets are \$30 each. There is a Live at the Garden concert that evening, so the Botanic Garden will be issuing passes to attendees for entry off of Cherry Road for the party.

Bradley Fogelman and Elizabeth Williamson, Horticulture, announced a Hort Pop-Up Workshop on September 27 that is open to everyone, especially newer members, demonstrating how to enter horticulture in a flower show: filling out the entry cards, preparing cuttings, etc. Elizabeth and Bradley are going to the Shirley Meneice GCA Horticulture Conference in Boston on September 18, and there will be a seed swap. If you'd like to send some seeds and swap them

for other seeds from other parts of the country, put them in a labeled Ziploc bag by the end of next week and they will take them for you. It was announced that Ruthie Taylor has offered to come to anyone's garden or yard to help identify horticulture that you may not realize you have.

Tempe Thompson, Membership, announced that we have 2 openings for membership. The deadline to request a proposal form is noon today. She will mail out packets on September 18. Every active member and mentor member must vote, even if you wish to abstain. The deadline to vote is noon, October 13. Tempe also announced that the relaxed membership meeting attendance requirements adopted during Covid have ended. If you are an active member you must attend 5 meetings. If you are a mentor member, you must attend 3 meetings.

Ginger Collier, Photography, passed a sign-up sheet for anyone who is interested in receiving emails about photography workshops, activities and events.

Jean Johnston, Programs, announced that Alex Hitz is our speaker in November, and she encouraged everyone to follow him on Instagram. Alex is well known for being the consummate cook and entertainer. He's coming out with a new book, Occasions to Celebrate, that will be available for purchase at the November meeting.

Emily announced on behalf of Katie Wiener, Yearbook, to please be sure to check your name off as you pick up your Yearbooks so that Katie can keep track of distribution. She thanked Katie for doing such a great job.

Kate Connell announced that GCA is starting new committee called Civic Improvement. We have until after Christmas to submit our ideas. In light of recent events in our city and recognizing that green space and nature improves one's well-being, we are hoping to apply for 2 grants: Common Ground and the Founder's Fund. She and Kirk McClintock are reaching out to local non-profits to explore partnerships. At this time, they have contacted the Wolf River Conservancy and Riverfront Development. They welcome any other ideas. She announced that the Botanic Garden would be offering free admission on Friday.

Kim McQueen announced that there are a lot of great things going on at The Botanic Garden. The Woodlands Garden renovation behind Sarah's Place is nearing completion and will be an enhancement to Sarah's Place. There are 4 new projects planned to develop property that has never been developed. Please come explore the Gardens, and if you haven't seen the Alice in Wonderland exhibit, be sure to see it before it closes in October.

New Business

Bowie Campbell announced that she is starting a new program within our club called "Flower Power." Flower Power will recognize the needs of our members, especially those who are ill, bereaved, or even someone who needs a ride to a meeting. If anyone hears of a member in need, please reach out to Bowie.

Emily shared with everyone that the Little Garden Club had a huge presence at the GCA Zone Meeting in May. The Little Garden Club came away with the Zone Horticulture Sweepstakes Award, awarded to the club with the highest number of points in the horticulture division in a GCA Zone Flower Show, which is an outstanding achievement.

Emily announced that because she was unable to come to the May and September meetings, the awards committee delivered the Marguerite Turner Achievement Award to Gina White. This award recognizes outstanding accomplishments while promoting the activities of The Little Garden Club of Memphis.

Emily presented Ruthie Taylor and Kate Trammell with copies of Amy Goldman Fowler's book, Heirloom Harvest: Modern Daguerreotypes of Historic Garden Treasures in appreciation of their extraordinary leadership in planning the LGC trip to the Hudson River Valley.

Emily wished Lynn Fulton congratulations on her 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Emily thanked the hostesses for today's meeting: Barbara Keathley, Elise Lake, Virginia Rowland, and Weetie Whittemore.

Paige Proctor, Programs, introduced our speaker, Mike Lerreby, who will teach us about soil health and how to turn our waste into "black gold." Mike is a licensed, professional geologist, Director of Sustainable Initiatives for The Works Inc, he has a Master of Science from the Earth Science Dept at the University of Memphis, he is a Wm. Fulbright Award winner, he is VP of Tennessee US Composting Council, and he is Founder and former Exec Director of Compost Fairy, a non-profit waste diversion and soil rehabilitation effort. He gave a highly entertaining and informative talk about what we can do to use our property and gardens to be good stewards of the land.

Emily adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Garnett Hutton, Recording Secretary