



Green Lines

THE LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF MEMPHIS

Member of The Garden Club of America



The Spruce / Evgeniya Vlasova

President's Letter

March is here and I guess we will soon find out if that's a good or not-so-good thing, horticulturally. My camellias are completely void of leaves, but filled with buds that seem determined to open. My Coral Bark Japanese Maple has fresh foliage and doesn't seem any worse for wear after our freeze. Just those two things make me smile, but as Tricia Hunt told us at our meeting, we need to wait and "let nature tell the story." I don't think I will ever forget that phrase; it's such an appropriate guideline.

Our March membership meeting is on Thursday, the 9th and will feature Cyndi Routledge, who will talk about her extensive work with hummingbirds. No one needs this information more than I do, as I have tried and failed for years to entice a hummingbird to my feeder. Please remember to RSVP to the hostesses so they can get an accurate headcount.

Ann Prince will be attending NAL (National Affairs and Legislation) conference this month in Washington, DC. We can look forward to her sharing what she learned about "the promotion of environmental awareness and the preservation of natural resources". MANY thanks to Ann for being our delegate!

The milk jug challenge was so much fun! Elizabeth and Bradley had everything perfectly organized ready for us to step up and make our milk jug terrariums. It will be fun at the May picnic to see all of the successes.

Here's hoping you all begin seeing more and more evidence of the wonder of Mother Nature, in your own gardens and everywhere else. She's a tough old bird!

Love,
Emily

Visiting Gardens



Traveling?? Visit a GCA Member Garden!

Recently Edward and I were planning a trip to Paradise Valley, AZ and I thought it would be fun to organize some garden tours through the GCA Visiting Gardens program. I arranged it with Leslie Schutt, our "Visiting Gardens" chair, four weeks in advance as required.

The Columbine Garden Club is the GCA club in Phoenix and they could not have been more hospitable and it was so fun to meet some local GCA club members.

Kelly Eaton and Diana Finley are the Visiting Garden Chairs for Columbine GC and they planned two very special garden tours.

First, we visited the spectacular home and garden of Ann Stanton. Years ago she took a landscape design course at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, and her garden represents her skill at planning an amazing collection of cacti and succulents that were so naturally displayed.

Beth and Bob Matthews likewise opened their lovely home and garden to us. Bob gave us a wonderful tour. They dine outdoors often amongst lemon, lime, peach, grapefruit and orange trees...how special!

Consider taking advantage of this wonderful GCA perk...we learned so much about local plants and met some lovely people! I highly recommend it!

--Ruthie Taylor

March Meeting - Cyndi Routledge HUMMINGBIRDS



Come learn about the beautiful and fascinating world of hummingbirds with hummingbird researcher Cyndi Routledge at our March meeting.

Cyndi Routledge is Federal and State Licensed Master bird bander and CEO of Southeastern Avian Research which is in Clarksville, Tennessee. In addition to her non-profit research with hummingbirds, songbirds and small owls, Cyndi conducts contract avian conservation work for The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency on Loggerhead Shrikes and manages the Tennessee

Watchable Wildlife webpage.

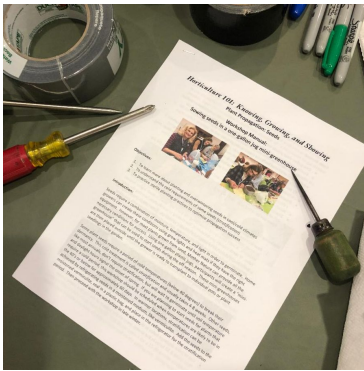
Cyndi was a longtime bander with Bob and Martha Sargent's Study Group and works with The International Crane Foundation and Wheeler Wildlife Refuge as a "crane ambassador" to educate the public and insure the preservation of the Whooping Crane, one of the world's most endangered species of birds.

With all these interests and activities, Cyndi's first love and major research subject are hummingbirds, including 'winter' hummingbirds. Since she began her research in 2014, Cyndi has banded over 15,000 hummingbirds.

Welcome Cyndi!

--Paige Proctor

Milk Jug Project



Look out LaGrange! Here we come!



Ladies, mark your calendars for **Thursday, April 20.**

Our 44 passenger bus (complete with restroom – yahoo!) will **DEPART @ EXACTLY 9:00am** from the **Best Buy @ Poplar and I-240**. The day trip will include a visit to the historic Immanuel Episcopal Church (history and stories provide by Nora Witmer and John Tackett) followed by a tour of two LaGrange homes: Cotton and Woodlawn Plantation. We'll enjoy a lovely lunch at the General Store and mix in some shopping at Fern, Retro and Cogbills. Steve Smith will host our group for dessert and sparkling libations and conduct a tour of his home, Tiara that was built around 1845. We'll "pay our respects" at the LaGrange cemetery and finally, our very own Nora Witmer will open her home, Cedar Hall, to us before we head back to Memphis for arrival no later than 4:30.

Your **\$80 payment is your reservation for this trip. Payment is due no later than March 15.** Please venmo (@sue-clark-2) or send a check to Sue Clark at One Cherokee Drive, 38111.

A few points: There are currently 40 people signed up for this trip. Should actual attendees drop below 30, the price of the trip will increase by \$5. We apologize, *no refunds!* The only transportation for this event will be via the bus, no private cars for this happy little get-away! Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

Call either Sue (340-0213) or Ruthie (351-4503) with any questions!

--Sue Clark

All the light we CAN see...light pollution



On the wall at the New Zealand Dark Sky Reserve in Tekapo are words of warning and wisdom. Tekapo has some of the darkest, clearest and busiest night sky in the world. What follows is written on the wall of their planetarium - I cannot say it better.

"Over the past century, humans have become addicted to light - in our streets, our homes, and even the devices we carry with us. Our traditional knowledge and connection to the stars is being eroded, day by day.

Light pollution is wasteful lighting. Badly directed street lights, overlit buildings, all night security lighting - anywhere that light spills out.

The loss of darkness comes at a cost. Light pollution is bad for nocturnal pollinators such as moths, for migratory birds, and especially for human beings. Light pollution turns night into day and upsets the natural hormonal responses of our bodies. And unfortunately, because of light pollution, millions of children will grow up *never seeing the stars* (my italics).

So please help us preserve our dark sky. Rethink your garden lighting, draw your curtains at night when the lights are on, put sensors on your security lighting. Swap bright white outdoor lighting for a low impact alternative and lobby your local authority for more efficient street lighting.

Because when we lose the night sky, we lose a part of ourselves."

--Barbara Williamson

Photography

Popup Workshop
IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY FUN
March 23, 1:00 p.m.
Memphis Botanic Garden

Join us!! Our very own Vance Lewis will improve our iPhone camera skills and show us apps to create our best pics yet!

--Kim Gibson

Membership

Meeting requirements for Active Members is 5 per year and for Mentors 3 per year. If you are unsure of your meeting attendance so far, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. If you would like to change your status please let me know in writing before May 1. If you have been an Active member for 20 years, you may go Mentor or Life.

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--Tempe Thompson

March Birthdays



3 Carol Barton
3 Stephanie Wilson
17 Christy Muller
22 Kathe Crane
24 Barbara Williamson
29 Catherine Huffman
31 Marilyn Allen
31 Elizabeth Williamson

February Memorials and Honorariums

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Mr. Pepper Allen

Tempe and Michael Thompson
Emily and Harvey Kay

In Memory of Mrs. Julie Mills

Garnett and Tom Hutton

In Memory of Mrs. Anne Phillipy

Connie and Lou Adams
Emily and Harvey Kay

SENSORY GARDEN

In Memory of Mr. Pepper Allen

Dot and Dick Fisher

The Garden Song



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