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THE LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF MEMPHIS

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President's Letter

I'm thinking back to May, 2021, when I was announced as the new LGC president. Following Kate for a year and then my two years as Grand Poobah have come and gone in a SNAP! Along that journey, I went from blissful ignorance, to on-the-job training (aka baptism by fire), to finally hitting my stride and resting comfortably in my role. I employed lots of prayer, appeals for advice, and a sense of humor over the last two years, but, in the end, it was YOU ALL who



made the difference. You have been so kind, understanding and supportive. You have comforted me ("the crying president") and laughed at my jokes. I no longer view the podium as a gallows but as a place where I will connect with my best friends. No matter how dire a situation seemed, you got me over the hump and reminded me that, as much as we love it, this is a garden club and there is so much more at stake in the big wide world. I am forever grateful for your grace and the privilege of serving you.

As for my board, or my posse as I refer to them, there are no words adequate enough to convey how they have helped me. They have been my heart and soul and have supported and loved me throughout. From the very beginning, each member jumped to her duties and NEVER let me down. It all came together like magic and we have had the best time, creating and especially laughing together. I love you all to the bottom of my core. Many new sisters for a girl who had only brothers.

Okay! Enough sentimentality...Our May awards picnic will be held May 2 at the beautiful home of Katherine Dobbs. I think we all look forward to this meeting as we celebrate special members and the past stellar year. Again, please make sure you have responded to the invitation so our hostesses know how many to plan for. Look so forward to seeing you all then!

Love,
Emily

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PROPRIETOR OF
BLACKBERRY FARM & BLACKBERRY MOUNTAIN

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, NOV 7 | 10:00 AM | MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDENS

TICKETS ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER!

GCA Annual Meeting



This past weekend, Bradley Fogelman and I spent two very busy days in Hartford, Connecticut at the 111th annual meeting of the GCA.

Who knew these fun facts about Hartford?

- Katherine Hepburn, Frederick Law Olmstead, and J.P. Morgan were all from Hartford
- During his 17 years in Hartford, Mark Twain published some of his most famous works, including *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
- Nitrous oxide—more commonly known as laughing gas—was first put to work as an anesthetic for dentistry in 1844 by Hartford resident Horace Wells. (Thank goodness for Horace!)

The annual meeting is a time to share ideas and learn from all the other GCA clubs around the country (199 and counting.) The newest GCA club is in Austin, TX, and a member of our own Zone IX. We enjoyed a dinner with our Zone IX compatriots at the beautiful Wadsworth Atheneum, the oldest public art museum in the U.S.

The annual meeting is also a time to celebrate GCA medal winners and new honorary members, one of which is Dr. Dwayne Estes, proposed by the Garden Club of Nashville. Dwayne is the executive director and co-founder of the Southeastern Grasslands Institute based at Austin Peay State University. He is nicknamed the "Prairie Preacher" because he

works to raise awareness of, conserve, and restore the largely lost historical grasslands in the eastern U.S.

Also at the business meeting, the Founders Fund award winner was announced; The Rye Garden Club and the Little Garden Club of Rye (yes there is another LGC) jointly proposed their project to create an edible plant learning center at The Jay Estate in Rye, NY.

Our keynote speaker at the meeting was Fred Krupp, longtime head of the Environmental Defense Fund, a powerful organization in global environmental protection. On March 4, 2024, EDF launched MethaneSAT, a satellite that will measure and map planet-warming methane emissions worldwide. Pretty cool stuff! His message was one of hope for our world's future.

We boarded a bus after the meeting for a tour of the beautiful campus of Trinity College which is an Accredited Level 1 Arboretum. There we met "Big Head Fred" (Frederick Law Olmstead) who is revered at Trinity! Then we headed to the home of Billy and Agnes Peelle where we got to experience early spring all over again, enjoying a huge array of daffodils, tulips, azaleas, etc.

GCA medals are awarded at the awards dinner. These recipients have done amazing things...I think my favorite was Warrie Price who won the Historic Preservation Medal for her work in transforming the Battery, at the southern tip of Manhattan, from a littered concrete jungle to a 25 acre horticultural oasis. I definitely plan to visit next time I'm in Manhattan!

In my Presidents' meeting Sunday morning I learned a lot about membership and governance in different clubs. Not surprisingly, our approach was closer to our friends in Jackson, MS. than to a club in Albany, NY but everyone had great info to share! Bradley's session focused on the many resources the GCA offers its members.

I almost forgot to mention the incredible flower show and the fantastic market, where we enjoyed a little retail therapy!

Thank you for allowing us to represent LGC of Memphis! We had a great time, made some new friends, and learned a lot!

--Linda Mallory

Zone IX Meeting in Nashville





LGC'ers what a spring it has been! So much travel and schlepping but it was all well worth it!

I traveled to Nashville with Emily and other LGC buddies (Tempe, Julie Hussey, Ann Keese, and judges Kate, Vance, Gina, and Kathy A). It was perfect spring weather and a blast in Music City.

What hostesses the Nashville Garden Club members are! We toured Cheekwood and dined while listening to renowned writer Margaret Renkl, author of Late Migrations and her new book coming soon. . She is a plant and nature enthusiasts and so inspiring. We toured and dined in some of the most beautiful homes and gardens in Nashville as well as roaming the banks of the Little Harpeth River and seeing restoration and repair in progress along the banks of the Historic Martin Brown Farm.

We were wined at the beautiful Frist home (yes Frist) on Belle Meade Boulevard and escorted across the "boulevard" to Belle Meade Country Club with full police escort and a traveling bluegrass band, complete with Chris Stapleton's fiddler.

We walked away with lots of ribbons for Hort, one in floral design and one in the challenge class.

Congratulations to Ruthie Taylor (a first and second in Hort for her special anemone and poppy), Kathy Adams (two second places for her lenten rose and dogwood), Mary Call Ford (a first in Hort for her peony), Elizabeth Williamson (a second with judges commendation for her Weigelia), Michelle Dunavant (a first for her heirloom rose), Vance Lewis (a second with commendation for her propagation efforts in her terrarium), Julie Hussey & Anne Keese (a third for their floral design entry), and Julie Wunderlich, First Place, Best In Show for her photography entry "Music of the Night" as well as the Grammy of the

night award!! We call her ribbons “horse ribbons”, really big ones!

Kudos to NGC for a spectacular week and thanks to Bradley Fogelman and Elizabeth for their prep work in getting us there with 2 carloads of plants and florals!

And although she didn't enter them, I give Emily Kay's roses best in show! She deserved a big horse ribbon for guiding me through the process!

--Kim MacQueen

Little Garden Club Award Winners at MGC's *Rhythm & Hues*



Deborah Tipton's Horticulture Design



Deborah Tipton's Floral Design



Kim Lowrance's Floral Design



Katherine Dobbs' Botanical Arts

Tune Into Memphis – April 2025



April 2025 is "sort of" around the corner! And that means it's not too early to begin saving clear bottles for the LGC Flower Show "TUNE INTO MEMPHIS". We'll need different sized bottles to accommodate the various hort entries so please think twice before you recycle. If in doubt – save it! And if you get tired of accumulating bottles, just give Sue Clark (340-0213) Bowie Campbell (277-5553) or Courtenay McAllister (496-0758) a call and we will collect them from your home. And thanks in advance for removing the labels!

--Sue Clark

May Birthdays



2 Michelle Dunavant
4 Kim Gibson
14 Kate Trammell
20 Jeannie Tabor
25 Liz Crosby

Japan Visiting Gardens Trip November 9–21, 2025



Our GCA trip to Japan is back, and it's better than ever! Closed to Western influence for centuries, Japan today is a mix of revered ancient customs and traditions and the most of-the-moment contemporary influences. On this trip, we'll travel back in time from a very modern

Tokyo to the early capitals of Kyoto and Nara. From exquisitely preserved and restored shrines and temples with their landscaped gardens to the incredibly fast bullet train, each day will be filled with memorable cultural experiences, delicious cuisine, and outstanding accommodations. We'll stay in traditional ryokan and five-star hotels. We'll see an impressive array of Japanese gardens, cultural sites, and enjoy the camaraderie of GCA friendship (you can't put a price tag on that!). Come travel with the GCA to Japan during the spectacularly beautiful fall season.

Be sure to add your name to the Japan Interest List. Only those on the interest list will receive advance notification of the trip's registration date, time, and the trip itinerary (approximately two weeks in advance of the registration date). By signing this list, you are asking for detailed information.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE INTEREST LIST!](#)

There is no obligation to take the trip, so I've already got my name on the list! Please call me with any questions.

--Leslie Schutt
901-828-1319

Memorials

APRIL DONATIONS

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Mr. Roy Keathley
Connie and Lou Adams

SENSORY GARDEN

In Memory of Mrs. Jan Bell
Connie and Lou Adams

--Anne Dunavant

Dues are Due

It's that time of year again!

Little Garden Club dues for next year are payable by **June 1, 2024**

Actives, Mentors, and Affiliate Members dues are \$300
Life Members dues are \$150

There are three ways to pay:

- by check made out to *The Little Garden Club* and mailed to: Linda Mallory, 141 W. Chickasaw Pkwy, Memphis, 38111
- by Venmo to @lindamallory

- with a credit card via our website. Go to the LGC Member area and choose the “Membership Dues” page to make your payment.

We will have a drawing for a \$100 dues rebate at the May picnic...but you must pay your dues by then to be in the drawing!

Thank you for your PROMPT payment!

Maine Blueberry Mojitos from the GCA Website



- 8 blueberries (fresh or frozen and thawed), plus more for serving
- 2 tablespoons (1 ounce) fresh squeezed lime juice
- 2 teaspoons cane “sugar in the raw”
- 8 fresh mint leaves, plus more for serving
- 1/4 cup (2 ounces) white rum
- Ice
- 2 tablespoons (1 ounce) club soda
- Lime slice for serving

Add blueberries, lime juice, cane “sugar in the raw”, and eight mint

leaves to a cocktail shaker. Use the end of a wooden spoon or cocktail muddler to bash (or muddle) the mint into the lime juice and sugar. This releases oils from the mint, breaks up the blueberries and helps the sugar dissolve into the lime juice. Add rum, stir well, and then pour into a glass filled with ice, leaving about an inch of room then top with club soda. Serve with extra blueberries, mint leaves, and a lime slice. Simply muddle, mix, and mint-ify the top!

These special Maine Mojitos are served at the Asticou Inn in Northeast Harbor and the Terrace Grill at the Bar Harbor Inn. The most famous mojitos on the island are made by Duffy at Havana's Restaurant in Bar Harbor. Duffy is a fixture at the Friends of Acadia Benefit and serves hundreds of mojitos to raise money for the park.

--2021 Zone I Meeting
Cocktails and Awards Ceremony

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