



Horticulture, Conservation, Flower Arranging, & Garden Design

# THE IVY VINE

The Little Garden Club of Memphis  
Member of the Garden Club of America

May 2019



*-Michelle Dunavant*

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Little Garden Club  
May Membership Meeting  
and Annual Picnic  
Thursday, May 9  
11:00 a.m.  
at the home of  
Beth Hussey  
182 East Chickasaw Parkway

Hostesses:  
Michel Allen  
Catherine Erb  
Kim MacQueen  
Kirk McClintock



## *Oh, the Places We Go!*

There is no grass growing under the feet of our Little Garden Club Members! If each of us were dots on a map this past month, you would have seen us scattered all over the place, learning and sharing all things GCA! You would have seen 14 dots having fun all over Greenville, South Carolina and 8 dots buzzing Beaumont, Texas for the Zone Meeting. Our judges and prospective judges (Gina, Kate, Kathy, Linda, Ruthie, Vance and Tempe) have attended flower shows in Houston, Tyler, San Antonio and Philadelphia, and that's not all! Lisa Snowden's dot hasn't stopped moving. As the GCA Floral Design Committee Chairman, she has traveled to Philadelphia, Houston, Boston, Portland and NYC. And all of this took place in just the last month! Whew!

The April showers didn't keep us from enjoying our membership meeting at Girls, Inc. What an inspiring place! I haven't stopped thinking about the magnitude of the impact they have had on the girls in the Memphis community. As they serve more than 1,000 girls ages 6-18, they are successfully empowering girls to be "strong, smart and bold". They proudly operate and run the nation's only girls-run youth farm and they sell their produce and flowers at the downtown Farmers' Market. I loved the salad and dressing they prepared for our lunch! (see recipe for the salad dressing in this issue.)

The May picnic at Beth Hussey's house will be a perfect way to wrap up our

Spring has officially sprung in Memphis and our annual May picnic is here! Please join your Little Garden Club friends at our May picnic at Beth Hussey's home. We will give out our end of the year awards and celebrate another wonderful LGC season of fun times, adventures, learning, and friendship.

Please look for a paperless post in your inbox and be sure to respond to Kirk.

-Kim MacQueen & Ragan Magness



-Michelle Dunavant

## May Birthdays

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

## Dues are Due

Dues are due June 1.  
You may bring a check to the May meeting or mail a check to:

Weetie Whittemore  
162 S. Goodlett  
Memphis, TN 38117

year. And, don't think for a minute that we will slow down too much this summer! Many of you will be working behind the scenes to plan and prepare for our next year.

Active, Mentor, Affiliate are \$300 and Life is \$150.

Many thanks to all of you for a productive and fun year. You are an amazing group and I enjoy every moment we are together. Have a wonderful summer and please send any ideas or suggestions for next year to me. I am a phone call (or email) away! Enjoy your summer!

As Dr. Seuss says, "You're off to great places so get on your way!"

*Mary Call*

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## A Day at Girls, Inc. Urban Youth Garden





## Girls, Inc.

### Honey-Mustard Vinaigrette

1 clove garlic, minced

1 tablespoon white-wine vinegar

1½ teaspoons Dijon mustard, (coarse or smooth)

½ teaspoon honey

⅛ teaspoon salt

Freshly ground pepper, to taste

⅓ cup extra-virgin olive oil, or canola oil

Whisk garlic, vinegar, mustard, honey, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Slowly whisk in oil.



## Lucy Carrington Jones

by Catherine Huffman

Lucy Carrington Jones is a legend within the Little Garden Club. She joined the LGC in 1968, and her enthusiasm for gardening remains strong.

When Lucy joined our club, the GCA didn't yet have a judging program. In fact, when she first trained through the national council, she was told to "judge by your own good taste." Eventually, of course, there would be a more objective standard used by all judges, and Lucy would continue to be a well-respected and popular judge.

Lucy is an excellent judge, and likewise a formidable competitor in flower shows. She has entered competitions of all kinds, from horticulture to Japanese arrangements. An extra perk of the flower shows is traveling to new cities and meeting old and new gardening friends.

An avid traveler, Lucy brought roses back from a trip to England and carefully cultivated them in her own garden. Her first travel experience was a journey to England when she was only six weeks old. Since then, Lucy has merged two of her passions – gardening and traveling – and toured gardens all over the world. "This is something you can do anywhere, and not just with your garden club!" she encourages. She is fascinated by the various gardening styles, from the simple to the ornate. Lucy believes the most beautiful gardens outside the United States are in South Africa.

Favorite flowers include roses and irises. She has been an enthusiastic member of and judge for the Rose Society and the Iris Society. She is also partial to sunflowers because they turn their faces to the sun throughout the course of the day.

Lucy has been in four other garden clubs over the years, but the Little Garden Club holds a special place in her heart. When asked about what makes our club so unique, she smiles, "It's all in the name! The LITTLE Garden Club." Lucy adds that our small size offers opportunities to all members, and cherished relationships



develop because we work so closely with one another.

Another positive note is the family relationships between so many of our members. Lucy loves watching the varying generations working together. Having her own sister-in-law Peggy Jones and her niece Margaret Fraser as fellow LGCers has greatly added to Lucy's enjoyment of our club.

Lucy adds, "There is always space for a garden. You may be lucky to have acres and acres to plant, but even a sweet potato plant on a windowsill adds beauty to your surroundings. People who dig in the dirt are the best people in the whole world." As an active gardener, she certainly exemplifies this theory!

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## May Events

**May 8 – LGC Board Meeting, 10:00 am, MBG**

**May 8 – Opening Evening for *Art by Design*, (Cocktails and Book signing with Greg and Erick) 6–8 p.m. Pipkin Building**

**May 9 – LGC Meeting and Annual Picnic – Beth Hussey's home**

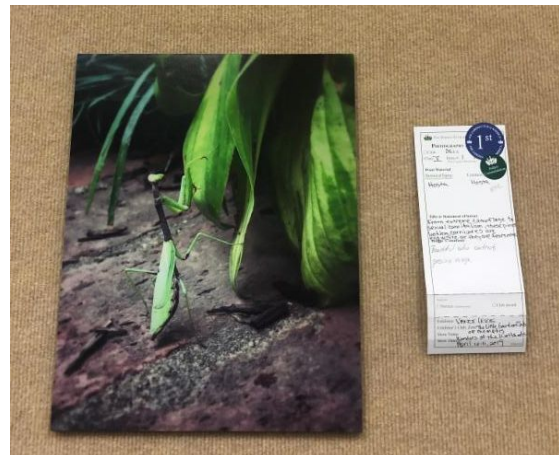
**May 27 – Memorial Day – SUMMER BEGINS!**

May Events at Memphis Botanic Garden

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## Photography

We can finally announce the winner of the Bug and Photo contest! We had 20 entries — the winner was chosen by the membership and the photo was sent to the Zone IX Flower Show in Beaumont, Texas. Vance's entry won First Place for LGC! Bravo, Vance!!!  
–Ruthie Taylor



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## Zone IX Meeting



The saying "A picture is worth a thousand words" holds true when you examine the back of this Tahoe – stuffed to the brim with styrofoam wine holders protecting bottled hort entries, a semi-assembled floral design and luggage for three women headed to Beaumont, Texas for the Zone IX meeting earlier this month.

The Annual Zone IX meeting, Wonders of the Wetlands, welcomed all of the presidents and delegates from Arkansas, Louisiana,

Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. The members of the Magnolia Garden Club rolled out the green carpet with a focus on sustainable practices including decreasing the production of waste products, Partner for Plants, education programs @ Beaumont Botanic Gardens and most important, enhancing the health of the city's ecosystem via Cattail Marsh.

A 900 acre tract of land, Cattail Marsh is the site where the city's waste water from businesses and homes is pumped through a series of ponds and naturally cleaned before it eventually finds its way, – thoroughly filtered, into the Gulf of Mexico. Also considered a major birding “hotspot”, Cattail Marsh is connected to Tyrell Park, where the Magnolia Club, with financial support from the GCA Founders Fund and other local GCA clubs, opened the Wetlands Education Center in October 2018.

In keeping with the wetlands theme, two wonderful speakers brought our attention to life among swamps and the wildlife that both enhances the territory and survives as a result of it. Mac Stone published his first book Everglades: Americas Wetland a few years ago. A very patient photographer, Mac has spent years in the swamplands focusing on the animals that contribute to the health of these properties and wetlands.

Mary Anne Weber is the Education Director for Houston Audubon. A recipient of the Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award from the GCA in 2014, Mary Anne focuses on educating school students and other groups on the conservation of the entire bird system noting that the planet would be destroyed in 3 months if all birds disappeared!

Another Zone highlight was the selection of two of our own members to serve as Zone Representatives in Horticulture (Ruthie Taylor) and Photography (Vance Lewis). Tempe will step down as Zone IX Nominating representative and Lisa Snowden remains the Chairman for the GCA Floral Design Committee. Ladies, you make us proud!

Finally, many thanks and hats off to everyone that contributed cuttings from their backyards and delivered them to Corrine's house. With such a big array of botanical beauties from which to choose, our divine delegate, Ragan was able to submit our “TOP TEN” picks and walk away with a ribbon for each entry (see table below with all of the winners!). Kate Trammell wowed the judges and was awarded second place & judges commendation in Needle Arts, Sue Clark secured third place and judges commendation for her floral design and Vance Lewis won 1st place and a judges commendation with her photograph that we voted on at the January Meeting! In all, our club showed up and even showed off a little! Old and new friendships were enjoyed and a greater appreciation for the wetlands and a focus on sustainability kept everyone informed and excited for three days spent in Beaumont. Indeed the Wetlands were wonderful!

–Sue Clark









## ZONE WINNERS – We are 10 for 10 in Horticulture

Leslie Scutt – 1st place and Judges Commendation – Mayapple  
 Kathy Adams – 1st place – Cryptomeria  
 Kathy Adams – 2nd place – Japanese Berberi  
 Corinne Adrian – 1st place – Mahonia  
 Michelle Dunavant – 3rd place – Tulip  
 Gina White – 2nd place – Parrot Tulip  
 Ruthie Taylor – 2nd place – Smiling Sun Narcissus  
 Margaret Fraser – 1st place – 3 Lenten Rose Stems  
 Lynn Fulton – 1st place – Hosta  
 Ruthie Taylor – 2nd place – Clematis Pink Champagne

Also..

Kate Trammell – 2nd place – Botanical Arts – Wonderful Needlepoint  
 Sue Clark – 3rd place and Judges Commendation – Floral Design  
 Vance Lewis – 1st Place and Judges Commendation – Photography

Great job Little Garden Club!

–Ragan Magness


## The Little Garden Club Flower Show

Summer is almost here, but now is the time to think about The Little Garden Club Flower Show, POWER OF PERCEPTION, on October 24, 2019, at Memphis Botanic Garden. We'll have a great assortment of classes and will be distributing a sign up sheet soon for Floral Design and Photography. With lots of great classes, there is something for everyone! This is a club show for our members, and it's meant to be fun and instructive. All the classes in horticulture have a three month ownership requirement except cacti, succulents and par, so pick up an interesting plant or perennial at a local nursery before July 23, 2019, the three month ownership deadline. There will be floral design, horticulture, and photography workshops in the fall. Stay

## Horticulture

From the outset, Mary Call asked us to make this a season of learning for our club. To that end, I HIGHLY RECOMMEND “Garden Answer” as a YouTube Chanel to which you might want to subscribe. Subscribing just means it will pop up first on YouTube when you open it. I have been watching daily for about a month and have learned so much. This bright and engaging young woman was raised In a family that owns a wonderful garden center. Her knowledge is so deep and wide that it is astonishing. She has over 500,000 subscribers to her YouTube Chanel and posts on a new topic daily. Everything from plant selection to chicken coops to irrigation. Enjoy!

-Leslie Schutt & Corinne Adrian



Setting Up Our Window Boxes on Drip Irrigation! 💧🌱 // Garden Answer  
36K views · 2 days ago

Planting Hanging Baskets: Getting Started! 🌸🪄 // Garden Answer  
40K views · 3 days ago

Planting Ginger, Reseeding Patchy Grass, and Fixing a Boxwood Hedge! 🌿  
53K views · 5 days ago

How to Control Aphids! 🐛🌱 // Garden Answer  
40K views · 6 days ago

[Click here to visit Garden Answer on YouTube](#)

## May Memorials, Honorariums and Contributions

### Children's Garden

in memory of Molitor Ford  
*Natalie and Davant Latham*

in memory of Marily Hughes  
*Natalie and Davant Latham*

## **Sensory Garden**

in memory of Marily Hughes

*Peggy Jones  
Gina and John White*

in memory of Molitor Ford

*Peggy Jones  
Judy and Jack Powell  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eleazer*

in memory of Mary Lou Adams

*Peggy Jones*

## **Memorial Fund**

in memory of Marily Hughes

*Dr. Ben Beatus  
Patricia V. Peebles*

in memory of Bill Carrington Jones

*Ginger and Dabney Collier*

in memory of Molitor Ford

*Ginger and Dabney Collier  
Mr. and Mrs. Clint Saxton*

Please send donations for the Memorial Fund, Sensory Garden Fund, and Children's Garden Fund to Mimsie Crump, 222 Belhaven Street, 38117.

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## **The Little Garden Club Takes Greenville!**

This spring thirteen Little Garden Clubbers were treated to 3 days of beauty, fun and inspiration as we toured Greenville, South Carolina! Kate Connell and Michelle Dunavant, our amazing travel chairs, worked with Mignon Canale and the Carolina Foothills Garden Club to ensure that we experienced all the gorgeous gardens, masterful architecture and amazing parks that we could possibly see.

The lovely and gracious home of Mignon and Phil Canale was the starting point of our adventure as they hosted a wonderful cocktail party in our honor, attended by many of the delightful members of the Carolina Foothills Garden Club. We had private tours of 3 extraordinary gardens as well as a tour of White Oaks, the architectural jewel in which Furman presidents, and their families, reside while serving Furman College. We also enjoyed time with the head farmer of Furman's sustainability farm, a third-generation farmer who is at the forefront of the college's push to learn and use sustainable agriculture to teach students and community members about healthy food options.

Perhaps the highlight of this incredible trip was the tour of Falls Park – winner of the GCA Founders Fund Award – given by Marsha White (wife of the mayor of Greenville) and Anne Farral (former Memphis resident). The history of this amazing park is one of vision, steadfast determination and perseverance. It is truly a gorgeous monument to what can be done to improve our cities.

Along the way, we sampled wonderful food and libations and just had a rollicking good time! Thank you, Kate and Michelle – it was a memorable, fabulous trip!







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## *Peonies*

*This morning the green fists of the peonies are getting ready  
to break my heart  
as the sun rises,  
as the sun strokes them with his old, buttery fingers*

*and they open —  
pools of lace,  
white and pink —  
and all day the black ants climb over them,*

*boring their deep and mysterious holes  
into the curls,  
craving the sweet sap,  
taking it away*

*to their dark, underground cities —  
and all day  
under the shifty wind,  
as in a dance to the great wedding,*

*the flowers bend their bright bodies,*

*and tip their fragrance to the air,  
and rise,  
their red stems holding*

*all that dampness and recklessness  
gladly and lightly,  
and there it is again —  
beauty the brave, the exemplary,*

*blazing open.*

*Do you love this world?*

*Do you cherish your humble and silky life?*

*Do you adore the green grass, with its terror beneath?*

*Do you also hurry, half-dressed and barefoot, into the garden,  
and softly,*

*and exclaiming of their dearness,  
fill your arms with the white and pink flowers,*

*with their honeyed heaviness, their lush trembling,  
their eagerness*

*to be wild and perfect for a moment, before they are  
nothing, forever?*

*-Mary Oliver*

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