



Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

# THE IVY VINE

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

November 2019



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Big things happen when the Little Garden Club decides to do something! Less than a month ago we had our membership meeting at Le Bonheur – and at that meeting we met a little girl named Lucy who ignited something in us to help make the outdoors a place of relaxation, recreation and healing to the patients and children at the hospital. We asked what we could do to help with the Le Bonheur Green project and when Linda Hill said there was a need for berms, you all made it happen. I had high hopes that we could raise the funds, but what I didn't imagine was how quickly it would happen. You all are the most generous and kind group of ladies I have ever known. We really can move mountains! What a thrill it will be



to see these berms adding a visual and playful dimension to the first phase of Le Bonheur Green.

And then, just as I am processing the big hearts of our members, our club flower show, Power of Perception happens! GCA judges from Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee raved about the talents of this group. The Photography, Horticulture and Floral Design classes (and even the food we served) were the best of the best! And my favorite thing of all was the level of participation by our members. I know that we had to twist a few arms to get some of you to enter, and some of those arms that were twisted were big winners! I love that there were so many novices in this show – and just for the record, your talents are no longer hidden! Thank you to Linda and Gina for a job so beautifully done.

Our next meeting will be November 14 at the Memphis Botanic Garden and our speaker, Susan Sully is a friend of Judy Powell. We are in for a treat!

I hope that you enjoy your families and friends this Thanksgiving season. Thanks for giving so much of your talents and treasures to the Little Garden Club and beyond.

*Mary Call*



## The Little Garden Club November Membership Meeting

Southern Hospitality at Home:  
The Art of Gracious Living  
Speaker: Susan Sully  
Thursday, November 14  
Memphis Botanic Garden  
11:00am

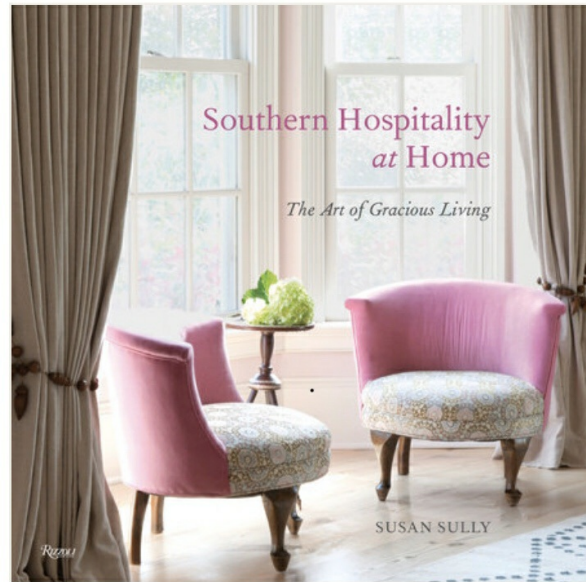
Hostesses: Katie Wiener, Dot  
Fisher, Ann Prince, Eva Hussey

We are so thankful for our fabulous November speaker, the wonderful Susan Sully. A native of Charleston, South Carolina, Susan has authored, photographed, and co-authored 18 books about architecture and design and has just recently announced the arrival of her latest book, *Southern Hospitality at Home: The Art of Gracious Living*. Her other books include *Past Present: Living with Heirlooms and Antiques*, *Houses with Charm*, and *The Southern Cosmopolitan* (isn't that we all want to be??). Susan has also created books with amazing architects and designers including Bobby McAlpine, Phoebe Howard, Norman Askins, Ken Tate, and Jim Strickland of Historical Concepts.

Susan is particularly passionate about the distinct regional culture and architecture of the South. Her best-selling books interweave humanism with scholarship, providing a unique perspective on the way we live and the surroundings that enhance it. A graduate of Yale University with a degree in art history, Susan has contributed articles to *The New York Times*, *Town & Country Travel*, *Veranda*, *Southern Accents*, *Flower Magazine* and other publications.

We will be selling her fabulous new book (below) for \$45, so bring your check book. It's going to be a fun meeting with a delightful speaker!

Please RSVP to [Dot Fisher](#) or respond to the Paperless Post from Katie Wiener.



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## Important November Dates

Wednesday, November 13 – Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., MBG

Thursday, November 14 – Membership Meeting, 11:00 a.m., MBG

Thursday November 21 – Phoebe Cook Lecture, 11:00 a.m., Dixon

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## WOW er of Perception

Power of Perception was Perfection!!!

The Little Garden Club presented "Power of Perception" on October 24 at Memphis Botanic Garden to celebrate our individual perceptions and honor our members who dreamed of creating The Little Garden Club Sensory Garden. Catherine Erb's painting, "Untitled Cloud Study", was the inspiration for the show.

Out of town judges were treated to cocktails at Catherine Erb's studio and dinner at Tempe and Michael Thompson's home the evening prior to the show. Little Garden Club members designed sixteen entries in four classes titled: Interpretation, Altered Perception, Visual Impact and Inspiration; composed twelve photography entries titled Touch, Sight and Taste; and entered over one hundred horticulture entries. All were amazing! As one panel of judges wrote in their Judges Commendation, "Every class had strong entries. Made our jobs so hard. Have never taken so long to judge." Little Garden Club members enjoyed a preview reception immediately following the judging, and the show opened to the public Thursday afternoon.

"Power of Perception" was only possible with your help. Many thanks to everyone in our beloved Little Garden Club!!!

-Linda and Gina

### **Horticulture:**

Best in Show – Ruthie Taylor

Best Container Plant – Gina White

Best cut Specimen – Barbara Williamson

Propagation Award – Corinne Adrian

Novice Award – Elizabeth Williamson

### **Floral Design:**

Best in Show – Elizabeth Williamson and Virginia Rowland

Novice Award – Catherine Erb

Most Creative – Natalie Latham and Nora Witmer

Best Use of Color– Abbie Williams and Beth Hussey

### **Photography:**

Best in Show: Michelle Dunavant

Novice Award: Michelle Dunavant

Best Interpretation of schedule: Ginger Collier



Best in Show – Ruthie Taylor



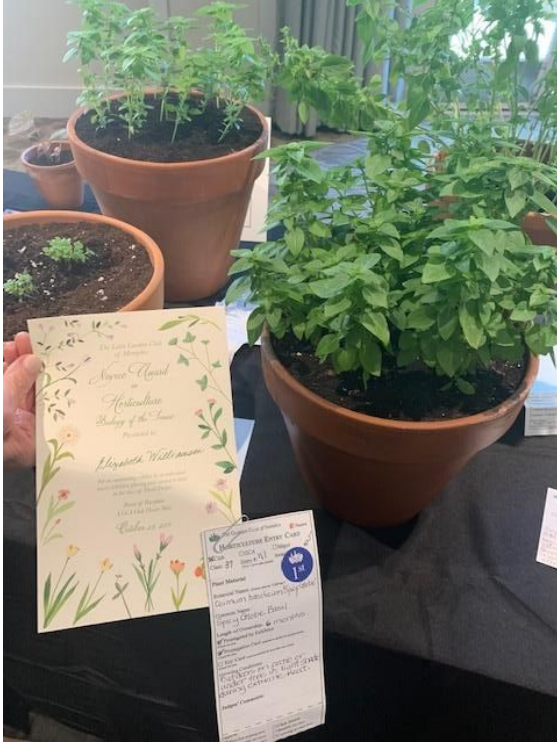
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Peggy Peters (MGC) and her propagation progeny



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Lawrence Cowart and Kim Gibson



Katie Wiener



Jean Johnston and Mimsie Crump



Kate Trammell





Christy Muller and Stacey Hussey



Ragan Magness and Elise Lake



Bowie Campbell



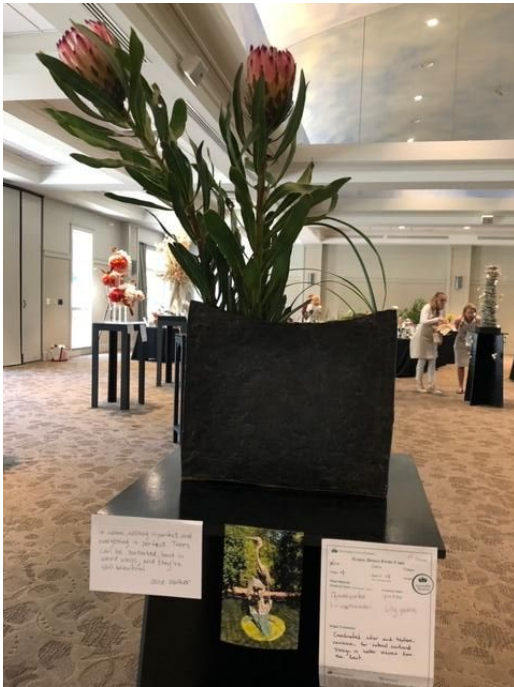
Liz Crosby



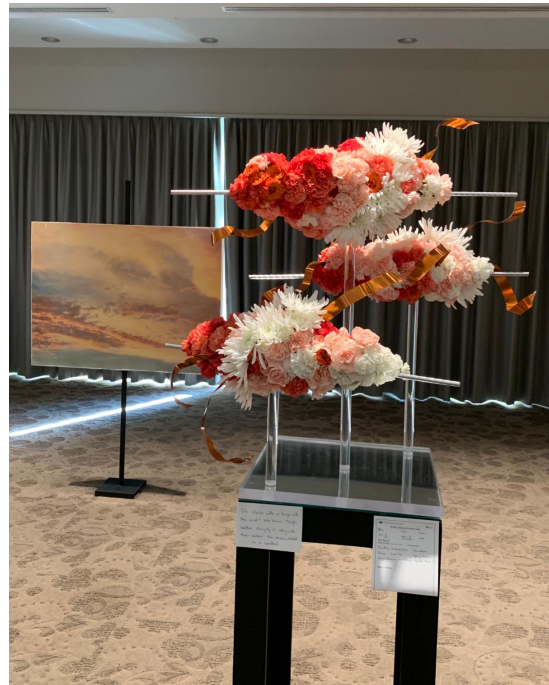
Kate Connell and Kim Lowrance



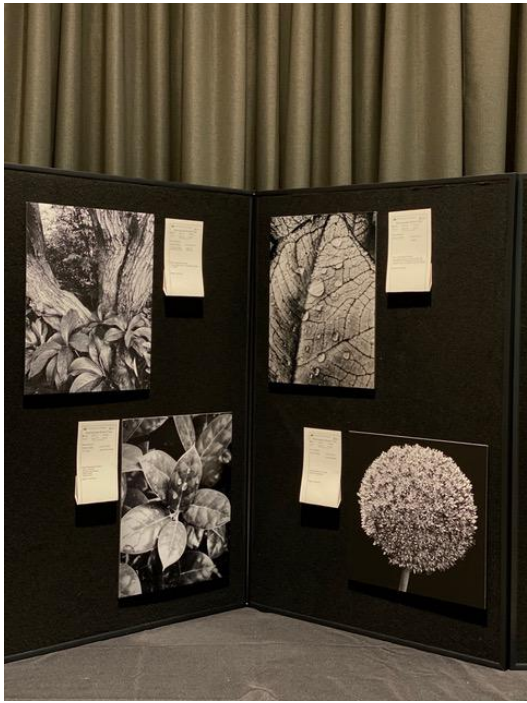
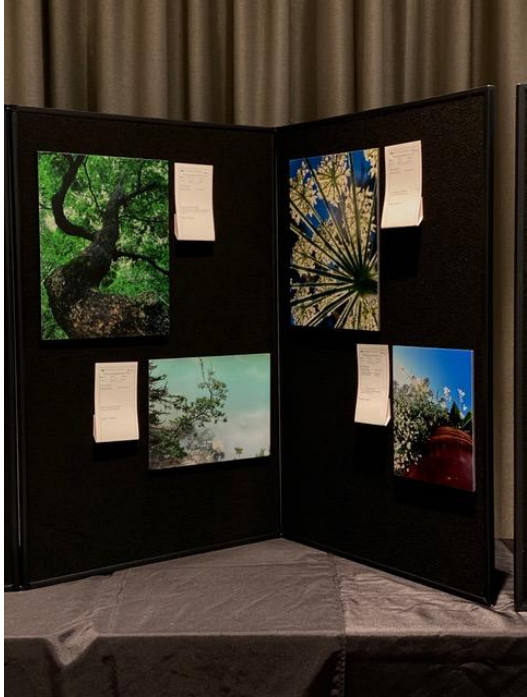
Sue Clark and Julie Hussey



Michel Allen and Stephanie Weatherford



Katherine Dobbs

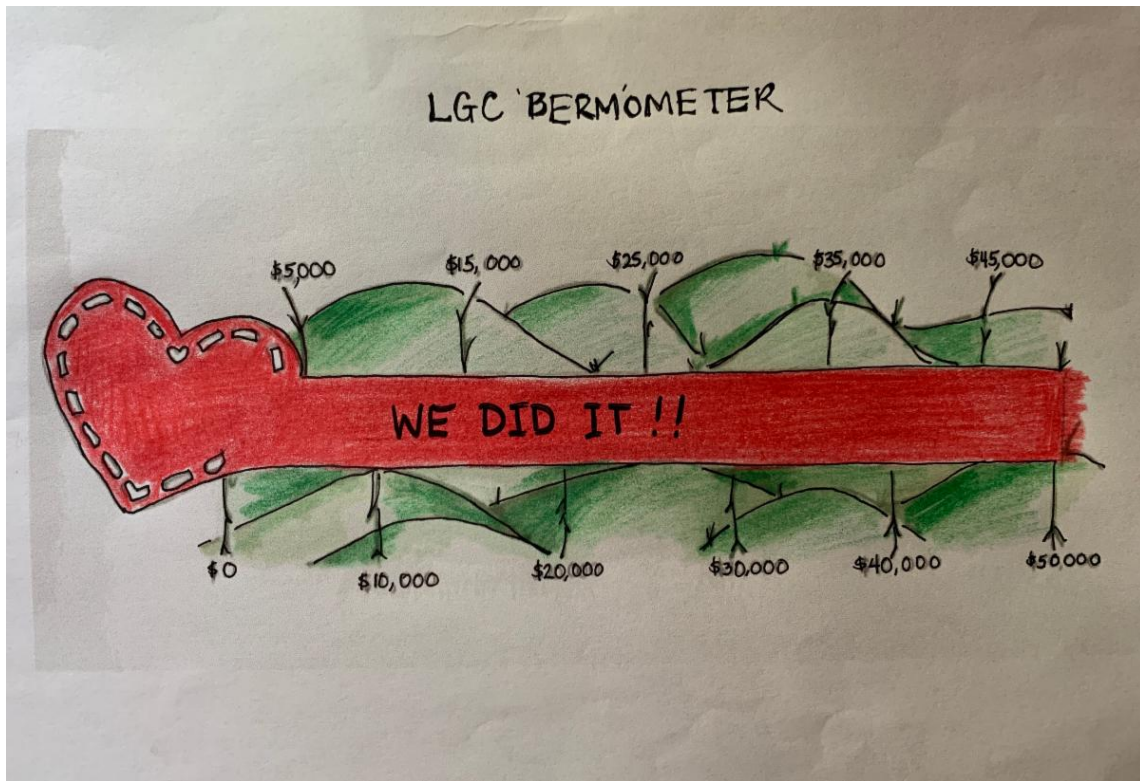




Judges' Dinner at the Thompsons'



# Le Bonheur Green



The Le Bonheur conference room with Catherine's clouds.



Our inspiration! Lucy Krull



Abbie and Le Bonheur President, Michael Wiggins



Natalie, Mary Call, Le Bonheur Art Director Linda Hill and Lucy Krull





Coffee at Le Bonheur October 17



Groundbreaking at Le Bonheur October 25





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## Memorials and Honorariums

### **The Memorial Fund**

In memory of Bill Coolidge  
Emily and Harvey Kay  
Connie and Lou Adams

In memory of Mildred Smith  
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Connie and Lou Adams  
Kathy and Ben Adams  
Michelle and Bill Dunavant

### **The Sensory Garden**

In memory of Mildred Smith  
Ruthie and Edward Taylor  
Gina and John White

In honor of Mary Call Ford  
Michelle and Bill Dunavant

### **The GCA Education Fund**

In memory of Bill Coolidge  
Kate and Brad Trammell

### **The Children's Garden**

In memory of Bill Coolidge  
Gay Boyd

In memory of Mildred Smith  
Gay Boyd

In honor of Mary Call Ford  
Gay Boyd

In honor of Janet Misner  
Gay Boyd

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## Sensory Garden Cleanup





## Travel

### *Group Adventure Awaits!*

Escape to *A Riviera Holiday* at the 2020 Philadelphia Flower Show

Check this one off your bucket list!

The Little Garden Club goes to Philadelphia!

We are thrilled to announce that we have a total of 35 attending the Philadelphia Flower Show! If you have not booked your travel, we would highly recommend doing so. Flights are getting booked up. It's going to be the best trip ever!

If you have not already done so, please confirm if you are a double or a single. Please see below some information on the upcoming trip....

-Your Travel Chairs,  
Michelle Dunavant and Kate Connell

#### **Day 1 – Winterthur Museum and Gardens**

Meet in Marriott lobby at 8:45 am. Founded by Henry Francis du Pont, Winterthur (pronounced “winter-tour”) is the premier museum of American decorative arts, reflecting both early America and the du Pont family’s life here. Its 60-acre naturalistic garden is among the country’s best, and its research library serves scholars from around the world. We invite you to visit and explore this place of beauty, history, and learning. We will have lunch here before departing for Longwood Gardens. Private transportation is provided.

#### **Day 1 – Longwood Gardens**

This treasured American botanical garden consists of over 1,077 acres. It is one of the premier horticultural display gardens in the United States. Stroll along the many paths through acres of exquisitely maintained grounds featuring 11,000 different types of plants. Inside the Conservatory is a lush world of exotic flowers, cacti, bromeliads, ferns and bonsai. Outside, you will gaze at the wonder of the

newly redesigned fountains with water dancing to music and even a water display with fire!

## Day 2 – Barnes Foundation

The Barnes was founded in 1922 by Dr. Albert Barnes, who made his fortune by creating Argyrol, an antiseptic. The collection contains more than 4000 objects, including over 900 paintings, insured for \$25 billion. These are primarily works by Renoir, Matisse, and Cezanne, impressionist masters, but the collection also includes many other paintings by leading European and American Artists, as well as African art, antiquities from China, Egypt and Greece. The 12-acre arboretum is located just outside the city, with more than 2,500 varieties of woody and herbaceous plants, many rare. The peony and lilac collections date from the early 1900s and are important genetic resources for conservation and study. An herbarium started in 1968 by John Fogg, a longtime instructor at the arboretum school and director after Mrs. Barnes, contains more than 10,000 specimens that supplement teaching and research.

## Day 2 – Philadelphia Flower Show 2020– A Riviera Holiday

You are cordially invited to attend the Preview Gala with unlimited access to the show all week. Don't want to pack a tuxedo or evening gown? We offer early morning private access before the doors open to the public. While at Riviera Holiday, enjoy Exhibition Gardens, Grace Kelly Roses, Floral Marquees, Plant Pavilions and a variety of talks and demonstrations. Influences of *Jardin Exotique de Monaco*, envisioned by Prince Albert in 1933, full of exquisite flowering cacti, can be seen throughout.

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## Congratulations!

Kate Trammell has been promoted to Horticulture Judge

Tempe Thompson has been promoted to Photography Judge

Congrats to both ! They will represent Zone IX & The Little Garden Club well!



Congratulations to Vance Lewis on being Zone IX Representative. Pictured with Vance is Photography Chairman, Lynn Shiverick.



Congratulations to Ruthie Taylor on being Zone IX Horticulture Representative. Pictured with Ruthie is Horticulture Chairman, Annie Bigliani.

## November Birthdays

6 Suki Carson  
7 Ruthie Taylor  
10 Sherrill Crump  
12 Wendy Ansbro  
14 Jan Bell  
15 Suzanne Varner  
18 Ragan Magness  
22 Leslie Drinan

*Opening November 29!*



## November Activities

**November 9, 8:15–11:30 a.m. – Herbal Work Study: Seeds** – These three hours will be spent cleaning and packaging seeds. As we clean the seeds, we will learn about seed saving and packaging with a goodly smattering of general herb information. Hot coffee and herbal libations will be provided. Questions? Call Sherri McCalla (901) 636–4134.

**November 10, 2:00–4:00 p.m. – Fantastical Fairy Houses** – Make your own fairy house for your flower garden! All skill levels welcome. Children age 10 and up welcome with parent. Class fee includes all materials and use of any tools needed to bring your creation to life. All you need to do is wear your play clothes and bring your imagination. For questions and to register by November 6, call (901) 636–4128. \$40 MBG members/\$50 for non-members.

## Floral Design Workshop at MBG







## Hort Workshop at Michelle Dunavant's





## Memphis Botanic Garden Membership

It's that time again, time for Little Garden Club members to renew their memberships at the Memphis Botanic Garden. All of our memberships come due at the end of October each year. The MBG will be sending out a reminder email, and it is so easy to renew online. You may also click the button below to renew for one or two years. If you have any questions about your membership at the Memphis Botanic Garden, the membership director is Brianna Siebert and you may email her by clicking the button below. Follow up notices will be mailed in November for those members who are past due.

[Renew MBG Membership](#)

[Email Brianna Siebert](#)

## Gifts of Green at the Garden



The Memphis Botanic Garden is pleased to announce the opening of its first ever holiday “pop-up” shoppe, Gifts of Green at the Garden. An extension of its seasonal Nursery at the Garden, this shoppe will be housed inside the Garden’s Visitors Center daily; November 1 thru December 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



# Photography

## PHOTO FLASH!!!

Remember when we had so much fun last year taking the 'Bug or Creature' Photo for Zone 2019 meeting and we all judged it? Well, it is that time again to enter a photo for Zone 2020 in Monroe, LA. The class is a Close Up of a native plant/flower. So NOW is the time to start taking that photo before frost when we put our gardens to bed. Here are the specifics:

Class 2 Near-Sighted Color

Black Bayou National Wildlife Refuge is rich in bio-diversity and is home to thousands of species of native flora, including the bald cypress, swamp lily and prairie grasses.

**Create a COLOR CLOSE-UP image of a plant indigenous to your region. Plant material required. Identify plant material.**

Educational Note: *Close-up - a photo taken close to the subject or with a long focal-length lens to permit a close and detailed view of the object. The object fills most of the frame. GCA FS&JG, July 2019 Edition.*

\*\*\*These will be printed, brought and judged at the February meeting. Last year we had about 20 entries so get snapping that close up!

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## Horticulture

Hi Ladies!

NOW is actually the best time for harvesting a lot of our perennial seeds to plant next spring or save for The Shirley. Most flower and vegetable seeds harvested now are viable for several years.

Laura from "Garden Answer" does a great job demystifying the process. She is a wealth of knowledge having been raised working in her parents garden center. Feel free to search her Youtube channel and website [gardenanswer.com](http://gardenanswer.com) when you have gardening questions.

The following plants are covered In this video:

Cosmos  
Rudbeckia  
Sunflowers  
Snapdragons  
Ranunculus

-Leslie and Corinne

Garden Answer Channel

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## My November Guest

My Sorrow, when she's here with me,  
Thinks these dark days of autumn rain  
Are beautiful as days can be;  
She loves the bare, the withered tree;  
She walks the sodden pasture lane.

Her pleasure will not let me stay.  
She talks and I am fain to list:  
She's glad the birds are gone away,  
She's glad her simple worsted grey  
Is silver now with clinging mist.

The desolate, deserted trees,  
The faded earth, the heavy sky,  
The beauties she so truly sees,  
She thinks I have no eye for these,  
And vexes me for reason why.

Not yesterday I learned to know  
The love of bare November days  
Before the coming of the snow,  
But it were vain to tell her so,  
And they are better for her praise.

-Robert Frost

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