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THE LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF MEMPHIS
Member of The Garden Club of America



President's Letter

There is so much going on in November LGC and other-wise. We are officially beginning *that* season of too much to do and not enough time to do it all. I'm making myself take notice of the wonderful changes that come with fall – lower temperatures, gorgeous changing leaves, and the smell of woodsmoke in the air. My jackets and sweaters are calling to me from the closet and I hope to start making good use of them SOON.

First up this month is our new member party on November 2 at the home of Abbie and Duncan Williams. This is always a fun evening and we can't wait to officially welcome Maggie Phillips, Julie Wunderlich and Mary Katherine Redd to our group.

On November 7 and 8, Margaret Fraser will be attending GCA's Conservation Study Conference, held this year on Jekyll Island, Georgia. To quote the GCA website, she will " have the opportunity to walk through a beautiful maritime forest, or get an up-close experience with

local wildlife in a kayak, or be guided through the salt marsh ecosystem by a shore birding expert", among so many other adventures during her two days there.

Our membership meeting on November 9 will feature Rebecca Gardner, founder and creator of House and Parties, out of Savannah. We will be getting the guidance and inspiration we need just in time for the holiday season.

Tuesday, November 14 we will join members of Memphis Garden Club for a pop-up conservation program featuring Jim Varner and Irene Brownlow on our bird population and how they affect our everyday lives. I've told y'all that I've gone around the bend on everything birds, so I'm really looking forward to this. More from Barbara and Kim below.

And, finally, GCA's Garden History and Design Conference will be held virtually this year on Thursday, November 16. You have gotten an email with the details and registration link. GCA encourages as many as possible to register for these virtual conferences, even if you can't follow through on the commitment, to show appreciation to the speakers and conference planners that go to so much trouble to give us a great learning opportunity. And, it's a nice way to spend an afternoon so it's a win-win.

Wishing you all a love-filled Thanksgiving holiday with good food and great family and friends.

Love,
Emily

November Meeting - Rebecca Gardner

Just in time for all your holiday entertaining, welcome Rebecca Gardner, founder and creative director of House & Parties, a full-service event and interiors design collective based in Savannah, Georgia with a location in New York City.

Rebecca, dubbed "hostess extraordinaire" recently by Elle Décor magazine, founded House & Parties in August 2011. The consummate hostess has been



planning events for as long as she can remember beginning with orchestrating her own birthday parties, honing her party planning skills in college and onward. Living with the belief if you are going to celebrate, you might as well make it special and memorable. She has taken this belief and turned it into a business.

During Covid, Rebecca missed hosting so much that she added an e-commerce site to her website where she sells tabletop and interior design centric items for devotees of the elegant and

unusual.

Named a top event designer by Vogue and Harper's Bazaar, her design work has also been published in The Wall Street Journal, Architectural Digest, Elle Décor, Town & Country and The Financial Times.

Get ready to have a fun filled meeting learning all the tips to throwing a wonderful gathering!

--Paige Proctor

Welcome New Members!

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Conservation



Did you know birds can help our gardens grow? They not only provide tranquility, beauty and music – birds give us tangible benefits to our gardens! The trilling and chirping of birds singing brings joy to us, but those happy winged friends also help our gardens thrive.

Three Benefits Birds Offer Your Garden:

1. Birds Eat Plant-Eating Pests:

Aphids, beetles, earwigs, flies, mosquitoes, moths, and spiders are all on the menu for different species of birds. Scientists have determined that globally birds eat up to 550 million insects each year! You may want to include bird-attracting flowers to the garden as well as plants that lure in beneficial bugs.

2. Birds Pollinate Your Garden:

Hummingbirds, orioles and other nectar-sipping birds provide pollinating services for the yard. Other birds carry pollen around the yard just by flying and fluttering about!

3. Birds Help Control Weeds:

Yes, birds can help you with your weeds!! Certain birds like finches, towhees and sparrows love to eat weed seeds. They help prevent the spread of those invasives!!

By planting native species, providing a water source and a feeder, you can attract these beautiful, helpful and joy-inducing animals to your garden. And you'll reap the many benefits birds bring to your environment!!

Don't forget our joint Conservation event with MGC on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 11:00, in the DIXON AUDITORIUM!! Jim Varner (husband of our own Suzanne Varner) and Irene Brownlow will present fascinating and informative talks about birds in our area and the eagles which return each year! See you there!

--Barbara Williamson and Kim Lowrance

Floral Design



A Day Of Creativity With
Meredith Bishop from Bloom and Bounty

We had the pleasure of hosting a floral workshop led by the talented

Meredith Bishop from Bloom and Bounty, Nashville. The workshop was a delightful opportunity for our members to delve into the art of creating stunning market bouquets and explore the details of floral arrangement.

Meredith, renowned for her innovative approach to floral design, captivated the audience with her extensive knowledge and passion for all things botanical. During the workshop, she guided us through the process of selecting the blooms, emphasizing the importance of color coordination, texture, and balance in creating captivating market bouquets.

Our members were actively engaged in the hands-on session, where they had the chance to experiment with an array of seasonal flower and foliage. Under Meredith's expert guidance, they learned various techniques for arranging different types of flowers, including ways to repurpose a rose and ensuring each arrangement was a unique reflection of their individual creativity.

Beyond the creative aspect, the workshop fostered a sense of camaraderie among our members as they exchanged ideas, shared experiences, and celebrated the beauty of nature together. It was a wonderful opportunity for us all to connect over our shared love for gardening and flowers.

The workshop was a success, leaving us inspired and eager to make floral bouquets from grocery store bought flowers.

-- Michelle Dunavant



Bulbs!



Saturday, November 4, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

**Presentation by Jason Delaney on Fall-Planted Bulbs for Spring Flowers;
in Winegardner Auditorium at Dixon Gallery and Gardens**

Learn more about old favorites, daffodils and tulips, as well as become introduced to many unfamiliar bulbs well suited for fall planting in the Mid-South. A presentation by Jason Delaney will familiarize us with a great variety of bulbs that produce spring flowers that we may have heard of but perhaps have never planted, such as alliums, leucojum, and camassias. Jason, who lives in St. Louis, is a nationally-recognized expert and internationally-well-traveled speaker about bulbs. Jason was employed for more than 20 years at the Missouri Botanical Garden, where he was responsible for the extensive "north gardens" as well as all the bulb, iris, and daylily collections. He currently focuses upon residential garden design and maintenance in addition to his growing on his family farm more than 3,000 varieties of daffodils and 1,500 varieties of daylilies. Some of the bulbs he grows are available for purchase at: phsdaffodils.com. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Fall Bulb Sale--Daffodils, Crocus, Muscari, Tulips, and More; in Dixon
Greenhouse**

Get ready for a glorious spring! Just in time to buy the most popular spring-blooming bulbs that are planted in the fall, the Dixon and the Mid-South Daffodil Society will host a sale featuring the best bulbs to grow in the Mid-South. In addition to the usual 50+ different varieties of daffodils, the sale will include Allium, Camassia, Crocus, Hyacinthoides hispanica (Spanish Bluebell), Ipheion (Starflower), Leucojum (Summer Snowflake), Muscari (Grape Hyacinth), and Tulip bulbs. A selection of jumbo Amaryllis bulbs perfect for holiday blooming will also be offered. The bulb sale price list will be posted at www.dixon.org after October 15. This will be an in-person sale only.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**March 16-17, 2024 - Daffodil Show in Winegardner Auditorium at
Dixon Gallery and Gardens**

Garden History and Design



Embark on a captivating journey through some of the most exquisite gardens across America. Uncover innovative solutions for climate change, experience visionary designs, and have the privilege of meeting the pioneer behind the GCA partnership with the Smithsonian. Join us for an exceptional opportunity to engage with forward-thinking leaders and gain insights into the profound influence of garden design throughout North America.

Plan to attend two unique sessions, with a break in between:

- Morning session – 10:00 am CT
- Afternoon session – 1:00 pm CT

Registration is free and open to all GCA club members.

We welcome groups hosting watch parties among their membership, however we request that all individual attendees register for the conference to ensure clear communications.

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

Portugese Drunken Chicken from Bunny Williams' *An Affair With a House*



3/4 stick unsalted butter
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
3 medium ripe tomatoes, roughly chopped
10 small white onions, or 3 medium onions, peeled and

coarsely chopped
4 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped
4 medium-sized carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
1/2 cup port wine or sherry
4 cups white wine
8 chicken thighs
4 chicken breasts, excess fat removed

Preheat the oven to 375F. Heat the butter and mustard in a saucepan, whisking until well blended. In a medium bowl, mix the tomatoes, onions, garlic, carrots, port wine, and white wine together.

Place the chicken pieces in a large casserole or heavy baking dish. Add the butter-mustard mixture to the tomato marinade, and pour the mixture over the chicken pieces. Leave for 2 hours.

Bake the chicken for 1 1/2 hours or until it is tender, basting often with the marinade. Serve immediately.

Serves: 4-5

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