



Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

THE IVY VINE

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

October 2021



President's Letter

Fall fun is here! Brian Vogt, GCA Medal recipient, CEO of Denver Botanic Garden and a big deal in the public garden world, will speak at our October meeting. We will elect three new members and celebrate both the 2020 and 2021 new members on October 28 at our always festive New Member Party! Lots of people are hard at work on Inspirations, and we are encouraged by the number of ticket and book sales to date. Please be sure to talk it up amongst your friends. This fundraiser benefits our community projects.

I left an auction meeting last week and thought to myself, what a great group of ladies we have in our club! It is such a pleasure to work with such smart, creative and fun women. I continually feel blessed to be a part of this group.

Speaking of the Auction, we are taking the format back to Anne Keese's original vision, which was for an evening event, with

husbands, a professional auctioneer for the live auction, and a higher quality of products up for bid. The Auction ladies have included a list of auction item ideas in this Ivy Vine to get your creative juices flowing. More to come, but this evening in late March will be another fun club gathering, complete with music and food, and will count as our April membership meeting! Thank you to Anne Keesee, Christy Muller and Weetie Whittemore for taking the Auction to the next level!

Safe travels to the fall-breakers and look forward to seeing everyone on October 14!

Kate

October Membership Meeting



**Brian Vogt, CEO
Denver Botanic Garden**

**How Public Gardens are Changing the World
The Power of Horticulture, Conservation and Community
Engagement**

**Hostesses:
Katie Eleazer, Bradley Fogelman, Anne Keesee
Debbie Phillips**

We are very fortunate to have Brian Vogt, CEO of the Denver Botanic Gardens as our October meeting speaker! Brian has been the Denver Botanic Gardens CEO since April 2007 and under his leadership attendance has grown to over 1.4 million per year and is one of North

America's most visited public gardens. One look at the Denver Botanic Gardens website www.botanicgardens.org and you will quickly see that you do not want to miss this speaker! Brian is truly a rock star in the public garden arena!

Brian is a native of Littleton, Colorado and began visiting the Denver Botanic Gardens with his parents as a child. His many accomplishments as CEO include launching programs to address access to food in urban areas and a comprehensive diversity and inclusion project that has been integrated into daily activities at the Denver Botanic Gardens. He has also created the Center for Global Initiatives focusing on plant research and crop genetics. On the arts side, Brian has developed an exhibit program at the Denver Botanic Garden curating works by such legends as Henry Moore, Dale Chihuly and Alexander Calder.

Under Brian's leadership, over \$116 million have been raised and more than 60 construction projects have been completed including the Mordecai Children's Garden, a parking complex, the Bonfils-Stanton Visitor Center, the Greenhouse Complex, the Science Pyramid, Ellipse Garden, Steppe Garden, Sensory Garden and Hive Garden Bistro. The capstone project of the Master Development Plan, the \$40 million Freyer - Newman Center, was completed in the spring of 2020. Previous professional experience includes three Cabinet positions for the State of Colorado and President of the South Metro Chamber of Commerce. Brian serves as President of the Board of the American Public Gardens Association and as Board Treasurer for Plant Select. He was awarded the 2019 Cynthia Pratt Laughlin Medal for leadership in environmental protection and quality of life from the Garden Club of America. He is an active participant with many civic organizations in the Denver area and speaks frequently on intentional culture, regeneration, adaptation and leadership. He holds a BA in Classical Antiquity from the University of Colorado.

Inspirations Tickets on Sale NOW!



Inspirations is fast approaching and going to be the event of the fall! We are incredibly fortunate to have legendary interior designer, Bunny Williams, here to engage and inspire us all on Wednesday, November 10th at the Memphis Botanic Gardens.

It is going to be a dynamic event with champagne, coffee, shopping, inspiration and lunch. Bunny will be signing her books which may be pre-ordered on our LGC website where tickets for the event may be purchased as well

(on the Events page). A perfect time to enjoy a fabulous day, raise money for our club's Community Funds and knock out some Christmas

shopping! Spread the word and bring your friends!

PLEASE NOTE: All members are responsible for the purchase or sale of 2 tickets each. We would like all member tickets to be purchased by the October 14th club meeting. For those who would like to pay by check, you may do so at the meeting or, of course, follow the link below to purchase tickets online. Tickets are \$125 each. Books may be pre-ordered online as well, with a \$5 discount per book. The deadline for pre-ordering books is October 27th, so please go ahead and do so now if you are interested.

Many thanks Ladies! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

–Paige and Katherine

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Garden History & Design



Yosemite Falls

Did you know that our national parks arose from a desperate time when our country was most divided? Read on!

Yosemite Valley in California was the first national park land set aside. In 1864 Abraham Lincoln signed into law the legislation that held Yosemite Valley “for public use, resort, and recreation... inalienable for all time.” . We were surprised to learn that this occurred at the height of the Civil War, but Lincoln was looking ahead with the idea of living in a united country that would include both coasts and everyone in

between. "The creation of a park in far away California," wrote historian Robin Winks, "was a statement about national unity...and hopes for an optimistic future in the midst of a devastating civil war."

Frederick Law Olmsted argued in a report on Yosemite, "that portions of national scenery (should) be properly guarded and cared for by the government...". He couldn't have known he was laying the groundwork for the idea of a national park system which took shape decades later with the help of his son Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.

Yosemite is famous for its waterfalls (Yosemite Falls is the tallest in North America at 2,425 feet), granite domes, meadows, and spectacular high country lakes. The park encompasses 747,956 acres in the central Sierra Nevada Mountain Range in California.

How many national parks have you visited?

–Janet Misner & Leslie Schutt
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Memorials and Honorariums

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Victor Smith
Kate and Brad Trammell

In Honor of Kate Trammell
Michelle and Bill Dunavant

Children's Garden

In Honor of Denise Ware
Michelle and Bill Dunavant
Dot and Dick Fisher

Award Winners

At the September meeting, Nora Witmer received the *40 Years of Service* Certificate and Jeannie Tabor received the *Best In Show* award.

Congratulations



October Birthdays



2 Lisa Wilder
4 Kim MacQueen
7 Loren Powell
8 Mary Call Ford
9 Susan Driscoll
10 Lynn Fulton
18 Suzette Turner
20 Mary Margaret Hughes
26 Sally Treadwell
29 Tempe Thompson
30 Paige Proctor

Floral Design

Floral Trends as we head from 2021 into 2022

There is no doubt that the last year and a half has been a challenge and we are all starting to feel some promise that we are moving in the right direction and can hopefully shed our cocoons very soon!

In reading several articles about flowers and what is trending, here are a few takeaways:

In :

1. Flowers as a functional part of our wellbeing. Surrounding our spaces with scents and beauty is something we can control. Look for examples in peonies, lavender, holly, and magnolia to enhance a sense of calming and lift our moods both physically and mentally.

2. Shades of yellow and orange, which symbolize positive energy and celebration as we encourage ourselves and others to look forward. Think goldenrod, forsythia, zinnias, hibiscus and clivias.

3. Monochromatic jewel tones to announce that we have made it to the other side and we want to shout about it!. Bouquets of different flower types in varying shades of the same color.

Out :

Millennial Pink and soft peach palettes are stepping aside for their bolder counterparts to take over.

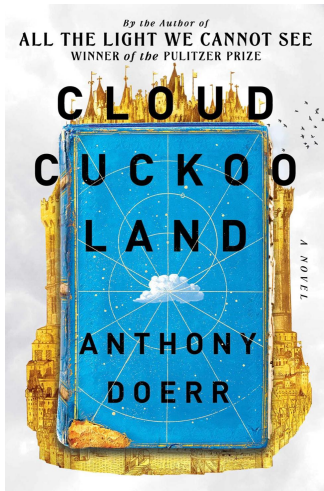
Oversized and dramatic arrangements making way for simpler statements of shorter stems in a series of vessels lining a tablescape.



HOT OFF THE PRESS

We plan to host several fun gatherings this fall, winter and spring to discuss three BRAND NEW and highly acclaimed books!

Our first gathering will be held TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 16 to discuss *Cloud Cuckoo Land*. Mark your calendars! Details to come.



Cloud Cuckoo Land

Written by Anthony Doerr, author of *All the Light We Cannot See* and winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

"Set in Constantinople in the fifteenth century, in a small town in present-day Idaho, and on an interstellar ship decades from now, Anthony Doerr's gorgeous third novel is a triumph of imagination and compassion, a soaring story about children on the cusp of adulthood in worlds in peril, who find resilience, hope—and a book. In *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, Doerr has created a magnificent tapestry of times and places that reflects our vast interconnectedness—with other species, with each other, with those who lived before us, and with those who will be here after we're gone." –Amazon

Please contact www.novelmemo.com or call (901) 922-5226 to purchase your copy. We support local book sellers!

LGC READS Committee Members

Julie Hussey, Leslie Schutt, Lisa Snowden, Jeannie Tabor, Kate Trammell, Stephanie Weatherford, and Barbara Williamson

Conservation



Weed Wrangle at Memphis Botanic Garden for our Woodlands Project
Monday, October 11, 9:30-12:00

and

Tuesday, November 2, 9:30-12:00
Would love to have all who love the dirt to join!

–Abbie Williams and Ragan Magness

LGC Auction Returns!

Hello LGC Members,

Happy Fall! Auction committee has started to work and we need your help. As you know every active member is responsible for donating one item to the auction. This year we will have 6 to 8 live auction items and hoping for 75 items in silent but will take more. The auction will be March 31 at Memphis Botanic Garden at 7:00 p.m.

We had a brain storming meeting and came up with a wish list and hoping you can help us achieve this list to make the auction successful and enjoy a fun evening with husbands and friends.

Wish list:

Vacation homes

Dinner parties

Frequent flyer miles

Art

Jewelry (Ali Varner, Sissy's Log Cabin, Mednikow, anyone you know who makes jewelry)

Sporting events (Grizzlies, Tigers)

Dinner once a month for a year

Flower arrangement once a month for a year

Tickets to flower show

3 hour session with decorator

3 hour session with organizer

If you own a box at Fedex forum or part of one, tickets to concerts or any event

Live at the Garden – table or tickets

Memphis in May (Musicfest, BBQ fest)

Bourbon tasting (Busters)

Randy Jefferson casseroles to put in your freezer (6,8,10)

Garden District (class, wine and cheese party at store with discount, floral arrangements)

La Fleur (same as above)

Worlds Away

Decorator's show rooms (lamps, pillows, art, books, unique pieces)

Kitty Kyle (party with champagne and discount for 10 or 20 friends)

Curbside Casserole

Millstone

Dog sitting

Hollywood Feed

Pickering Boxwood

Tennis items

Golf items or round of golf at vacation home to go with house

Pickle ball set (net, balls, racket)

Oak Hall

Rare bottle of wine or collector's bottle

Case of wine

Christmas breakfast

This is just to help you and hope you will get creative and have fun with it. Also, all suggestions are welcomed. If you any questions please contact Weetie or Christy. Deadline for items will be January 10th. You

can drop them off to Weetie or Christy.

Thank you for your help! We appreciate you and your time.

-Weetie, Christy, Anne

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Christy Muller 901.870.6517
Weetie Whittemore 901.634.5288

Volunteers Needed for Halloween Hike

The MBG is looking for 10 volunteers to help with their **Halloween Hike** on **Saturday, October 30 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** This affair is in place of the Flick or Treat event that they usually sponsor, and it doesn't actually involve any hiking! We'd be participating in the **PANSY PLANTING STATION!** Please email [Sue Clark](#) or [Kim Lowrance](#) if you'd like to help make some children just a little bit happier that day!!



Children's Books Needed



Needed: Used Children's Books for The Children's Garden at The Memphis Botanic Garden!

The MBG has a Little Free Library near the playhouses in The Children's Garden. Mary Helen Butler says it's so popular that they often need more children's books.

Please bring any children's books to our October meeting and we will have box for The Children's Garden. You do not need to go out and buy new ones.

Or, if you have a good source for these books and can't make the meeting, Mary Helen or I am happy to come get them. Shoot me a text at 901-848-6232.

Thanks!

-Margaret Fraser

Autumn Leaves by Nat King Cole



Please click below to email information for the November *Ivy Vine* by Wednesday, October 20. Thanks!

Email to ivyvine.lgc@gmail.com