

September 2022



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# Green Lines

THE LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF MEMPHIS

*Member of The Garden Club of America*



# President's Letter

Friends, Gardeners and Botanists!

Lend me your eyes - for my first installment to Green Lines as your new president. I am finding my footing, slowly but surely, but nothing would be coming together if not for ALL of you, who have been so supportive already.

There are so many things on the LGC horizon to look forward to; really something for everyone. I hope that many of you were able to make it to the retirement celebration for our beloved Rick Pudwell. I know that we all wanted to show Rick just how much he has meant, not only to our club, but to everyone else who has benefitted from his love of all things gardening. Our September membership meeting will feature Mike Larrivee of The Compost Fairy, who will educate us on another aspect of sustainable living in Memphis and show us how we can literally turn "trash into treasure". Also this month, I will attend my first Presidents' Council, conveniently held right here in Memphis. There is plenty of room for information on a blank slate so I look forward to learning all I can and meeting new friends.

More in this issue on our fabulous trip to the gardens of the Hudson Valley, expertly and meticulously organized by Kate and Ruthie, Thanks to their hard work and planning, we wanted for nothing and came home with a lifetime's worth of wonderful memories.

Speaking of travel, Ruthie and Sue are coming up with great ideas for destinations for the next two years. There will be several "closer to home" offerings, some of which we can do in a day. We have so many gems to be discovered, right here within close proximity.

Our programs for this year will blow you away and there are exciting things coming up from our other division chairs! Don't forget our GCA flower show, "Greenways and Greenlines", October 20. With everyone's support, we will shine as bright as the sun!

Finally, and I mean this with my whole heart - I've never known a group of women like those in our club; there is something special here that's hard to define but it's made up of knowledge, laughter, compassion, generosity and most importantly, LOVE, and I am thrilled to be a part.

Love,  
Emily

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**September Meeting**



# LGC SEPTEMBER MEETING

SPEAKER IS THE COMPOST FAIRY

MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN  
SEPTEMBER 8ND AT 11:00 AM

HOSTESSES: BARBARA KEATHLEY  
ELISE LAKE  
VIRGINIA ROWLAND  
WEETIE WHITTEMORE



We are very excited to kick off our new LGC year with Environmental consultant and original Compost Fairy himself, Mike Larrivee.

Did you know the average US household creates 1600 pounds of compostable material per year??

In Memphis, we are above average with around 1800 pounds per household a year.

That translates to around 34,700,000 tons of food in the US going to landfills each year.

And did you know the methane gas created by the food waste is 84 times more potent than the carbon coming out of our cars?

Mike is going to teach us how to turn this material into black gold for our gardens which translates to beautiful and healthy vegetables and flowers. Which means even more beautiful arrangements and delicious food. All while helping the environment - it is a win win!

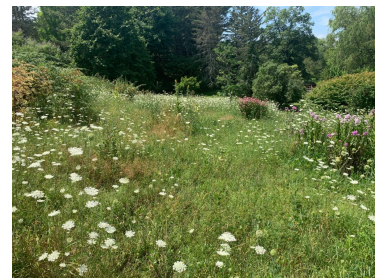
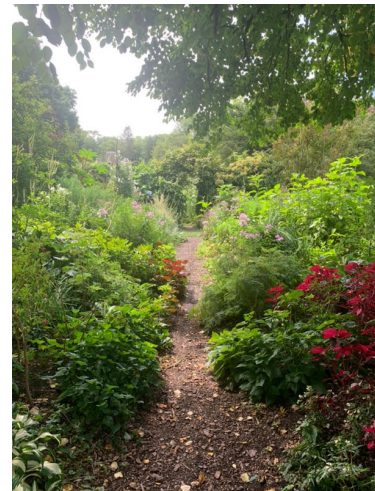
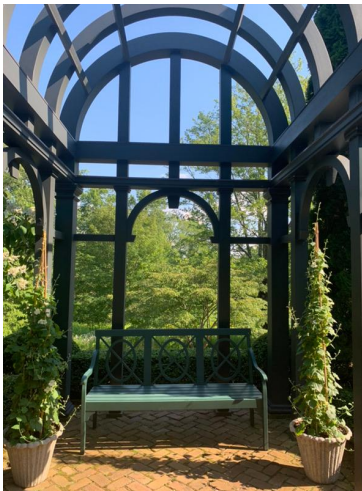
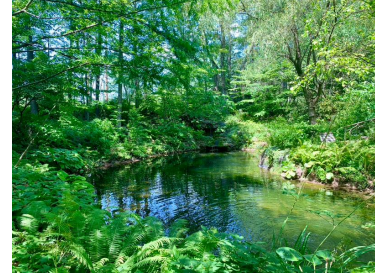
A licensed professional geologist who has worked for nearly a decade in environmental consulting, Mike is Director of Sustainable Initiatives for The Works Inc, and serves as Vice President of the TN chapter of the US Composting Council. He is the founder of Compost Fairy, a non profit water diversion and soil rehabilitation effort founded in Memphis in 2017 and now taken over by Atlas Organics.

Memphis is lucky to have him, as are we, as our speaker. Welcome Mike!

# Hudson River Valley Adventure







It truly was the trip of a lifetime for 28 intrepid Little Garden Clubbers (and our two gentleman travelers) as we scaled the heights of the Hudson River Valley's most talented and acclaimed citizens and their residences and gardens. Thank you to our amazing leaders, Kate and Ruthie, for planning a trip that exceeded all of our expectations, and maybe even theirs!

We toured Wethersfield, the Millbrook garden of Katie Ridder, Blithewood Gardens at Bard College, and Stonecrop Gardens, and were inspired and impressed with their beauty, lush layouts and incredible views of the Hudson River and the mountains beyond.

But it was the generosity and hospitality we experienced with Christopher Spitzmiller, Bunny Williams, Amy Fowler, Lee Link and Douglas Dockery that sent our happy band straight over the moon! They not only showed us their fabulous gardens themselves, they invited us into their homes to share their book-worthy lives for just a moment! Special kudos to Bunny and Amy (yes, we're all on a first-name basis with our new BFFs) for the incredibly delicious meals they served us - please let any one of us regale you if you have, say, a day or two to listen?

Our dear friend, John Tackett, made many of these experiences extra special through his deep friendships and our new friend,

Jefferson Mansell, herded us beautifully and with great patience as we navigated the many venues Kate and Ruthie arranged for us to visit.

As with any LGC trip, the laughter and joy kept us clipping right along, and the shopping and meals (with even more laughter) made this an adventure like no other.

One for the books, indeed!!!

--Barbara Williamson

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## LGC Zone Flower Show Awards

### FLORAL DESIGN

Vance Lewis  
HM

### HORTICULTURE

Ruthie Taylor  
Cut Collection  
1st  
Rosie Jones Horticulture Award

Gina White  
Rosa 'Heaven on Earth'  
1st

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Rosa 'Quietness'  
1st  
Catherine Beattie Medal  
Clarissa Willemsen Hort Propagation Award

Garnett Hutton  
Hosta 'Gold Standard'  
1st

Elizabeth Williamson  
Spirea japonica 'Double Play'  
1st

Kathy Adams  
Tsuga canadensis  
2nd

Mary Call Ford  
Paeonia 'Moon Riveer'  
2nd

Lynn Fulton

Polygonatum biflorum var commutatum  
3rd

Linda Mallory  
Farfugium japonicum  
3rd

Also, thank you to Katie Wiener for participating in the Allium challenge class.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Vance Lewis  
3rd

### **EDUCATION**

Kate Trammell  
Propagation of an oakleaf hydrangea  
1st  
Best in Show

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## **Flower Power**

" You will be the first person excommunicated from your garden club!" laughed my close friend when she heard I was a new member of LGC. She knows me well and knows my gardening knowledge and skill tend to hover in the C-/D + range. But I do want to contribute to LGC and then it occurred to me! What if I headed up something like outreach and care for our members? I could do that and best of all, it would require zero gardening skill! So that's what I'm doing! It's called "Flower Power". And I will be the point person. I will be reaching out to any of our members who have been sick, undergone treatment, surgeries, or been bereaved and taking them a little "happy" from LGC. Also, if our Silver Belles need rides to LGC events then I'll help coordinate that! This is basically a way to express care to our LGC family. This year, if you know of members who might need something, please contact me! And in the meantime while I'm learning how to propagate a fern please don't excommunicate me!

--Bowie Campbell

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## **September Birthdays**

5 Gina White  
7 Catherine Erb  
14 Nora Witmer Miller  
14 Garnett Hutton  
16 Leslie Schutt



17 EJ Baird  
18 Deborah Tipton  
19 Meredith Pritchard  
21 Lucia Crenshaw  
21 Judy Powell  
21 Ann Prince  
22 Janet Misner  
30 Bradley Fogelman

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## Horticulture

### FLOWER SHOW HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m.  
Goldsmith Room, Memphis Botanic Garden

No more excuses! Come learn how to enter your horticulture in any flower show, but most importantly OUR flower show scheduled for October 20!

Bring a specimen or two from your garden and we will have all the materials ready to show you how easy it is to enter your horticulture! We will talk about conditioning, grooming, and staging to show off your specimens and hopefully win a ribbon!

--Linda Mallory

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## Membership

Ladies,

We have 2 spots for new members.

- Active and Mentors may propose, or write letter, and vote
- Life members may propose only
- Deadline to receive a proposal form is noon, September 8
- Deadline to return 75 packet proposals is noon, September 15
- Votes must be emailed to me by noon, October 11

Remember, all actives and mentors are required to vote! Please do not make me hunt you down!

### **New Member Party is Tuesday, November 8**

This is a little different this year as we are not having an October meeting because of our Flower Show. If you have any questions,



please don't hesitate to call me. Thank you.

--Tempe Thompson

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## Memorials and Honorariums

*Please send to:*

Anne Dunavant  
4100 Gwynne Road  
Memphis, TN 38117

OR

Make donations through The Little Garden Club website!

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## Greenways & Greenlines

A GCA FLOWER SHOW | PRESENTED BY THE LITTLE GARDEN CLUB of MEMPHIS

OCTOBER 20, 2022



Flower Show Schedule

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## *September Song*



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