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## **President's Letter**

Some of you I've not seen since the May picnic and others I've run into while we've been out and about, but either way, I've missed you all! There is a considerable difference in how I felt this time last year and how I feel now, as far as attitude and aptitude. Last year, when I unboxed the brand new Macbook Air and attempted to communicate in my new language - "Apple-speak" - I hit MANY walls. Except for my iphone, I was a tried and true PC girl. It was so bad at first, that whenever I brought out the computer, whoever happened to be here would quietly slip out of the room and make themselves invisible for fear that I would ask them for help. "Helping me" was a guaranteed trip to the dark side, with much wailing and gnashing of teeth on both ends. This year, however, when I got down to LGC business after the summer break, Harvey commented, "Wow"! You are a LOT calmer than last year1" It was true. Along the way, I had adopted the mantra my daddy taught me to use when I was nervous or afraid - "What's the worst that can happen?", and that has changed my perspective. All this to say it was ALL OF YOU who patiently guided and supported me and who have gotten me through so far. I was excited about last year but I'm euphoric about this one!

I'm looking forward to hearing from Kim Halyak, selfproclaimed "Garden Goddess" at our membership meeting on the 7th. Kim chairs The Cooper-Young Garden Club and is founder of *Experience Memphis Gardens*, the impetus for the muchacclaimed annual Cooper-Young Garden Walk. She has lots to tell us about 'growing beauty' in communities like Memphis. Please remember to respond to your emailed invitation so that our hostesses have an accurate number.

Next up in busy September is another "LGC" - Let's Go Chicago! Our much-anticipated trip to Chicago and surrounding gardens of the North Shore is right around the corner and we are counting the minutes. Sue and Ruthie have OUTDONE themselves and have planned the perfect trip. We will have lots of pictures to share when we get back.

Also, Linda and I will be traveling to Monroe, Louisiana this month for Presidents Council, where we will compare notes with the ladies from the other clubs in Zone IX. It's so great to hear how other clubs raise money, solve problems, and keep their memberships enthusiastic and eager (a problem we don't have!).

In the meantime, surely the temperatures can only go down from here; Fall is on the horizon.

Looking forward to seeing you all SOON!

love, Emily

# September Meeting: Kim Halyak

Little Garden Elub September Membership Meeting

> Thursday, September 7 Memphis Botanic Garden 11:00 am Special Guest Kim Halyak

Memphis Garden Goddess

Hostesses Corinne Adrian Kate Connell Ragan Magness Kate Trammell

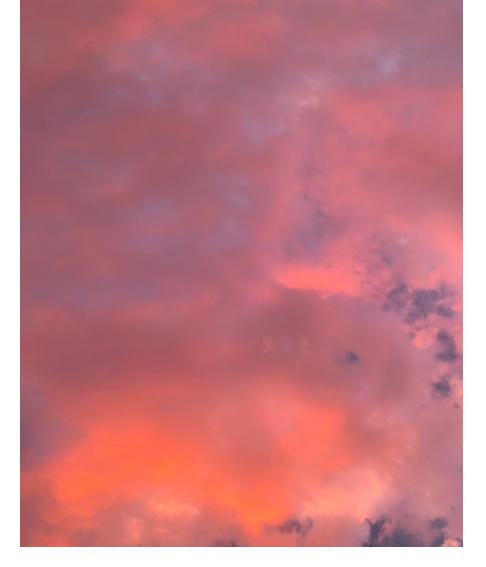
Please RSVP to Paperless Post or LRmagness@me.com

We are so looking forward to our September Speaker, Kim Halyak, better known as the "Garden Goddess". She is a local avid and enthusiastic Gardner. She focuses on growing beauty in communities. She loves discovering garden gems around the country. Kim founded Experience Memphis Gardens, a six-week garden tour extravaganza of more than 200 gardens to visit. Kim is a member of The Cooper-Young Garden Club, The Kennedy View Club, The Horticultural



Society, The Herb Society, The Garden Bloggers Fling, Food for Thought, Garden Buds Club, New Neighbors, and the Garden Communicators International.

# Photography



## **10 Day Photo Challenge**

It's a new year on the LGC calendar so let's make a resolution!

Beauty is all around us and we want you to use your cameras not just for family photos. While this is not a competition, we want to give you a challenge.

We encourage you to snap a picture each day and look back after 10 days to see what "talks" to you in the photograph. Is it the time of day, lighting, subject, positioning, color, activity, shadows?

To get you started, here are some ideas to inspire you. Have fun and be creative!

### **10 Day Challenge:**

\*Get dirty in the garden \*Take your camera on your daily walk \*Make use of rain \*Indescribable sunsets \*Shoot the same scene every day \*Photograph food/camera eats first \*Night photography \*Pets \*Morning dew For added enjoyment use your Snapseed app to enhance your favorite photos!

Our hope is these pics will provide inspiration while building your camera skills.

Source:Shotkit.com

Enjoy and click away for 10 days!

--Ginger Collier and Kim Gibson

# **Visiting Gardens**



Remember!

As you make future travel plans, if you would like to visit the gardens of fellow GCA members, please let me know a month in advance (at least). It takes some time to organize, but it's a wonderful perk of membership in our garden club!

-- Leslie Schutt

# **Garden History and Design**



The Garden of Peggy and Henry Valentine, Richmond, VA

This past May, I had the opportunity to go to Nashville for a Garden History and Design Workshop led by our Zone IX Representative, Mary Lauren Faulkner. It was held at the beautiful home of Julie Frist and attended by several members of the Nashville Garden Club and myself. Mary Lauren has been our Zone IX Rep for the past two years and has worked diligently to add to the list of gardens documented by our Zone for the Smithsonian. Most of the workshop focussed on the appropriate steps to document a garden and how to make the most out of the GCA website. My biggest takeaway was the GCbA website. It is a treasure trove of information on Garden History and Design. We cannot underestimate what a big deal it is that this work is permanently housed at the Smithsonian Institute! Check out SOVA (Smithsonian Online Visual Archives) on the GCA website to see the vast collection of gardens. The Little Garden Club has successfully documented six gardens for the Archives of American Gardens Horticultural Division of the Smithsonian Institute including:

2009 Lib Dunklin 2010 Karen Wellford 2012 Buzzy Hussey 2012 Buxton Garden 2016 Gina White 2022 Williamson's Point No Point

**Breaking News**: In June of 2023 the digital policy was changed to allow iphone photography in documentation. And our new Zone IX Representative for GH&D is Nancy Etheridge from Houston and we look forward to working with her over the next two years.

--Lucia Crenshaw

## **Memorials and Honorariums**

#### **MAY-AUGUST DONATIONS**

**MEMORIAL FUND** In Memorial of Libby Daughdrill Ginger and Dabney Collier Mary Call and Mott Ford Lynn and Graham Fulton Kate and Brad Trammell Elizabeth and Russell Williamson In Memory of Tommy Keesee Connie and Lou Adams Gay Boyd Anne and Woodson Dunavant Mary Call and Mott Ford Julie and Rob Hussey Angela Smith In Memory of Kitty McClintock Ginger and Dabney Collier EJ Crowley Michelle and Bill Dunavant Mary Call and Mott Ford Julie and Rob Hussey Elizabeth and Russell Williamson Weetie and John Whittemore In Memory of Anne Phillipy Mary Call and Mott Ford In Memory of Suzette Turner Kathy and Ben Adams Judith and Bruce Campbell Foy Coolidge Kate and Brad Trammell

#### SENSORY GARDEN In Memory of Libby Daughdrill

Michelle and Bill Dunavant Janet Misner Tempe and Michael Thompson **In Memory of Tommy Keesee** Kathy and Ben Adams Judith and Bruce Campbell Dot and Dick Fisher Florence McGowin Janet Misner Dee Muller Tempe and Michael Thompson Gina and John White **In Memory of Kitty McClintock** Kathe Crane Dot and Dick Fisher Linda and Neely Mallory Janet Misner Meredith Prichartt Ruthie and Edward Taylor Gina and John White **In Memory of Suzette Turner** Connie and Lou Adams Dot and Dick Fisher Tempe and Michael Thompson

#### CHILDREN'S GARDEN In Memory of Tommy Keesee Stacey and Thomas Hussey In Memory of Kitty McClintock Stacey and Thomas Hussey

### **GCA TRAVEL EDUCATION FUND**

In Memory of Tommy Keesee Lucia and Hal Crenshaw In Memory of Suzette Turner Linda and Neely Mallory

COMMUNITY FUND In Memory of Kitty McClintock Connie and Lou Adams

-- Anne Dunavant

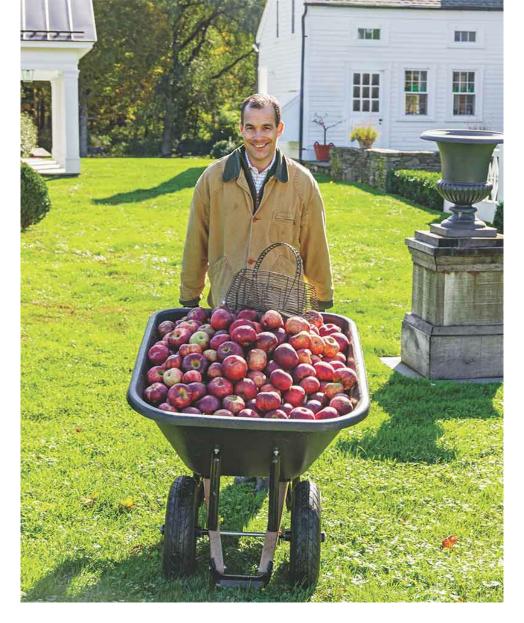
## **September Birthdays**



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- 21 Lucia Crenshaw
- 21 Judy Powell
- 21 Ann Prince
- 22 Janet Misner
- 30 Bradley Fogelman

Chris Spitzmiller's Apple Tart from *A Year at Clove Brook Farm* 



1 frozen puff pastry, defrosted

3 Granny Smith or other tart apples

1/4 cup plus 2 Tbsp. turbinado sugar, divided

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

3 Tbsp. salted butter, cut into small pieces

1/4 peach jam

2 Tbsp. Calvados

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°
- 2. Roll out puff pastry into a 9-by-13-inch rectangle and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet
- 3. Leaving the skin on, core apples and cut into 1/4-inch wedges.
- 4. In a medium bowl, mix together cinnamon and 1/4 cup sugar. Add apple wedges and toss to coat.
- 5. Arrange apple wedges in tight rows on pastry sheet, leaving a 1-inch border on all sides. Sprinkle slices with remaining sugar and pieces of butter.
- 6. Bake in the center of the oven for about 40 minutes, or until tart is nicely browned and crust is cooked through.
- 7. While tart is baking, heat peach jam and Calvados in a small pan until jam is dissolved. Brush glaze on finished tart while still hot.



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