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



May Meeting and Picnic

One of the Best things about our End of The Year Picnic is celebrating all we have done. And this year was exceptional and Fun! LGC deserves a Big Award for all we accomplished while juggling the new normal. The following were recognized at the meeting:



The Mary Whitaker Gotten Trophy was presented to Katherine Dobbs For her knowledge, ability, and enthusiasm which have furthered the ideals of The Little Garden Club.



The GCA Club Appreciation Award was presented to Paige Proctor *In* appreciation for her continuous contributions, leadership, enthusiasm and willingness to serve.



The GCA Medal of Merit was presented to Kathy Adams. Kathy's love for our club is evident in her constant participation and in her mentoring of other members. She is level-headed, diplomatic, and wise – all excellent traits of a leader.

The citation on the award reads: With appreciation and gratitude for her horticultural expertise, for her gracious and wise leadership, and for her enthusiastic and loyal dedication to our club.





Again, a big thank you to Kate who kept us on track despite the many uncertainties & challenges the last two years presented.

Back in the Zone

May 10-12



LGC wins the Corliss Knapp Engle Horticulture Sweepstakes Award

Monday: Off we went to Zone on May 9! Ruthie had a car full of hort, Vance was packed in tight with all the accoutrements for her floral design and I had my propagated oakleaf hydrangea for the Education Division. We arrived in Chattanooga in time to join the early arrivals for a yummy dinner at Hennon's.

Tuesday: Ruthie entered our hort specimens in the early morning and then we went to Lookout Mountain Golf Club for the first business meeting. We were treated to a presentation by Bill Quade, Senior Hort Manager for Biltmore, and club president reports from the 21 clubs in Zone IX. After this we were taken to Point Park for a Civil War talk and then to Kitty Caldwell's for a home and garden tour. The final stop of the day was at Leslie and John Stout's Pavilion where we met the judges and were served drinks and an al fresco dinner. The evening ended with a magnificent sunset over the mountain.

Wednesday: We started our next day at Rising Fawn Gardens. There we had presentations by the owner, Karen Persinger, and by Dwayne Estes, Executive Director of the Southern Grasslands Initiative. Lunch was followed by GCA Zone Rep reports and then we were taken back to our hotel to see the flower show. LGC ladies, you should be very proud! The results are listed at the end of this article but suffice it to say that we did very well!

We caught our breath and then quickly headed out for cocktails at

Lookout Mountain homes, followed by the Awards Dinner at Fairyland Club. First, the flower show awards were announced (all LGC big winners are listed below), including the Zone Sweepstakes Award, which was won by LGC! Wow! Yay LGC! This was followed by Barbara Bush listing the Zone Medal of Merit winners and our own Kathy Adams was on that short and prestigious list. Finally, they presented the 9 big Zone awards. And LGC's Ruthie Taylor was presented with the Zone Horticulture Award "in recognition of her passion for horticulture and her endless desire to share her knowledge with others throughout The Garden Club of America." Our affiliate Polly Glotzbach was presented the Zone Judging Award for "her generous and outstanding commitment to exemplary judging and her tireless devotion to exceptional judging education". Kudos to both of these exceptional ladies!

We ended the evening by lighting paper lanterns and casting them to the skies, bidding farewell to Lookout Mountain and a wonderful zone gathering!

-Kate Trammell

Below are the LGC winners listed in the Zone IX Newsletter:

The Catherine Beattie Medal: Gina White, The Little GC of Memphis

The Clarissa Willemsen Horticulture Propagation Award: Gina White, The Little GC of Memphis

The Corliss Knapp Engle Horticulture Sweepstakes Award: The Little GC of Memphis

> The Rosie Jones Horticulture Award: Ruthie Taylor, The Little GC of Memphis

Best in Show Education: Kate Trammell, The Little GC of Memphis











Elizabeth Spirea



Garnett Hosta



Gina Rose



Kathy Hemlock



Linda Farfugiam



Lynn Solomans Seal







Mary Call Peony

Gina shrub rose Beattie & Willemsen

Kate Best in Show



Ruthie Rosie Jones



Vance Floral Design



Vance Photography







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In Honor of Kate Trammell *Brad, Mac, and Henry Trammell*

Don't forget that donations may be made on our <u>website</u>.

LeBonheur Green Grand Opening





Many thanks to LGC members for your contributions and support of the Le Bonheur Green project. Opening day was May 24. This 2 acre green space provides a healthy and happy way for patients and families to connect with nature.

Blessing of LeBonheur Green

Creator God, it is with anticipation and gladness that we dedicate this space to you today.

We are thankful for this good and perfect gift affectionately called Le Bonheur Green. Though it came through the generosity of donors, and though it was inspired by our patients, families and Associates; it was created by your hands and your spirit has given it new life that will breathe your wonder on all who partake of its splendor.

Thank you, for this place ... A place given by community for community ... A place where we can come alone or with family and friends. Where we can come to pray or just to be. A place where we can enjoy the sunshine or the freshness of rain. A place where we can relax or where we can contemplate our lives. Bless this space with the peace we need to still our hearts. Cover this place with the joy we need to restore our spirits. Pour out your love on this place that we might be comforted. Shower your blessings on Le Bonheur Green that we might be reminded of your continual hope for tomorrow.

As we pray on the paths of the labyrinth, we pray that sacredness will surround with us. As we sit on the porch of your presence, we pray arms of comfort will hold us; as we listen for what's to come, we pray spirit winds will guide us and as we simply walk, we pray your heart of love will encompass and fill us. As you have given this space to us, we dedicate it back to you that you might bless it and hold all who walk this way in the palm of your hands. In Le Bonheur Green, we receive the respite our weary souls sometimes need and the healing that our spirits souls and bodies will find in the garden of your love. We pray, in the words of that old church hymn, that as we enjoy the awe and beauty of Le Bonheur Green you walk with us, you talk with us and the joys we share as we tarry there none other has ever known. Into your hands we commit to this place that it might bless, heal and bring peace to all. Bless now and forever more. Amen.







Summertime

