



Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

# THE IVY VINE

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

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*Ruthie Taylor*

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## President's Letter

Spring is my favorite time of year. This year is better than most as we are all getting vaccinated, slowly but surely, which brings hope of normalcy. Interesting fact: I asked at the March Board Meeting how



many had been vaccinated and 21 out of 23 had gotten a vaccine. Great news!

I am interested to hear what Linda Brashear, the COO of the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy, has to tell us about Shelby Farms. We are lucky to have such a fantastic park in our city. Unfortunately, the GCA Floral Design Conference is the same day as our membership meeting. However, I plan to come home after the meeting and tune in as the afternoon speakers are fabulous and not-to-be-missed (Putnam & Putnam, Hitomi Gilliam, Jane Godshalk).

Don't forget the upcoming plant sales at Dixon and MBG. They both could use our support.

Happy Spring!

*Kate*



## April Birthdays



2 Mary Saxton  
3 Kathy Adams  
4 Margaret Fraser  
4 Kathy Hughes  
10 Christian Owen  
10 Abbie Williams  
12 Weetie Whittemore  
13 Corinne Adrian  
19 Mimsie Crump  
20 Stacey Hussey  
22 Dee Muller  
24 Shelley Turley

## Awards

The Little Garden Club Flower Design Guru, Lisa Snowden, has been recognized for all her Flower Design talents & influences through out GCA. At the Zone IX Awards Ceremony on March 16 Lisa received the *Barbara Spaulding Cramer Zone Floral Design Education Award*.

*“This award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding achievement in floral design and floral design education throughout the zone and beyond the zone.”* The Citation on the Award Stated: *For her Creative Leadership organizing the inaugural GCA Floral Design Committee, and thus extending floral design education opportunities to all members of GCA.*

Lisa has won too many FD Awards to list, but basically she has won them all multiple times!! From 2018–2020 she was the inaugural GCA Floral Design Chairman. She was not daunted by the fact that this was a new unchartered GCA position. Lisa accepted this challenge as she does with everything in life using her unique, creative (often out of the box) approach. Lisa’s focus was on redesigning FD Education. Her motto: *“Take out the Fear. Put the Fun in!”*

Again the specifics of what she accomplished are too many to list. Bottom line is she created a new consolidated roadmap for teaching FD on all levels in hopes of inspiring creativity .Her efforts have influenced many and will continue to do so.

The Sponsor Letters for her just made me proud to know her. Lisa congratulations for all you do. We are so lucky to know & have you in our midst!!

–Kathy Adams





*Dear LGCers,*

*I just want to take a moment and say “THANK YOU”. I am truly honored to have been awarded the GCA Barbara Cramer award.*

*I enjoyed my experience with the GCA Floral Design Committee, made some terrific friends from across the country, worked with some extremely talented and gifted designers, and learned a great deal.*

*But most of all I was and I am reminded how much I prize our club. Like Dorothy in the Wizard of OZ “there is no place like home.” I am thrilled by the contributions the Little Garden Club has made in our community and delighted with our fun inclusive upbeat approach.*

*I am looking forward to seeing the LeBonheur project, to participating in Inspirations aka Happenings, to watching the new cherry trees, to hearing future speakers, and to enjoying the company of fellow LGCers.*

*Much love ....*

*Lisa*

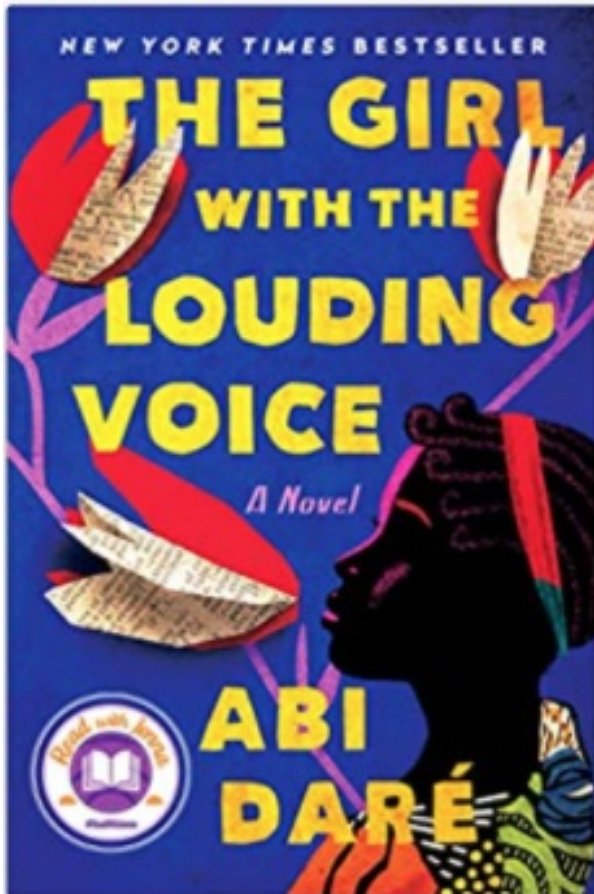
*P.S. I have promised Bayard I will not let this award go to my head.*

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## LGC READS: No Show Book Club

I hope you have enjoyed reading along with Leslie and Connie this year. They have picked some great books and I appreciate their willingness to lead the inaugural group. Thank you, ladies! If you would be interested in co-chairing LGC Reads next year, please let me know.

I am stepping in this month as guest book picker, and am choosing *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. I read it this time last year and loved it.



The unforgettable, inspiring story of a teenage girl growing up in a rural Nigerian village who longs to get an education so that she can find her “louding voice” and speak up for herself, *The Girl with the Louding Voice* is a simultaneously heartbreaking and triumphant tale about the power of fighting for your dreams.

Her spirited determination to find joy and hope in even the most difficult circumstances imaginable will “break your heart and then put it back together again” (Jenna Bush Hager on The Today Show) even as Adunni shows us how one courageous young girl can inspire us all to reach for our dreams...and maybe even change the world.

–Kate

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## Conservation

As LGC's conservation reps, Abbie and I have the fun task of attending the NAL conference in Washington, DC for 3 days. Abbie made the trip last year right before Covid hit and really enjoyed hearing the speakers and spending time with other GCA women in a great city like DC. Like everything else in our world right now, the NAL conference that I attended last month looked very different! The organizers did a wonderful job making the conference flow well on Zoom and we heard some great speakers. My favorite speakers from the conference were Julie Packard from the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Dan Myers, the Director of Public Affairs for National Geographic Pristine Seas. I enjoyed how they presented simple and tangible ways to reduce our carbon footprint and help the oceans. On the last day our group from Tennessee met with reps from Bill Haggarty and Marsha Blackburn's



offices. Although climate change and conservation is not on the top of their lists, they listened and engaged well and we had a spirited exchange. Thank you for letting me be a part of a very informative conference!

–Ragan Magness

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## MGC Button Bush Seedlings

Please let me know if you are growing the button bush from the seedlings that MGC gave away last spring. MGC needs the info for their flower show next April. Thank you!

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## Little Garden Club MBG Summer Intern



Introducing Zoe Woods! Our summer intern at the Memphis Botanic Garden. Zoe will begin working in late May and will spend 75% of her time in the Sensory Garden and My Big Back Yard. Zoe is no stranger to the Memphis Botanic Gardens. In fact, she volunteered at MBG the summer before COVID and before that, she worked a full hot summer at Dan West Garden Center.

Zoe is a sophomore at Louisiana State University. She will graduate in May 2023 with a BS in Plant and Soil Systems:Horticulture and a Minor in German.

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Chris and Paul McClure have moved!  
She is still going to remain a Life Member in our club.

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## *April in Paris*



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Please submit your April *Ivy Vine* articles by Tuesday, April 20. If you have photos to include, please send them as attachments. Thank you!

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