



Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

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Ruthie Taylor

President's Letter

The Thanksgiving leftovers are gone and it is time to turn the calendar to December. Normally this is such a hectic and busy month and I am racing from one thing to the next. I will miss the frivolity of the season, but I am thinking that a peaceful December is not such a bad thing.

Since we are not gathering this month, I hope you will consider the GCA Program On Demand for December. "How a 19th Century Estate and Organic Farm Expresses Itself in the 21st Century" features a tour of Stonegate Farm, Matthew Benson's New York Hudson Valley estate. I know it won't be nearly as fun as a real meeting, but, if the October episode is any indication, it should be worthwhile. And speaking of the

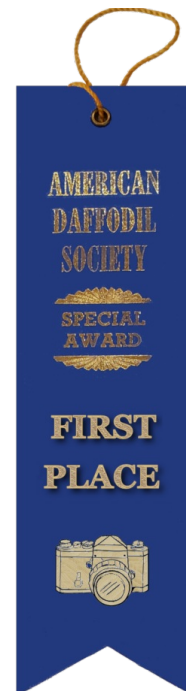
October episode, "Revolutionary Gardeners: Gardening Wisdom from George Washington and Thomas Jefferson" was outstanding – a very high-quality production with Dean Norton of Mt. Vernon and Peter Hatch of Monticello. Both videos are available [here](#).

Since we are all hunkering down at home, I thought it might be fun to take a page from the playbooks of Alamo Hills–Terrell Heights GC and Little Rock GC and have a Virtual Holiday Home Tour, sharing our festive decorations via Facebook! Post your favorite decorations on our private Facebook page and we can visit each other's homes while safely ensconced in our own abodes. I cannot wait to see how you "deck the halls" at your house!

(Not sure how to post to our Facebook group? Send your pics to Christian Owen, putting "LGC Facebook" in the subject line to help her keep track. Also, Christian can send you an invitation to our FB group if you have not already joined.)

I wish you all a joyful holiday season! Merry, merry!

Kate



American Daffodil Society 2020 Fall Forum Virtual Photography Show

The LGC's own Ruthie Taylor won a First Place Blue Ribbon in Class 4a: Daffodils Composed Beginning with Classic Style Compositions. The

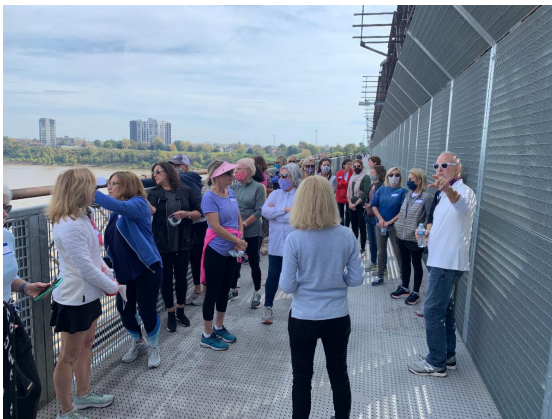
description of this class in this photography show is "a Still-Life with static, inanimate elements telling a story using objects such as tools, books, bulbs, and plant labels to explore a daffodil theme."

Congrats to Ruthie!!

Want to see more winners? Click below.

ADS 2020 Fall Photography Show

November Meeting – Big River Crossing





December Birthdays

- 4 Katie Wiener
- 5 Julie Mills
- 15 Katie Eleazer
- 15 Kirk McClintock
- 17 Musette Morgan



Mary Call sent the following clip from the NY Times – looks like fun so thought I would pass along to everyone.

*Enjoy!
KT*

'Full Bloom' on HBO Max

At this point, skill-based reality contest shows are part of a balanced breakfast. Somewhere between doomscrolling, “Jeopardy!,” rewatching an excellent but depressing prestige drama and maybe bingeing a midrange British murder show, you need a little something else — something light and bright. The vibe of this competitive floral arranging show is more “Top Chef” than “Great British Baking Show,” and it also includes occasional festive tips for the home florist. (Netflix has a flower competition show, “The Big Flower Fight,” but this one is better.) The first four episodes are available now, and two new ones come out the next two Thursdays.

*Excerpted from How Much Watching Time Do You Have This Weekend?
by Margaret Lyons, NY Times, Nov 19, 2020*

Trailers can be found below!

["Full Bloom" on HBO Max](#)

["The Big Flower Fight" on Netflix](#)

LGC READS: No Show Book Club

Our selection for December is *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Don't miss this one!

Not only is "The Secret Garden" a magical book, but there is a wonderful 2020 film as well. What a great holiday treat for us to enjoy with our children and grandchildren!

The Secret Garden was first published in book form in 1911 following the publication in 1910 of a serial version in a U.S. magazine. Set in England, it is one of Burnett's most popular novels and is considered a classic of English children's literature. The book's main character, Mary Lennox, is living in India with her uncaring parents when they are both killed in a cholera epidemic. She is sent to live with an uncle at his house in England. There she meets and helps her uncle's sickly son, Colin, recover his health. Several stage and film adaptations have been made. *The Secret Garden* is often considered one of the best children's books of the twentieth century

Click below to purchase the book or watch the trailer for the film which is available for rent on Prime Video.

Happy Reading!

-Connie Adams & Leslie Schutt

[Purchase on amazon.com](#)

[The Secret Garden Film Trailer](#)

Garden History and Design

What SECRET GARDEN might be behind this door??



Click below for a little bit of history behind “secret gardens”!

–Janet Misner & Leslie Schutt

Secret Gardens

Horticulture

This past spring you may have read about the fight that the Brooklyn Botanical Garden is going through with zoning opposing a 39–story tower that would impact the sunlight to the garden including greenhouses used for propagation.

Debbie Edwards, our GCA President, is asking each of us to join her and the Board in the **Fight for Light for the Brooklyn Botanical Garden**.

[Here is a link](#) to the public page article that the GCA ran in May 2019. All Executive Board members have personally signed the petition in opposition to the proposed high–rise development that will put the BBG's greenhouses and gardens at risk. Debbie will write letters in support of the Fight for Light on behalf of the GCA to the appropriate officials and the GCA will run a public pages article.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden has hosted a Shirley Meneice Conference for the GCA and is a good friend and neighbor. BBG is one of the leading public gardens in our country and GCA supports public gardens and especially the BBG.

Please consider signing the petition linked in the button below as soon as possible to help address this time–sensitive situation. Thank you so much for your help.

Fight for Light for the Brooklyn Botanical Garden

Honorariums and Memorials

In Honor of Kate Trammell
Brandon Morrison

In Memory of Ray Tanner
Nora & Wallace Witmer
Dot & Dick Fisher

Please sent memorials and honorariums to:
Jeannie Tabor
6500 May Creek
Memphis, TN 38119

Photography



Nora Witmer

Complete Guide To Using Snapseed To Edit Your iPhone Photos

[Snapseed](#) is an incredible iPhone photo editing app. But are you daunted by its huge range of editing tools? In this [Snapseed tutorial](#), we guide you through the app with step-by-step instructions and video tutorials. You'll quickly master the Snapseed app... even if you're a complete beginner. Read on to discover how to use Snapseed photo editing tools to turn ordinary images into stunning masterpieces.

As you all know we LOVE our iPhone and we seem to have them on us

twenty-four/seven so Catherine and I have been researching to bring you an educational learning piece on how to use Snapseed to edit your photos for entry into GCA photography shows. Emil Pakarklis shows you in detail how to edit your photos using Snapseed. This app allows you to turn ordinary photos into stunning masterpieces...Even if you're a complete beginner We hope that this information will be helpful to you. Please click on the links for further information.

Photography Updates and Reminders

COVID Project

We are living in unprecedented and unsettled times. In response, the Photography Committee is launching this project to create a visual historical record of our experienced for the GCA's Archives. Over the next several months our Zone Rep will be reaching out to all clubs across the country to encourage members to submit up to two images each for inclusion in an e-book to be published next summer. Images not selected for the book will be shared in a format yet to be determined. We hope that you will participate in this project that will make history no doubt. ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY MAY 1ST 2021. Catherine and I would love to see as many of our members participate.

If you go to the GCA website and click on Committee pages and click on the photography scroll down to the COVID Project and you will see the links to the submission form and information on the COVID Project. Or click on this link below:

– <https://www.gcamerica.org/members:news/get?id=3062>

Photo Flash Zone Meeting NOLA March 2021

Remember when we had so much fun when Ruthie asked us to photograph a Bug or Creature Photo for Zone 2019 meeting and For Zone 2020 meeting we also took a close up image of a plant indigenous to our area, and we all judged it? Well, it is that time of year again. Catherine and I would love for you to enter a photo for Salute 2021 Virtual Flower Show that we will judge here in Memphis and the winner will be chosen to go to the Show. So NOW is the time to start taking that photo before frost when we put our gardens to bed. Here are the specifics:

Class 4 Salute to the Journey

Create a color image of a landscape or seascape showing a path, road, bridge or other means of travel. Digital image size for all entries is 1-

5MB sRGB. Photos must be submitted by February 23, so we are asking you to email your photos to us by January 13. Last year, we had many entries, so get snapping. Please contact Catherine or Michelle if you are interested in participating. This will be so fun, so we hope many of you will participate.

Stay well and stay safe...

-Michelle Dunavant and Catherine Erb Sikes

Photography Workshop at the Dixon with Murray Riss





Joyeux Noël

This traditional French carol is a particular favorite. Hope it helps you get "in the spirit!"

-Kirk McClintock



Please submit your January Ivy Vine article by Sunday, December 20. If you have photos to include, please send them separately, not in a document. Thank you!

Ivy Vine Submissions



Join the Little Garden Club Facebook Group!