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THE IVY VINE

The Little Garden Club of Memphis

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Ruthie Taylor

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's all in the "Extras"



LITTLE GARDEN CLUB AND MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB JOINT MEETING

The Living Edge: The Landscapes of Nelson Byrd Woltz Along America's Great River

Thursday February 14, 11:00 a.m.
Memphis Country Club

Speaker: Thomas Woltz

You should have received a Paperless Post invitation to the meeting and luncheon from Julie Hussey. Please RSVP by Paperless Post or you may call her at 901-230-6159. Your \$30 check made out to Julie Hussey is your

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra". Whether it's the film strips in the flower arrangements adding a touch of "clever" to our iPhone photography meeting – or the special lapel pins that were generously made to commemorate our first logo – or a field trip to Mason, TN to see the sunflowers in bloom, just so our members can enjoy their beauty and clip to their heart's delight –our members are always finding ways to enjoy and share their talents, their gardens and their treasures.

It's these "extras" that make being in this Garden Club extra-ordinary. I find myself appreciating this and noticing it every time we are together. I know there are days that will be pretty ordinary – and that's ok – but there is just something almost magical that happens when our club is gathered together. Let's continue to add those little "extras" to what we do. It can be as simple as entering a flower or a photograph in a show. What was billed as a mini-club photography show at our January meeting was a huge success because several of you took the "extra" time to take a photograph, have it mounted and enter the show! And it certainly helped that we had Ruthie encouraging and coordinating it all.

It's fun to see what happens when we look for places to add the little extras to this club. It doesn't have to be for all to see or for all to hear – it may just be in the conversation you have with the member (you don't know as well) sitting right next to you at the lunch table. You never know!



reservation for lunch. Please send your check by Feb 8 to 227 W. Chickasaw Pkwy, 38111.

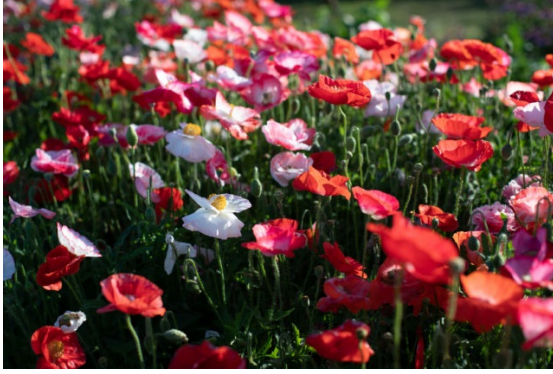


Kim and I are excited to invite you to attend the joint meeting with our friends at the Memphis Garden Club to hear our illustrious speaker for this year, renowned landscape architect, Thomas Woltz. A North Carolina native and graduate of the University of Virginia School of Architecture, Woltz is the principal owner of Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects. In 2011, he was invested into The American Society of Landscape Architects Council of Fellows and in 2013, he was named Wall Street Journal Magazine's Design Innovator of the Year. He is a "rock star" in the landscape architecture world. We are so looking forward to this meeting and you should too!
Ragan

February Birthdays

- 1 Kim Lowrance
- 5 Julie Hussey
- 7 Peggy Jones
- 9 Connie Adams
- 10 Margaret Tabor
- 11 Natalie Latham
- 14 Linda Mallory
- 15 Virginia Rowland
- 16 Michel Allen
- 18 Mimi Graves

P is for Propagate and Poppies!



Poppy seeds were the most requested before we went to the Shirley Menice conference last fall. The flowers are so stunning but they are delicate and seem tricky to grow. We hope this article from FloretFlowers.com will de-mystify the planting process.

Please report back with any results you have in your own garden so we can learn together!

Leslie & Corinne

Of all the poppies, the breadseed varieties are by far the easiest to grow. While the cut flowers aren't particularly long lasting, persisting just 2-3 days in the vase, they make a wonderful addition to the garden, leaving behind the most beautiful glaucous decorative seed pods that can be used both fresh or dried. If you want to attempt to use their flowers in arrangements, harvest when they are only half way open and sear the bottom ends in boiling water for 7-10 seconds. I have tried more times than I'd like to count to get these beauties to last longer without any luck.

Breadseed poppies resent transplanting and do best when direct sown. You can plant them directly into the garden as soon as the soil can be worked in the spring. Keep in mind that slugs love them, so you'll need to monitor growing plants closely. One of my favorite things about breadseed poppies is that they self seed freely and once you grow them, you will forever have them popping up around your garden.

To save your own seed, pick the pods when they are starting to turn from green to brown or when the little vents around the crown open. I gather bunches of ripe pods and cover them with a paper grocery sack and turn them upside down to dry in the garage for a few weeks. As the pods and seeds ripen, they will fall into the bag and can be stored away for years to come. Little envelopes of home grown seed make great gifts!

Read the entire article on
FloretFlowers.com

February Events

January 31-February 3 - Nashville Antiques and Garden Show

February 9 - MBG Whiskey, Wine and Chocolates 7:00-10:00 p.m.

February 13 - LGC Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. at MBG

February 14 - LGC and MGC Joint Meeting with Thomas Woltz

February 25-27 - NAL Conference, Washington, DC

Jan Bell

Jan Bell has wonderful memories over many years as a member of the Little Garden Club. She describes it as an encouraging place to learn new skills, forge friendships of all ages, and surround oneself with genuine, fun women.



Jan has a life-long love of gardening and the outdoors. Growing up in Wilmington, DE, Jan always enjoyed watching her mother in her garden. There was a small stream and wooded area in her back yard near where Jan created her own garden, filling her time and heart with beauty she could shape, grow and cultivate, and then stand back to view the beauty unfold.

[Click here to read more](#)



Little Garden Club and Memphis Garden Club

Please join the Dixon at a
reception in honor of Karyl Evans
Friday, February 8, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Hughes Pavilion
Dixon Gallery & Gardens

RSVP to Tonya Ashworth
(901) 312-1268

Tashworth@dixon.org



Karyl is a member of GCA's Garden Club of New Haven. an award winning filmmaker, and winner of the 2018 Zone Historic Preservation Award. The Dixon will have a screening of her film, *The Life and Gardens of Beatrix Farrand* on Saturday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.

Let's join together to extend a warm Memphis welcome to Karyl!



Photography Opportunity

What great participation in the "Bug and Creature" mini Photography Show!!! We had 19 entries and the membership voted on the photo that will go to the Zone Meeting...We will show the photo in the Ivy Vine after the Zone Meeting in March!

Our next learning step: Vance and Tempe will review these 19 entries and help us learn on making our photos even better. We will be talking about overexposure, cropping and what they see from a Judge's eye. I have already learned so much from our GCA judges!

Please come! **February 13th 11:00 a.m. (right after the Board meeting) in the Library, MBG.**

Thank you for your enthusiasm and participation.

Ruthie



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February Memorials, Honorariums and Contributions

The Memorial Fund

in memory of Shirley Elmore Stribling
by Dot and Dick Fisher

in memory of Shirley Elmore Stribling
by Tempe and Michael Thompson

in memory of Dusty Lemley

by Tempe and Michael Thompson

in memory of Tom Campbell
by Tempe and Michael Thompson

in memory of Katherine Gregory Kyle
by Tempe and Michael Thompson

The Sensory Garden
in memory of Shirley Elmore Stribling
by Janet Misner
by Aggie Turley

Please send donations for the Memorial Fund, Sensory Garden Fund, and the Children's Garden Fund to Mimsie Crump, 222 Belhaven Street, 38117.

MEMBERSHIP

It's that time again!!! If you are considering changing your Membership Status, please let Katie Eleazer know.

[Click here to email Katie](#)

Christian Owen



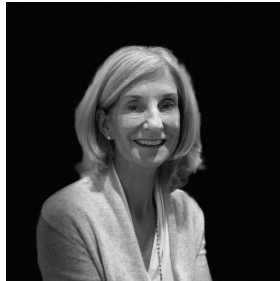
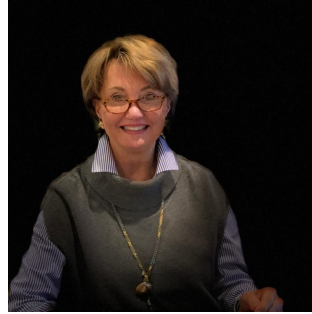
If there is something Christian Tabor Owen *can't* do, will someone please point it out? She cooks, plays a mean game of tennis, sings like an angel, writes, edits, travels around promoting her book, and does it all with style and grace and humor. She is rarely "ruffled" and always seems to have time to take on another job. Or two.

The Little Garden Club has benefitted from all of Christian's talents, interests, and enthusiasm, particularly during her tenure as editor of *The Ivy Vine*. Alas, with *Florists to the Field* taking up much of her time, and with her royal duties approaching (daughter Catherine is Queen of Carnival), we need to give Christian a rest from a few of her LGC duties.

So, here's to Christian! Thanks for all that you have done and continue to do for us. *Hip! Hip! Hooray!*

January Meeting with Ryn Clarke





For the Love of Gardening Workshops

Thursdays, February 7, 21, and 28, 6:00 p.m.

Join us in February to learn how YOU can Grow Local!

Memphis Tilth is partnering with Memphis Botanic Garden to host a 3-part garden themed workshop series with each week focusing on a new topic, led by local gardeners from our communities and neighborhoods.

February 7: Jennifer Marshall (Community Garden Organizer) Find out how your yard can be a part of a larger community of environmental efforts and to encourage/support wildlife. Topics include wildlife habitat certification, monarch way station recognition, and pollinator garden certification.

February 21: Chris Peterson (Alpha Omega Veterans Services Urban Farm Manager) Get tips on proper gardening tool usage and maintenance.

February 28: Asuka Yow (Community Kitchen Coordinator) Learn about the dangers of sugar and benefits of eating fresh produce.

Editor's Note:

I am excited about stepping into the role of Ivy Vine Editor. Thanks to both Virginia and Christian, the bar has been set quite high. Fortunately, our club is full of patient, understanding women, so *bear with me!* Please let me know if you can't print, download, or access something in the newsletter. The format is straightforward but it still has "kinks."

Many thanks to Ruthie Taylor for her beautiful photographs this month. I would love to feature more photography by our members, particularly seasonal images. If you feel like sharing, please send your photos to ivyvine.lgc@gmail.com. What fun it will be to see, through the eyes of our photographers, the beauty that surrounds us.

I look forward to learning what the members of the Little Garden Club are up to and to sharing it with you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirk".