



Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

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

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-Ruthie Taylor

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Author Hans Christian Anderson once said, "Just living is not enough...one must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower."

Well, the sun is in short supply these February days, but when it does show its face, it certainly lifts our spirits. We know that freedom is a vital element of happiness, and not to be taken for granted. But, that little

flower?

How does a little flower promote well-being? Studies have shown that flowers can reduce stress, boost your mood, bolster relationships, help you sleep and help in the healing process. So, there really is such a thing as “Flower Power”! And, I think this a perfect time of year to add a flower—or-two to a vase—or-two around the house. I tried it just the other day and I was humming “Tiptoe Thru the Tulips” in no time!

As we approach our joint meeting with the Memphis Garden Club, I have enjoyed learning more about our speaker, Frances Schultz. She is quite the influencer on social media and her books are delightful. I look forward to meeting her and know that you will too. I hope you all will be able to attend the cocktail reception after the meeting. It will be a fun and festive evening.

Here’s to a Happy February – and I encourage you to add a tulip or two to your surroundings. I was glad I did!



Mary Call



The Little Garden Club
and Memphis Garden Club
Joint Meeting and
Cocktail Reception
featuring Frances Schultz
Wednesday, February 19
5:00 p.m.
The Memphis Country Club

Journalist, speaker, taste-maker, world traveler, hostess, Southerner, and Sunday painter, Frances Schultz is an enthusiast on decoration and design, food and entertaining, travel and style.

She is author and co-author of several books, including *The Bee Cottage Story—How I Made a Muddle of Things and Decorated My Way Back to Happiness*, and her newest, *California Cooking and Southern Style*. A contributing editor to *House Beautiful* magazine and former editor-at-large for *Veranda*, she has written also for *The Wall Street Journal*, *Town & Country*, and *Flower* magazine.

Frances’ creative spirit carries inevitably into her home and hobbies, and fuels her interest in the arts. A “Sunday painter”, she is also an avid reader and perpetual student. And as much as she loves home, Frances loves traveling the world and being outdoors as well—painting, gardening, tennis, hiking, riding, and shooting.

Born and raised in Tarboro, North Carolina, Frances graduated from St. Mary’s School and from the University of Virginia with distinction.

Happenings is now...

With a new decade comes an opportunity for a little reflection and refresher! "Happenings" has been an amazing event with a history of incredible speakers and success coordinated by the very savvy members of our club. This event has raised an impressive amount of money throughout the years while educating and entertaining patrons in a fun environment. In an effort to continue this growth and success, "Happenings" has had its own refresher for the new decade with a new look and a new name...introducing:



We hope this name encompasses what this event is meant to be...an event that, not only raises money for a wonderful organization, but leaves all patrons *inspired* to live an artful life using the beauty that surrounds us every day, whether it be with flowers, décor or anything else.

As you all know by now, we are thrilled to have BUNNY WILLIAMS as our speaker this year. Bunny is a legend in the design world and we feel very fortunate to have her help us kick off this new look for 2020!

You will be hearing a lot about INSPIRATIONS over the next few months. Mark your calendar now and share with your friends...November 5 with Bunny Williams at The Memphis Botanic Gardens. We hope you all are as *inspired* as we are about "Inspirations!"

–Paige Proctor and Katherine Dobbs

Important Dates

January 31 – MBG Incognito Art Soiree and Silent Auction Party

February 4 – Zone IX Photography Workshop, 9:30a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

February 12 – LGC Board Meeting, MBG, 10:00 am

February 14 – Whiskey Wine and Chocolates, MBG 7:00 p.m.

February 19 – Joint LGC–MGC Meeting, MCC, 5:00 p.m. (note time!)

February 23–26 – NAL Conference in Washington, DC

February 27–March 1 – LGC goes to Philadelphia!

February Birthdays

4 Beth Hussey
 7 Anne Keesee
 8 Stephanie Weatherford
 13 Nora Witmer
 24 Barbara Gassaway
 24 Karen Wellford
 29 Emily Kay
 30 Barbara Keathley
 31 Dot Fisher



MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN PRESENTS

INCOGNITO

ART SOIREE & SILENT AUCTION

100 OF THE MID-SOUTH'S FINEST ARTISTS ARE CREATING A COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL, UNSIGNED WORKS...**INCOGNITO!** Incognito will feature a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and opportunity to meet the artists, who'll sign their works for winning bidders. Art and ticket sales benefit Memphis Botanic Garden's outreach and education programs, bringing nature and environmental education to more than 40,000 children each year.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31
 5:30-7:30PM
 TICKETS \$25 (MEMBERS)
 \$35 (NON-MEMBERS)
 Ticket includes admission,
 2 drink tickets for beer or wine, and hors d'oeuvres.

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 (901)636-4100

What a GREAT DAY!

Peggy, Our Leader!!! Thank you SO much for all that you have done for Little GC... we are learning so much from your generous mentoring. Thank you for continuing to nurture us.

Lynn, thank you for bringing your wonderful handout—a lot of expert information and one we can put into our files! You are our most wonderful Mentor and we are so grateful for your wise advise.

Leslie, thank you and Corinne for being our horticulture cheerleaders! We learned so much today and looking forward to entering our babies in the MGC show in April!

Hope you enjoy these pictures!

-Ruthie





The Memphis Botanic Garden has recently planted more than 37,000 bulbs around the grounds, so the Garden will EXPLODE with color when spring arrives!

A donation has been made in your honor to support the planting of thousands of spring-blooming bulbs at Memphis Botanic Garden!

Make a donation by February 8, and you will help offset the cost of the bulbs that will grow into beautiful flowers for everyone to enjoy. In exchange for your contribution, MBG will send a Valentine's card to someone you'd like to honor this Valentine's Day.

- \$20 sends 1 Valentine to the recipient you designate
- \$50 sends 3 Valentines
- \$100 sends 8 Valentines



Happy Valentine's Day!

[Order Valentine's Cards](#)

Judging

Were you in awe and inspired by the beauty and creativity of our Power of Perception show?

Do you enjoy travel?

Do you like to buy cute new Garden Club outfits?

Are you a life long learner looking for opportunities to “Grow” your knowledge?

Do you enjoy a little “Friendly” competition?

Do you like to encourage and make others enthusiastic?

Do you enjoy meeting FUN people with similar interest?

Well then, you may want to consider becoming a GCA Judge! There was an article in the latest GCA Newsletter explaining the process to become a judge. It is a bit of a process but ask any of the Little Garden Club judges and they will enthusiastically tell you it is worth it!

If you think you may be interested now or possibly in the future, I would love to get some judges together and meet with you.

Check out GCA Judge Procedures and Requirements under Judging on the GCA website.

Hope to hear from some of you very talented people soon!!

–Kathy Adams

Memphis Botanic Garden Announces Modernization of Visitor’s Center

Completion expected by summer 2020

The Memphis Botanic Garden’s *Visitor’s Center* is the hub of virtually all activities at the Garden, and most of the over 230,000 annual guests to the Garden start their visit in this welcoming space. Last updated almost 25 years ago – in 1996 – the Visitors Center will be modernized this Spring with funds from the current capital campaign. Read more by clicking the button below.



Read MBG Press
Release

Photography

Zone IX Photography 101 Workshop

Tuesday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. –2:30 p.m.
Memphis Botanic Garden



As Zone IX Photography Representative, I am so excited to let you know that Nancy Keely (member of Garden Club of Houston) will be in Memphis on Tuesday, February 4 to lead us in a workshop which will cover basic instruction on:

- entering photography in a flower show
- iPhone photography and popular iPhone apps.
- understanding GCA Photography class definitions (with emphasis on Still Life, Monochrome, Macro, Close Up and Creative Techniques)

There will be plenty of time for one-on-one instruction time, too!

Nancy is an approved Photography Judge and a Past Zone IX Photography Representative. She is very active in GCA photography and is a popular speaker.

The fee is for the workshop \$30 which may either be sent by Venmo to Vance (@Vance-Lewis-1) or a check made out to Vance Lewis. You may either bring your lunch or let Vance know if you would like to buy a box lunch from Fratelli's (\$15-20).

I look forward to this event and hope that many of you will be able to attend!

To sign up you may email me or text me at 901-848-4410!
Thanks for your support!

-Vance Lewis



CLOSE UP PHOTO CONTEST for Zone Meeting in Monroe, LA

****There has been a change: the February meeting is our joint meeting so we will not be able to have the contest with our photos on easels.*

We are changing the contest to an ONLINE CONTEST!!!

RULES

- Take a color close up photo of a plant that grows in or near Memphis
- Email max of 2 photos to ruthie4220@icloud.com
- Identify your plant. ie: poppy, decayed oak leaves, bark of Crepe Myrtle, etc
- JPEG size should be between 1 to 5 MB
- Overall printed dimension of entry will need to be a minimum of 36" and not exceed 72" in total perimeter measurement (only the winner will print their image)
- Photos need to be emailed to Ruthie *by Feb 19th* (our meeting date)
- Photo entries will be emailed to the membership for online voting the following week.

Thank you and get clicking! Check your photo files for a good close up or get out

Membership

Ladies,

If you joined the LGC in 1999 or before, you are eligible to change your membership status. You may change to Mentor or Life status.

Mentor status is described on pages 65 and 66 in the LGC yearbook. Life status is described on page 67.

Another membership type is Affiliate. You do not have to have been an active member for 20 years to change to this status. It is described on pages 66 and 67.

At present we have one position available for a new member.

The deadline for changing status is May 1. If you are considering a change, please let me know.

Thank you.

-Katie Eleazer

Horticulture

Fern Propagation Workshop

Wednesday, February 12
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
MBG Board Room

Did you know that the discovery of propagating fern from spores in the 1800's, sparked the Victorian phenomenon known as "Fern Craze" or "Pteridomania"? The fern motif was soon to be found on everything from stationary to tombstones!



Come see what the craze was all about. Join Dr. Eugene McKenzie of The Memphis Fern Society and you will learn how to collect spores and propagate ferns. This is a hands on workshop and everyone will go home with many potential ferns. Then you will be instructed to studiously ignore them for the next three months. Our kind of winter gardening!

Dr. McKenzie is a retired Memphis physician who has collected spores from all of the world and has an impressive collection of fern starts.

[RSVP to Fern Workshop](#)

Jim Crowder has a wonderful Facebook Group called "Mid-South Gardening in USDA Zones 6, 7 and 8". He has posted a great article recently about winter maintenance. You must join the group to see the discussions, comment, or post.

Floral Design



Valentine's Day is almost here and with it comes a whopping 196 million long stem red roses. In honor of all those flowers, we thought you might enjoy learning these **ten fun rose facts**.

- 1) Many people have been passionate about roses, but none more so than Cleopatra. It is said that the floors of her palace were carpeted with rose petals.
- 2) 1,000 years old, that's the age of the world's oldest living rose. Today, it flourishes on the wall of the Hildesheim Cathedral in Germany.
- 3) The largest rose bush resides in Tombstone, Arizona. It measures nearly 6 feet in diameter and forms a canopy large enough to shelter a crowd of 150 people. In full bloom this rose is adorned with more than 200,000 white blooms.
- 4) Throughout history roses were thought to have mysterious powers. Napoleon gave them to his officers to cure lead poisoning caused by bullet wounds.
- 5) Roses have been out of this world. In 2002 a miniature rose, "Overnight Scentsation", journeyed into space to test the effects of low gravity on the sense of smell.
- 6) While standing in the famous White House Rose Garden, President Reagan officially made the rose the national flower emblem of the United States.
- 7) The red rose has been a token of love and passion for thousands of years. In Greek and Roman mythology, the red rose is linked to and loved by both Aphrodite and Venus, the Goddesses of Love. Affluent Roman women even used rose petals like currency.

8) Botanically speaking, roses don't really have thorns they have prickles. Thorns have deep roots in a plants' stem, but prickles attach at the surface and are more easily removed.

9) According to Victorian flower dictionaries a rose's color determines its meaning. Red signifies "love," pink means "grace," peach signals "modesty," white denotes "purity" and orange implies "fascination."

10) And last but not least, in case you are the fortunate recipient of roses this Valentine's, here is a recipe to prolong their beauty:

Sugar-Clorox Mix

Prepare a Sugar-Clorox Mix by putting one-half cup granulated sugar and two teaspoons of Clorox in a two-gallon pail of warm (not hot) water. Add this to your vase and enjoy.

Happy Valentines Day from the Floral Design Committee!



Daffodil School at the Dixon

Saturday March 7

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful instructional
day taught by Daffodil Judges

Cost \$10

Email [Molly Hampton](mailto:Molly.Hampton@floral.com) or call her at
(901)834-0404 with questions or
to reserve a spot.

Little Garden Club Honorariums

The Sensory Garden

by Aggie Turley

In honor of Katie Eleazer's Birthday

E.J. Baird

The Memorial Fund

in honor of Mary Call Ford as President

Brandon Morrison



Don't forget to join the Little Garden Club Facebook Group! We hope to begin adding photos and events this month.



-Judith Putnam
1/29/16

He Knows No Winter

He knows no winter, he who loves the soil,
For, stormy days, when he is free from toil,
He plans his summer crops, selects his seeds
From bright-paged catalogues for garden needs.
When looking out upon frost-silvered fields,
He visualizes autumn's golden yields;
He sees in snow and sleet and icy rain
Precious moisture for his early grain;
He hears spring-heralds in the storm's turmoil
He knows no winter, he who loves the soil.

-Sudie Stuart Hager (1895-1982)
Idaho Poet Laureate

Please submit your March Ivy Vine article by Thursday, February 20.

Ivy Vine Submissions