



Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

# THE IVY VINE

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

February 2021



*Michelle Dunavant*

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## President's Letter

Hurray! We have almost made it through winter, and spring fun is soon to follow. Our programs and committee chairs are hard at work planning interesting socially distanced workshops and meetings for you to enjoy. Stay tuned.

I wanted to remind you about the terrific virtual conferences GCA is providing. Photography was incredible in January. NAL follows at the end of February. The FD Conference in early April will be the last offering for 2020–2021. FYI: Virtual conferences will likely continue in 2021–2022.

The Zone IX Virtual Meeting and Flower Show are in mid-March. We will have entries in Needle Arts (E.J Baird), Floral Design (Liz Crosby), Photography (Mary Call Ford), Horticulture (various) and the Hort Challenge Class (Michelle Dunavant). Thank you to these ladies for all the work they are doing to prepare their submissions.

Our Programs, FD and Entertainment chairs are excited to host the *Be Mine Floral Design Workshop* starring our very own Lisa Snowden. We have 43 people signed up, which is fantastic! I look forward to raising a glass of "Cupid's Cocktail" with everyone on February 11!

Kate

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## February Programs



Members received a Paperless Post invitation for this fun virtual workshop and we are thrilled with the wonderful response! Little Garden Club Cupids will deliver a workshop package to those who registered. Registration is now closed, but if you missed the sign up and would like to join the Zoom meeting to just watch, learn, and be part of the fun, we would LOVE to have you! Please email [Elizabeth Williamson](mailto:ElizabethWilliamson) to be added to the Zoom attendee list.

-Stacey Hussey and Elizabeth Williamson

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## 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

## LGC Announcements and Reminders

New Address:

*Christy Muller*

*6565 Espalier Circle  
Memphis, TN 38119*

### Preserving Our History

We have some wonderful scrapbooks, full of LGC history, but they are beginning to crumble and disintegrate. I am looking for someone who knows how to preserve our old clippings, photos, etc. If you know how to do this, or know of someone who does, please let me know.

-Kate



### LGC Website

A small committee has begun research for our new club website. Please send any web developer recommendations to [Kate Trammell](mailto:kate.trammell@lgc.org). Thank you.

### Shirley Meneice Thank You

LGC made a donation to the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference Fund in memory of Shirley Meneice. I thought you might enjoy reading the lovely thank you from her daughter, Peggy.



DEAR LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF MEMPHIS,  
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA HAS NOTIFIED ME OF YOUR DONATION TO THE SHIRLEY MENEICE HORTICULTURE CONFERENCE FUND IN MEMORY OF MY MOM. HOW WONDERFUL AND THOUGHTFUL OF ALL OF YOU! MY MOM LOVED THIS CONFERENCE AND THE ENERGY AND THE EXCITEMENT IT INSTILLED. THANK YOU FOR HONORING MY MOM IN THIS MEANINGFUL WAY. SHE WAS ALWAYS EAGER TO SHARE HER LOVE OF PLANTS WITH OTHERS AND THE CONFERENCE IS THE PERFECT WAY FOR EVERYONE TO DO THAT.

KIND REGARDS,

Peggy

## Philadelphia Horticultural Society Programs

Michelle Dunavant reports there are many interesting programs offered by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. The programs all seem to be around an hour, so are easy to fit into your schedule. Examples include: Nature as Gardener for Beauty and Reduced Maintenance; Yes, You Can: Growing Vegetables in Containers; Roses: A New Approach; Beautiful, Sustainable, Abundant Flower Gardens. Click below for more info.

Philadelphia Horticultural Society

## LGC READS: No Show Book Club

Your committee was looking for a fun and stress free read and remembered an all time favorite – *All Creatures Great and Small: The Warm and Joyful Memoirs of the World's Most Beloved Animal Doctor*

If you discovered this book when it was originally published over 40 years ago, it will feel like a great visit with old pals. If you're unfamiliar with Dr. James Herriot and his friends, human and otherwise, you are in for a real treat. This loosely autobiographical book is by turns warm, charming, hilarious, and hair raising with unforgettable characters. Set in the beautiful Yorkshire dales of England, Herriot takes his readers on his daily rounds as a country vet. He

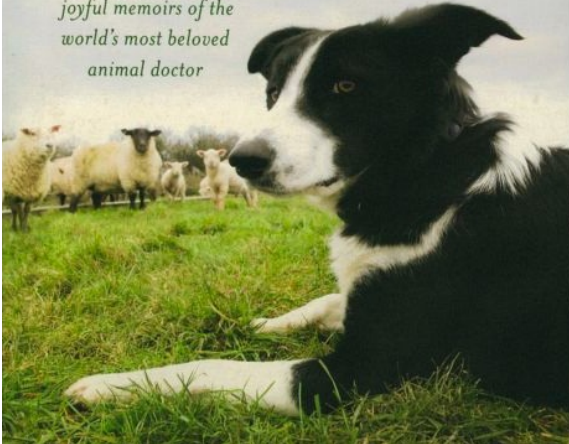
"Refreshingly original... hilarious, touching, athletic, and warming."  
—Los Angeles Times

JAMES HERRIOT



## All Creatures Great and Small

*The warm and  
joyful memoirs of the  
world's most beloved  
animal doctor*



is also one of the greatest storytellers of all time, and we guarantee that not only will you be unable to put this book down, but your family will wonder what you are laughing about! This is our kind of book.

Please support LGC at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and check your PBS listings to watch the all new Masterpiece Theater show "All Creatures Great and Small". Enjoy!

—Connie Adams & Leslie Schutt

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## Conservation



Ladies, here is a fantastic opportunity to sit in the comfort of your own home, your local coffee shop, or driving in your car with ear buds in, of course, and hear nationally renowned thought leaders discuss the fight against climate change. This is a hot topic in in our President's agenda and no matter each persons position, we all know KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

So, click the link to register and be a part of a really special opportunity. Thank you, and we hope you will join, even if it's only for one or two speakers.

—Abbie Williams and Ragan Magness



## Floral Design

Hello from the Floral Design committee!

February in Memphis is aesthetically quite uninspiring – the last of the leaves are gone, lawns are mostly bare, brown, and damp, and spring is still a bit too far off to offer much excitement. But February does have Valentine’s Day, and we all know what that means...love and FLOWERS! And we can never have enough of either of those. Elizabeth and Stacey, our fearless program organizers, have asked Lisa Snowden to do a virtual Valentine’s floral demonstration/workshop. Stay tuned for what is sure to be a fun and educational diversion on Thursday February 11.

We are working on another floral design “pop up” this spring -- a flash mob in the form of a flower installation that is sure to be lots of fun. Check out Lewis Miller Designs’ Flower Flashes and watch your email for more details.

Finally, we are continuing to focus on a couple of online floral favorites that you might enjoy. On Instagram we love @Philippacraddock. One of her November posts is a quick video demonstration arranging Hellebores which may come in handy quite soon as they will be blooming soon. And for some stunning visual candy, @CastorFleuriste, a French art dealer turned florist in Paris, is another one to follow. We hope you’ll check these out.

-Liz Crosby & Ann Prince



## GCA Founders Fund

The 3 Finalists for the 2021 GCA Founders Fund Award were recently announced in the Winter 2021 *GCA Bulletin*. Hopefully, each of you received the *Bulletin* in your email and I am sure *all* of you have read it cover to cover. But if not, please read all about the three proposals linked through the button below.

The GCA Founders Fund award was established in 1934 in honor of GCA's first president, Elizabeth Price Martin. The first award, given in 1936, was \$700. In 2021, the winning finalist will receive \$30,000 and the two runners-up will each receive \$10,000. Hopefully you all know that our Sensory Garden at the MBG won the Founders Fund award in 1989.

I hope to be able to give an in-person briefing to you all at the March meeting where we will vote on our Founders Fund choice. If, due to COVID-19, we do not have an in-person meeting, we will have an electronic vote.

Please take the time to read the three Founders Fund proposals and

think about for whom you will vote.

Thank you,

–Katie Eleazer

GCA Founders Fund  
2021

## WELCOME TO GCA ZONE IX, AUSTIN!

Austin, Texas has been one of the fastest growing cities in America. Home to Tech giants, The University of Texas and gateway to the beautiful Hill Country, Austin offers much to a wide variety of newcomers. There are many garden clubs and garden enthusiasts but there has not been a GCA club...until now. The Hill Country Garden Club was admitted as a provisional GCA club in December, 2020.

GCA members from Greenwich, CT, Dallas, TX, Houston, TX, Beaumont, TX, San Antonio, TX, and more determined that it was time to start an Austin club and have been meeting for the past year and a half. There are currently 40 members with half of them being current GCA club members.



Photo: From left to right, Jane Valenstein, Corresponding Secretary; Minnie Hollyman, President; Wendy Serrell, Vice President; Carole Jordan, Conservation Conference Co-Chair and Lisa Mears, Zone IX Admissions Committee Representative

## Photography

We hope that some of you have been able to submit photos for the Zone eNews, but if you have not had a chance it is not too late! This will



be your last reminder as they are due this month. (February)

We are just one month away from March and our Zone IX is responsible for sending in photographs for the March eNews.

Following is the criteria:

- taken in March
- taken in Zone IX
- 1 MB or larger
- landscape/horizontal

Please send your photos to editor, Kelly Bronfman at [KellyBronfmanPhotography@gmail.com](mailto:KellyBronfmanPhotography@gmail.com) with eNews photo in the subject line. For further information you may go to the GCA website under communications [Communications Committee](#) and click on photo guidelines for eNews.

–Michelle Dunavant and Catherine Erb Sikes

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Thanks to all who entered the photo contest for the upcoming Zone Meeting in New Orleans

The photo that will be going to Zone is by: **Mary Call Ford**

Note: Tempe will be judging Photography at Zone, so we have not attached the photo, but will include in the March Ivy Vine.

We would encourage each of you to enter GCA online contests when they come about and enter the juried shows—they are so easy and we have a lot of talent in our Club!!!

Congratulations Mary Call and to all those who entered—you are all winners !!!

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Ladies, please click on link below for the January GCA Focus magazine, and go to page 35 and 36 to read the wonderful article that Vance wrote. Wonderful article! Thank you, Vance.

–Michelle Dunavant

*GCA Focus*

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## Daffodils!

The Mid South Daffodil Society has postponed the 2021 Daffodil Show until March 19–20, 2022. Please consider participating in



the 2021 Virtual ADS National Convention, February 25–May 1. Lots of great speakers, and you do not have to be an ADS Member to participate. For more information, visit [www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org)



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

Ivy Vine Submissions

Join the Little Garden Club Facebook Group!

