



Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

# THE IVY VINE

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

January 2020



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Year!

For the last 9 years Mott and I have taken our boys to Houston's for a late lunch on New Year's Day. As we make our dining decisions, our minds are gearing up for the real reason we are there together. It's not just to enjoy the spinach dip, which we do! We are there to put pen to

paper and make a few predictions about the upcoming year. When you live in a house full of boys, you have to do what it takes to get them to think about the upcoming year, personal goals and resolutions. As in many all-boy families, our conversations begin and end with something relating to a touchdown or free-throw. So, in this house our little slip of paper has every sports prediction imaginable. From the National Championship in January to the Heisman winner in December (and lots of events in between), we write our predictions on a small sheet of paper. I add a few “non-sports” predictions like Westminster Dog Show, Royal Baby – boy or girl – and the Dow Jones Average – just to help broaden their conversations out in the world!

After about 30 minutes of going around the table and filling in the blanks of all of our predictions, we then turn to the more important questions of looking to the new year. We decided this year to think about our “Intentions” instead of “Resolutions”. And we also talked about our highlights and challenges of the last year. This is by no means a very long or serious conversation, but it does allow us to come together and get a glimpse into what has made us tick for the last year.

As you know, there will be no membership meeting this month. Instead of round table discussions, we decided to email a survey to all Active and Mentor members. Consider this our LGC New Years’ Reflections and Intentions. We aren’t predicting who wins the National Championship (or Founders Fund) but this is a great opportunity for us to get your feedback so that we can plan for a great LGC future. Please be sure to complete the survey and send it back. Kate Trammell has done a super job putting it together for us.

My boys are often the source for many a garden club idea for me whether they know it or not. Although the Garden Club is not their primary focus at Houston’s during that New Year’s Day lunch, they know it is important to me. One casually asked me the name of the plant that was on our dining table and when I told him it was an amaryllis, he started singing “Amaryllis by Morning” to the tune of one of George Strait’s hit songs. Now, wouldn’t that be fun to sing at the next Christmas Auction! (I’ll leave that one up to the next group of organizers!)

Here’s to a Great 2020!

*Mary Call*

**Editor's Note:** Because we didn't have a meeting this month, this is an ABBREVIATED edition of *The Ivy Vine*. The February edition will appear in your inbox before the end of the January. If you have information to submit for the February *Ivy Vine*, please send it by the January 20 deadline. You may use the button below to submit. Thank you!

–Kirk

Ivy Vine Submissions

# 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 19 – Joint LGC–MGC Meeting, MCC, 5:30 p.m. (note time!)

February 23–26 – NAL Conference in Washington, DC

February 27–March 1 – LGC goes to Philadelphia!

## January 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

A poster for the 'Incognito Art Soiree & Silent Auction' at the Memphis Botanic Garden. The poster has a dark blue background with a stylized blue masquerade mask at the top. The word 'INCOGNITO' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, a blue banner reads 'ART SOIREE & SILENT AUCTION'. The text describes the event as featuring 100 of the mid-south's finest artists and includes details about the date (Friday, January 31), time (5:30-7:30 PM), and ticket prices (\$25 for members, \$35 for non-members). It also mentions that the event is presented by Fidelity Investments and co-hosted by Art One. A small circular badge says 'BID ON WHAT YOU LOVE... NOT WHO YOU KNOW!'. The Memphis Botanic Garden logo is in the bottom right corner.

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.

Presented by  
**Fidelity**  
INVESTMENTS

CO-HOSTED BY **ART ONE** ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT  
MEMPHISBOTANICGARDEN.COM/INCOGNITO  
(901)636-4100

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## 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

## 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

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**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](mailto: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 there now!!!

## 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 Leslie Schutt

Don't forget to join the Little Garden Club Facebook



Group! We hope to begin adding photos and events this month.



### Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

-Robert Frost