

Horticulture, Conservation, Flower Arranging, & Garden Design

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The Little Garden Club of Memphis
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We are better together!

No doubt about it. And after our joint meeting, I couldn't agree more. Not only did we enjoy our time with the Memphis Garden Club, we were inspired and challenged by our speaker, Thomas Woltz. He challenged us directly by reminding us that we are a group who can make a difference – and in his words, our collective intelligence, connections, passions and resources can be used to help make the changes to save the green spaces and make public spaces available to all people.

As we prepare for our 90th Birthday this month, please take the next couple of weeks to reflect upon the projects,



**HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY,
LITTLE GARDEN CLUB!**

relationships and events that have shaped your experience as a member of this club. You may just get a phone call or an email asking you to elaborate! My guess is that most of us appreciate the friendships we have with one another – and our friendships have been strengthened (and in many cases, formed!) by the projects we have worked on together.

Let's take Thomas' challenge and move in to our 91st year with a great sense of pride in our past and an even better sense of promise for our future. What is it that you would like to see us do in these next few years? We will have an opportunity to brainstorm some of these ideas at one of our upcoming meetings, so let's put our hearts, minds, hopes and resources together to make a difference in Memphis and in the greater community.

Mary Call



Thursday March 21, 2019
Memphis Botanic Garden
Sara's Place
11:00 am

Hostesses:

Kate Connell, Kim Gibson, Linda Mallory, Janet Misner

Happy 90th Birthday, LGC! On March 21, we will be celebrating the rich history and exciting future of our Little Garden Club and surprises await! Come ready for a proper "Ladies' Luncheon" and learn all about our beginnings, our past programs, our fun times and our illustrious members who shaped who we are today. It's going to be a PARTY! You should have received a Paperless Post invitation.

–Kim MacQueen & Ragan Magness
Programs

March Birthdays

3 Carol Barton
17 Christy Muller
22 Kathe Crane
24 Barbara Williamson
29 Catherine Huffman
31 Marilyn Allen
31 Elizabeth Williamson

Floral Design – Harmony and Unity

HARMONY is the quality of compatibility and agreement and the sense of congruity that all components in a composition work well together. UNITY is the quality that is achieved when all parts harmoniously work together to create cohesiveness.

*Through the good use of the elements and principles of design,
harmony will be achieved.*

Choose plant material of pleasing colors, with variations in texture and a good combination of form. Place the flowers and foliage so they are

balanced. Ensure that all the components are in scale with each other. Below are examples of harmonious floral designs from:

Hitomi Gilliam, AIFD, A Fresh Look at Judging Floral Design



and Paula Pryke's Flower School: Mastering the Art of Floral Design



There is a harmony in autumn
 And a luster in its sky
 Which through the summer
 Is not seen
 As if it could be
 As if it had not been

-EJ Baird & Kim Lowrance
 Flower Design

March Events

Wednesday, March 20 – LGC Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. at MBG

Thursday, March 21 – Happy 90th Birthday, Little Garden Club!

Friday, March 22 – Bring your daffodils to the Dixon, 12–4

Saturday & Sunday, March 23 & 24 – Daffodil Show at the Dixon

[Daffodil Show Information](#)

Buzzy Hussey



It is difficult to narrow the scope of the contributions Buzzy Hussey has made to the Little Garden Club within the wake of the many ways she has shaped our city. Buzzy has a genuine love for Memphis. She has enhanced our city with the same love and affection given to a well-tended garden. She has sown seeds in education (Hutchison, Lemoyne–Owen, THE University of Mississippi), in art and gardens (serving as the first female Board Chair at the Dixon), in music (as a board member of the Memphis

Symphony), in faith (at Idlewild Church, where she plays the piano for the homeless), in her love of people of all ages (as the first female Board Chair of the Thomas W. Briggs Foundation). And these are just a few of the wonderful ways in which she has given back to the city she loves.

[Read more about Buzzy](#)

The Little Garden Club Goes to Greenville



This idyllic picture did not come about by accident: the bridge was formerly a four-lane car crossing that cast a pall over the heavily polluted river below. It took a concerted campaign led by the city's mayor, Knox White, to get it torn down in 2002. That was the latest in a series of initiatives—fairly radical for a small Southern city—to try and turn around a place that had, in postwar years, begun to decline with the fortunes of the textile industry.

–Travel & Leisure

Let's get ready to have some fun in Greenville, South Carolina! The Little Garden Club is going to the "Emerald City" April 2–5, and we are going to have a ball!

Everyone needs to be in Greenville on Tuesday, April 2 by 4:00 p.m. for our first event which will be a cocktail party at the home of Mignon and Phil Canale, followed by dinner at the Greenville Country Club. The following days we have an itinerary full of wonderful tours of downtown Greenville, along with private garden tours, parks, the Art Museum, Whiskey Tasting and much more. We have lots of shopping in store and plenty of delicious lunches and dinners and of course some “happy hours” and free time to wander on your own.

Thank you to all of you who have sent in your final payments. Don't forget we have rooms reserved at the [Westin Poinsett](#). If you have not already booked, please do so as soon as possible.

–Michelle Dunavant & Kate Connell
Your Travel Hosts

Want to go to Philadelphia?

Horticulture

All the Lenten Roses in my yard were started by friends separating some of theirs. Lenten Roses are beginning to bloom now and will continue until early summer. Ask

your friends for some or give them to a friend if you have an abundance. They are lovely!

If you came to the bulb planting, please bring your flowering plants to the March meeting for a picture. Also, please start looking around your yard for horticulture specimens for the zone meeting in early April.

-Corinne Adrian & Leslie Schutt



Horticulture

[Read more about Lenten Roses](#)



Marilyn Davis Hughes 1939-2019

Marilyn was a native of Jackson, Mississippi, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rhodes, wife of Allen, mother of Allen and Catherine, and President of everything from her sorority (Chi Omega) to the Junior League, to The Little Garden Club. She was a volunteer extraordinaire, active in her church, book clubs, and Sewing Circle. She was "Dear" to her grandchildren and dear to everyone who knew her.

She loved her Little Garden Club friends and we loved her. We will miss this beautiful lady whose sparkly blue eyes and smile could light up a room.

March Memorials, Honorariums and Contributions

Sensory Garden

in memory of Bill Carrington Jones
by Connie and Lou Adams
by Katie and Ed Eleazer
by Janet Misner

in memory of Mary Lou Adams
by Katie and Ed Eleazer
by Ruthie and Edward Taylor

in memory of Mary Ann Marks
by Katie and Ed Eleazer

Memorial Fund

in memory of Bill Carrington Jones
by Lucia and Hal Crenshaw
by Dot and Dick Fisher
by Judy and Jack Powell
by Shelley and Hubert Turley
by Tempe and Michael Thompson

in memory of Mary Ann Marks

Children's Garden

in memory of Bill Carrington Jones
by Michelle and Bill Dunavant
by Mary Call and Mott Ford

in memory of Dusty Lemley
by Mary Call and Mott Ford

in memory of Shirley Stribling
by Mary Call and Mott Ford

in memory of Jean James
by Mary Call and Mott Ford

in memory of Marilyn Easterling
by Mary Call and Mott Ford

in memory of Maryann Marks
by Mary Call and Mott Ford

in memory of Mary Lou Adams
by Mary Call and Mott Ford

by Tempe and Michael Thompson
in memory of Mary Lou Adams
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Please send donations for the Memorial
Fund, Sensory Garden Fund, and the
Children's Garden Fund to Mimsie
Crump, 222 Belhaven Street, 38117.

Here Come the Judges...



Our Mamas always taught us “*Do Not Judge!*” Well, these LGC members *Love to Judge!!* They also love to Design, Photograph, Grow & Show! In February, the Zone IX Judges met in Little Rock for a biennial workshop. This is required training for all Judges. It is part of what we do and love– gather with friends from all over our Zone to learn something new! We learned a lot and are now looking forward to the busy Spring Flower Show Season. The Show schedules are on the GCA website under Flower Shows. The Shows are open for all members to participate. If you are interested in entering in Flower Design, Botanical Arts, Photography or Horticulture and have questions contact one of our talented Judges!!!

–Kathy Adams
Judging

MEMBERSHIP

Any member wishing to change her membership status, please notify Katie Eleazer. The requirements for status changes are in the LGC Yearbook.

[Email Katie Eleazer](#)

January Meeting with Thomas Woltz





A Note from “Conservation Corner”

We wanted to touch base and let the club know what we’ve been up to in the Conservation department here at the LGC.... We are applying for a new “Partners for Plants” grant with the GCA and this new project will be focused here at the Botanic Garden. We will hope to get approved to help with the rejuvenation of the Wildflower Woodland aiding the work of Carson Ellis (MBG Horticulturist) and Bo Kelley (MBG Arborist) in eradicating exotic and invasive plants in order to restore the area to a native riparian habitat. This will include “Weed Wrangles” each year, seed collection and banking, and the hiring of experts to assist with landscape design, culminating in the planting of appropriate native plants. Plans will also include extensive signage covering information ranging from plant identification to ecological niche descriptions benefitting the education of the estimated 230,000 annual visitors to the MBG.

We have also continued our support of the Wolf River Conservancy’s Annual Tree Planting with a \$2,500 contribution.

February 24–27 we were in DC for the NAL conference and look forward to reporting about it at the March meeting.

Cheers!
–Liz Crosby & Kim Gibson
Conservation and National Parks



I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud (Daffodils)

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

-William Wordsworth

[Click to hear this poem read aloud](#)

