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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

March rolls in like a Lion ... and out like a Lamb.

I remember reading this for the first time when I was in the first grade. My teacher (who I thought hung the moon) had a bulletin board and this was her message for the month of March. There was just something about that phrase that stuck with me and I think about it each year as March rolls in.

When I looked into the origins of that straightforward proverb there were several theories. Of course, it seems to say, when March starts, it's still winter, but by the end of



the month, spring has begun. While this is usually true for our moderate Memphis climate, we know there are other climates that will not see spring for some time. I am thankful we live where the daffodils, tulips and cherry blossoms will cheer our yards and spirits sooner rather than later. Wikipedia calls the lion, lamb phrase "an old Pennsylvania saw". Whatever it is, I like the image.

Speaking of Pennsylvania, that's just where 37 of us will be in a matter of days! The Philadelphia Flower show is calling our names. Michelle and Kate have planned the trip of a lifetime and we will be sure to take notes and photos. I am sure we will have more than our share of stories to tell!

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on March 19. Our speaker is Marsha Cannon. I saw her work last year at the Zone Meeting and was amazed by her creative talent. Be sure to look closely at the photo of the necklace that she created from all-natural materials - it will rival the prettiest jewelry you have ever seen! Until then, brace yourself for the winds of March - they are well worth the glory of Spring!

May Call



The Little Garden Club
March Membership Meeting
Thursday, March 19

11:00 a.m.

Memphis Botanic Garden

Speaker: Marsha Cannon

Hostesses: Lucia Crenshaw, Chris McClure,
Ruthie Taylor, and Weetie Wittemore

This month, we are delighted to introduce to you, the multi-talented Marsha Cannon. Marsha spent her early career in hospital records and administration before marrying and raising her three children. Once her family was out of the home, Marsha turned her attention to more creative endeavors: home styling, interior design and home organization. As a member of the Garden Club of Jackson, she was introduced to botanical arts at a workshop, jumped in with two feet and hasn't looked back! She has won several awards at GCA events such as the GCA Novice Award in Botanical Arts, Best in Show, and Museum Curators Award, and the GCA Creativity Award. Marsha says, "The quiet pursuit of creating these pieces from bits of nature is something that I thoroughly enjoy and I hope I can awaken then the same desire to create within some of you!" Y'all will be blown away by her work. Please RSVP to [Ruthie Taylor](#) or call her at 351-4503 or better yet, reply to your Paperless Post from February 20. See you there.

-Ragan Magness and Kim MacQueen

Important Dates

February 27-March 1 - LGC goes to Philadelphia!

March 5–15 – Spring Break

March 6 – Arbor Day Tree Walk MBG, 10:00 a.m.

March 6–7 – Dahlias and Roses Workshop at Millstone Nursery

March 18 – LGC Board Meeting, MBG, 10:00 a.m

March 19 – Membership Meeting, Marsha Cannon: Fun with the Botanical Arts, MBG, 11:00 a.m.

March 20 – Spring Campfire Party, MBG, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

March 22 – Cherry Blossom Picnic, MBG, 11:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

March 29 – Horticulture Pop-up Workshop – Succulents and Cacti, home of Pam and Sam Blair, 321 Kenilworth

March Birthdays

3 Carol Barton

17 Christy Muller

22 Kathe Crane

24 Barbara Williamson

29 Catherine Huffman

31 Marilyn Allen

31 Elizabeth Williamson



Daffodils!



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@mbg.org) or call her at
(901)834-0404 with questions or
to reserve a spot.

2020 Daffodil Show

Saturday, March 21, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 22, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Dixon Gallery & Gardens Winegardner Auditorium.

Entries of daffodils and photographs of daffodils will be received

Friday, March 20, 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, 8:00–9:30 a.m.

Bring a friend and enjoy the many varieties of daffodils that can be successfully grown in our area.

Free admission.

Go to the Dixon website www.dixon.org for the complete Schedule questions? Ruthie Taylor, Kathy Adams, Kate Trammell
Please come!!!



Photography Entry at the Daffodil Show

Email [Hannah Underhill](mailto:Hannah.Underhill) with your intent to exhibit.

Bring your color photo to the Dixon Friday, March 20, 12:00–4:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 21, 8:00–9:30 a.m.,

Photographs should be flush mounted on lightweight neutral, stiff card stock or foam board. Matting (over the print and backing) should not be used. Minimum print size is 5 x7 inches, and maximum print size is 11x14 inches. Non-standard sizes are allowed as long as the overall perimeter does not exceed 50 inches. No glass or frame may be used.

Go to the [Dixon website](http://www.dixon.org) for the detailed Schedule for more rules

This is a fun, low key show and perfect for ALL levels!!!

P1 – Portraits of Daffodils – a close-up of a single daffodil bloom or up to three blooms of the same cultivar, color photo

P2 – Daffodils in the Landscape or Garden, color photo

P3 – Daffodils and People, color photo

P4 – Daffodils and Animals or Insects, color photo

P5 – An arranged Still Life incorporating daffodils, color photo

P6 – Abstract or special effects incorporating daffodils, color photo

P7 – Youth Photography class – any photograph incorporating daffodils, color photo

–Ruthie Taylor

Conservation

"Weed Wrangle" Invasive Plant Removal in the Memphis Botanic Garden Woodland

Thursday, March 5,
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Co-hosted by Little Garden
Club as part of a Garden Club
of America Partners for Plants
project

*Calling all LGC gals – We need
some helpers– Please let Liz
Crosby and/or Kim Gibson
know if you can come by for a
little bit of weeding.*



Join us at the Memphis Botanic Garden to help remove invasive and exotic plants in our wildflower woodland! This area of the garden boasts over 50 different species of native trees and dozens of other species of native shrubs, vines, and, perennials all collected within a 4-acre plot. The presence of exotic and invasive plants limits the growth potential of native plants, who compete for the same resources. Our goal is to begin removing invasive plants to revert the area back to a native woodland.

Following a brief training presentation, volunteers and MBG staff will tour the area to identify invasive plants to be removed. Our efforts will be focused around areas that contain high densities of invasive plants, to lessen their pressure on native plants growing within the same area. Plant debris will be collected in bags and disposed of appropriately. Different methods for removing will be demonstrated and tools will be provided, however, feel free to bring your own if you wish.

–Liz Crosby and Kim Gibson

Little Garden Club Fun



Ten LGC members having a ball propagating ferns with Dr. Eugene McKenzie. Look out for some “winners” at our next club show!



LGC President Mary Call Ford, speaker Frances Schultz, and MGC President Jenne Williams at the joint meeting February 19.

Horticulture



Everything we need to know to growing Dahlias and Roses in Zone 7
March 6 and 7

Millstone Market and Nursery
Steve Mydelski, Flower Farmer
Natchez Glen House, Franklin, TN

Friday night will be a “first come first serve” seated dinner,
reservations needed (\$100 per person),
Saturday morning talk 9:30 a.m. will be open to the public at no charge
Call Tricia at Millstone (901)730-1183 to reserve your dinner spot or
with any additional questions.

We are planning a pop up Horticulture visit to a greenhouse full of succulents with a cactus emphasis Sunday, March 29, 3:00-4:30 p.m. It

will be at Pam and Sam Blair's home at 321 Kenilworth by Overton Park.

Please respond to Corinne (901-496-1209) or Leslie (901-828-1319) if you plan to come and have fun!

(We will have a little libation at Overton Square afterwards!)

-Corinne Adrian and Leslie Schutt

Ways and Means

Every little bit helps!

Below is the amount of money that our club received as a result of registering and shopping with/thru these three vendors. A hand-out at the March meeting will be available with step-by-step instructions for registering at each site. Imagine the amount of money we would receive if all of us participated! Join up!

-Sue Clark and Jean Johnston

	2019 Total Dollars	2019 # Households
 iGive.com*	\$171.01	16-20
	\$171.88	21
	\$121.40	N/A
Total:	\$464.29	

Membership

If you joined the LGC in 1999 or before, you are eligible to change your membership status to Mentor or Life. Membership categories, including Affiliate, are described on pages 65-67 of the LGC yearbook.

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 Katie Eleazer know.

[Email Katie Eleazer](#)

Floral Design



Tip Toe Through The TULIPS...

For long lasting tulips, purchase closed buds that are just beginning to show some color. Once home, recut the stems by at least 1/2 inch and remove all leaves that will be under the waterline of the vase. Place the freshly cut tulips in lukewarm water. Cold water is not recommended for hydration of tulips. Use a floral food if available. If the tulips come packaged in plastic from the store, cut 1/2 inch from the stems at an angle then leave the wrapping in place for a few hours to support the stems while the tulips drink up the fresh water. Remove the plastic wrapping and the tulips will maintain that upright position because they have been hydrated and conditioned.

Tip: Don't mix tulips with daffodils as the daffodils leak sap that clogs the water uptake of the tulips.

Tip: Tulips work well in tall straight vases.

Tip: Place tulips away from the sun as tulips will seek out the light so they may bend or grow to the light.

Tip: Rotate the vase daily to keep the stems more upright.

Interesting Fact about tulips: They will continue to grow after being cut sometimes up to one inch or more!

Interesting Twist on Arranging Tulips: For a different look, gently reflex or bend back each petal to create an "open tulip" which gives your arrangement a new look.

Floral Design Tip



Dear March – Come In–

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How glad I am –
I hoped for you before –
Put down your Hat –
You must have walked –
How out of Breath you are –
Dear March, how are you, and the Rest –
Did you leave Nature well –
Oh March, Come right upstairs with me –
I have so much to tell –

I got your Letter, and the Birds –
The Maples never knew that you were coming –
I declare – how Red their Faces grew –
But March, forgive me –
And all those Hills you left for me to Hue –
There was no Purple suitable –
You took it all with you –

Who knocks? That April –
Lock the Door –
I will not be pursued –

He stayed away a Year to call
When I am occupied -
But trifles look so trivial
As soon as you have come

That blame is just as dear as Praise
And Praise as mere as Blame -

-Emily Dickinson

Please submit your March Ivy Vine article by Friday, March 20.

Ivy Vine Submissions



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