

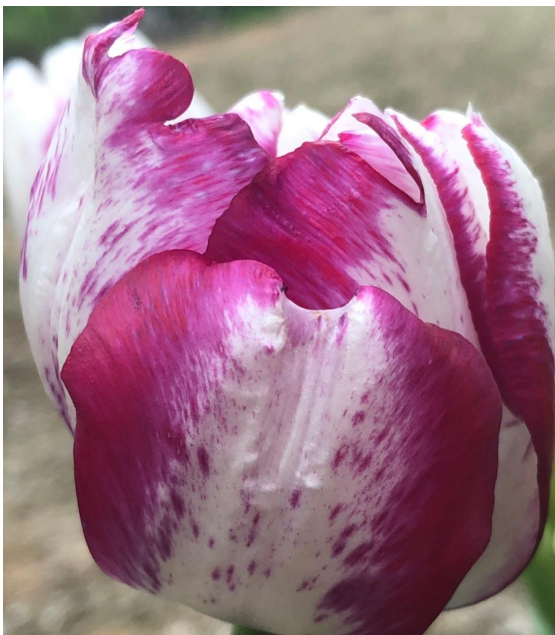
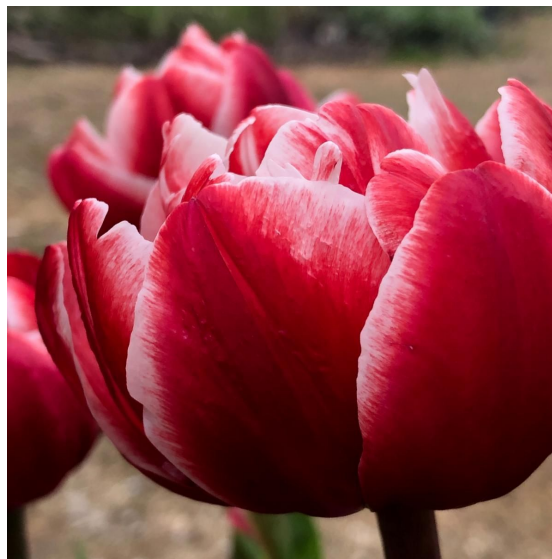


Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

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

March 2021



Ruthie Taylor

President's Letter

Hello, all!

For a club that was supposed to be in hibernation, we sure have been busy!

I think we can all agree that the *Be Mine Floral Design* workshop was

tons of fun! Thank you to our favorite Gal-entines (Lisa Snowden, Julie Spear, Elizabeth Williamson, Stacey Hussey, Katie Wiener, Mimsie Crump, Liz Crosby and Ann Prince) for planning and executing a fantastic event!

Our hard-working hort chairs organized a terrific Horticulture Design Workshop. 15 LGC ladies learned about preparing and entering Hort Design in a flower show. The workshop, led by Houston GCA Hort Judge Kackie Dunwoody, was super informative. Thank you, Margaret and Gina!

Ragan Magness was our club delegate for the virtual NAL conference. Your GCA judges attended the first national judging workshop (virtual). Your LGC Board met by Zoom and among other things, approved the provision of funds to MBG for new cherry trees on Cherry Road between Park and Southern. This continues our long association with this wonderful civic beautification project.

Moving forward into March, Salute, the Zone IX Flower Show will be March 17. Our club digital submissions were due in February so they could be put in the proper format for judging. Thank you to EJ Baird (Needle Arts), Liz Crosby (Floral Design) and Mary Call Ford (Photography) for preparing and submitting their entries on behalf of LGC. Also, thank you to Gina White for submitting our club horticulture specimens (provided by Michelle Dunavant, Margaret Fraser, Ruthie Taylor, Kate Trammell and Gina White). Hope to see lots of ribbons for Team LGC!

I look forward to seeing you at our March Membership Meeting!

Kate

March Membership Meeting



Thursday, March 18, 11:00 a.m.

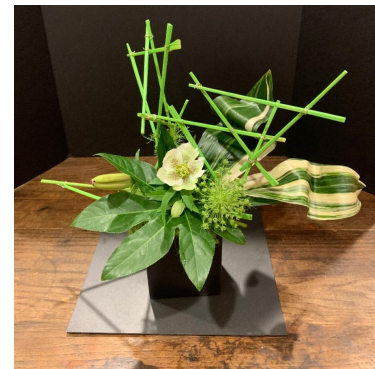
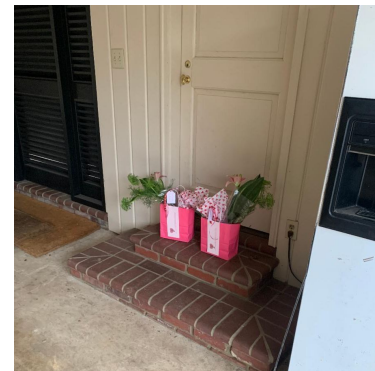
Live at the Garden Stage
Memphis Botanic Garden
featuring
Jason Reeves, Curator
University of Tennessee Gardens, Jackson

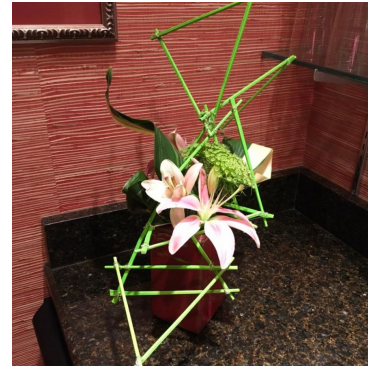
**Hostesses: Lucia Crenshaw, Christy Muller, Leslie Schutt,
Jeannie Tabor**

Jason will be speaking on top-performing hydrangeas and other winners for our area. He will tell us what the best cultivars are, as well as how to prune them and when. He loves to speak to groups and after a long break from speaking due to COVID, is excited to speak to The Little Garden Club.

The *Be Mine Floral Design and Happy Hour* was so much fun! A huge thank you to all who participated and especially to our fabulous instructors, Lisa Snowden and Julie Speer, and our wonderful committee, Katie Wiener, Liz Crosby, Ann Prince and Mimsie Crump, Stacey Hussey and Elizabeth Williamson. Lisa and Julie taught us how to make an armature and also how to do several types of interesting leaf manipulations. We enjoyed making our own designs while sipping our Cupid's Cocktails!

–Stacey Hussey and Elizabeth Williamson





March Birthdays



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

LGC *In Stitches*

Our needlepoint club is off and running! And, this has been a most productive group! Many of you are working on (or have finished) your pillows. Our next *In Stitches* meeting will be right after the March membership meeting (Thursday, March 18). Please bring your finished pillows so that we can send them off for complete finishing. If you have not yet completed your pillow, please do your best to finish it so that we can mail them all off after the meeting.



Our next (and final) project for the year is this *adorable* LGC Christmas ornament. Please email or text Mary Call (marycallford@me.com or 901-355-0591) by Friday, March 5 to place your order. We have a limited supply and orders will be taken first come, first served with priority given to those who have participated in the *In Stitches* group. If we have extras, we are happy to order one for the rest of you! (\$20 for the canvas – materials and finishing will be extra – no need to pay now, we will let you know when your money is due.)

Keep on Stitching!

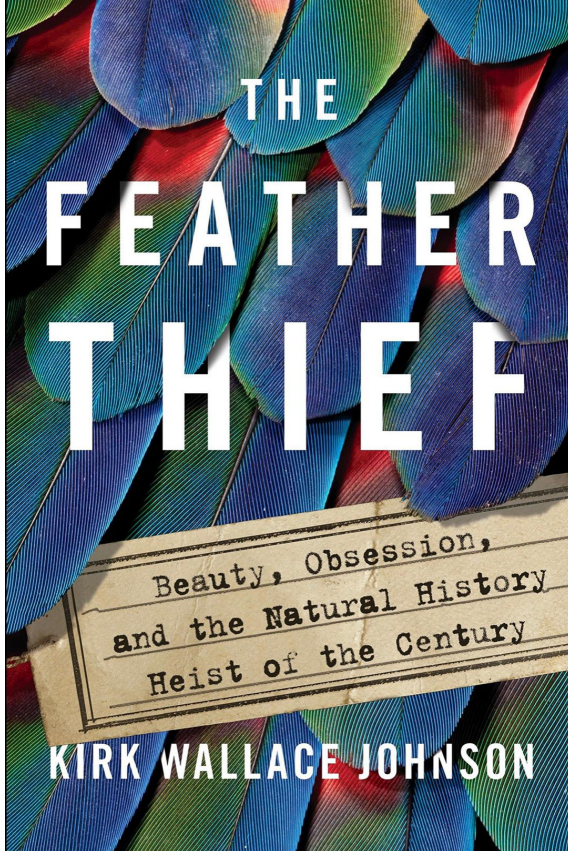
–Mary Call and Emily

LGC READS: No Show Book Club

The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession and the Natural History Heist of the Century

“A rollicking true-crime adventure and a captivating journey into the underground world of fanatical fly-tiers and plume peddlers...”
Amazon Review

“This is the gripping story of a bizarre and shocking crime and one man’s relentless pursuit of justice. “The Feather Thief” is also



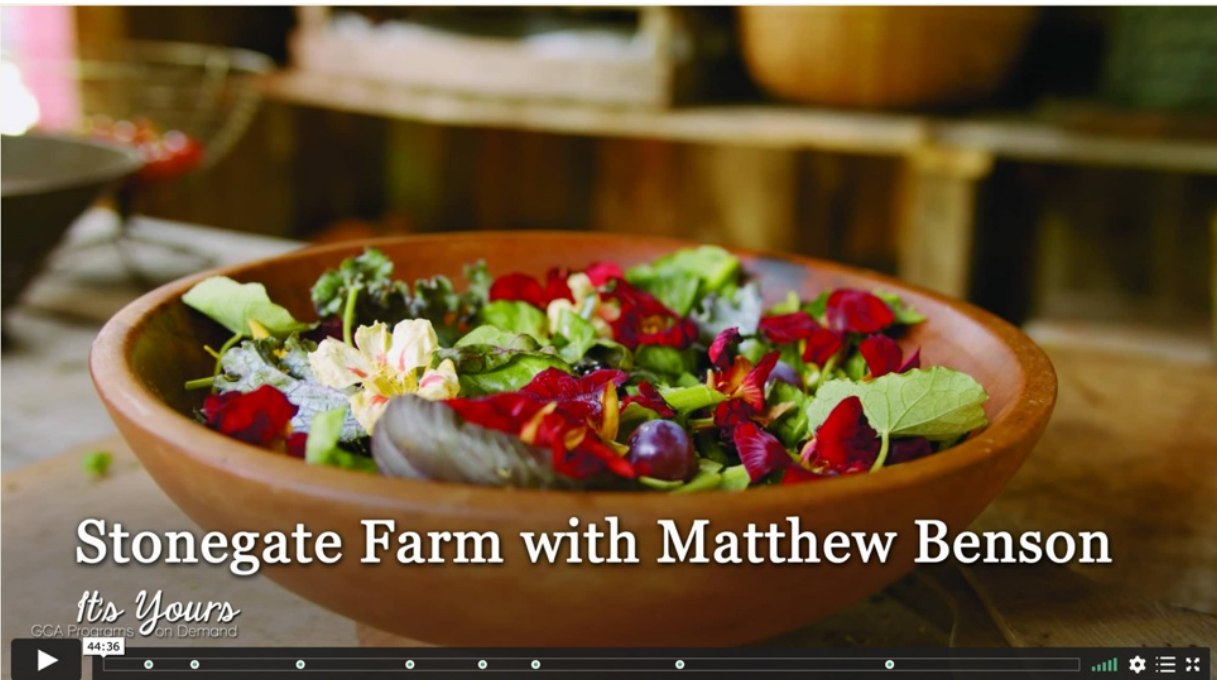
a fascinating exploration of obsession and man's destructive instinct to harvest the beauty of nature." Amazon Review

Our friends who have read this book can't stop talking about it. Enjoy!

Don't forget to shop smile.amazon.com and support the LGC or purchase locally at Novel!

-Connie Adams & Leslie Schutt

Horticulture



Stonegate Farm with Matthew Benson

It's Yours
GCA Programs on Demand

Inspiration for Your Spring Garden!

Matthew Benson has a fabulous video about Stonegate Farm that is inspiring for your garden as you think about your spring planting! He is a renaissance man who spent 15 years developing his own garden and

photographing it. You will need to sign in to your GCA account. Please let us know if you need help with this.

Stonegate Farm: An Original 19th Century New York Hudson Valley Estate is a category-defying program hosted by organic food and flower farmer, designer, and photographer Matthew Benson.

Witness Stonegate Farm as Matthew unveils each photographically stunning garden room from flowers to farm to orchard. With a keen eye for color, form, and function, Matthew correlates farming like a gardener, blending beauty with function and balancing creativity with problem-solving. Filmed during autumn of 2020, the sustainable 21st Century farm boasts a colorful bounty of flowers, vegetables, and fruit not only for Matthew but the CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) that supports his neighboring community.

Both an award-winning writer and photographer, Matthew demonstrates how he uses light creating his own personal narrative for each photo he frames as he walks us past his fenced climbing vegetables, tree allée orchard, and harmonious hornbeam hedges. Matthew's creative nature should entice us all to follow his lead as we begin to design our own gardens.

Over the course of this 44-minute episode is a journey to be enjoyed in one sitting, or as you please. It is marked into eight delightful chapters, none to be missed. Chapters can be navigated by clicking the chapter markers in the play bar.

–Margaret Fraser & Gina White

Stonegate Farm: An Original 19th Century New York Hudson Valley Estate



SUCCULENTS: POPULAR, COLORFUL INDOOR PLANTS

When the weather outside is frightful, gardeners can still comfortably indulge their green thumb with houseplants. A group of indoor plants experiencing a huge surge of popularity right now are tropical succulents; those fat-leafed, fat-stemmed little marvels that are popping up everywhere from boutique gift shops to big box stores to grocery store floral departments, and on nearly every social media outlet. With their compact growth habit, diverse shapes, and pleasing array of colors, it's easy to see the appeal. One particularly striking group of succulents is the genus *Echeveria*, which bears symmetrical, rose-like clusters of waxy leaves in shades of pink, silver, blue, and purple. *Echeveria* 'Perle von Nurnberg' is a popular plump, rosy-lavender variety. *Echeveria* 'Blue Curls' has long blue leaves with heavily curled edges. Another fascinating group are the *Kalanchoes*, which often bear baby plantlets at every indentation along their scalloped leaves. Here at the Garden, we like to grow two *Kalanchoe* species, one known as "Mother-of-Thousands" and one, even more productive, known as "Mother-of-Millions."

Succulents can be grown in individual pots, which allows each one to really fill out and reach its own unique and beautiful form, or can be grown in larger containers as mixed plantings of several different varieties. An arrangement of succulents is very appealing and can often look like an underwater seascape.

Succulents are easy to care for if one follows a few simple rules...

Most importantly, don't overwater them. In the wild, they grow in sandy or rocky soil with infrequent rainfall. That's why they sport those intriguing fat, waxy, or fuzzy stems and leaves: to hold onto moisture.

To keep your succulents happy, pot them in a fast-draining soil mix. (You can buy a mix made for succulents, or make your own by mixing sand and perlite into regular potting soil.) They also need a pot with a drainage hole. The goal is to be able to water them well, completely drenching the soil, then for that water to quickly drain away. Sitting in water is a death sentence for succulents. (Succulents can be maintained in a novelty planter with no drainage hole but measuring out just the right amount of water for them is tricky business and not for the faint of heart.) With succulents, it is always better to err on the side of too little water, rather than too much.

Succulents need bright light. Indoors, most varieties will be happiest in a south or west-facing window where they will get several hours of bright sun. An east-facing window may suffice if it is very bright. Keep in mind that the less light a succulent gets, the less water it will need, and the more susceptible it is to over-watering. In winter, light levels, in general, are reduced, and your indoor succulent that was happy over the summer may not be getting the light it needs. If you see the stem lengthening with ever greater space between the leaves, then your plant is stretching for light. Try moving it to a brighter spot.

One fun thing about succulents is that it's so easy to make more of them! Clump-forming species, like Aloe, Gasteria, or Haworthia, can be divided once they get full, and split up to plant in several pots. Rosette-forming species such as Echeveria and Graptoveria can grow entirely new plants from just one leaf. You may carefully remove some of the lower, fatter leaves, then place them on top of the soil in a new pot, or as I like to do, on top of the soil in the same pot as the original plant. Within a few weeks, each "mother" leaf will have pushed out roots and a new set of leaves. In a few months, these plants may each be separated and planted individually.

If you haven't already, don't hesitate to join the craze and get started with growing succulents indoors! They're fascinating little plants that don't require much care. The best tip I can give you for growing them is probably this: if you're not sure if they need water yet, then wait another week. They'll thank you for it.

-Jill Maybry
Delta Garden & Butterfly Garden Curator
Memphis Botanic Garden

Memorials and Honorariums

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Joan Wood Beard
Emily and Harvey Kay

In Memory of Gail Laughlin
Emily and Harvey Kay

In Memory of Ralph Muller
Ginger and Dabney Collier
Lucia and Hal Crenshaw
Dot and Dick Fisher

In Memory of Jack Powell
Emily and Harvey Kay

In Memory of Ray Tanner
Emily and Harvey Kay

Sensory Garden

In Memory of Ralph Muller
Kathe and Larry Crane
Graham and Lynn Fulton
Janet Misner
Ruthie and Edward Taylor

GCA Education Fund

In Memory of Joan Wood Beard
Kate and Brad Trammell

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Please send memorials and honorariums to:
Jeannie Tabor
6500 May Creek
Memphis, TN 38119

Garden History and Design



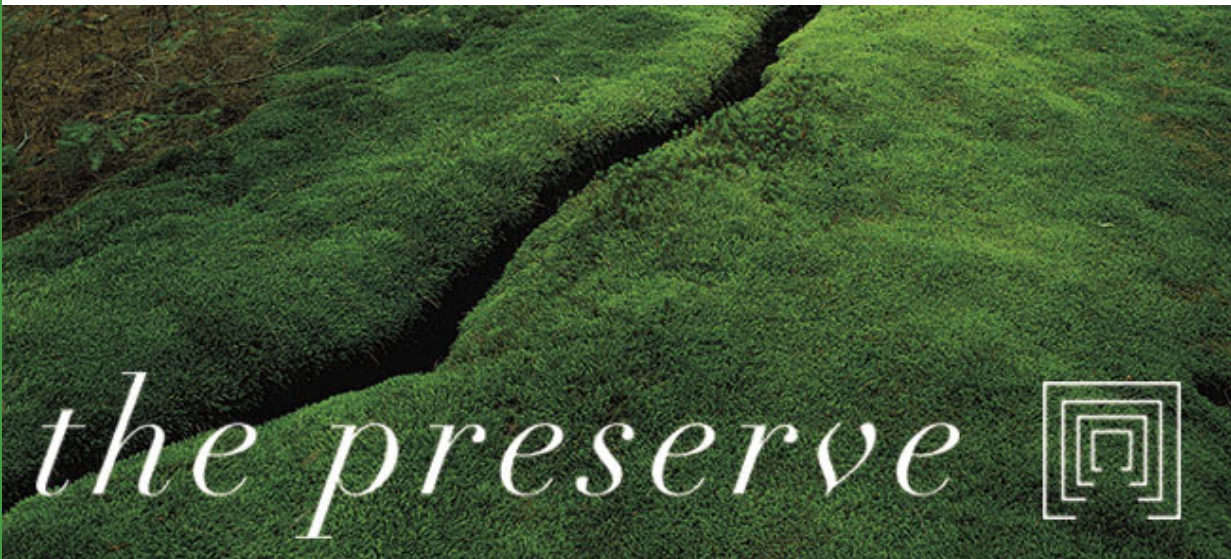
Have you ever thought about building a water garden? Do you have an existing water feature but aren't sure what plants to use?

Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia is now offering their fantastic continuing education courses online and for free. Click the button below to sign up for the course on water gardening. It is a self paced course designed to answer all of your questions. We suggest that you check out all of their offerings on a variety of gardening subjects. Their courses are reputed to be phenomenal!

Enjoy!

–Janet Misner & Leslie Schutt

[Everything About Aquatics Online Class](#)



the preserve



Behind the scenes at the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden with
Cassie Banning, Director of Farm & Garden

Wednesday, March 3

4:00 – 5:20 p.m.

Whether you are an avid gardener or simply love beautiful, natural

spaces, Cassie's presentation will inform and delight you. In her role as manager of the Abby Garden from 2013–2018, Cassie cared for this iconic landscape and she is pleased to share her knowledge with you.

Cassie will focus on the evolution of the garden design and how planting decisions are made each year. She will also share how the gardeners and greenhouse staff grow, plant, and nurture over 6,000 annuals and new perennials every season.

The presentation will be 60 minutes long. Cassie will be available afterward for questions.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

[Click here to register](#)

Spring, Spring, Spring



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

[Ivy Vine Submissions](#)



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