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

May 2021



Ruthie Taylor

President's Letter

Can you believe my term as President is halfway done? I don't know whether to be happy or sad about that! One thing I do know is that this year has been great and I am so proud of the fun we have had despite the pandemic. Thank you for persevering with good humor and patience throughout this unusual year.

I hope you rested up while you had a chance because next year is going to be action-packed! I am talking non-stop fun! Already on the calendar: New Member party in late October, *Inspirations* with Bunny Williams in November, Christopher Spitzmiller for our festive December program, Joint Meeting with Memphis Garden Club in February, and LGC Auction (with hubbies & cocktails) in March. Plus lots of great programs and workshops along the way. In the words of our Ole Miss friends...ARE YOU READY?!

Thank you to Ginger Collier for hosting us at her lovely home for the May Picnic, and to the other May hostesses as well: Kathy Adams, Lawrence Cowart, Sherrill Crump, Kim Gibson, and Elise Lake. We will close the year out by celebrating a few exceptional members and announcing the LGC President-Elect. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Kate

*The Little Garden Club
May Membership Meeting & Annual Picnic
Thursday, May 6
11:00 a.m.
at the home of Ginger Collier
1785 Harbert Avenue*

*Hostesses: Kathy Adams, Ginger Collier, Lawrence
Cowart, Sherrill Crump, Kim Gibson, Elise Lake*

*RSVP to Sherill Crump: (901) 484-8443
or scrump3@bellsouth.net*

The May Picnic and Membership Meeting is the perfect way to wrap up our crazy Covid year. Let's come together and celebrate our productive and challenging year. Please join your Little Garden Club friends at our May picnic at Ginger Collier's home. We will give out our end-of-the-year awards and celebrate another wonderful LGC season of

adventures, learning, and friendship.

You should have had an evite invitation in your inbox. Please be sure to respond to Sherill.

–Stacey Hussey & Elizabeth Williamson

May Birthdays



2 Michelle Dunavant
4 Kim Gibson
14 Kate Trammell
20 Jeannie Tabor
25 Liz Crosby

We're on Instagram!

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram [@littlegardenclubofmemphis!](#)

If you have any photos to share, please send them to Christian or me for posting!

–Kate



Inspirations is ON!



Mark your calendars, ladies. *Inspirations* is on and Bunny is coming to town!

November 11, 2021 is the new date for *Inspirations* at the MBG and we are thrilled that Bunny Williams is our speaker. Some amazing groups of savvy women are already working very hard planning our market, working on sponsorships, ticket sales, the luncheon, and many more important areas to pull this event together. If you have not been

called yet, do not fret, you will be! We will need all hands on deck.

Please mark your calendars and spread the word. Our tickets will be ready to purchase on our website launching **September 1**. More details

to come. If you know a business who may be a wonderful fit as a sponsor, please let us know. We would love any suggestions!

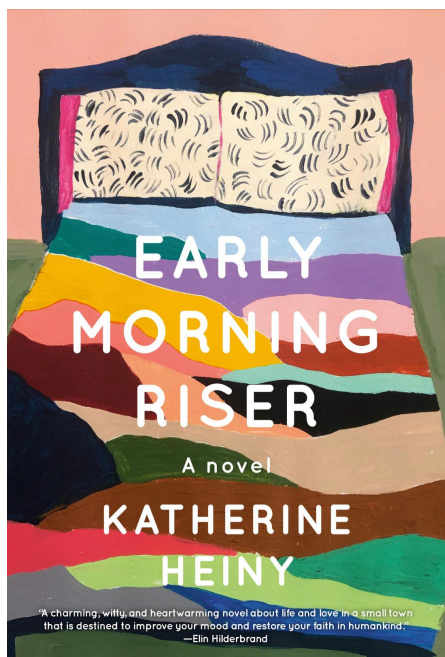
After this past crazy year, we are excited to burst forward with a joyful, fun and inspiring event! More to come!

–Paige and Katherine

LGC READS: No Show Book Club

We wanted to give you some choices for summer. Enjoy this fun fiction!
Happy Summer Reading!

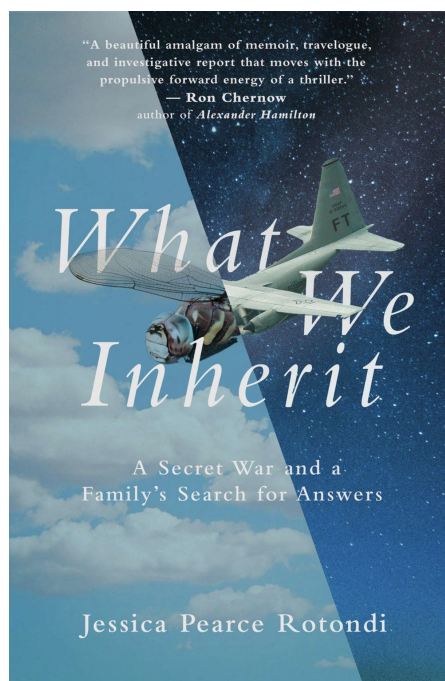
–Connie Adams & Leslie Schutt



"The funniest novel of the year... You have to pay attention to a book like Heiny's... Sweetly sardonic... Delightful."

—Bethanne Patrick, The Washington Post

A New York Post Best New Novel * An Esquire Best Book of 2021 * An E! News Best Book of April * An Apartment Therapy Best Book of April * A Popsugar Best Book of April * A Newsweek Book to Read * A New York Times Book to Watch For * A Parade Favorite Book of Spring * A Washington Post Best Book to Read in April * A Kirkus Best Book to Read in April
ie Schultz, The New York Times Book Review.

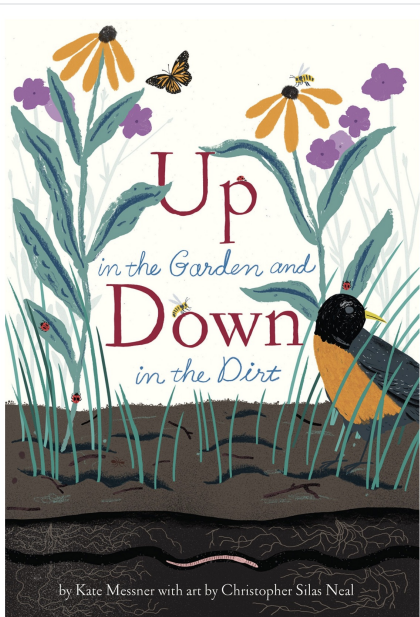


What We Inherit – A Secret War and a Family's Search for Answers
by Jessica Pearce Rotondi

"Part memoir, part investigative journalism, and completely engrossing, *What We Inherit* is not a book you'll be forgetting anytime soon." —Oprah Magazine

In the wake of her mother's death, Jessica Pearce Rotondi uncovers boxes of letters, declassified CIA reports, and newspaper clippings that bring to light a family ghost: her uncle Jack, who disappeared during the CIA-led "Secret War" in Laos in 1972. The letters lead her across Southeast Asia in search of the truth that has eluded her family for decades. "

Amazon Review



Bonus book for children!

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt
by Kate Messner

"In this exuberant and lyrical follow-up to the award-winning *Over and Under the Snow*, discover the wonders that lie hidden between stalks, under the shade of leaves . . . and down in the dirt."
Amazon Review

Be sure to check out ALL of author Kate Messner's children's books. They are great fun!

Photography

THE COVID PROJECT

Views From The Garden Club of America

Well, we have gone through a crazy year and I feel like we are getting back to some normalcy. Spring has been good to us all. We have had some delightful weather and the flowers have been so vibrant. I know we are all looking forward to summer and it will be here before we know it, but before we sign off for the summer we wanted to remind you about the upcoming Covid Project.

We brought this to your attention several months ago and our Photography Zone Reps are encouraging us to submit photographs that illustrate our experiences during this time of pandemic. The GCA would like us to submit images that will be compiled into an e-book that will be available for viewing on the GCA website, and also for purchase for those who would like a hard copy. Images that are not selected for the book will be shared in some sort of format yet to be determined.

The Little Garden Club Photography chairs would love to see your photos submitted and we have until September 30 to submit our photos. Please participate--you never know your photo will be part of the GCA archives.

Click below for the submission form.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Catherine or

myself.

Stay tuned to some exciting workshops coming this Fall.

-Michelle Dunavant and Catherine Erb Sikes

COVID Project Form

Dues are Due

It's that time again! Please submit your dues for the upcoming year.

It is so easy! You may bring a check to the picnic, mail a check payable to *The Little Garden Club* to me at 141 West Chickasaw Pkwy, Memphis, TN. 38111 or Venmo me at @lindamallory.

Dues are \$300 for Active, Mentor, and Affiliate members and \$150 for Life members.

They are delinquent after June 1.

Also, if you need to be reimbursed for anything, please send that info to me by the May picnic.

Thank you!

-Linda Mallory

Horticulture



Succulent Propagation Workshop

with Jill Maybry

Delta Garden and Butterfly Garden Curator at MBG

Wednesday, May 5 at 11:00 am

Potting Shed at Memphis Botanic Garden

Cost is \$25

Learn how to grow and propagate
this popular and colorful group of plants.

You will receive two terra cotta containers, one with
rooted succulents and another with cuttings.

Please let Margaret or Gina know you are coming.
Margaret – margaret.f@me.com or 901-848-6232
Gina – gewhite10@gmail.com or 901-826-2577
Venmo Margaret @Margaret-Fraser-4



Please contact Gina or Margaret if you would like seeds from the
Freeman Medal winner, *CEPHALANTHUS OCCIDENTALIS*, and we will
mail them to you.

The 2021 Montine McDaniel Freeman Medal Plant of The
Year is *Cephalanthus occidentalis*, buttonbush. The Freeman Medal
Selection Committee, composed of outstanding horticulturists from
across North America, unanimously chose buttonbush as the 2021
winner in the category of woody plants. Attributes of *Cephalanthus
occidentalis* include its adaptability to soils, its ability to slow erosion
when planted in groups along stream beds, the unique beauty of the
flowers, its fruit that provides food throughout the winter for 24
species of birds, and its ability to be planted in full sun or part
shade. The common name, honey bells, was used by beekeepers who
found the shrub to be irresistible to honey bees and introduced it into
production in the colonies in 1735. A pollinator magnet, buttonbush is
a food source for swallowtails, monarchs, skippers, titan sphinx moths,
hydrangea sphinx moths and royal walnut moths. Native North
American bees such as bumblebees, yellow-faced bees, green sweat
bees, and long-horned bees also regularly visit the shrub. Easily
maintained to a desired height through pruning, buttonbush is a great

addition to gardens across North America. With its fascinating flowers and the insect and butterfly activity that accompany its planting, it is a notable plant for educating children and adults on its unsurpassed values for the environment! USDA Hardiness Zones 5–9 but plants are evident throughout the lower 48 states.

Photo Credit: Caroline Orr

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from *The Real Dirt*

Memorials and Honorariums

Sensory Garden

In Memory of Ralph Muller
Michelle and Bill Dunavant
Flo McGowin
Peggy Jones

In Memory of Jack Powell
Sue and Marshall Clark
Michelle and Bill Dunavant
Peggy Jones

In Memory of Ray Tanner
Sue and Marshall Clark

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Ralph Muller
Judith and Bruce Campbell
Eva Mae and Bobby Hussey

**In Memory of Martha Hicky
Fogelman**
Tempe and Michael Thompson

GCA Education Fund

In Memory of Joan Wood Beard
Connie and Lou Adams

Garden History and Design



As the GCA celebrates the work of Frederick Law Olmsted, enjoy this article about "unified composition" in his garden designs.

-Janet Misner and Leslie Schutt

Unified Composition

The Lusty Month of May



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