



Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

# THE IVY VINE

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

November 2020



Michelle Dunavant

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November is the month to be thankful, and I am certainly thankful for all of you. Especially for our Sensory Garden, Photography, Horticulture and Floral Design committee chairs! They have kept us busy this fall with fun, informative, socially distanced workshops. Thank you to Kim L., Sue, Michelle, Catherine, Margaret, Gina, Liz and Ann for showing such initiative and providing terrific learning opportunities for LGC.

Welcome to our wonderful new members, Bradley Fogelman, Garnett Hutton and Stephanie Wilson! I am excited for them to experience all the fun and friendship that makes LGC such a special club.

I hope to see many of you this week for our November membership meeting at the Big River Crossing, longest public pedestrian bridge

across the Mississippi. We will hear how it was repurposed from an abandoned train trestle into a popular hiking/biking trail across our magnificent river. (Sneakers/comfortable clothes for walking are suggested.)

Unfortunately, November will be our last chance to gather in-person for a while. I will miss seeing all of your happy faces but will look forward to when we can be together again. Spring is my favorite time of year, and this year it will be more welcome than ever as not only will plants and flowers be poking their heads out of their winter homes, but so will we!

*“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” –Marcel Proust*

Gratefully,

*Kate*



**The Little Garden Club**  
**November Membership Meeting**  
**Greg Maxted: *The Past, Present, and Future***  
***of Big River Crossing***  
**Thursday, November 5**  
(Rain date: Friday, November 6)  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Big River Crossing**



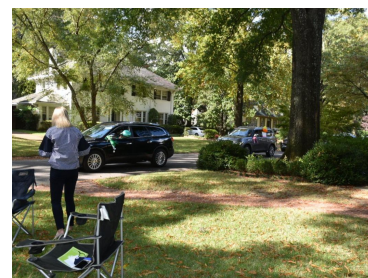
**Hostesses: Gay Boyd, Sue Clark, Margaret Fraser and Stacey Hussey**

Follow the online directions to the Big River Crossing. Please park along the curb or in designated spaces on West Virginia Avenue. Our meeting will be in the grassy area adjacent to West Virginia Avenue. Look for the balloons. After our meeting, we will walk across the historic Harahan Bridge. It is 1 mile each way, so we will walk 2 miles total. Please be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Box lunches will be served after our walk. Please bring a picnic blanket or chair if you would like somewhere to sit. If you need help with directions, please call one of us.

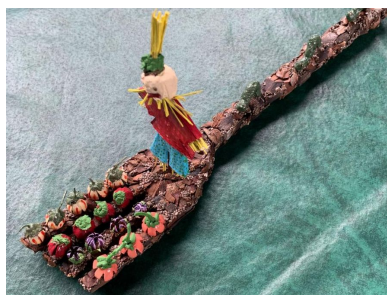
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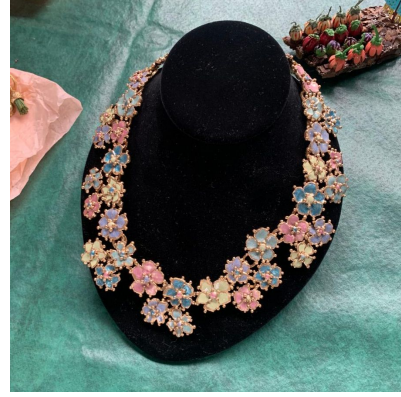
## *Welcome, New Members!*



## **October Meeting**







## November Birthdays

- 6 Suki Carson
- 7 Ruthie Taylor
- 10 Sherrill Crump
- 12 Wendy Ansbro
- 14 Jan Bell
- 15 Suzanne Varner
- 18 Ragan Magness
- 22 Leslie Drinan



## Conservation



## GCA Conservation Study Conference 2020

November 17–18, 2020

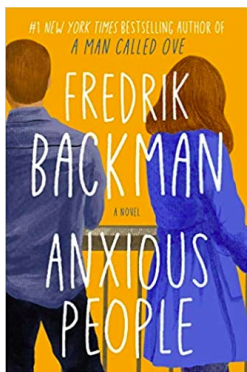
### GCA Conservation Study Conference 2020

This virtual conference will be open to all GCA club members! Registration will launch in mid-October via an email sent to everyone. The registration link will be posted below when registration is open. We look forward to having you join us for this very special virtual Conservation Study Conference.

Abbie Williams and Ragan Magness

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## LGC READS: No Show Book Club



Our selection for November is *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman which sounds like a lot of fun!

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove* comes a charming, poignant novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined.

Hopefully copies are available at Novel. (They were backordered by the publisher). They will be behind the front desk. Ask for The Little Garden Club book. 10% discount. Happy Reading!

Connie Adams: (901) 483-1884  
Leslie Schutt: (901) 828-1319



## Horticulture

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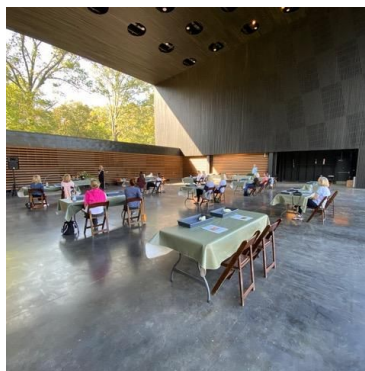
### Throw Out the Rules and Let Nature Do its Work!

What a treat it was to hear Margaret Roach speak at the 2020 Shirley Meneice Conference!

The conference organizers pivoted quickly, and instead of several hundred of us descending on Chicago, we loaded up our Zoom apps and joined in the learning. Though we do hope to get to go in person in the future, the great benefit this year was that so many more garden club members could benefit directly through the videos, and you still can!

Click the button below to access the recorded conference sessions.

### Shirley Meneice Conference



### RANUNCULUS WORKSHOP

During the LGC Ranunculus Workshop, Margaret Stokes, the owner of FLOWERS LOCAL MEMPHIS, a flower farm in the heart of Memphis, shared her journey in becoming a flower farmer after 27 years as a speech pathologist. Attendees learned how to sprout and grow beautiful ranunculus and anemone. Everyone took home a tray of corms with a frost cloth. This was a special time for Margaret since her late mother, Betty Daniel Barker, was a member of the Little Garden Club. You can visit her website, [flowerslocalmemphis.com](https://flowerslocalmemphis.com), or follow her on Instagram at [flowerslocalmemphis](https://www.instagram.com/flowerslocalmemphis).

We wanted to share several inspiring insights from Margaret Roach,

author of *A Way to Garden: A Hands-On Primer for Every Season*. In a nutshell, her message was:

“Do what pleases YOU!”

*Rules limit our creativity!*

Margaret encourages you to use your favorite colors, think of what makes you smile, and have fun playing. After all, what does it really matter what others think? Who is going to judge you for your garden?! (And if they do, are they really a true friend?)

Several of our favorite quotes from her:

“Use the colors you prefer; it is your garden.”

“I beseech you to explore.”

“Looks with your hearts.”

“Consider the gardener and the garden as one organism.”

Margaret encourages us all to bring a fresh perspective to gardening – Find your favorite view of your garden from your breakfast nook, your sweet reading area, your patio for afternoon tea, and view your garden from *those* spots, tailoring what you see outside to impact your view inside. It’s not all about the sidewalk view!

She loves the seasons, and views snow-covered forms as beautiful as blooming flowers. What does your garden look like at night? What can you see that is different?

*Let Nature do its work!*

Margaret takes a holistic view of gardening. A few tips from her on the GCA website are:

- Resist the wish to squish.
- Grow bugs to grow birds.
- Do not use chemicals. Let the food web be activated to control pesky insects.
- Unmow! Make more habitat for your garden collections.
- Give back some of your grass space to nature and let your flowers abound!
- If you want more birds in your garden, don’t cut down the seed heads from your summer plants since they provide food.
- Leave leaves in your beds, and make compost to help your flowers look gorgeous the next season.
- And finally, “weed early and weed often” so you don’t have to use chemicals, and so you don’t get overwhelmed.
- A socially distanced, yet social, idea: Invite a friend to weed in your garden for an hour one day, and then go to her garden to weed for an hour the next.

Most of all, have fun with your garden!

There is no rulebook!

Margaret Fraser and Gina White

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# Memorials

Memorials in honor of Gail Davis Laughlin

Connie and Lou Adams  
Kate and Brad Trammell

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

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## Photography



Ruthie Taylor

**Photography Workshop  
at the Dixon  
with Murray Reiss  
Thursday, November 12  
10:00 a.m.**

Please email [Michelle](#) or [Catherine](#) for further information. Please note that we will be limiting sign up to the first 15 members.

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Zone IX has another chance to submit photos for the January Enews for 2021. So as the nights get colder and the days get shorter don't forget to take your cameras out and about ..... who knows, we might get some snow this year. It has been a crazy 2020, to say the least, so you



never know!! So just be thinking of some interesting winter photos. We will send a reminder of when to submit them, but you can always go ahead and submit before, if you have any in your archives.

Please submit to Kelly Bronfman at [kellbron@gmail.com](mailto:kellbron@gmail.com) or [kellybronfmanphotography@gmail.com](mailto:kellybronfmanphotography@gmail.com). Entries must be:

- taken in December
- taken in Zone IX
- 1 mb or larger
- landscape/horizontal

The full list of guidelines can be found [here](#).

Keep on "Clicking!"

Michelle Dunavant and Catherine Erb Sikes

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## Floral Design

We had a great turnout for a floral design workshop led by Katherine Dobbs in her garden. She used flowers and foliage from her yard to show creative ways to make arrangements and proved that anything you can find and forage can be used. Katherine even made a gorgeous arrangement out of brown, dried leaves! We then made our own arrangements and everyone left with something unique and beautiful.

Liz Crosby & Ann Prince





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Please submit your December Ivy Vine article by Friday, November 20. If you have photos to include, please send them separately, not in a document. Thank you!

[Ivy Vine Submissions](#)



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