



Horticulture, Conservation, Flower Arranging,  
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# THE IVY VINE

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

October 2019



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy October and welcome Fall! Having just returned from Presidents' Council in New Orleans, my mind is racing faster than my abilities to share the many great ideas that circulated among the 20 clubs in our Zone! From social media platforms to fundraising ideas, Kate and I couldn't take notes fast enough. So, brace yourselves dear members – there's more in store!

It was great to see so many of you at the September meeting. If you missed it and want to learn more about Elmore Demott and her beautiful photography, her Instagram handle is [elmoredemott](#).

Our meeting this month is October 3 at LeBonheur Children's Hospital. The staff at LeBonheur has planned a "magical" meeting for us and I



hope all of you will be able to attend. Carpooling will be available and it is a very easy venue for us to navigate – they have saved the best parking for us and our meeting will take place just inside the front doors, so walking will be at a minimum. We are in for a treat and they have planned a special morning for us. Please don't miss it! It's going to be a very special day (that's all I will say!). Our Club Flower Show (Power of Perception) is October 24. Many of you have been working on your flower designs, photographs and preparing your horticulture entries. I can't wait to see it all – and am so happy we will have visitors from other clubs as well. Word on the street is "There's nothing "little" about The Little Garden Club of Memphis!" If we build it they will come! See you October 4!

*Mary Call*

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## The Little Garden Club October Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 11:00 am  
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital  
848 Adams Avenue

Hostesses:

Bowie Campbell, Shelley Turley, Vance James, Natalie Latham

On Thursday, October 3, the Little Garden Club is learning and lunching at one of Memphis's treasures, LeBonheur Children's Hospital. Directors at Le Bonheur will fill us in on the new developments happening at this incredible place that serves our children so well – including a new green space for children being treated and their families to enjoy while spending time at the hospital. Please join us on the beautiful new patio space for our meeting and lunch. Parking is very convenient but limited so carpooling is strongly encouraged. Look for a call from our carpool arrangers and see the map below for parking directions. It's going to be a very special meeting that we promise you will not want to miss!

Please look for a paperless post and rsvp to [Bowie Campbell](#) or 901-277-5533.

–Ragan and Kim



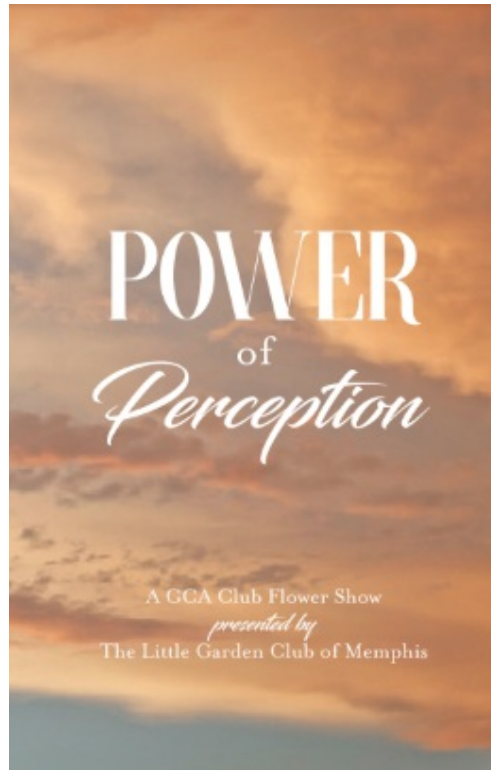
Parking will be in the driveway of the main entrance at 848 Adams Ave. Security has been notified that we will park there for the event. Please drive slowly over the speed bumps, they are very high. Once parked, enter the main entrance and we will be in the Community Room to the right.

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## Important October Dates

Wednesday, September 25 – Flower Arranging Workshop  
Thursday, September 26 – Horticulture Workshop  
Wednesday, October 2 – Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., MBG  
Thursday October 3 – Membership Meeting 11:00 am, LeBonheur  
October 4–5 – Fall Plant Sale, MBG  
*October 10–14 – Fall Break*  
October 16–18 – GCA Flower Show, Little Rock  
Thursday, October 24 – LGC Club Flower Show, MBG, Hardin Hall  
Saturday, October 26 – Flick or Treat, MBG

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It's Finally Here!

## *Power of Perception*

Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
Show Set-up 9:00–12:00 p.m.  
Floral Design and Horticulture Entries Accepted and Passed  
1:00–4:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 24, 2019  
Hardin Hall, Memphis Botanic Garden  
Little Garden Club Members Reception 1:00–2:00 p.m.

The flower show schedule is available!  
We will hand them out at the October meeting.  
Call Gina or Linda if you want to get yours before the meeting.

Walk around your yards and start thinking about entries for the show. The schedule will guide you as to how and what to enter. Your flower show horticulture chairmen, Michelle Dunavant and Leslie Schutt, and class consultant Kate Trammell, will be happy to offer suggestions.



Photos by Gina White

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## Memorials and Honorariums

## The Sensory Garden

*In Memory of Bill Coolidge*  
Ruthie and Edward Taylor  
Michelle and Bill Dunavant  
Kathy and Ben Adams  
Lucia and Hal Crenshaw  
Dee and Ralph Muller  
Katie and Ed Eleazer

*In Memory of Lawrence Keese*  
Ruthie and Edward Taylor  
Dee and Ralph Muller

*In Memory of Marily Hughes*  
Mary Margaret Holmes

*In Memory of Bill Carrington Jones*  
Mary Margaret Holmes

*In Honor of Debbie Phillips*  
Michelle and Bill Dunavant

*In Honor of Catherine Erb & Tom Sikes*  
Mary Margaret Holmes

## The GCA Education Fund

*In Memory of Marily Hughes*  
Mary Call and Mott Ford

*In Memory of Bill Coolidge*  
Mary Call and Mott Ford

*In Memory of Mildred Smith*  
Kate and Brad Trammell

## The Children's Garden

*In Memory of Bill Carrington Jones*  
Marilyn and Pepper Allen  
Barbara and Lewis Williamson  
Deborah Tipton

*In Memory of Marily Hughes*  
Marilyn and Pepper Allen  
Barbara and Lewis Williamson  
Deborah Tipton

*In Memory of Molitor Ford*  
Marilyn and Pepper Allen  
Barbara and Lewis Williamson  
Deborah Tipton

*In Memory of Mary Lou Adams*  
Barbara and Lewis Williamson  
Deborah Tipton  
Abbie and Duncan Williams

*In Memory of Lillian Dunavant*  
Abbie and Duncan Williams

*In Memory of Shirley Stribling*  
Barbara and Lewis Williamson

*In Memory of Maryann Marks*  
Barbara and Lewis Williamson

*In Memory of Mildred Smith*  
Leslie and Jeff Drinan

## The Memorial Fund

*In Memory of Marily Hughes*  
Mayrene Buxton

*In Memory of Bill Coolidge*  
Mary and Clint Sexton  
E.J. Baird  
Dot and Dick Fisher  
Tempe and Michael Thompson

*In Memory of Lawrence Keese*  
Mary and Clint Sexton  
Tempe and Michael Thompson

*In Memory of Mildred Smith*  
Dot and Dick Fisher  
Wendy and Ed Ansbro  
Tempe and Michael Thompson

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Ruthie, Shirley Meneice herself, and Kathy

## Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference

Kathy Adams, Peggy Peters of the Memphis Garden Club, and I arrived in Denver early on Tuesday, September 10. We had plenty of time before the conference started and Kathy and I took Virginia Kay out to lunch! That night we met up with Ruthie who was already in Denver meeting with the Horticulture Committee. We enjoyed cocktails and dinner at the Denver Country Club, the oldest club west of the Mississippi! Brian Vogt, Executive Director of the Denver Botanic Gardens and the 2019 recipient of the GCA Cynthia Pratt Laughlin Medal, spoke to us that night after dinner.

The next morning we loaded the buses at 7:45 and went to the Denver Botanic Gardens. Nancy Shotters of the Garden Club of Denver was Chairman of the 2019 Shirley Meneice Conference. She opened the meeting and then we heard from GCA's President, Debbie Edwards. After a short break we broke out by Zones. Zone IX, led by Ruthie, met on the West Terrace. We sat in a circle and shared all things horticulture from our clubs. We heard some fun ideas about how to get members involved in horticulture which we will share with Leslie and Corrine!

After lunch we boarded the buses again and went to Chatfield Farms, a 700-acre native plant refuge and working farm located along the banks of Deer Creek in southern Jefferson County. The Farms are managed and run by DBG. We toured the dye garden, the cut flower garden, the market garden, the lavender garden, and even a yurt! We had perfect weather and enjoyed a delicious dinner in an open air barn where we heard from Larry Vickerman, Director of Chatfield Farms.

On Thursday, we headed to DBG again! Our keynote speaker was Lauren Springer whose talk was entitled *Inspired by the Wild: Designing Naturalistic Plantings for Beauty, Adaptability and Creatures*. Lauren discussed how she approaches her inspired garden spaces and went over the plants and practicalities unique to creating and managing such plantings.

After her talk the Seed Share was opened and it quickly became one of the most popular spots! I didn't get as much as I wanted but I got plenty for LGC! The rest of the day we attended workshops. I went to Plants that

Attract Songbirds, Creating Dramatic Images, Inspired by Nature, Attuned to Ecology and the highlight of the day: a tour of the Japanese Garden and Tea House with Ebi Kondo, Curator of the Japanese Garden. Ebi enthusiastically and reverently explained the Japanese tea ceremony from beginning to end. We were all mesmerized!

We had another delicious dinner at the Gardens and Cary Fowler was our speaker. No matter how many times I hear Cary I am always struck by what has been accomplished with the Seed Vault and the hope that it brings with its extensive variety of seeds!

I was thrilled to be LGCs delegate this year!! If you are asked to be the Shirley Meneice delegate, say yes! It is a fabulous conference with a wonderful group of women! I know next year's conference in Chicago will be outstanding!!

–Vance Lewis

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## October Birthdays

2 Lisa Wilder  
4 Kim MacQueen  
7 Loren Powell  
8 Mary Call Ford  
9 Susan Driscoll  
10 Lynn Fulton  
18 Suzette Turner  
20 Mary Margaret Hughes  
26 Sally Treadwell  
29 Tempe Thompson  
30 Paige Proctor

## Memphis Botanic Garden Volunteer Opportunities

Help is always needed for these events!  
Please sign up by clicking below.

**Fall Plant Sale – Friday/Saturday**  
October 4–5, 9:00a.m.–5:00p.m.

**Flick or Treat – Saturday, October 26,**  
5:00–9:00 p.m.

**Spring Plant Sale – Friday/Saturday,**  
April 17–18, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Email Jeannie Tabor to Volunteer

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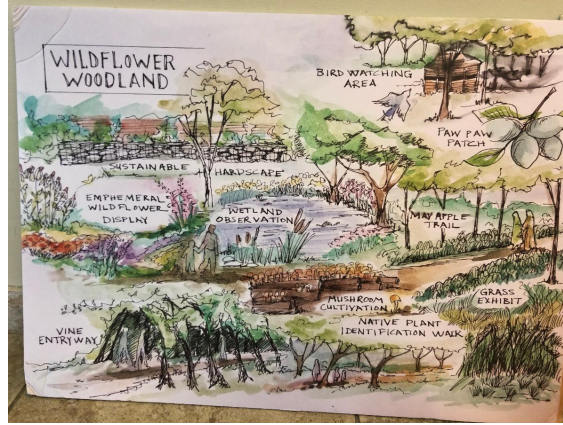
## Save the Date!

**Fall Sensory Garden Clean-up**  
**Wednesday, October 16, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Let's Celebrate the Sensory Garden's 30th Birthday!!!  
We will spruce up the garden for our LGC Flower Show

And we will have a birthday party – think party hats, cake, and bubbly!!!

Also, there will be golf cart tours starting at 4:00 for those interested in seeing the Wildflower Woodland, the site of our Partners for Plants Project. Come see the "before" and learn about what's planned!



## Let's Go Krogering!



Please sign up with Kroger so that our club can receive “Community Rewards” also known as FREE MONEY! This is an EXTREMELY easy process that will allow us to earn over \$100 per month. On an annual basis – that’s two paid tickets to a zone meeting! It’s simple. Click the button to go to the Kroger Community Rewards page. If you already have a Kroger card, you can click in with either your phone number (Alt ID) or your exact Kroger card number. From there, walk through all of the prompts. Our club is listed under Little Garden Club. Please call Sue Clark 340-0213 if you run into any challenges with the sign up. Signing up for the Community Rewards does not interfere with your gas points!

–Sue Clark

Kroger Community Rewards

## Presidents' Council – New Orleans



During September Mary Call and I convened in *sultry* New Orleans with our fellow Presidents and Presidents Elect and have come back with lots of *hot* new ideas!

Barbara Bush, Zone IX Chairman, coordinated the event, which included a Communications Workshop, and GCA Education Session. We heard about the Second Century Campaign. We learned more about GCA’s new Strategic Plan, including that Annual Meeting will be held in New York every other year starting in



2021, and club presidents will be the only club attendees. Zone IX Representatives (including our own Vance Lewis and Ruthie Taylor) were there to guide us through the different aspects and opportunities in Zone IX. However, the highlight of Presidents' Council was the very informative Round Table Discussion, where we exchanged valuable thoughts and ideas with the other Presidents and Presidents Elect.

Our trip was productive, but also a lot of fun! There were some *warm* but still delightful garden tours. Thankfully our hosts had fully functioning a/c so we also enjoyed dining with our old and new friends while we toured several lovely homes in the Garden District and Metairie. Naturally, Mary Call and I managed to fit in a little shopping before heading for home.

All in all, our trip to Presidents' Council was a *sizzling* success!

-Kate Trammell



Photos by Ruthie Taylor

## Horticulture

Please click the link below for a great video with Meg Tapp from The Garden Club of Houston about entering your horticulture into a GCA Flower Show. She gives a lot of details right down to how best to transport your "hort" to the show. We want everyone to enjoy the process and put their best foot forward. Enjoy!

-Corinne & Leslie

[Meg Tapp Horticulture Video](#)

## Floral Design Tip of the Month: All Frogs are not Created Equal!



Fifty Flowers



Budable is a handmade polymer, self-sticking, flexible, stretchable, stem

(fiftyflowers.com) offers a 4 inch square, bendable wire grid that works with most containers.

\$6.99 for 1, \$24.99 for 6, \$45.99 for 12



assembly tool that the company likes to call the lightweight, any size portable flower frog. It comes in a three pack for \$15.99.

It can be ordered from Amazon by searching: Budable 3pack Flower Arranger, floral supplies, flower frog holder. It is shipped and sold by Bloomeze.

A benefit of recycling:  
Reuse the plastic netting bags that avocados come in since they are both strong and flexible. Cut the netting to size to fit the top of your container, square, round, oval. Using clear packing tape secure the slippery netting to the sides of the container, stretching it to keep it tight and rigid. The tighter the netting, the more support the flower stems will have.  
Costs: a bag of avocados

-Sharel Hooper  
Garden Club of Lookout Mountain  
Zone IX Floral Design Representative



The 2019-2020 yearbooks are available!

If you haven't already, please be sure to get yours at the October meeting.

Thank you for all of your hard work, Virginia!

## Happenings

Happenings Ticket Sales Needs Your Help!

We are looking for contacts in towns in the areas surrounding Memphis! Do you have friends or family members in any groups that might want to come to Happenings? Think Tupelo Garden Club, Grenada Book Club, Little Rock, Jackson (TN or MS!), Clarksdale, Dyersburg..... Please email names and contact information to [Jean](#)

Johnston or Elizabeth Williamson.

Happenings is going to be great and we want a Sold Out crowd!!

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## October

O hushed October morning mild,  
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;  
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,  
Should waste them all.  
The crows above the forest call;  
Tomorrow they may form and go.  
O hushed October morning mild,  
Begin the hours of this day slow.  
Make the day seem to us less brief.  
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,  
Beguile us in the way you know.  
Release one leaf at break of day;  
At noon release another leaf;  
One from our trees, one far away.  
Retard the sun with gentle mist;  
Enchant the land with amethyst.  
Slow, slow!  
For the grapes' sake, if they were all,  
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,  
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—  
For the grapes' sake along the wall.

—Robert Frost

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