



Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

# THE IVY VINE

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

October 2020



Ruthie Taylor

The esteemed philosopher, Linus, said it best: *“There are three things I’ve learned never to discuss with people; religion, politics and the Great Pumpkin.”* Instead, let’s have fun talking about books, needlepoint, botanical arts, photography, horticulture and more. Activities abound this month for LGC!

We have two new LGC groups to enjoy this year. “LGC Reads: No Show Book Club” is reading *Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss* by Margaret Renkl. I finished it today and highly recommend. It is a book to be read slowly and savored. “LGC In Stitches” has started their first project, a monogrammed key chain. By all accounts, the first class was a hit.

Photography and Horticulture have upcoming workshops. It is time for Sensory Garden cleanup. And we welcome Marsha Cannon from The Garden Club of Jackson to our October Membership meeting, to teach us more about Botanical Arts.

We are voting on new members this month. Since we cannot have a New Member Party, we will welcome them in an exciting but socially

distanced way. Details to follow!

Jump in and sign up for any and all our club has to offer. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. And, no matter what, you will have a great time spending time with your LGC friends, both old and new.

Kate



Tempe Thompson

## The Little Garden Club October Membership Meeting

Marsha Cannon:  
*Creating the Fascinating from  
your Garden: Fun with the  
Botanical Arts*

Thursday, October 15  
11:00 a.m.

Live at the Garden Stage  
Memphis Botanic Garden

Hostesses: Kim Lowrance, Dee  
Muller, Weetie Whittemore,  
and Lisa Wilder

Parking will be in the main building parking lot. You may take the short walk to the stage or if you prefer to ride, there will be a golf cart shuttle departing from the end of the sidewalk past the fountains.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend as we are limited to 50 attendees due to COVID restrictions. And be sure to wear your mask and practice social distancing during the meeting!

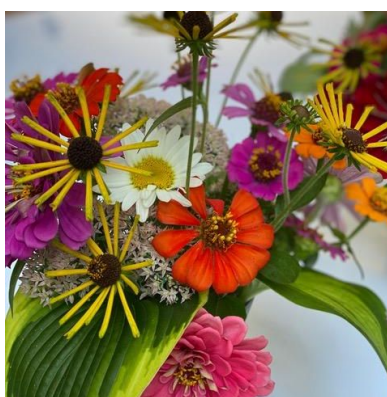
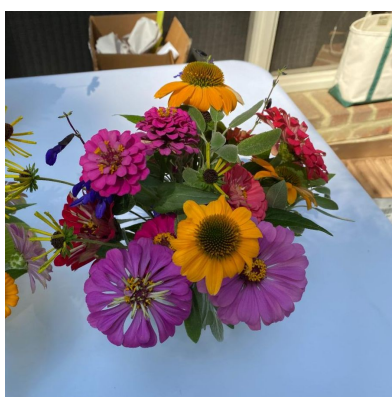
For those not attending we will make every effort to have the meeting available for viewing via Zoom. The wireless on the stage is very weak so we are crossing our fingers that it will work! Zoom invitations will be sent via email.

Stacey Hussey & Elizabeth Williamson

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## September Meeting









## Awards

*The 2020 Awards were given out at the September meeting. We have many accomplished members, and it was such fun to thank them for their service with the following awards.*



**Katie Eleazer**  
Perennial Award  
*Awarded to a Past President who has remained enthusiastically involved in the*



**Julie Hussey**  
Chairman's Award  
*Awarded for being our "go to" member for any job needed*



**Linda Mallory**  
Certificate of Appreciation  
*With grateful appreciation for her dedication, enthusiasm, positive*



*endeavors of The Little Garden Club*

*attitude and leadership as co-chair of the 2019 Club Flower Show, Power of Perception*



**Gina White**  
**Certificate of Appreciation**  
*With grateful appreciation for her dedication, enthusiasm, positive attitude and leadership as co-chair of the 2019 Club Flower Show, Power of Perception*



**Katie Wiener**  
**Best in Show Award**  
*Awarded to a member who enthusiastically accepts a job, has a positive willing attitude and encourages others along the way*



**Michelle Dunavant**  
**Marguerite Turner Achievement Award**  
*In recognition of outstanding accomplishments while promoting the activities and interests of The Little Garden Club*



**Catherine Erb Sikes**  
**Mary Whitaker Gotten Trophy**  
*Awarded biennially to a member of ten years or less whose knowledge, ability and enthusiasm have furthered the ideals of The Little Garden Club*



**Leslie Schutt**  
**GCA Club Horticulture Award**  
*In recognition of her horticultural knowledge and with appreciation for her enthusiastic willingness to share her talents with our members through her educational videos*



**Tempe Thompson**  
**GCA Club Photography Award**  
*In recognition of her knowledge of photography and with appreciation for her generosity and willingness to share her talents with our members*

**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



## Conservation



GCA Conservation Study Conference 2020

**Save the Dates!**

**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



# LGC READS: No Show Book Club



## Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss by Margaret Renkl

Growing up in Alabama, Renkl was a devoted reader, an explorer of riverbeds and red-dirt roads, and a fiercely loved daughter. Here, in brief essays, she traces a tender and honest portrait of her complicated parents—her exuberant, creative mother; her steady, supportive father—and of the bittersweet moments that accompany a child's transition to caregiver.

And here, braided into the overall narrative, Renkl offers observations on the world surrounding her suburban Nashville home. Ringing with rapture and heartache, these essays convey the dignity of bluebirds and rat snakes, monarch butterflies and native bees. As these two threads haunt and harmonize with each other, Renkl suggests that there is astonishment to be found in common things: in what seems ordinary, in what we all share. For in both worlds—the natural one and our own—"the shadow side of love is always loss, and grief is only love's own twin."

Please send your recommendations for nature, garden, conservation, photography, or flower-related reads to Connie Adams or Leslie Schutt.

Connie Adams: (901) 483-1884

Leslie Schutt: (901) 828-1319

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## Horticulture



**HOW TO GROW RANUNCULUS  
LGC HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP WITH**

**MARGARET STOKES  
FLOWERS LOCAL MEMPHIS**

Meet Margaret Stokes, our local flower farmer, and learn how to plant and grow Ranunculus and Anemone. She will discuss her flower farming business in the heart of Memphis and show us how to plant these beautiful corms. You will receive a potting tray with 20 ranunculus corms and 10 anemone bulbs.

Tuesday, October 20, 10:00 a.m.

Live at the Garden Stage, Memphis Botanic Garden

\$30 Per Person  
LIMITED TO 15 PEOPLE

Contact Margaret Fraser or Gina White to sign-up



**Floret Fall Mini Course**

Learn more about growing some of our favorite cut flowers, including tulips, ranunculus, anemones, and dahlias.

The mini course is free, but registration is required. Once you've signed up, they will send you the link to the first video.

[Register for Floret Mini Course](#)

**Garden History and Design**

There are so many ways to create visual interest in your



garden. The technique of “espalier” is a great addition to any garden but is especially useful where space is at a premium. It is the ancient practice of formally training a woody plant against a wall, trellis or fence. The branches are pruned and tied to follow the lines of the support. Take a look at the short video attached to learn how EASY it is to espalier a Sasanqua camellia. They grow so well in our area. If you have an example of espalier in your garden, please send us photos to share. We love to learn together!



Photo above – A great example of a plant that has been espaliered at Memphis Botanic Garden.

Janet Misner and Leslie Schutt

### Garden Gurus – Creating an Espalier



Ruthie Taylor

## Photography Workshops

OCTOBER

Thursday, October 15, 2:00 p.m.  
Fran Doggrell "Portrait Photography"  
*Fran will conduct a workshop on how to take portraits.*

## NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 12 (time TBD)  
Photo workshop at the Dixon with Murray Reiss.  
*More details to follow.*

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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## President's Council

In mid-September I participated in the annual Zone IX President's Council. Instead of traveling to Dallas for the meeting, I sat at my desk and "zoomed" into the virtual conference. We were introduced via video and then enjoyed a virtual happy hour on the first afternoon, breaking out into small groups to share drink recipes. Then the next morning we got down to business. We received helpful public speaking tips (lord knows I need that!), learned about some of the intricacies of the GCA website, and then participated in the ever-popular round table discussions in small groups. The meeting was efficiently led by Barbara Bush, our GCA Zone IX Director. Hopefully I will get to go somewhere in 2021 - I miss the in-person idea sharing and camaraderie of the other presidents and my GCA friends.

Thank you,  
Kate

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## Floral Design

Greetings from the Floral Design Committee! We are getting creative about ways to educate our membership about floral design during this challenging time and have found many resources online on You Tube, Facebook and Instagram. Our current favorites include two talented designers and an international flower show. We hope you'll check these out to keep your creative juices flowing.

Follow @willowcrossleycreates on Instagram and Willow Crossley on You Tube. She is a British floral stylist and her tutorials are both beautiful and practical. She also has a course you can take <https://www.createacademy.com/willow-crossley/>.

The Fleuramour Belgium flower festival website has inspiration galore <https://en.fleuramour.be/impression/>. The 25th anniversary show will be held next September 2021 on the grounds of the Alden Biessen Castle in Bilzen, Belgium. The 2019 show can be seen on You Tube and Facebook.



Local floral designer Kristin Wolter–Canfield is the amazing talent behind Everbloom Design on Broad Avenue in Memphis. Follow her on Instagram [@everbloomdesignmemphis](#) and [facebook.com/EverbloomDesigns](#) for a daily dose of inspiration. We are planning a spring floral design class with her so watch for more on that in 2021.

Liz Crosby & Ann Prince



Willow Crossley



Fleuramour Belgium



Arrangement by  
Everbloom Design

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## Sensory Garden Cleanup!

Mark your calendar for  
**Monday, October 12, 9:00–12:00**  
Come dressed for weeding, painting  
and learning a few lessons on pruning  
and dead-heading. We can pull weeds  
from an acceptable social  
distance! Details to follow.



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## Proposed Bylaw Changes

### Current Bylaw:

A member, who after 20 years of active participation in Garden Club activities, may request being placed in the Life member category. Such application must be made in writing by May 1 to the Membership Chairman and passed on by the board. Such action will take place before the May Membership Meeting.

1. (1) They may not vote, hold office or serve on the Board. They may propose and endorse candidates for membership. They may serve as a hostess or on a committee when requested.
2. (2) The yearbook shall be sent to them each year and the newsletter. They may attend all meetings.
3. (3) They pay dues as recommended by the Board and approved by

the membership. They are excused from all club obligations, but may work voluntarily.

4. (4) There shall be no limit to the number of Life members

***Proposed Change:***

*A member, who after 20 years has been an Active member in The Little Garden Club, may request being placed in the Life member category.*

**Current Bylaw**

Sec. 2: Mentor

The qualifications and requirements shall be:

1. (1) An Active member in good standing wishing to become a Mentor may apply to the Membership Committee in writing by May 1. To be eligible for this category a member must have served 20 years as an Active. No more than 2 members may apply each year for this category and they may remain in this category no more than 5 years at which time they will move to Life.

2. (2) A Mentor must attend 3 meetings a year, serve as a hostess every other year, may serve on committees and on the Board (excluding the Executive Board). She is obligated to pay full annual dues as recommended by the Board and approved by the Membership.

(3) A Mentor may propose or endorse and vote for candidates for membership. She may not be a delegate to a Zone or Annual meeting but she may serve as a Zone Representative.

The Board has requested that this membership category be reviewed after 2 years (November 2009).

***Proposed Change:***

*Delete:*

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

[Ivy Vine Submissions](#)



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