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The Little Garden Club of Memphis
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Cultivate, Participate and Celebrate!

These are three great words for this new Garden Club Year. Last year we focused on Educating, and thanks to our fabulous board and members, we are primed and ready to put those skills to work.

To Cultivate means “to plant, improve, enrich, better and refine”. Our members have been doing just that! Ragan and Kim have planned an exciting year of programs which will enrich our minds! Julie and Abbie have coordinated the hostess lists and are ready for the meetings to begin! The Flower Show Chairs, Linda and Gina are cultivating a flower show that will take the “Power of Perception” to new heights! Their committees have been hard at work all summer helping us get our plants, flowers and photos ready and show-worthy. I know we all look forward to this exciting event on October 24!



The definition of Participate is “to take part in, engage in, get involved in”. We have participated in events and activities throughout the summer that are helping us grow individually and as a club. Kate and Kirk attended the GCA Annual Meeting in Boston and as you will read in their summary in this newsletter, they had a great time and brought back ideas for us to implement in our club.

We all know that to Celebrate means to “enjoy, have fun, honor and remember”. The Little Garden Club has a lot to celebrate! Not only did our club reach the 90

Year Milestone this year, we are also celebrating 30 Years of the Sensory Garden and 10 Years of My Big Backyard! I hope you all will plan to support and attend the *Backyard Bash* at the Memphis Botanic Garden on September 21. It's an event you won't want to miss. It will be so much fun!

Continue to cultivate, participate and celebrate this club. Try something new – Enter a floral design class at the Club Flower Show (Sue has a few spots left), sign up for a pop-up horticulture outing, enter a photography show using one of your iPhone photos from this summer, sign up to decorate for an hour for the Wolf River Soiree when we ask for volunteers and be sure to sign up to help at one of the many Botanic Garden events. I promise, you will find that any time spent with LGC members is time well spent.

As I begin my second year as President of the Little Garden Club, I am thankful to each of you for the many things you have done to prepare us for a strong year. Our first membership meeting is September 12. It will be here before we know it! See you soon!

Mary Call



The Little Garden Club September Membership Meeting

"Flowers for Mom"

Speaker: Elmore DeMott

Thursday, September 12

Memphis Botanic Garden Goldsmith Room

11:00 am

Hostesses:

Jean Johnston

Denise Ware

Stephanie Weatherford

Abbie Williams

You should have received a Paperless Post invitation. For questions or to RSVP by phone, contact Stephanie Weatherford at 901-484-4941 or stephweath@comcast.net

For our 2019-20 Kick Off Membership Meeting, we will be treated to the talents and tales of the fabulous Elmore DeMott. A Vanderbilt University graduate and friend of many Vandy Girls in the LGC, Elmore is a speaker, writer and artist dedicated to encouraging people to connect with art and nature. Through her wide variety of work, Elmore shares the message "Beauty Abounds. Seek it Daily". What a wonderful way to start our year off right!

Elmore is an award winning photographer whose passion for the wonders of Mother Nature inspired her to begin in August of 2016 her "Flowers for Mom" series, comprised of daily flower photos to honor her mother's Alzheimer's journey and to celebrate nature. Maria Shriver, founder of the Women's Alzheimers Movement, recognized her as an "Architect of Change" for her use of art as a means to open up deep conversations about the need to acknowledge the beauty of gifts amidst the hardship of our life journeys. Elmore was the artist in residence at this summer's Photography Festival in Pierrevert, France and will continue to travel in her home state of Alabama and beyond for upcoming speaking engagements and exhibits to share her work. Elmore considers her finest creation her two daughters and the life that she has built with her husband, writer Miles DeMott.

–Ragan and Kim

Flower Design

There will be a flower show workshop on Wednesday, September 25. Julie Spear will instruct on arrangement design, concepts, and techniques. It is a must for anyone planning to enter the flower show, and a treat for anyone who might want to learn how to get a blue ribbon! Details to follow soon, but it will be first come, first serve. To put your name on the list, email E. J. Baird by clicking below.

Email E.J. Baird

Looking for Floral Design Solutions?

A big challenge for floral designers is how to hide your water source. Here are few solutions you might want to try:

[Glass Smoothie Straws](#) are an ideal mechanic. They are wider and sturdier than regular straws, can be washed and reused, and will support the flower/foilage stems in water. Be aware. In order for this mechanic to work, the end of the straw will need to be permanently sealed. For this try [black Multipurpose Rubber Coating](#). In very small designs, or tight locations use one of the smallest vials we have found a [disposable eye lubricant dropper](#). And while you are at it, don't throw away your other eye drop containers! The 10ml size makes a wonderful miniature vase.

Another possibility is [Vaseline Lip Therapy container](#). It works in narrow spaces and comes with a sturdy lid that can be punctured for support of small flower stems.

And you can always spray paint your container. [Dark Brown Camouflage spray paint](#), normally used by hunters, is one of our favorites.

Tip of the Month from Katie Barack, Flower Design Rep, Zone I

September Birthdays

5 Gina White
7 Catherine Erb Sikes
14 Nora Browning Witmer
16 Leslie Schutt
17 EJ Baird
18 Deborah Tipton
19 Meredith Pritchatt
21 Lucia Crenshaw
21 Judy Powell
21 Ann Prince
22 Janet Misner

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

Annual Picnic Awards

The May picnic is always fun because that is when we give out awards. This year LGC recognized another group of stellar individuals.

Congrats to all our award winners!

GCA Awards

GCA Club Communications Award - Christian Tabor Owen

GCA Club Appreciation Award – E.J. Baird

LGC Awards

Frances Garrett Donelson Horticulture Award – Kim MacQueen

Perennial Award – Peggy Jones

Certificate of Appreciation - Greg Campbell

Certificate of Appreciation - Erick New

Also, a new “trophy” was introduced for the Frances Donelson award. This award was founded and funded by Lynn Fulton, Peggy Jones, Natalie Latham and Flo McGowin. Having run out of the crystal bowls that had been given in the past, they commissioned a piece from Catherine Erb depicting a cherry blossom. This gorgeous piece will stay with the award winner until time to present it to a new recipient in 2 years.

–Kate Trammell
Awards Chairman





And congratulations to our 2020–2022 LGC President, Kate!

Photography

Well, Where did the summer go??? Hopefully captured on your camera or iPhone!!!

Thank goodness you captured your memories because guess what?!?! You can enter them easily on the on the new GCA contest right in the comfort of your home.

Click below for the **What (and Where) In the World** Schedule and entry details. This is a collaboration with the GCA Visiting Gardens Committee and encourages entries from your travels near and far. There is a category for everyone. Registration opens **September 1**. There will be a maximum of 18 photographs accepted into each class on a first come, first entered basis so be prompt!!!

If you have any questions about entering I am happy to help!

–Ruthie Taylor

What (and Where) In the World !!!

Meet Our Memphis Botanic Garden Interns



Megan Wichlan is majoring in Landscape Architecture with a minor in Horticulture at Mississippi State. This summer, she worked primarily in the sensory garden, maintaining beds and planting new plants. Megan said "being an intern has been a huge learning process and helped me realize that I love what I'm doing. Working with everyone in the garden has been very beneficial and has made me familiar with more plants and how to care for them. I have loved being able to see how what I'm doing makes a difference in the landscape."

Megan worked alongside our other intern, Matti Ping, who is also studying Landscape Architecture at Mississippi State. Matti primarily worked in My Big Backyard. One of her main projects was to create a bog (below), which she helped plan,

prepare and install. About her summer, Matti said "my time at the Memphis Botanic Gardens was nothing short of amazing! I had great mentors and coworkers who helped teach me how to care for plants and, more importantly for my future career, helped familiarize me with these plants."

These young women worked together on many of their projects, enabling them to get even more done at the MBG!

–Jeannie Tabor



Travel

Please see below the spectacular line up of events with GCA "On the Road." We will be updating you soon on our next Travel Trip but in the meantime, feel free to check out what GCA has in store for us with 2019–2020 On the Road Programs

–Michelle and Kate
Your Travel Chairs

The 2019–2020 *On the Road* schedule boasts educational opportunities and adventures related to the GCA's purpose in every zone. Take a solo adventure. Make it a club field trip. Or bring your spouse. Come for the day or plan an extended stay! The GCA will take care of all the details concerning the event; once registered, you will make your own travel and hotel arrangements. Each individual must register independently. All events \$60.

[On the Road Flyer](#)

[GCA Website – On the Road Programs](#)

MBG September Garden and Gardening Events

Twilight Thursdays – Thursdays, thru September.

Urban Forestry Advisor's Class – Wednesdays, September 4–October 2, 9:00 a.m.–

1:00 p.m. Join the West Tennessee Chapter of the Urban Forestry Council (WTUFC) and the Memphis Botanic Garden for this opportunity to learn about trees and issues facing the urban tree canopy.

Designing a Garden with Natives –Sundays, September 8 –October 13 (no class Sept. 15), 2:00–4:00 p.m. Join Landscape Designer Suzy Askew for this 5-session class on incorporating native plants into a new or existing garden.

Herbal Work Study: Balms –September 14. 8:30–11:30 a.m. (8:00 a.m. sign-in). The first two hours will be spent weeding, grooming, thinning, planting, or whatever else needs doing in the Herb Garden. The last hour will be spent learning ways to make herbal balms and salves.

Wolf River Conservancy Summer Lecture Series – September 17, 6:30 p.m. Gary Woodall, Storms and Floods in the Mid-South. Co-hosted by Wolf River Conservancy and Memphis Botanic Garden with support from presenting sponsors Buckman and Crawford-Howard Private Foundation.



Backyard Bash!

MBG September Events

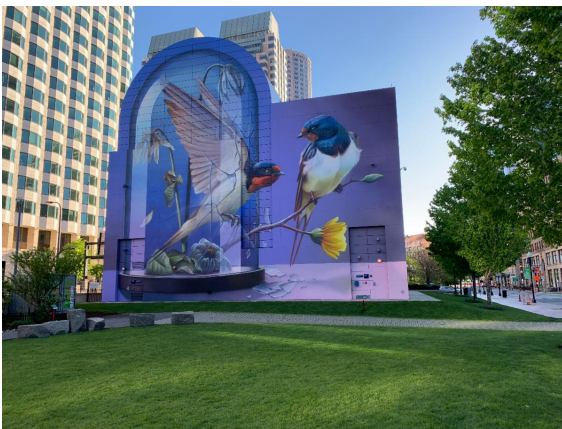
The Crittenden County Master Gardeners are hosting their third seminar, “Garden to Goodies” at First Baptist Church in Marion, AR on Saturday, September 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Information below.

"Garden to Goodies"

The Huntsville Botanical Garden is sponsoring a Native Plant Symposium September 12–14. Dwayne Estes will be one of the speakers and has an outstanding reputation! They are opening a Native Plants Teaching Garden, which should be very interesting to see how we can use native plants in our own gardens. More information below.

Huntsville Botanical Garden Native Plant
Symposium

GCA Annual Meeting



The theme of this year's GCA Annual Meeting in Boston was "Hills, Harbors, and Horizons." Thanks to The Little Garden Club, for three days, Kate and I (with Tempe and Lisa) walked up and down hills, spent time both on and around Boston Harbor, and most importantly, broadened our horizons. We began with a fabulous flower show, took a conservation walk around the Seaport area and learned about the history of that part of Boston, heard inspiring speakers, shopped in the boutique, visited with old friends and made new ones, and toured three fabulous gardens on the "north shore." The highlight of the three days was, of course, the awards dinner. We came away inspired and energized, and grateful for the opportunity to represent you, our club, and to be a part of the amazing organization that is the Garden Club of America.

—Kate and Kirk

[Watch the Second Century Video](#)



Power of Perception



Mark Your Calendars!!!!

Power of Perception

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019
HARDIN HALL, MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN
LITTLE GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS' RECEPTION 1:00–2:00pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019
SHOW SET UP 9:00–12:00PM
FLORAL DESIGN AND HORTICULTURE ENTRIES ACCEPTED AND PASSED 1:00–
4:00PM

IMPORTANT DATES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
DEADLINE TO DELIVER PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES TO TEMPE THOMPSON

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
FLORAL DESIGN WORKSHOP WITH JULIE SPEAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019
HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP AT MICHELLE DUNAVANT'S HOUSE 10:00AM
THE POWER OF PERCEPTION SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER

Horticulture

Shirley Meneice Conference – Seed Sharing

Swapping locally grown seeds is a big event at Shirley Meneice and we need your help!

Drop off any seeds you have in an envelope or ziplock at Kathy Adams house BEFORE Sept 5th. Please include YOUR name and botanical name of the plant your seeds came from. We will get them into the proper envelope.

Many Thanks! Leslie Schutt & Corinne Adrian



Bring a Winner to the Table !

Learn what to plant and how to condition and groom your entry

Thursday September 26

10:00 am

6381 Swan Nest Cove

Bring a small pair of cuticle scissors and several branches or stems from your garden.

Examples: Any annuals or perennials you have in your garden, Zinnias, Cone Flowers, Marigolds, evergreen shrub branches, roses, ferns.

You may also bring a houseplant which needs grooming.

**New Members 2018/19 required workshop (this is a fun workshop you will not want to miss!)*

For information call or email

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Leslie Schutt lds@memphisdailynews.com (828-1319)

Video: How to Enter
Plants in a Flower Show

Video: Growing Plants
from Seeds



September

*The golden-rod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down.*

*The gentian's bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun.*

*The sedges flaunt their harvest,
In every meadow nook;
And asters by the brook-side
Make asters in the brook,*

From dewy lanes at morning

*The grapes' sweet odors rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.*

*By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.*

*But none of all this beauty
Which floods the earth and air
Is unto me the secret
Which makes September fair.*

*'T is a thing which I remember;
To name it thrills me yet:
One day of one September
I never can forget.*

-Helen Hunt Jackson
