



Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design & Photography

THE IVY VINE

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

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Vance Lewis

Welcome Back!

Dear LGC Friends,

Autumn is on the horizon. That means it is time for garden club activities to commence!

My goal this year is to make our club a respite from worries about the coronavirus – an oasis of fun and friendship. I hope to create a sense of togetherness through shared experiences, with activities we can do together AND apart. Be ready for a couple of new ways for us to be entertained and enjoy each other, even during those times when we may be stuck at home. The theme for 2020–2021 is *How To Have Fun During A Pandemic!*



I sure missed having the Awards Picnic in May and am looking forward

to the “redo” on September 10! Chairs will be spaced in Liz’s backyard according to current social distancing guidelines, and lunch will be served in individual containers. Please wear your masks! Michel Allen, our COVID-19 protocol guru, will have extra masks and hand sanitizer on hand for all. Thank you to our September hostesses, Liz Crosby, Barbara Keathley, Loren Powell, Paige Proctor, and Gina White.

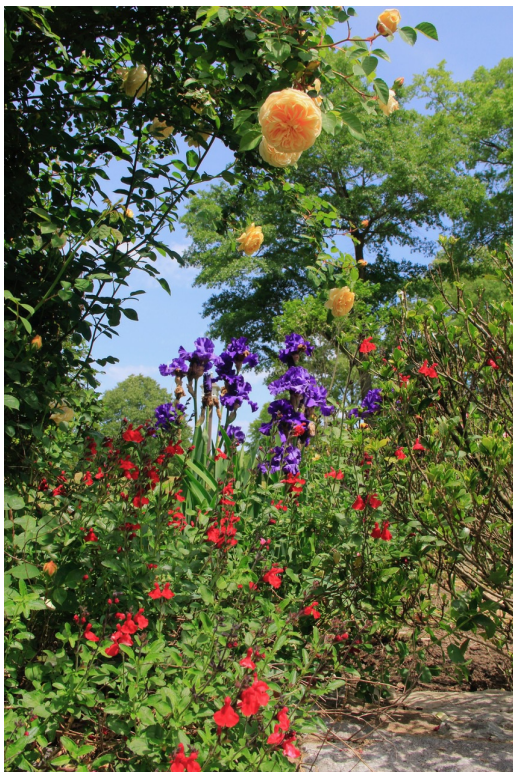
Also, at the September meeting we will see how our peppers and pumpkins fared during Margaret and Gina’s Victory Garden Contest. I love how they jumped right in with a relevant activity we could all do while at home. The contest was made even better when they joined forces with Photography. I look forward to seeing a passel of peppers, pumpkins and pictures!

As I am sure you have heard, GCA is providing many online learning opportunities this year. I hope that everyone will take advantage of the virtual conferences and workshops. First up is the fabulous Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference, and it is available to every member free of charge. Be sure to sign up if you have not done so already!

So here we go, ladies! We are off to a different but hopefully still delightful year. I cannot wait to see you on September 10!

With hope,

Kate



Michelle Dunavant

The Little Garden Club September Membership Meeting and Annual Picnic

Thursday, September 10*
11:00 a.m.

at the home of Liz Crosby
4151 Walnut Grove Road

Hostesses: Barbara Keathley,
Loren Powell, Paige Proctor,
Gina White

*Rain Date: September 11

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our world and the way we work, rest and play. Now our challenge is to start the process of thinking

about our 'new normal'. Along with Kate, we have spent many hours this summer planning what we hope will be fun and safe Little Garden Club events for our wonderful members. This year's new normal will include a lot of outdoor meetings and we all will need to dress for the weather. Please join your Little Garden Club friends at our September picnic at Liz Crosby's home. We will give out our end of the year awards from last year and celebrate another wonderful LGC season of fun times, adventures, learning, and friendship. This meeting will be outside in Liz's backyard where we will have chairs set up 6 feet apart. We will all eat lunch in our chairs, without a table to be safe. We decided not to have valet parking to cut the exposure of someone else being in your car. Everyone can park on Walnut Grove and walk to Liz's house. Please be sure to wear your mask. A few parking spots will be available in the driveway for those who need to park closer. If you don't feel safe attending this meeting, you may watch it live streamed or receive an email with a link to watch a video of our meeting at your leisure. Information on how to view the livestream will be emailed. The first 50 people to respond yes, I'm coming to the LGC meeting will be able to attend this meeting. We are still in Phase 2 of COVID-19 and we are only allowed to have 50 guest or less at our membership meetings. Please look for a paperless post in your inbox and be sure to respond!

–Stacey Hussey & Elizabeth Williamson

September Meeting Mask Contest

What do we all have to do in the age of COVID-19? Wear a mask!

To add levity to the mask mandate, we are holding a contest at our first meeting. Prizes will be given for Most Stylish Mask, Funniest Mask, and Most LGC Mask. Time to step up your mask game, ladies!





Meeting Note

A big thank you to all of our hostesses this year! Let's keep it simple and safe with boxed lunches and individual drinks for all events. When we created the hostess groups, we intentionally varied the ages in order to allow some hostesses to attend and others to remain home if they don't feel comfortable. For this reason, we ask that you please not switch months with other members as LGC has allowed in the past. That being said, there are lots of ways you can contribute to the hostess responsibilities if you aren't attending...even if it is just writing a check for your portion!

Thank you for understanding!

Katie & Mimsie

September Birthdays

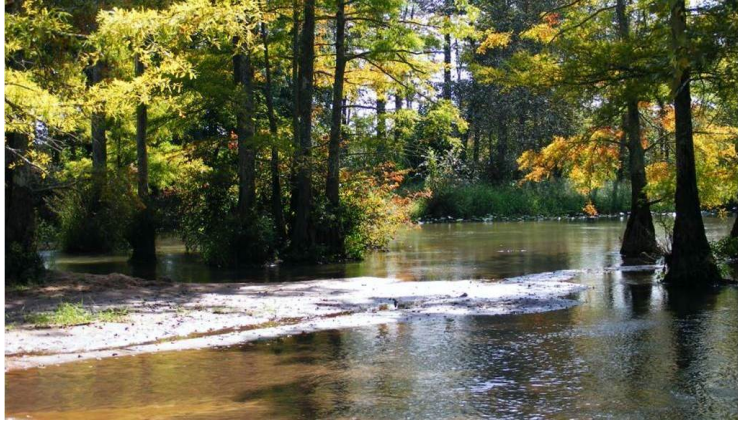
5	Gina White
7	Catherine Erb
14	Nora Witmer Miller
16	Leslie Schutt
17	EJ Baird
18	Deborah Tipton
19	Meredith Pritchard
21	Lucia Crenshaw
21	Judy Powell
21	Ann Prince
22	Janet Misner



Conservation

Greetings from your Conservation chairs, Abbie Williams and Ragan Magness. We are excited about kicking

off this Little Garden Club year by enlightening you (and us!) about conservation opportunities in our community and how they can have an impact on our homes, our city and yes, our



world! This year we would like to focus on the Wolf River Conservancy right here in Memphis – what is its mission, how we can get involved, who do we know on the board (a-hem, Kirk), and what is the Conservancy doing to better our Memphis community for today and for our children and grandchildren?

Here is a little taste of the WRC. They are dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the Wolf River and its Watershed as a sustainable natural resource. What is that and why does this matter to us? Well, as we are going to learn together this year, the Wolf River watershed plays a vital roll in our quality of life here in Memphis. Through the WRC, we want to introduce to you opportunities to serve, opportunities to explore (socially distanced Ghost River Tour perhaps?), and opportunities to make SMALL and reasonable changes in your life that really do have an impact on our world. It’s going to be a great year!

Speaking of great, we just learned that through bipartisan (what???) support the House and Senate passed the Great American Outdoors Act and President Trump tweeted that he would sign it into law as soon as it comes across his desk. This act is the biggest land conservation legislation in a generation and is being hailed as a conservationist’s dream bill. It fully and permanently allocates funds to the National Parks to address the backlogs of infrastructure repairs desperately needed within our park system. This has been an issue addressed at NAL for many years and it is exciting to see it come to pass. This is truly a great day for the next generation of National Park lovers!

Thanks,
Abbie and Ragan

**Wolf River Conservancy Director of Education
Receives GCA Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award**



As I was perusing the awards section of the summer GCA Bulletin, a photo caught my eye and a familiar name popped off the page. It was our own Cathy Justis, the Wolf River Conservancy's Director of Education! She was one of nine recipients of the Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award which recognizes individuals who work with children under 16 to inspire "their appreciation of the beauty and fragility of our planet." Cathy was proposed by Roberta Anderson of the Memphis Garden Club. Here is what the Bulletin has to say about Cathy:

Cathy Justis is the Director of Education for the Wolf River Conservancy in Memphis, Tennessee. With an emphasis on water education, she provides a wide range of programming for K-12 students and others, including frog chorus walks, stream strolls, and service projects. Her activities are designed to provide Memphis and Shelby County youth with a greater appreciation of the natural environment, especially a better understanding of the source of clean drinking water. She is frequently invited by local educators to participate directly in the classroom teaching of environmental education. Complementing her direct involvement with children, Justis also is certified to teach "Project WET" workshops, designed to provide educators at all levels with information on diverse water topics so that they can reach children with objective, science-based water education. Over the last few years, Cathy has reached hundreds of educators with Project WET.

The staff and board of the WRC are so happy for Cathy to receive this well-deserved recognition. Her enthusiasm and sense of wonder are infectious as she works with children and youth in Memphis who might not otherwise have experiences outside in the natural world.

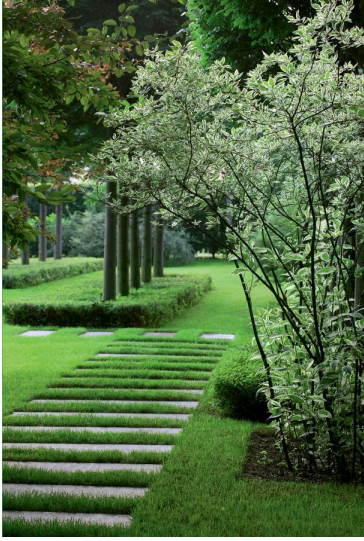
Congratulations, Cathy!

-Kirk McClintock

Garden History and Design

Here is some food for thought on creating "rhythm" in our gardens!

-Janet Misner and Leslie Schutt
Garden History & Design



Ruthie Taylor



Katherine Dobbs

Upcoming Photography Workshops

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 29, 4:00 p.m.

Garden District "Still Life"

Greg Campbell from the Garden District will put a flower arrangement together and we will come to the shop to take photos and discuss still life photography.

OCTOBER

Thursday, October 15, 2:00 p.m.

Fran Doggrell "Portrait Photography"

Fran will do 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. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting, or you can contact us directly to sign up. Please note that we will be limiting sign up to the first 15 members.

Lichterman Scarecrow Contest

Silly and serious, big and small, frightening and friendly – scarecrows created by our Memphis-area community will invade the Nature Center's outdoor walking trails again this fall. Each year, senior centers, scouts, clubs, classrooms, individuals, duos, and others create scores of scarecrows.

Get in on the fun by designing and assembling your own custom 'crow!

Winners of four contest categories – greenest, best critter, most creative, and best literary character – will receive \$100 cash prizes. Entries are automatically entered into all four contests.



As an additional incentive, Scarecrow Contest participants received a free group self-guided visit.

The hardest part seems to be deciding which scarecrow idea to use – there are countless possibilities. For inspiration, we have photos of previous years' crows on our website. For practical tips, Lichterman has a free, virtual scarecrow-building seminar on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. Scarecrows will be judged October 1.

A standardized frame, scarecrow name sign, and mounting rod are included in the contest application fee. Please click the button below for more information and an application.

[Lichterman Scarecrow Contest](#)

Horticulture

Victory Garden Contest Reminder

It's almost time for the Victory
Garden Contest!

LGC September Meeting on September 10 at Liz Crosby's home

Drop off peppers at 9:30 am. Judging at 10:00 am. You or a friend may bring your pepper even if you are not coming to the meeting in person.

Peppers will be displayed on plates provided by hort team. One entry per class. Identify peppers if possible, or we can help you figure it out when you bring them. Stems are allowed but no potted plants.



Ruthie Taylor

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

HORT Class 1: Foxfield Volunteer Pepper Seedlings: Cayenne, Jalapeno, Habanero and Scotch Bonnet. We are excited to see which ones worked! Seedlings potted April 28, 2020. Peppers from one plant may be entered.

HORT Class 2: Peppers From Your Garden: Peppers from one or more cultivars from your garden.

Questions? Text or Email Gina White or Margaret Fraser

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

We are excited to see all the entries for our Victory Garden Photo Contest.

If you will be submitting a photo please email on or before September 10, 2020. Please name your image with Class number and entrants first and last name in the subject field. Example: 1_ Annie Jones

Photography Class 1: Foxfield Volunteer Pepper. A color photo of your pepper

Photography Class 2: Foxfield Volunteer Pepper: A photo that has been manipulated. This includes enhancement for the color or clarity, removal of a part of the image, combining images, or distorting the original subject.

Photography Class 3: Peppers from your garden: A color photo of your pepper.

Questions? Contact [Michelle Dunavant](#) or [Catherine Erb Sikes](#)

GCA
Shirley Meneice
VIRTUAL
HORTICULTURE CONFERENCE



SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2020
CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

“Shirley Meneice” is an annual conference held at major arboreta or botanical gardens which offer exceptional educational programs to delegates from clubs across the country.

This year, Shirley Meneice is going virtual, and we are ALL invited! Dates are September 22–23, and you may sign up through the button below.

The invitations went out to all GCA members August 25. Please register right away as the conference needs to know numbers attending. Register for all the events even if you will not attend one. You can come and go as you wish. Remember this is free!

A week before the conference, GCA will send a zoom link to the participants.

[Register for Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference](#)

Remember to save your seeds for the GCA Seed Share!

For a wonderful article in the NY Times, click the button below. The Author is Margaret Roache and her website awaytogarden.com is excellent.

[New York Times Seed](#)

Saving Seeds
Step-by-Step Instructions

Summer Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Aggie Ming Turley

Lucia and Hal Crenshaw
Tempe and Michael Thompson
and Marilyn Ray
Kathe Crane
E.J. Baird
Michelle and Bill Dunavant
Kathy and Ben Adams
Mary Margaret Holmes
Lynn and Graham Fulton
Ginger Collier
Eva Mae and Bobby Hussey
Meredith Pritchatt
Ruthie and Edward Taylor
Flo McGowin
Janet Misner
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eleazer Jr
Dot and Dick Fisher
Kate and Brad Trammell
Connie Adams
Emily and Harvey Kay
Foy Coolidge
Marilyn and Pepper Allen
Natalie and Davant Latham
Peggy Carrington Jones

In Memory of James Gilliland

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Saxton
Mary Margaret Holmes

In Honor of Mary Call Ford

Ginger Collier
Mary Margaret Holmes

In Honor of the Little Garden Club Board and Mary Call Ford

Polly Glotzbach

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Little Garden Club through honorariums and memorials this summer. Please use the forms located in the back of your LGC yearbook to complete the necessary information when you are making a donation. Send the form along with your check. That will ensure that your donation is directed to the fund you choose (Sensory Garden, Memorial, Children's Garden, or GCA Education fund) and please make sure to include the address of any non LGC members if you wish an acknowledgement to be sent to them.

Thank you very much!
Jeannie Tabor

Membership – It's that time again!

We have 3 spots for new members.

If you would like a proposal form, please contact me directly and I will send you one. I will **not** have these forms at the September meeting. Proposal forms must be received no later than Thursday, September 17. That is the absolute deadline. If you have all your information ready before then, please go ahead and send it.

The following categories may propose and endorse new members:
Active, Mentor, and Life.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Thanks so much,



Please submit your October Ivy Vine article by Sunday, September 20.

[Ivy Vine Submissions](#)



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