



MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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February 2021

President's Message

Dear Memphis Garden Club,

We are off and running into our 100th year! So many of our members have been working hard on workshops, programs, and the Zone IX flower show hosted by the New Orleans Town Gardeners. We are making a valiant effort to continue our programs despite Covid. Debbie Pittman has organized a zoom forum on February 9; "Entering Horticulture in a Flower Show" led by our talented club horticulture experts, so that we will all feel more comfortable entering horticulture in our flower show in April of 2022. We look forward to Kaki Smith's fine arts workshop on needle arts and Irene Brownlow had a very successful zoom photography workshop with Yoni Mayeri on January 12th with 18 participants.

It is with great pride and excitement that the Memphis Garden Club has won the 2021 Freeman Medal! This is a Garden Club of America award bestowed every year. Our entry was submitted by Caroline Orr, Peggy Peters, and Debbie Pittman and was encouraged by Buff Adams. The Freeman Metal entry process is long and arduous. It is a great achievement that our club's Button Bush, *Cephalanthus occidentalis* won. What a way to celebrate our 100th birthday! Please congratulate Caroline, Peggy, Debbie, and Buff!

Please note the details of our trip to Charleston, South Carolina in March. Jeanne Wilbourn and Tina Todd have done an excellent job organizing a trip filled with beautiful homes and gardens.

We look forward to gathering again on March 18th for our next membership meeting at 10.30 at the Dixon. The Compost Fairy will inspire us to start working in our spring gardens.

I miss gathering with you and our time together, let's look forward to a healthy and safe spring.

With love, Julia



ZONE IX

VIRTUAL ZONE MEETING

March 16 –17

All Zone IX Club Members are Invited to participate

Fee is \$25

Registration Launch is February 15, 2021

More details to come

Conservation

Allison Braswell

The Walking tour through the Old Forest in Overton Park has been rescheduled for...

Thursday, April 8, 2:00

More information regarding sign-up as we get closer to the new date!

Horticulture

Debbie Pittman

All Horticulture Rotations at the Dixon are postponed until May!

Stay tuned for more information!



MGC Horticulture Committee invites you to a
Zoom Horticulture Forum
on **February 9, 2021** from **10 – 11 a.m.**

ENTERING HORT ENTRIES IN A FLOWER SHOW

At this time *next* year, MGC members will be working very hard on our GCA Flower Show entitled ‘Perspectives’ in Memphis on April 8. Coincidentally, the GCA Annual Flower Show is on April 8 *this* year. Our committee thinks this is a great opportunity. Our members can use the schedule for this year’s GCA Annual Flower Show (which is attached) as a practice session for entering horticulture, and use that experience to eliminate much of the last-minute questions that arise as a flower show date nears:

- What will be growing in my yard in early April that fits a class definition in the show schedule?
- What do judges consider a ribbon-winning horticulture specimen?
- When should I cut and condition my entry?
- How do I identify my plant and complete the entry card, including how I propagated it?
- How do I groom it when I arrive at the flower show so that it looks its best?
- What is the role of the passing judge who must look at my entry before it is judged?
- What are the differences between entering cut entries and container grown entries?

We can use this year to learn and practice for next year’s flower show. For first-time horticulture entrants, this will eliminate much of the mystery and give us all more confidence on April 8, 2022!

Our Horticulture Committee Members, who have much experience in entering horticulture, will answer all of the questions above during our forum. All you need to do to prepare for the forum is to read the **attached Horticulture Section** (Hort begins on page 17) of the GCA Annual Flower Show that will be held this April. You need some familiarity with flower show rules and organization of a horticulture schedule to understand the speakers.

Please put this event on your calendar. Just email deborahpittman@live.com, and I will email your zoom link on February 7 for the event on February 9.

Hope to see you there!

MGC Spring Horticulture Workshop

March 4, 10:00 a.m. – noon

Memphis Botanic Garden, Sara's Place

Topic: Adding Vines to the Garden

Leaders: Suzy Askew and Kim Rucker



On **March 4**, **Suzy Askew**, retired Dixon gardening educator and designer and **Kim Rucker**, current Dixon horticulturist, will conduct the MGC Spring Horticultural Workshop on Vines. Attendees will be provided a booklet on vines written by Suzy and Kim to take home with them. Our leaders will discuss how to use vines in garden design, the structures that support the vines in the garden, and how they need to be tended. Suzy and Kim will present about ten of their favorite annual and perennial vines – how to propagate them, their best and less desirable features, and where they grow best. They are still winnowing down the list, but they have mentioned Jackson vine (Jackson vine-Native), cross vine (Native), sweet peas, hyacinth bean vine, cardinal vine, moon vine, passion vine (State Wildflower, Native), ladies' earrings (Native), hydrangea vine (Native), and black-eyed Susan vine. Each attendee will leave with small containers of vine seeds or cuttings on a tray that she planted and labeled herself!

The workshop will be held in Sara's Place at the **Memphis Botanical Garden** from **10-noon**. We will have box lunches immediately after the workshop. The cost of workshop supplies is \$10 and the box lunch is \$18. The workshop is limited to 20 people. Please contact Frances Montgomery fvmontgomery@aol.com

Travel

Jeanne Wilbourn, Tina Todd

We are so excited for our Garden Club's trip to Charleston

Thursday, March 25 -Sunday March 28th!!!

Everyone needs to make their reservation at The Belmond Hotel by February 23 by calling 800-831-3490 or via email groupme.cph@belmond.com. Please make sure to reference our group meeting to take advantage of our special rate of \$375 per night plus taxes. Our hotel is also next to The Gateway Walk. The President of The Garden Club of Charleston got the idea for a city nature walk after a visit to Paris. Loutrel Briggs designed it in 1930.

The total cost of the trip will be \$600 plus the cost of the room reservation and transportation to and from Charleston. We are also going to ask for a \$200 non-refundable check made out to The Memphis Garden Club to hold your spot. Please mail to: Jeanne Wilbourn 3965 Grandview Ave. Memphis, TN 38111.

Thursday night: Dinner at Circa 1886 near The Wentworth Mansion.
Cocktails on patio with dinner to follow inside.

Friday: Morning is open

Garden Tours TBD

Dinner on your own- we will make a few dinner reservations for those that are interested.

Saturday:: Tour of The Middleton Gardens with a low country buffet lunch.

We will shuttle to and from and have the afternoon free for shopping

or to take advantage of any of the other tours offered by "Springtime in Charleston 2021"

Annual House and Garden tour .

Dinner at The Yacht Club

Sunday: Depart

Please call us with any questions!!!!

Jeanne and Tina

Vice President

Pam Martin

We thought it might be fun to ask our new members what they are enjoying most about the Memphis Garden Club and here is what they had to say....

I loved the trip to Birmingham! I was pretty new at that time and it was such an enjoyable way to meet everyone from our club. We saw many beautiful gardens, learned a lot about some of the history of Birmingham and met a lot of gracious ladies from the Birmingham Garden Club.

Debi Havner

I have enjoyed all aspects of MGC but my two favorite events have been the trip to Birmingham last October and the day trip to the Japanese Maple Arboretum this fall. It was great to spend time learning about gardens in other areas and enjoy fellowship with everyone.

Kelly Burrow

The Walker's Japanese Maple Arboretum in Ripley, TN was a real treat. It was a beautiful day and the trees were starting to turn with fall color. The Walkers were so kind to share their passion project with our MGC group.

Irene Ayotte

I loved the daffodil workshop led by Molly Hampden! I had no idea there were so many beautiful varieties and classifications! I so enjoyed learning something new about one of my favorite flowers!

Stephanie Hayes

Despite the restrictions imposed by COVID, the Daffodil Seminar and Yoni Mayeri photography webinar have proved most enjoyable, informative and enlightening. Like everyone else, I look forward to a post-vaccinated time when a measure of normalcy returns to our daily lives!

Liz Manugian

Vice President

Pam Martin

It's hard to say in a few words all I have experienced and learned as a new member of the MGC. MGC has the arts, communication, talent, education, and opportunity to grow our knowledge in all areas of gardening. One of my favorite memories was decorating the Dixon with Irene Ayotte. Irene and I gathered and cut lots of beautiful greenery from her garden and then assisted Buff Adams as she reawakened a planter with talent and determination into a winter wonderland from our cuttings. My second memory was listening and watching as Ginny Nearn explained how to approach the urn differently. Through floral arranging, she visually demonstrated the abstract expressionism exhibit, "Under Construction", that was at the Dixon this past fall.

Miriam Smith

Last year, pre Covid, I enjoyed having the opportunity to work in small groups. The Dixon floral rotation was a great way to get to know some of the ladies in my "pledge class" and long term members, as well. Being on Dixon campus more often, with a purpose, is also a treat. In 2021, I am also looking forward to the trip to Charleston.

Muffy Turley

I have enjoyed exploring different groups and the activities offered within the garden club. From layering bulbs (Hort) to learning about recycling/composting with the Compost Fairy (conservation), there is always something interesting to do....and great new and old friends to do it with!!

May Weiss

One of my favorite events was at Pam Martin's house when the Compost Fairy came to speak to us in her garden. The owner of the Compost Fairy was fascinating, and I learned so much about my individual impact on our environment and waste diversion—plus Pam made the afternoon so fun!!

Stephanie Linkous

Despite all the cancellations due to COVID, MGC provided several opportunities for new members to get involved and to meet other members. I particularly enjoyed the pop up planting at the Church Health Center Garden. It was a great introduction to working with a team, meeting people and getting my hands dirty. Also, the pop up tour of Weezie's fabulous garden was educational and fun!

Kathy Carruthers

Photography

Irene Brownlow



How to Enter the Photography Division of a
GCA Flower Show “Like Ours”!!!



Instructor and Prospective GCA Judge, YONI MAYERI will give us the ins and outs of becoming a finalist in our 2022 Flower Show or other shows posted on the GCA website.

Sign Up Now with Irene Brownlow

irenebrownlow2@gmail.com



The 2021 Floral Design Conference will be held virtually April 8, 2021.

Join GCA on **April 8, 2021** for an exciting day of floral opulence featuring professional floral designers, flower growers, and educators in floral artistry. Come along with us to see the grand awakening of a farm in Virginia, revel in the luscious colors of art inspired floristry, and celebrate design through education in the fundamentals.

Registration for Springtide will open in March.

Rotations:

The Dixon has asked that we return to regularly scheduled rotations in the potting hub beginning March 1, 2021. Please be sure to wear a mask.

Anyone who feels uncomfortable doing rotations will be excused and should contact Kaki Smith 901-268-4182.

The “**Needlepoint for Beginners Workshop**” will be held *February 23, 2021 at 10:00.*

The location has changed to the home of Kaki Smith, 355 Tara Lane.

If you have not signed up, there may be a few spots available.

Text Kaki at 901-268-4182

Instagram

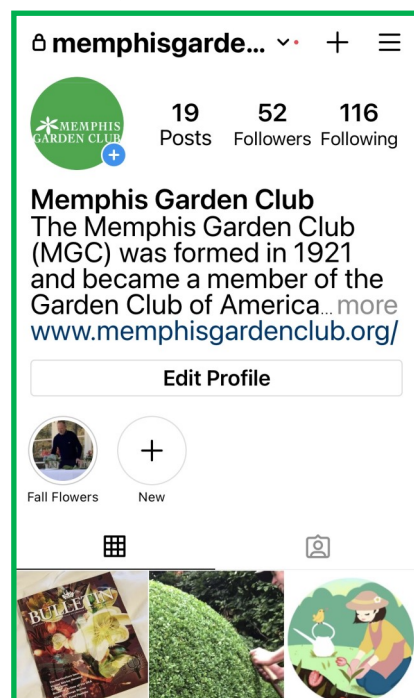
Kathryn Painter

Ladies, We could not be more excited about our new Instagram page. Instagram is such a fun way to explore photography, gardening, floral design and much much more.

Note the photo to the right of our MGC Instagram account homepage. Currently, our account is private, which means you need to request in order to join. I am happy to help anyone install Instagram, set up your account or guide you in learning about this app.

Feel free to send Photos, Announcements, or Information you would like for our members to see on our Instagram page. Please send to mgcnews@yahoo.com

Thank you,
Kathryn



Newsletter

*Please send any information for the
MARCH NEWSLETTER
to Kathryn... mgcnews@yahoo.com!
Deadline: February 15, 2021*

February Birthdays



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12 Nancy Miller

13 Jeanne Arthur

14 Terre Sullivant

15 Carol Stout

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