

MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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Dear Memphis Garden Club, Happy New Year!

I am so excited to greet 2021. Happy Birthday Memphis Garden Club! 100 years is a milestone that is worthy to celebrate. Think of all the good we have done for Memphis and our community for over 100 years!

We have a busy early 2021; another photography workshop by Yoni Mayeri, a horticulture vine workshop, a fine arts needlepoint class. We are preparing for our Zone IX virtual meeting and flower show SALUTE New Orleans 2021, hosted by the New Orleans Town Gardeners. The New Orleans Town Gardeners have sent an impressive schedule and so many in our club are working hard to accommodate the new procedures for a virtual flower show. Thank you Debbie Pittman horticulture, Irene Brownlow photography, Kaki Smith and Ainsley Todd who are creating our botanical arts entry, and Elizabeth Coors who is our flower show exhibitor as well as creating our needle arts entry.

Thank you Jenne Williams for spearheading the Crawford- Howard Foundation grant to the Education, Horticulture program for children at the Dixon. What a worthy project for us to partner with the Crawford- Howard Foundation and the Dixon helping children and families during these difficult times. We are also very grateful to Jeanne Arthur for being our advocate and liaison with the Crawford- Howard foundation for many, many years.

I was so pleased we were able to gather safely in October and November to have two wonderful membership meetings. The settings of the Dixon Pavilion terrace and the pool court yard at the Polo Club was exceptional. We conducted a lot of business and it was so good to be together, thank you to Nancy Morrow, and Gwen Owen for organizing these meetings. At our membership meeting in February I am excited that Julie Spear our flower show rock star will lend her talent and wisdom on how to create a winning flower show entry. Julie travels all over the United States and Canada giving her flower show demonstrations and it is so fitting we will be the beneficiary of her knowledge and talent.

Thank you Kathryn Painter and Amy Drennon for the festive Christmas decorations at the Dixon, you did a fine job of organizing our annual decorating at the Dixon in a socially distanced way!

Please mark your calendars for October 7, 2021 for our 100th anniversary party. Ruthie Bowlin and Russell Whitehead are chairing this exciting and celebratory event.

I look forward to a 2021 with great hope and expectations for us and this wonderful organization. Happy Birthday Memphis Garden Club!

With love,

Julia



Christmas

K. Painter, A. Drennon

Christmas at The Dixon

We had an excellent turnout and lots of fun making the Dixon Merry & Bright for Christmas this year. We even had a new addition as we decorated Santa's chair and the auditorium for photo opportunities.



10am, Saturday, January 2nd

Take Down Residence at scheduled times

9am, Monday, January 4th

Take Down Catmur and Exterior



Christmas

K. Painter, A. Drennon



Thank you so very much to our room captains...

Catmur Foyerr—Anslie and Hardy Todd

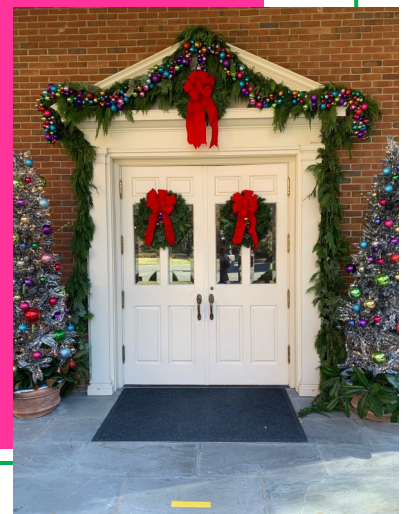
*Dining Room—Laine Park and
Camille Mueller*

*Living Room—Anne Keeney and
Elizabeth Dickinson*

Exterior—Kaki Smith

Auditorium—Amy Drennon

Lovely Snacks—Carol Stout



February Meeting

Please mark your calendars for

Thursday, February 18
10:30 am



Julie Spear has graciously agreed
to present a flower demonstration,
which as you know is always a treat!

Location to be determined.

Please RSVP to
Ferrin Mavar: mcferrinllc@comcast.net



Travel

J. Wilbourn, T.Todd

*Travel to Charleston with the
Memphis Garden Club!*

March 25–28

Stay tuned for more information!

Phoebe Cook

Pam Martin

PHOEBE COOK LECTURE SERIES

Our first virtual Phoebe Cook Lecture Series was held on October 17th and it was a big success! Page Dickey, garden designer and author of multiple books, gave an engaging account of her life-changing decision to uproot from Duck Hill, her three acres high-maintenance garden, in upstate New York to 17 acres of rolling fields and woodland around a former Methodist Church! With humor and charm, Page gave her perspective on house hunting and tackling meadows and woodlands, with a smarter gardening approach. Her personal insights and knowledge of garden design were immensely enjoyed by the audience.

Thank you to the Memphis Garden Club members who participated in joining the Page Dickey lecture! Her newest book, *Uprooted*, is also available on Amazon. Please enjoy the Phoebe Cook Lecture Series Speaker, Page Dickey, on the Dixon website. It will be available for you to view for several weeks.

Pam Martin



Horticulture

Debbie Pittman



Dear Garden Groupies,

Due to COVID, there will not be a Zone IX flower show in person, but a virtual flower show.

As Hort Chair, I am overseeing the hort entries submitted for this virtual flower show. The Hort portion of the flower show schedule is attached at end of email. The essence of the schedule is that MGC must submit five hort entries (digital photographs of the plant) and only five entries to the show for judging.

The following rules apply:

1. Photograph of plant must be taken not earlier than 10 days before Feb 23
2. There are rules for how photo is to be taken by the individual submitting the entry.
3. There are rules for the submission process.
4. There are 37 classes to choose from, and you can find all this information in the attached file.

If you think you might be interested in participating in this virtual flower show, please let me know now. I will find a time in early January (tentatively Jan 14) for interested members to meet as a group and discuss all the rules and a plan for submitting the entries.

If you have not submitted hort entries for a flower show in the past, you might want to attend this meeting in order to become acquainted with the process. We will strategize on what might be growing in our gardens in late Feb and on what support submitting members might need from those with expertise in grooming, identification, and photography.

At our planning meeting, we will discuss what plants might qualify for each class. There will also have to be a process who choosing the five entries our club will submit if there are more than five.

If you decide to attend, you are not committing to submit a photographed plant. The meeting is simply a way to see who is interested in possibly submitting an entry after learning more. After the meeting, I'll ask for those who intend to participate.

This will be good background for future in-person flower shows!

Best, Debbie

Horticulture

Debbie Pittman

MGC WINS The Real Dirt's LEAF CUTTING PROPAGATION CHALLENGE

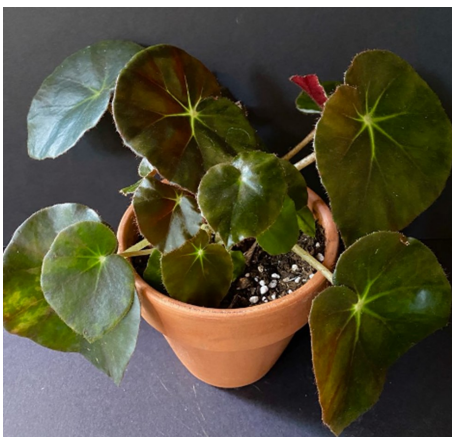
Caroline Orr, Tay Chafin, and Peggy Peters won all the ribbons given in Division 3 of The Real Dirt's annual propagation challenge to all GCA clubs. You may read the article on page 6 of the Winter Issue which was emailed to everyone on December 15. There were seven members from MGC who entered over 20 begonias in this challenge, and we are grateful to each of them: Ruthie Samaha, Frances Montgomery, Amy Drennon, Gwen Owen, Peggy Peters, Caroline Orr, and Tay Chafin.

Division 3 submissions were begonias the entrant propagated in 2019. A workshop at Peggy Peters' garden was the source of the begonias. The winning ribbons, the name of the entry and the photograph are included below:

1st place Caroline Orr, Zone IX, Begon-



TIE for 3rd place: Caroline Orr, Begonia erythrophylla 'beefsteak'



2nd Place Tay Chafin, Begonia bowerae, eyelash begonia:



GARDENERS WANT TO KNOW MANY THINGS Such as:

How do I eliminate moles/voles?

How can I prevent/eradicate weed invasions?

Should we adjust our zone for climate change?

How and why should I adjust my soil with chemicals?



TO OBTAIN ANSWERS FROM A NURSERYMAN WITH NEARLY 50 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

**Come to Jim Crowder's Q&A Workshop
on January 28**

**at Memphis Botanic Garden, Sara's Place
and bring plenty of specific questions!!**

Gather at 10:15 a.m. for coffee and conversation

Event begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 11:45



Horticulture

Debbie Pittman

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) right away if you would like to attend. Frances is collecting the money as well. This is anticipated to fill fast.



Fine Arts

Kaki Smith

Join us for NEEDLEPOINT FOR BEGINNERS Workshop!

Cost: \$55 (all materials included)

Date: Tuesday, February 23rd

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Kaki's house 355 Tara Lane

Email: kakivs@bellsouth.net



Fine Arts

Kaki Smith



VIRTUAL FLORAL DESIGN CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

This virtual conference will be open to all GCA club members!
Registration will launch in mid-March via an email sent to everyone.
The registration link will be posted in a forthcoming newsletter
when registration is open.

We look forward to having you join us for this very special,
brand new, virtual Floral Design Conference.

Photography

Irene Brownlow

Yoni Mayeri

Photography Zoom Workshop

January 12, 2021 9:30—12:30

Email: Irenebrownlow2@gamil.com

A M A Z I N G Photographs from our photography group; you too can learn to use your iphone camera!



December/January

Birthdays

December 1—Julie Azar

December 5—Lysbeth Francis

December 7—Tina Todd

December 12—Kim Roberts

December 14—Julie Spear

December 16—Brandon Morrison

December 19—Nancy Morrow

December 21—Anne Keeney

January 11—Ruthie Samaha

January 13—Christy Cannon

January 21—Carroll Nenon

January 21—Caroline Orr

January 24—Jenne Williams

*Please send all articles
and photos for the
MGC Newsletter to
mgcnews@yahoo.com
by January 15th to be
included in the February
edition.*

Thank you!

Kathryn Painter

