

MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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May 2021

Dear Memphis Garden Club,

Welcome to the merry month of May! We had a good April Membership meeting on the Hughes Pavilion Terrace; we had a great crowd in person and on zoom. We enjoyed Tricia Hunt from Millstone Market who introduced us to several new varieties of plants that work well in containers.

In spite of covid shutdowns, rules, and restrictions I am proud and pleased of all the things the Memphis Garden Club has accomplished this year. The Kids in the Garden project at the Dixon is a wonderful and worthy program. It was funded with our Hal Howard Foundation grant money. We were able to use these funds due to the cancelled 2020 flower show.

We have received many accolades with our horticulture program this year. Two of our members won the begonia propagation challenge in the Real Dirt GCA magazine; thank you Peggy Peters and Caroline Orr. The crowning glory is the Freeman Metal, the only GCA award given to a plant. It is a superior recognition of the Button Bush. We should be so proud of this accomplishment. Thank you to our members who spent so much time and effort on its application and entry. Thank you Caroline Orr, Peggy Peters, Debbie Pittman and Buff Adams.

Allison Braswell has secured our Partners 4 Plants grant from the GCA. It is for the Wolf River Greenway, hooray and thank you Allison! We have just planted perennials and native plants at the Church Health Center garden. Later in the spring we are partnering with the University of Memphis to help plan and plant a diabetes vegetable garden at the Church Health Center. This garden will aid diabetes patients and teach them about healthy eating. Thank you Barton for spearheading this project.

We have started the process of improving the Memphis Garden Club water garden, which we helped create and fund in 1965. We began this garden 56 years ago! I hope these conversations with The Memphis Botanic Garden will be fruitful and the garden will be pleasing again in the near future.

We had a successful and fun trip to Charleston with 20 members attending. The Memphis Flower Show 2022 schedule has been submitted for approval. We have been productive and have done great things despite the restrictions of COVID. You should be proud and pleased!

I look forward to the May picnic Thursday, May 20th at the Memphis Botanic Garden; we will gather in our beautiful Memphis Garden Club Sculpture Garden. Exciting awards and presentations are planned! Please join us it's going to be a great day and a great time to celebrate all the Memphis Garden Club does and has been doing for 100 years! See you at the picnic!

Xx Love,
Julia





April

Members were happy to be together on a glorious day for our April Membership Meeting at the Dixon.

Trisha Hunt spoke to us recommending specific plants for our container gardens. Thank you, Trisha and Millstone Market & Nursery!



Photo Credit: Irene Brownlow & Kathryn Painter

Memphis Garden Club

Annual Picnic

Honoring New Members & Award Winners

Thursday, May 20 at 11:00

Memphis Botanic Garden

\$55 per person

Checks payable to MGC

Mail Checks to SARAH BENZ

84 St. Albans Fairway

Memphis, 38111



ANNOUNCEMENT

MGC 100 Year Celebration!

Cary Brown is collecting photos, memorabilia,
flower show medals/ribbons, scrapbooks...

ANYTHING that might be used to assemble
a creative display.

Please contact Cary to coordinate:

caryCBrown@gmail.com



Members...

**PLEASE fill out your
Activity Cards. Elizabeth Coors
will have them at
Each Membership Meeting.**



DON'T FORGET....

**To update your Member
profile on the GCA website!**



Rotations will continue in two's through Spring!

Captains, please text me the week before your rotation and let me know who will be working that week. I have been asked to send the information to Kim Rucker.

Below are two lovely designs by Kaki Smith and Ferrin Mavar.

Send me your rotation pictures so that I can include them in the next newsletter.



Are you interested in further study of Floral design?

Below is a link to one of my favorite designers, Christine de Beer.

In this video she is at the Toronto Flower Show at
Canada Blooms 2020 in the Invitational Floral Art Class:
Aerial Odyssey. <https://youtu.be/6G4gV2uGs3U>

You can also visit her extensive website with hundreds
of tutorials at:

<https://christinedebeer.ca>

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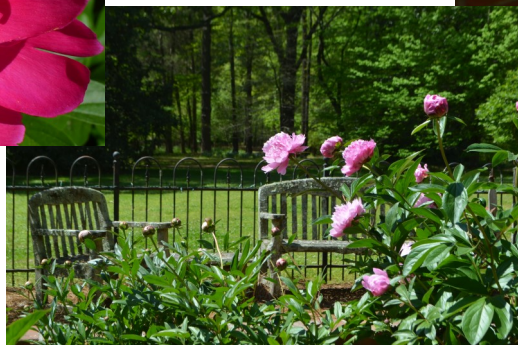
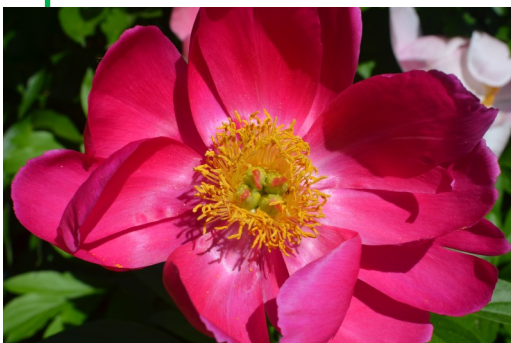
Horticulture

Debbie Pittman



Julia Hussey invited Garden Groupies to her peony garden on April 22 to view her special collection of herbaceous peonies. Photos of these beautiful specimens are below. She also offered some advice provided below:

- Buy early bloomers or middle bloomers, but not late.
- Plant peony shallow. Never deep.
- Plant in full sun.
- Don't cut foliage until dormant.
- Cut leaves that have a fungus.
- Pinch off the early side buds so major blooms can get all the nutrients for larger flowers.
- Do Not Mulch in winter. Peonies must get very cold in winter in order to bloom the following spring.
- You can use mulch in summer to keep soil moist.
- Julia buys her peonies from David Reath. Search online.



Thank You...

Kathy Carruthers And Maryan Mercer

for the fabulous photos!!!!

Conservation

Allison Braswell

Our wildflower walk in **Overton Park** did not disappoint the great group of 20+ ladies that attended! Tina Sullivan and her Conservancy staff were informative, interesting, and passionate about the beautiful park that was “showing off” its **Springtime Splendor**! We are hopeful to return to see the wonder of the **Fall Foliage** in November. As promised, see the link below for the park’s most recent #NatureZen where you will find photos of what we enjoyed. It also includes links to some featured editions, as well as a button at the bottom to view all of the photos in one place.

<https://mailchi.mp/overtonpark/naturezen-a-season-of-firsts?e=bf326f5152>

You can also sign up for bi-monthly emails at

<http://Overtonpark.org/email>

With the link below, you may download a printable interpretive map for your next foray into the forest of **Overton Park**.

<http://Overtonpark.org/trails>



“What is it about standing in the woods with shafted sunlight and our great, green, flowering creation that soothes, nurtures, and restores?”

-Libby Dickinson

“Having grown up in the mountains of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, I had no idea of the treasures to be found in a forest, smack-dab in the middle of Memphis, TN!”

-Julie Spear

Conservation

Allison Braswell

In April, we also enjoyed a lecture on the significance of pollinators from the “Bee Whisperer,” David Glover.

Below you will find a link for the TN Department of Transportation’s **Pollinator Habitat Program**. This program and its goals are exciting for our great state and are aligned with what we all learned from the “Bee Whisperer.”

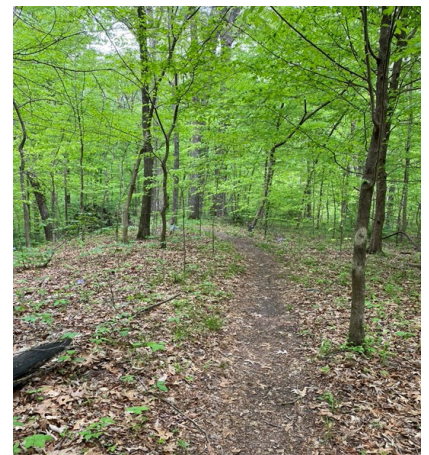
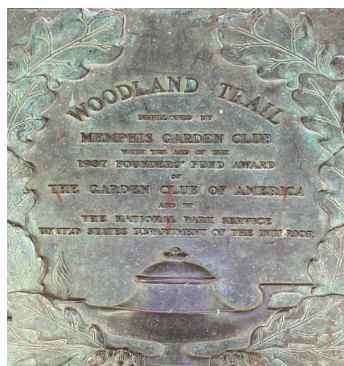
<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/environmental-home/environmental-highway-beautification-office/beautification-pollinator-habitat-program.html>



DID YOU KNOW?

Largely through the efforts of our club, Meeman-Shelby Forest became a state park. In 1937, MGC received a GCA Founders Fund Award for the wildflower trail that we planted in the new park. In 1997, MGC gave the seed money for landscaping the Information Center at Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park. In 1999, we revisited the park to restore the wildflower trail.

After being inspired by our walk in Overton Park, I decided to take the 30 minute trek out to Shelby Forest to hike the Woodland Trail. I had no idea what a treat there was in store for me! In the Fall, I plan to schedule a hike and educational event out at this beautiful state park. I can't wait!



Travel

Jeanne Wilbourn, Tina Todd

We are excited about our upcoming fall trip to New Orleans...

And are planning to stay at The Windsor Court. Please make your reservation as soon as possible. The room rate is \$325 per night, for 2 queen beds premium room or one king bed premium room. The rates are subject to change. You can cancel your reservation up to 3 days prior to your arrival. Use the link below to make your reservation. We will arrive in New Orleans on 11/1/21 and depart on 11/4/21

To obtain the special discounted group rate enter Group Code **6211578** online at www.windsorcourthotel.com

Click "Reservations" → Choose Dates on calendar → Click the arrow under "Codes" → Enter the code provided in the "Group Code" field → Click "Check Availability"

Direct Booking Link: <https://be.synxis.com/?Hotel=55810&chain=10237&group=6211578&arrive=11/1/2021>



More fabulous details to come!!!!

Please contact Jeanne or Tina with any questions;

You won't want to miss out on this fun trip!



Vice President

Pam Martin

On April 13th, The new members toured Epping Way, our Partners for Plants project, with Keith Cole, Executive Director of Wolf River Conservancy.



LOOK for an announcement in June!!!!

We will send a condensed newsletter regarding the announcement of our 2022 Flower Show and 2021 Award Recipients from the Spring Picnic. If you have any information that needs to go out to the membership, prior to our summer break, please send it to Kathryn Painter at: mgcnews@yahoo.com

More Info

May Birthdays

9 Frances Montgomery

15 Elise Crockett

28 Pam Pierce

28 Gwen Owen

