



# MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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## March 2021

### *President's Message*

Dear Memphis Garden Club,

Happy March! As I write this there is snow and ice on the ground, we have had unusually cold temperatures and our Zone IX garden club friends in Texas have suffered through the winter storm of 2021. I promise spring is coming! My daffodils are peaking through, the quince is blooming, the camellias are heavy with blossoms, and the forsythia is showing its lovely yellow flowers.

We have a fun and informative spring planned. Please mark your calendars for our membership meeting on March 18, 2021 at the Dixon at 10:30. We are excited about the Compost Fairy as our speaker, and we have lots of business to conduct. We will hear about our Community Fund grants of 2021 from Elizabeth Dickinson our Civics Chairman, and we will vote on the GCA Founders Fund award. If you attend in person we ask that you wear a mask and practice social distancing. We respect everyone's personal decision to attend in person or participate by zoom. How lucky we are to have technology that lets us continue to get together even if only virtually. If you do not feel comfortable attending, a zoom link will be sent to all club members and attendance will not be recorded.

I assure you much is happening and being planned despite Covid. Kaki Smith hosted a needle art workshop, Debbie Pittman has a vine workshop planned, and we have photography and conservation field trips to look forward to. Many of us are attending the Zone IX virtual meeting and flower show in mid-March hosted by the New Orleans Town Gardeners. Our Flower Show 2022 committee planning is moving along at a tremendous clip Elizabeth Coors, Lysbeth Francis, and Buff Adams are working so hard. I am excited about the show; it is going to be fun and beautiful.

We are all making a valiant effort to keep the momentum going and we look forward to the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 in the Dixon cutting garden.

To bright spring days ahead! Love, Julia

P.S. Order your seeds- a sign of hope and a promise of renewal. Xx



## Membership Meetings

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Please plan to attend the March 18th membership meeting

**Thursday, March 18th**

10:30 AM

Hughes Pavilion Terrace

(weather permitting)

Hughes Pavilion (inside, alternate location)

Mike Larrivee from the Compost Fairy will be our guest speaker.

We are limited to 50 people, so please make a reservation with

Ferrin Mavar: [ferrintmavar@gmail.com](mailto:ferrintmavar@gmail.com) Masks are required.

There will be a zoom meeting option offered.

**Thursday, April 15th**

10:30 AM

Hughes Pavilion Terrace

Tricia Hunt from Millstone Market will be our guest presenter.

Assuming we are still limited to 50 people, reservations need to be made with Ferrin Mavar: [Ferrintmavar@gmail.com](mailto:Ferrintmavar@gmail.com).

Masks will be required.



## ZONE IX

## VIRTUAL ZONE MEETING

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**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

*Vice President*

*Pam Martin*

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Our spotlight this month is on Debi Havner, our second year new member, for entering the Zone IV Salute 2021 Virtual Flower Show in New Orleans.

Debi participated in the Zoom Hort Forum on February 9th which motivated her to be Memphis Garden Club's very 1st entry! Braving the elements, Debi took her Camellia entry to a member's house, groomed her entry and had it photographed. After she completed the entry form, Hort Committee Chair, Debbie Pittman, sent it to an MGC judge who approved it to be one of our five entries for the Zone IV Flower Show. Congratulations to Debi for bravely responding to an email soliciting members to enter the show! Everyone involved along the way is excited about her interest, talent and perseverance during this time of frigid weather!

I'm sure Debi would tell you she now feels more comfortable about our own Flower Show next April!



## Travel

## Jeanne Wilbourn, Tina Todd

Our trip to Charleston is right around the corner and it's going to be so much FUN!!

Date: March 25 - 28 Total Cost is \$600

The price includes:

- Dinners at Circa 1886 and The Yacht Club
- Garden Tours with a guide at the Nathaniel Russell House and the William Gibbs House
- Middleton Gardens with lunch and a possible container demonstration

Please make your reservations ASAP at The Belmond 800-831-3490. Mention the Memphis Garden Club; Our block lasts another week.

Send your \$200 deposit made out to The Memphis Garden Club to Jeanne Wilbourn at 3965 Grandview Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111.

Please contact Jeanne Wilbourn or Tina Todd with any questions!

Looking forward to a great weekend,  
Jeanne and Tina





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

COME JOIN US FOR AFTERNOON TEA  
AND A LECTURE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF POLLINATION FROM  
THE “BEE WHISPERER,”  
DAVID GLOVER  
MONDAY, MARCH 22 at 2:00  
180 Tuckahoe Lane



"With bees as our common interest, we have cut across political and cultural differences for the sake of global sustainability," said Glover. "In the United States, the largest benefit of what bees do is agriculture pollination. In fact, about one-third of the food we eat exists because of pollination, and 85 percent of plant life exists because of pollination."

FOLLOW BELOW LINK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT POLLINATORS

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/committees-conservation#resourceid=3651>

## Conservation

Allison Braswell

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### RESCHEDULED WALKING TOUR AND LECTURE OF THE OLD FOREST AT OVERTON PARK THURSDAY, APRIL 8 at 2:00

The Overton Park Conservancy team invites members from our club to learn about the research, conservation, programming, and management of this unique forest, and its context within Overton Park, in the center of Memphis.

Please send me an email [albras@me.com](mailto:albras@me.com)  
to reserve your spot and receive pertinent  
information for either of the  
two above events.

## Conservation

Allison Braswell

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### IN OTHER NEWS....



Allison attended the National Affairs and Legislation Virtual Conference  
February 23-25 and can't wait to share all that she learned!

In February the GCA hosted over 1,500 club members from around the country at its virtual National Affairs & Legislation Conference. Throughout the three-day event, they explored the solutions offered by oceans, natural systems, innovation, and energy efficiency as well as transportation and infrastructure. Over the first two days, expert speakers, scholars, and members of Congress from both sides of the aisle discussed what is occurring on the front lines of the fight against climate change. On the third day, the GCA's legislative priorities were announced and club members will now begin their advocacy efforts. We look forward to hearing an update from Allison on how the MGC can get involved.

Click on below link for NAL Educational Videos and Podcasts.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pXpkcBCs5CNekEwiKHcOPX6HbM3PzN4OBQ7SW0mgNeo/edit?usp=sharing>

## Member Message...

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### The Gardener

I have often been asked by friends why I spend so many volunteer hours on the Memphis Garden Club and its projects. I really did not have an answer except that I liked the members and the mission. However, last week I heard the answer from an on-line Bible Study that brought insight to the question.

The insightful minister said that a garden represents and is the very essence of life. Seeds are planted, new growth emerges and growth continues until the dormant period. That is why God began the earth in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve and why Jesus' first appearance after His Resurrection was as a gardener to Mary.

The garden and all its' many uses, be it horticulture, food, flower for scent and beauty, and its offering to fauna are the very essence of the earth. So, we in whatever capacity are stewards for God's earth.

Barton Lynch

## Fine Arts

## Kaki Smith

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### BOTANICAL ARTS

On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, we held a "Needlepoint for Beginners" class taught by Jan, from *Stitchers*, at the home of Kaki Smith. The event was a great success, and the MGC needle-pointers can't wait to get together again and practice their new craft.





## Rotations

Rotations for the general membership begin in March. However, the Dixon has reduced the number of arrangements to two (no urn) until the Covid crisis is over. This will mean that only two members will be in the potting hub at each rotation. Your Captain will be in charge of assigning and emailing you regarding the months that you will be needed. Thanks for your understanding as the situation continues to be fluid.



**Reminders:** If the front gates of the Dixon are not open when you arrive for your rotation, please go the entrance on Cherry and use the call box. Don't forget to wear a mask!



Thanks to our members who graciously agreed to keep the flowers fresh and beautiful in February: Phoebe Miller, Lysbeth Francis, Julie Spear, Lida Bross, Tay Chafin, Debbie Pitman, Barton Lynch, Janie Hopkins, Emily Lowrance, Ainslie Todd, Hardy Todd, Suzanne Plyler, Elise Stratton, Edie Marshall and Roberta Anderson.



## 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.

*Photography*

*Irene Brownlow*

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## YONI MAYERI SPRING ZOOM WORKSHOP

HOW TO ENTER A WINNING PHOTOGRAPH  
IN A GCA FLOWER SHOW

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

9:30-12:30

\$75.00



PLEASE CONTACT IRENE BROWNLOW

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## 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](mailto:fvmontgomery@aol.com)

## Instagram

Our Instagram page is up and running with many of you following, commenting and liking our posts. Our photography group continues to use their talent to add fabulous content to our account.

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. We are 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](mailto:mgcnews@yahoo.com)



### Newsletter

*Please send any information  
for the*

*APRIL NEWSLETTER*

*to Kathryn...*

*[mgcnews@yahoo.com!](mailto:mgcnews@yahoo.com)*

*Deadline: March 15, 2021*

### March Birthdays

*4 Kaki Smith*

*13 Lane Park*

*15 Amy Drennon*

*19 Maryan Mercer*

*21 Melanie McFadden*

*21 Marilyn Wiener*

*24 Rose Garrett*

*29 Barbara Prest*

