



MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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March 2020

President's Message



March Meeting

Thursday, March 18

10:30

Dixon

Sybil Sylvester is owner of Wildflower Design In Birmingham, Alabama. She considers Wildflower to be a "creative think tank" for flower fun and has started the Wildflower School providing instruction for flower preparation and design.

Her work has been featured in *Southern Living*, *Coastal Living* and *Brides Magazine*. She also has written numerous articles for *Flower* magazine. Sybil and her team of designers have created the South's most talked about flower shops gaining national recognition.

Dear MGC,

What a fantastic February Joint meeting! Margaret Atkinson and Frances Montgomery really nailed it with our charming speaker, Frances Schultz, who was such a delight. The atmosphere was dazzling and the food was so delicious, it was an all-around fun time to share with The Little Garden Club. Thank you, Margaret, Frances and Selden, for making our first ever Joint meeting/cocktail reception a grand success!

Fine Arts rotations are going smoothly at the Dixon and the *Plant a Kitchen* Hort workshop was so much fun! I cannot wait to make a fresh salad and pasta using herbs and edible flowers from my new kitchen garden.

Spring is knocking and we are *ready, set, go* for the Flower Show. Nancy, Tay, Adele and Caroline have turned the machine on full speed and we need to rally behind this powerhouse to prepare for the awesome first weekend in April. Several members are not currently serving on Flower Show committee(s) so we will be in touch with opportunities, say yes to the request!

Since our club pace is picking-up be sure to check your email for updates along the way.

Mark your calendar (March 19 at the Dixon) for our next treat as we welcome the uber-talented, Owner/Chief Creative of **Wildflower Designs**. Sybil Sylvester's presentation about her garden inspired floral designs and event designs will be an inspirational and educational experience for us all.

Bring-it-on..... cannot wait to welcome the beautiful, abundant horticulture and cheerful flowers that our gardens offer to usher in springtime!

See you soon,

Jenne



Pictured with:

Mary Call Ford, The LGC & Frances Schultz, February speaker

The Flower Show

Memphis Flower Show rules for all Members to Remember

When working the Show please wear white shirt and black pants to be identifiable to any out-of-towners at the Dixon.

Name badges and aprons will be available in the Catmur Foyer Wednesday-Friday and in the Leatherman Room on Saturday and Sunday. After your last shift, please leave your apron in the Leatherman Room.

Members, please park in the Wright Medical parking lot Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. Golf carts will be available.

If you are bringing food for the Hospitality Room, please bring it in disposable containers and drop it off in the Catmur Foyer.

Food and drink are not permitted in the galleries at any time

When dropping off horticulture, please enter through the loading dock door at the back loading dock.

When dropping off materials for Flower Arranging, please use the Catmur Foyer entrance.

Please bring your schedule.

Everyone is politely asked to leave the Dixon on Friday at 10am and may return at 1pm. Judging begins at 10am promptly.

Be very aware of our out-of-town judges and arrangers who might have questions or need help.

Please support our vendors who will be in the Market Place Tent in the Garrott Courtyard

The Flower Show

2020 MFS Horticulture Entries / Step-by-Step

Wednesday April 1, 2020

12:00 to 4:00 Container grown plants

12:00 to 4:00 Horticulture collections 15 or more

12:00 to 4:00 Cut specimens (recommend waiting till Thursday for freshness)

Thursday April 2, 2020

9:00 to 4:00 Cut specimens

9:00 to 4:00 Container grown plants

Friday April 3, 2020

7:00 to 8:00 Out of Town Judges Only

Unload entries on available table behind museum

Park car away from entrances if staying all day

Entry cards, bottles and wedging material will be provided

1) ID committee will help identify and fill out cards,

2) Passing Judges will approve with a "Red X",

3) Register at Data Table where volunteers will take to Hort Room

Congratulations!!! You have successfully entered the Flower Show.
You must enter your own entry!

The Flower Show

Just a few final announcements

- 1) Please purchase your **PREVIEW PARTY TICKETS!**
It is a requirement, even if you are unable to attend.
- 2) please don't forget to purchase a ticket for P. Allen Smith! They are selling fast and he is worth it!
- 3) An email will be sent to all members, in the next few weeks, explaining how to complete
a **HORTICULTURE ENTRY CARD,**
a **HORTICULTURE PROPAGATION CARD,**
and a **KEY CARD.**

BE on the lookout!



What is the GREAT HEALTHY YARD PROJECT?

Who knew gardening could be so important? With 80 million pounds of pesticides being used on residential lawns in America every year, changing the way we care for our yards is indeed very important. The chemicals that we are putting in our yards are now in every stream, river and lake and half of our well water.

THE GREAT HEALTHY YARD PROJECT is an opportunity for us as individuals to help the environment in an impactful way. You can get on the GCA website and take the following pledge.

*NOTE: 1646 people have taken the pledge.

PLEDGE for THE GREAT HEALTHY YARD PROJECT

"I pledge to take care of my yard without synthetic pesticides, weed killers and fertilizers except on rare occasions to resolve an infestation or to improve habitat for native plants and wildlife."

"I also pledge not to throw pharmaceuticals or chemicals down my drain or toilets."

Thank you for your interest and for considering the project!

Pam Martin

MGC Photography News

Our fun group who attended the February 4th Zone IX Photography workshop. Ginny Nearn, Elizabeth Dickinson, Kathryn Painter, Rose Garrett, and Caroline Orr (Debbie Pittman, Phoebe Miller, and Edie Robinson not pictured).



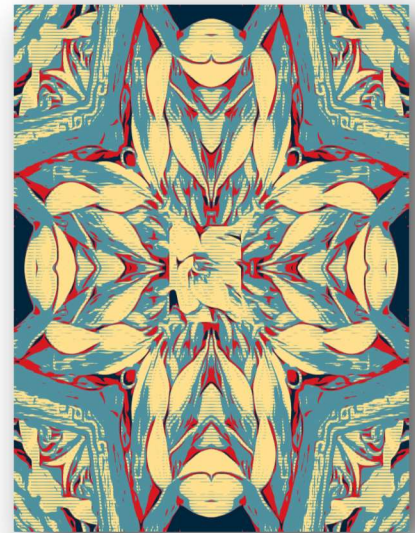
These are some of the fun manipulations we learned how to do in the workshop. We took photos of flowers and then we played with apps on our phone and came up with manipulated images.



Before Manipulation



After Manipulation





On Thursday, February 13 members of MGC met at the potting hub to plant a kitchen garden with edible flowers and herbs.

Kim Rucker provided french thyme, barbecue rosemary, greek oregano, lavender, calendula, nasturtium and dianthus.

Kim's Tip: Barbecue rosemary grows straight and tall.

- Cut a long stem and strip the rosemary leaves.
- Soak the stem in water for an hour.
- Use stem as a skewer for grilling vegetables while adding great flavor!



Please Take Note!



Lysbeth Francis

Vice President



The New Members have been busy getting back in the swing of things with their Floral Rotations. They also helped arrange flowers for a Dixon Opening and attended a Horticulture Workshop regarding the planting of kitchen gardens with edible herbs.

On Thursday, March 12 at 9:00am the New Members will attend a Horticulture Workshop in the Dixon Potting Hub led by Emily Lowrance and Tay Chafin regarding the preparation of cut horticulture entries for the Flower Show. Several New Members are finalizing their entries in other divisions of the Flower Show.

Good Luck New Members !

Our traveling Flower Guru has been at it again!

Julie Spear Gave a Floral Design Demonstration at the

River Oaks Garden Club in Houston on February 2



Please Take Note, continued

Fun Photos from our joint meeting with the Little Garden Club!



Tip of the Month!

Tip Toe Through The TULIPS...



For long lasting tulips, purchase closed buds that are just beginning to show some color. Once home, recut the stems by at least ½ inch and remove all leaves that will be under the waterline of the vase. Place the freshly cut tulips in lukewarm water. Cold water is not recommended for hydration of tulips. Use a floral food if available. If the tulips come packaged in plastic from the store, cut 1/2 inch from the stems at an angle then leave the wrapping in place for a few hours to support the stems while the tulips drink up the fresh water. Remove the plastic wrapping and the tulips will maintain that upright position because they have been hydrated and conditioned. **Tip:** Don't mix tulips with daffodils as the daffodils leak sap that clogs the water uptake of the tulips. **Tip:** Tulips work well in tall straight vases. **Tip:** Place tulips away from the sun as tulips will seek out the light so they may bend or grow to the light. **Tip:** Rotate the vase daily to keep the stems more upright. **Interesting Fact about tulips:** They will continue to grow after being cut sometimes up to one inch or more!

Interesting Twist on Arranging Tulips: For a different look, gently reflex or bend back each petal to create an "open tulip" which gives your arrangement a new look.

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March Birthdays!

March 4 - Kaki Smith

March 13 - Laine Park

March 15 - Amy Drennon

March 19 - Maryan Mercer

March 21 - Melanie McFadden, Marilyn Wiener

March 24 - Rose Garrett

March 29 - Barbara Prest



Please remember if you would like to include an article or photographs in the MGC Newsletter please email them to mgcnews@yahoo.com.

The deadline for the April Edition is

Friday, March 20th!

Thanks, Sarah Benz