

MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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Summer Edition 2019

Welcome Summer!

Thank you to Sarah for producing this May Newsletter issue.

**Please check your inbox for occasional MGC
communications so we can all stay in the loop.**

Hope you have lots of fun with family and friends over the next few months.

I appreciate you all! I will see you on October 17th at our first fall meeting.

Jenne



Pictured with Katie Dickinson at the 2019 GCA Annual Meeting in Boston

GCA Annual Meeting

I was honored to represent Memphis Garden Club as a delegate and travel with Jenne to the Annual Meeting May 17th through 19th. The theme of the meeting was “Hills Harbors and Horizons” and we certainly saw the harbor, as our meeting was located in the Seaport World Trade Center in the new bustling Seaport section of Boston. We heard updates from all the GCA Committees and GCA President Dede Petri spoke on “Sights on Our Second Century”.

In many of the presentations I was struck by the renewed emphasis the GCA is putting on connecting with club members. “On the Road with the GCA” is a program in its second year and is available to all GCA members. You can take a solo adventure, make it a club field trip, and even bring your spouse. The GCA will take care of all details pertaining to the program; once registered you will make your own travel and hotel arrangements. This past year featured several programs at the GCA’s headquarters in NYC on the GCA’s rare book collection and on Beatrix Jones Farrand. There was a program at Longwood Gardens, one in Nebraska to learn about Sandhill Cranes and another at Mount Vernon. But my very favorite one was called Golfing and the GCA! There will be an On the Road with GCA program at Crystal Bridges next April and you may want to attend if you missed our field trip there. For more information see the GCA website or contact the GCA at OnTheRoad@gcamerica.org or at (212) 753-8287.

We heard from two great speakers: David Rockefeller, Jr. on “Healthy Seas, Healthy Soils” and Douglas Brinkley on “Rachel Carson and the Rise of the Conservation Movement”. Professor Brinkley particularly focused on the role of women in conservation and environmentalism. It was fascinating, and I came home with a big list of books I need to read!

The Zone Dinners were held at various clubs around Boston but we were excited when Zone IX was called to attend our dinner at the Harvard Club! It was lovely, and I enjoyed sitting around the table with women from all over the South. Of course, many of them were already asking about our flower show.

But of course, the moment we had all been waiting for was the introduction of Cary Fowler as the Elizabeth Craig Procter Weaver Medal winner. Cary was so gracious in his speech, thanking the Memphis Garden Club for his nomination and noting that Elizabeth Craig Procter Weaver was a fellow Tennessean...I didn’t even know that! His wife and MGC honorary member Amy Goldman joined us for the dinner and the awards banquet as did Jeanne Arthur. His fellow award winners were an incredible assortment of accomplished people coming from a wide array of backgrounds. David Austin Roses Ltd. won an award as did the USS Constitution and Constitution Museum. For more information on the medal winners check out the GCA website...you will be amazed.

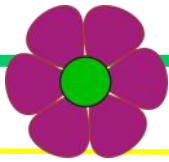
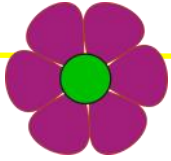
I am so appreciative of being able to attend the GCA Annual Meeting and meet so many talented and motivated women. As we know, Garden Club of American members do things well, and the Annual Meeting was no exception. If you have an opportunity to attend a GCA event, I strongly urge you to do so!

Katie Dickinson

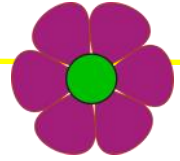
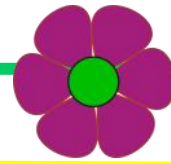
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The Garden Party



2019 Awards

Louisa R Morrow Trophy - Llewellyn Hall

Margaret Oates Dixon Award - Elizabeth Dickinson

GCA Awards

Photography Award - Caroline Orr

Conservation Award - Catherine Stallings

Julie Azar

Civic Service Award - Barton Lynch

Horticulture Award - Emily Lowrance

Length of Service Award - Suzanne Mallory, Ginger

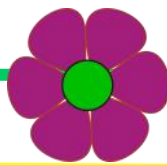
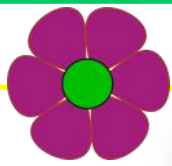
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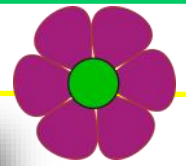
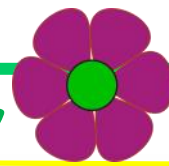
Boyle, Helen Panton, Irene Orgill

Extra Mile Award - Katie Dickinson

Norfleet Trophy - Edie Marshall



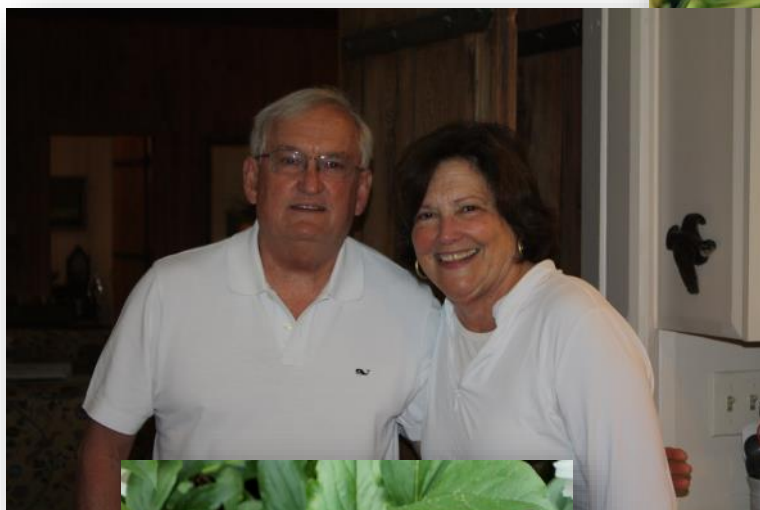
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Photography

Caroline Orr

What a wonderful time we had photographing Julia's amazing peonies!
Thank you, Julia (and Edwin!), for sharing your fabulous garden with us!



Volunteers Needed July 24th:

July is HOT! Come inside the Potting Hub on **Thursday, July 24th at 1:30pm** to cool off and arrange flowers for the Dixon's next art opening entitled **Central To Their Lives: Southern Women Artists** from the Johnson Collection and Kate Freeman Clark!

Floral Foam News

Water Hydrated Floral Demonstrations:

MGC Rotation Education!

A growing number of florists are concerned about potential environmental impacts related to use of floral foam industry wide. The familiar Green OASIS we use during our weekly rotations is essentially a non-biodegradable plastic. In an effort to be environmentally prudent, Dale Skaggs, Kim Rucker and Kim Jameson desire to utilize fresh water rather than porous foam to hydrate cut flower placed in arrangements within the Dixon whenever possible! This will require a modified approach on how the Dixon's Residence containers for the Living Room, Dining Room and Foyer are prepared by the Dixon staff for our rotations. Accordingly, the MGC's creation and mechanics of the Dixon's Residence floral arrangements will be slightly different when water is chosen to be the source of hydration instead of the traditional floral foam.

Kim Jameson has graciously agreed to provide the MGC a demonstration on suggested techniques to be utilized when fresh cut "water hydrated" arrangements (i.e. no floral foam) for the Residence are planned in connection with our bi-weekly rotations. Kim will offer an identical demonstration in the Potting Hub at two different times in order to provide the MGC membership the opportunity to come, see and learn. The best news is these skills apply to arrangements you can make for your own home or for other volunteer activities! Check your calendar and save the date for one (1) of the following demonstrations by Kim Jameson:

Friday, September 12 from 9-10-ish a.m.

Monday, September 16 from 3:30- 4:30-ish p.m.

We will have fun as we learn and join the Dixon is taking reasonable steps to be environmentally conscious with respect to the flowers so beautifully displayed bi-weekly in the Dixon's Residence!

Floral Design Workshop September 25th featuring Julie Spear: Ladies!!!! Our very own Fine Arts ROCK STAR, Julie Spear is going to share her talents with us by teaching a floral design class! **Save the date: September 25th!** This event will be offered to both the members of the MGC and the Little Garden Club! Look for more information including the time of the event in the weeks ahead!!!!

Horticulture

Emily Lowrance

Peggy Peters is the Begonia Queen!

We can't thank you enough for hosting the Begonia Pop-Up Workshop that everyone thoroughly enjoyed!



End of the year fun!



Memphis Garden Club represented at Bruno Duarte's program for the Garden Club of Jackson in April!



Memphis Garden Club helping the Dixon with flower arrangements for an Art Opening.

End of the year fun, continued



Barton's demonstration on how to arrange large floral arrangements was a hit!



Memphis Garden Club at the
Crosstown Community Garden



Please take note

New Members Kelly Burrow, Debi Havner, Stephanie Linkous , Miriam Smith, Muffy Turley, May Weiss , Irene Ayotte, and Kathryn Painter were introduced at the May picnic.

In August these First and Second Year New Members and their sponsors will attend an orientation meeting with President Jenne Williams and committee chairs to discuss their New Member obligations for the upcoming two years. Floral Rotations will be assigned with New Members coming on board in September.

Lysbeth Kent Francis

About 40 people gathered for the welcome cocktail party at the new Church Health Center Garden. We are partners with Big Green, Crosstown High School and Church Health in the development of this beautiful urban garden. The Living waters sculpture is in place and the Brain Russell sculptures will soon be there. Crosstown High has already harvested 30 lbs. of greens!

Ritchie Smith and Lissa Thompson were there to answer design questions and Ann Langston and Scott Morris were there to talk about Church Health's vision for the garden. Crosstown Brewery poured tastings of their very yummy beer and the wine flowed. Thank you Jenne for planning an opportunity for the MGC to have a festive and fun event in the garden!

Barton Lynch



Please take note, continued.....

Flower Show 2020

We are excited about the 2020 Flower Show “A Bird’s-Eye View of Memphis”, April 3-5, 2020. We will be meeting with committee chairs during the month of September. If you have any questions please contact Tay Chafin, Nancy Miller or Adele Wellford.



GCA On The Road

“DC in Bloom”

Irene Brownlow attended and had a fabulous time!

On our first night we enjoyed cocktails in a private garden recently listed in the Smithsonian Archives of American Garden, followed by dinner at a lovely private club and a tour of lighted monuments! The following four days were filled with, among other things, a tour and coffee in the British Ambassador’s stunning gardens; private tours of famous public gardens, including Dumbarton Oaks and Hillwood; a visit to Glenstone, an incredible new museum sitting on 230 acres; tours at gorgeous private gardens, including cocktails and meals hosted by all five of our regional garden clubs; and a very special outing to Bunny Melon’s Oak Spring garden and library. In addition, the Georgetown Garden Club invited the group to be a part of their exclusive Patron Party, with tickets to the 91st Annual Georgetown Garden Tour.

Please take note, Continued....

Memphis Garden Club's annual tradition of presenting awards is always a highlight! Fun to see this photo pop up in the same month that we awarded Edie Marshall the 2019 Norfleet trophy.



Our Newsletter has a new email

mgcnews@yahoo.com

Please send all articles and photos to the above address!

The next newsletter will be out in October.

Please remember the deadline will be Sept 15th.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Your editor, Sarah Benz

THE END!