



# MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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## *November Membership Meeting*

*Thursday, November 12th*

*10:30 a.m.*

*Hunt and Polo Club*

*(on the terrace)*

*Greg Campbell from Garden District will demonstrate fall floral arrangements. We are limited to 50, so please make your reservation with Ferrin Maver.*

*Her email is*

*ferrintmaver@gmail.com*

*Please note: facemasks are required at the Hunt and Polo Club*

*Lunch following the meeting is available. Your check is your reservation. Please send a \$27 check made out to : Nancy Morrow to*

*245 West Cherry Circle, 38117*

*Dear Memphis Garden Club,*

*What great beginnings!*

*September and October have been busy months for the Memphis Garden Club. We have had two Garden pop-ups; one in Debbie Pittman's garden to share our favorite plants and drink wine! The other was to see Weezie Calandruccio's delightful vegetable garden. We have had a daffodil workshop and planting at the Church Health Center Garden at Crosstown Concourse. There will be a Botanical Arts workshop to look forward to, as well as a conservation field trip to Overton Park and a lecture by the Overton Park Conservancy. Irene Brownlow organized a zoom photography class with Yoni Mayeri from Stanford University which was very informative and enlightening.*

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### *President's message cont'd*

*The Board and special committees traveled to Sumner in late September for a luncheon and gathering, it was wonderful to see old friends and be together.*

*Congratulations to all of our award winners of 2019-2020! We had a great first membership meeting on The Hughes Pavilion terrace; thank you Gwen Owen and Nancy Morrow for providing box lunches; it was a festive happy day.*

*Here's to great beginnings,  
xx Julia*



## 2020-2022 MGC Board

### Executive Board

President- Julia Turnipseed

Vice- President Pam Martin

Treasurer- Catherine Stallings

Corresponding Secretary- Elizabeth Coors

Recording Secretary- Mimi Taylor

By-Laws, Nominating- Jenne Williams

### Voting Board Positions

Awards- Ruthie Samaha

Civics- Elizabeth Dickinson

Conservation- Allison Braswell

Fine Arts- Kaki Smith

Horticulture- Debbie Pittman

Photography- Irene Brownlow

Decorations- Emily McEwan

Entertainment- Sarah Benz

Garden History and Design/ Visiting Gardens- Veazey Krausnick

Honorary Board Member- Cary Brown

Newsletter- Kathryn Painter

Programs- Gwen Owen, Nancy Morrow

Flower Show 2022- Buff Adams, Elizabeth Coors, Lysbeth Francis [one vote]

### Special Committees

Attendance- Ferrin Mavar

Christmas at the Dixon- Kathryn Painter, Amy Drennon

Email Administrator- Lisa Colcough

Web Site Administrator/Historian- Terre Sullivant

Hospitality- Edie Robinson, Melanie McFadden

Mid-South Garden Guide- Peggy Peters

Travel- Jeanne Wilbourn, Tina Todd

Social Media- Jenne Williams

Yearbook- Llewellyn Hall

100 Year Anniversary Celebration- Ruthie Bowlin, Russell Whitehead

Norfleet Trophy- Cary Brown

Louisa R. Morrow Award- Elizabeth Coors

Margaret Oats Dixon Award- Dale Skaggs

Jeanne Parham Coors Conservation Award- Louise Calandrucchio

Virginia Austin Mentoring Award- Judith Mitchener

Extra Mile Award- Julia Turnipseed

One of the awards given by the Garden Club of America's Scholarship Committee is the Elizabeth Hull Abernathy Award. Every year GCA bestows about 10 Hull Awards on men and women who "through working with children under 16 years of age in horticulture and the environment, have inspired their appreciation of the beauty and fragility of our planet."



MGC nominated Cathy Justis this year, and she won! Cathy has been the director of education for the Wolf River Conservancy since 2007. She works directly with children in K-12 through a variety of programs including frog chorus walks, stream strolls and service projects. She is also a certified Project WET instructor. She teaches instructors at all levels how to reach children with science-based water education.

In June Cathy was presented with a certificate and a check for \$1,000 from GCA.

Many thanks to Jeanne Arthur and Michelle Dry for writing letters of recommendation for Cathy.

In addition, Annalise Riekerk, a Rhodes College student, was awarded the Clara Carter Higgins Scholarship for Summer Environmental Studies by the GCA Scholarship Committee. She was to have studied flora and fauna over the summer in Namibia, but the project was canceled due to the pandemic.

-Roberta Anderson



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GROUPIES

### **Garden Groupies**

#### **Our New Horticulture Focus Group**

The Horticulture Committee has added programming for members who would like to focus on horticulture.

The focus group will be called **Garden Groupies**.

If you would like to receive notifications of Garden Groupie activities during 2020-21, please email Deborah Pittman ([deborahpittman@live.com](mailto:deborahpittman@live.com), or text (901-230-9053) that you would like to be added to the **Garden Groupie email list**.

**FIELD TRIP TO VIEW JAPANESE ARBORETUM IN RIPLEY**

Twenty-two club members traveled to Ripley TN on October 22 to visit a Japanese Maple arboretum in Ripley, Tennessee. Judge Joe H. Walker and his wife Danna told us the story of how they transformed (by themselves!), over a 30 year-period, their five-acre home-site on undeveloped land. Some areas had previously been used as landfill. It was a fascinating story of imagination, innovation, and unrelenting determination.

The couple purchased over 200 species of Japanese maples and have propagated many more, creating a landscape that evokes the calm and beautiful gardens for which Japan is known, including water features and large boulders. Danna is now adding moss to the landscape.

They gave us each a map that contained the location and species of each tree on the property. We also enjoyed a picnic and fellowship on the property.

Many thanks to Frances Montgomery for organizing the delicious box lunches, and to Irene Brownlow for taking the photos and creating a video that was shared with all attendees.

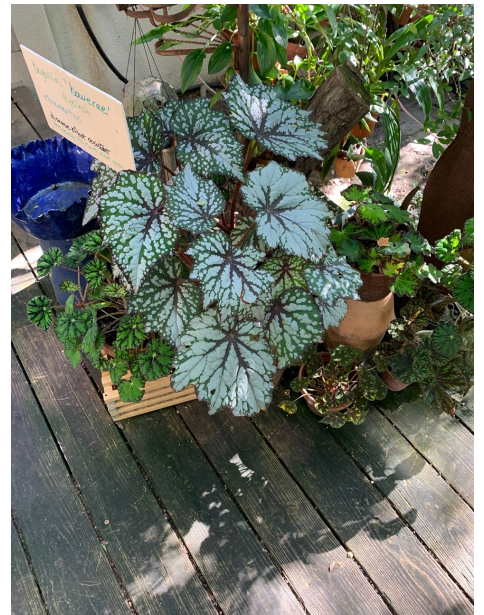


**Garden Tour****at Weezie Calandruccio's Home**

Twenty Garden Groupies visited Weezie Calandruccio's garden on October 1st. She served attendees homemade pawpaw ice cream from pawpaws that a friend grew from seed. (She later forwarded instructions on how to grow pawpaws ourselves!) Weezie told the story of her wonderful garden - how her son helped in the design, and her family's involvement in all aspects - from the beautiful welded structures in the vegetable garden, to the rain-water irrigation system to the beehives to her chicken coop modeled on a historic exchange house in Kingsport, Tennessee. She shared her plans for future gardens as well. It was a magic morning spent with a great storyteller in a very special garden. (See Irene Brownlow's photo of the event.)

**Peggy Peters Begonia Workshop in September**

Peggy Peters provided Garden Groupies an opportunity to take cuttings from her extensive and well-known begonia collection on September 16 and 17. She had her begonias sorted, labeled, and several cuttings already available before the event. She conducted individual tutorials selecting begonias based on difficulty to root, on growth rates, and sunlight needs. She also explained how to root and up-pot begonias. This was a great opportunity for anyone who loves begonias and likes to grow different varieties. Quite a few members took advantage of this great opportunity. In addition, we saw her beautiful patio that included such delights as a moss fairy garden she had just created. She also explained an interesting and beautiful way to propagate begonias that will be explained in a future article.



# Plants We Love in Our Garden



## **MEPMBER NAMES**

Gail Milnor

Lida Bross

Elizabeth Dickinson

Weezie Calandruccio

Nancy Miller

Amy Drennon

Peggy Peters

Maryan Mercer

Buff Adams

Gwin Erb

Mary Wood

Anne Curtis

Tay Chafin

Debbie Pittman

Veazy Krausnick

Ruthie Samaha

Katie Dickinson

Caroline Orr

## **PLANTS**

Hardy Begonia

Rosemary and Basil

Begonia Bowarae

Milkweed

Hostas—Francee, Enterprise

Amsonia and Creeping Fig

Begonias, Cowardly Lion, Bowarae

Rain Lilly

Lycoris Radiata, Spider Lily

Angelina

Herbaceous Peonies

Orchid

Spigelia Marilanica, Indian Pink

Edgeworthia Chrysanthyam, Paperbush

Maidenhair Fern Kokedama

Mint

Japanese Anemone

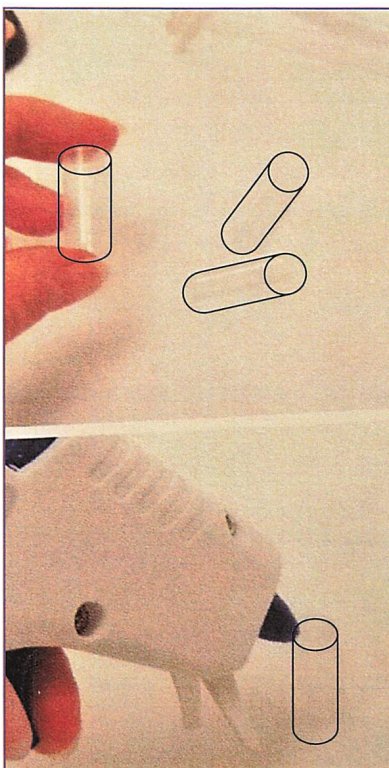
Clematis Roguchi and Tiarella Dixon

**Tuesday, November 17th**

**1:00 p.m.**

***Botanic Arts For Beginners***

**Hughes Pavillion, Dixon**



### Floral Design Tip of the Month

#### *Water Tubes in a Pinch*

How to Make Drinking Straw Water Tubes

This creative hydration solution by Christine de Beer saved the day more than once.

When you want to add a *tiny* stem into a *tiny* space, make your own *tiny* water tube out of a drinking straw. It is especially suitable for orchids.

One *tiny* tube can keep a single orchid hydrated for days and can easily be topped off.

As Christine points out, not all drinking straws are created equal. There are fat ones and thin ones, strong ones and flimsy ones, ones that are clear and those that are colored.

Cut the straw to your desired size and seal one end with a drop of hot/cold glue. Be sure to check that the glued end is totally sealed.

***Voila!.... saved by the straw!***



## Hitomi Tutorial: A Floating Table Runner Arrangement

Click the link below to see full tutorial:



<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/videos/details/id/126>

*Vice President*

*Pam Martin*

*We introduced out new members at the  
October meeting at The Dixon!  
They are excited to be a part of the Memphis Garden Club!*

**First Year Members**

**Kathy Carruthers**

**Stephanie Hayes**

**Liz Manugian**

**Second Year Members**

**Irene Ayotte, Kelly Burrows, Debi Havner, Stephanie Linkous, Miriam Smith,  
Muffy Turley, and May Weiss.**

*Please welcome them when you see them at the November meeting!*

*Please join us for a Virtual Phoebe Lecture Series  
Tuesday, November 17th at 11:00 am.*

*We are proud to announce that Page Dickey, Garden Designer and  
Author, will be our featured speaker! Page's latest book is  
Uprooted: A Gardener Reflects on Beginning Again. Through humor,  
we will learn how her approach to gardening has changed with this  
new adventure of moving from 3 acres at Duck Hill, North Salem,  
New York, to a "less demanding" 17 acres at Church House,  
Falls Village, Connecticut.*

*Question and Answer with Page, our speaker, will follow Meeting.  
Details will be emailed for zoom meeting.*

## The Garden Club of America Marketplace Shopping for Fun & Shopping for Good

Are you tired of shopping on Amazon? A little bored with the offerings in your e-mail inbox? Maybe you're looking for a unique and meaningful holiday or hostess gift?

Hop on The Garden Club of America website and visit the [GCA Marketplace](#). You can buy bulbs to plant, seeds to sow, gardening tools to work with and a full range of gardening accessories, both decorative and practical. The Marketplace also features a thoughtful selection of GCA-branded merchandise including sporty baseball caps and visors, decks of playing cards, fine linens, luxurious bathrobes and cozy throws. An exclusive line of elegant and fun jewelry with a botanical theme is also available.

These and other fine gifts are available only to GCA club members through the GCA Marketplace. To make it even better, a portion of the sales of these items comes back to the GCA to support and further our mission.

Be on the lookout for the first in a collection of GCA wooden jigsaw puzzles -- available soon but only on the GCA Marketplace!





Are you interested in becoming involved in the GCA?  
It is a wonderful time to explore the many opportunities!  
Please contact Jenne Williams [jennewilliams@comcast.net](mailto:jennewilliams@comcast.net)  
for more information about the positions available to club members.

## Christmas

K.Painter, A. Drennon

### Christmas at The Dixon

We are so very excited to have something HAPPY  
to look forward to....

Our favorite time of the year!!!!

Think Merry and Bright!

ALL members welcome to help decorate the exterior!



**Tuesday, December 1st**— Decorate Exterior/Catmur Foyer

**Wednesday, December 2nd**—Decorate Residence

**Saturday, January 2nd**—Take Down

We love having ALL New Members help with Christmas!

## Awards

## Ruthie Sama-

### Length of Service Award

Ann Boyd  
Fran Catmur  
Jane Lovitt  
Virginia Lowrance  
Carol Oates



### Extra Mile Award

Tay Chafin  
Nancy Miller  
Adele Wellford



### Club Photography Award

Rose Garrett



### Club Horticulture Award

Peggy Peters

### Club Conservation Award

Pam Martin

### Club Communication Award

Sarah Benz



### Club Civic Improvement Commendation

Ann Langston, Church Health



### Virginia C. Austin Mentoring Award

Julia Hussey

### Jeanne Parham Coors Conservation Award

Pam Martin

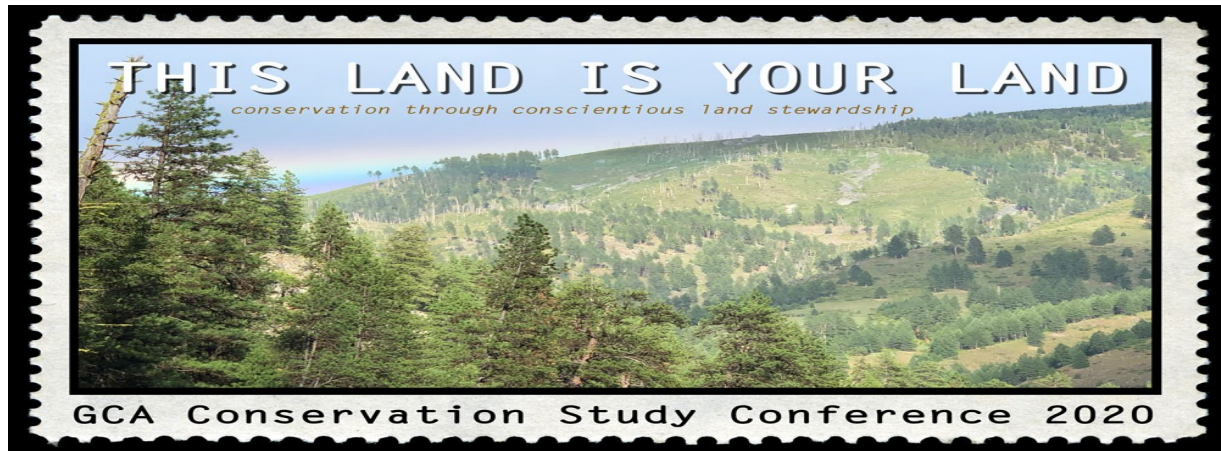
### Louisa R. Morrow Trophy

Elizabeth Dickinson

### Norfleet Trophy

Veazey Krausnick





The 2020 Conservation Study Conference will be held virtually November 17-18, 2020.

All members of all GCA clubs are invited to join us for the 2020 conference — **"This Land is Your Land: Conservation Through Conscientious Land Stewardship"**. There is no cap on attendance from each club.

Registration will open in October via an invitation sent to all club members. We look forward to welcoming you to the conference!

As Edward Abbey said, "God Bless America, let's try to save some of it."

In preparation for the conference, [check out the pre-reading and watching list!](#)

*On November 20 Tina Sullivan from the Overton Park Conservatory will lead a walking tour of the old Forest State Park in Overton Park. The tour is limited to 10. Please contact Allison Braswell for more information.*

Conservation

Allison Braswell

*Travel to Charleston with the  
Memphis Garden Club!*

*March 25–28*

*Stay tuned for more information*

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*October November*

*Birthdays*

October 3—Mary Carr  
October 4—Kelly Burrows  
October 7—Gail Milnor  
October 9—Jeanne Wilbourn  
October 14—Weezie Calandrucchio  
October 19—Janie Hopkins  
October 21—Sarah Benz, Phoebe Miller

November 1—Muffy Turley  
November 4—Veazey Krausnick  
November 7 - Edie Robinson  
November 15—Tay Chafin, Mary Ellis  
November 24—Elizabeth Dickinson  
November 25—Emily McEwan  
November 27—Julie Smith  
November 28—Heathjer Grovesnor  
November 30—Sissy Pettit

