

# MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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October 2019



## October Membership Meeting

**Thursday, Oct. 17th**

**10:30**

We are looking forward to our first meeting on October 17th, at Elmwood Cemetery.

Kim Bearden will be speaking to us on "The Women of Elmwood". We will meet in the chapel, Rain or Shine.

Randy Jefferson will be preparing us a delicious box lunch. We hope everyone will stay and visit! Please make your \$20 check payable to Randy and send to

Frances Montgomery

249 St. Andrews Fairway

Memphis, Tn. 38111

**We need to receive checks by October 10th.**

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

WOW this summer sure flew by, a hearty *welcome back* to Memphis Garden Club activities and reconnecting with friends! If you are like me we are ready-set-go for fall and all the fun that it brings including cooler weather!

In this issue, you will find our Calendar of Events which will also be printed in the Green Book. Please use this as a "Save the Date" as more detailed information and/or invitations will be mailed closer to each event. The 2019-20 Green Book filler pages will be available at our first meeting.

Elmwood will be the location of our first meeting in October so go ahead and get a group together to carpool with and plan to purchase a provided lunch, it is forecasted to be an overall delightful day for us to enjoy together!

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Cheers,

Jenne



Jenne Williams and President Elect Julia Turnipseed at the Presidents Council in New Orleans.

## Fine Arts

## E. Dickinson, C. Collier

### Dates to remember:

**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am-10am**

Urn Demonstration by Ginny Nearn in connection with the Dixon's next art opening. Ginny is arranging tropical flowers from Hawaii....bring your coffee to the Catmur Foyer for a floral design lesson, friendship and fun!

**Saturday, October 26 at 10- 11 am**

Come arrange flowers for the art opening.

### Rotations

Calendar: There are no Tuesday/Friday rotations starting Friday, November 15 through up to, through and including January 31, 2020. The last rotation for 2019 is Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 and the first rotation for 2020 is Tuesday, February 4, 2020!

New Containers for Dixon Residence: All attendees enjoyed the "Foam Free" Floral demonstrations led by Dixon's Kim Jameson in September. The new vases and opportunities to use seasonal cuttings from the Dixon grounds is going to be delight! Below are examples of the beauties created by Kim before our eyes...all Dixon grown!



A special thank you to Kim Jameson for demonstrating the new water hydrated floral technique that is being introduced into the weekly flower rotations.

## Conservation

Pam Martin



We are so excited to introduce our new recycle bags that will be available at our first meeting for \$6.00 each. These two ladies are known for diligently using recycle bags and were excited to be the first to show these off!

Please join us to sip on “adult fairy-tails” while we tiptoe through their gardens and learn about The Compost Fairy, a Memphis recycling project.

Thursday, October 19th  
5-7:30  
Pam Martin’s Home  
3943 Minden (necessary?)

Presentation at 5:30  
RSVP 483-0682 or [pammcplus@aol.com](mailto:pammcplus@aol.com)



## Conservation, cont.

*Pam Martin*

MGC applied for a P4P grant from GCA and received it for Epping Way, Wolf River Conservancy! We would like to introduce it to our entire membership on November 2nd and would like a good turnout. Our day starts at 11:00 and we are going to have a guided tour at 11:30. They are bringing canoes for us and river guides. Wolf River really appreciates what we have done and are going to a lot of trouble to showcase Epping Way to us on November 2nd!

Thank you, in advance for your participation!

Pam

## Horticulture

*Emily Lowrance*



## Treasurer

*Catherine Stallings*

REMINDER - Member's Dues were due August 1st. Dues for Regular Members are \$212.00, and due for Life Members are \$87.00. Please make checks payable to Memphis Garden Club and mail checks to Catherine Stallings at 4242 Tuckahoe Road, Memphis, TN 38117. Or, you can pay online with the PayPal link below (NOTE: the link works on a mainframe/desktop and iPad, but does NOT work from and iPhone). If you haven't paid your dues, please do so ASAP as fines can be assessed. Thanks!

## Corresponding Secretary

*J. Turnipseed*

Please be aware **Prospective Candidate Proposal Forms** will be accepted between July 1 and February 1st of each year in accordance with the policies of the Corresponding Secretary Please refer to the bylaws , Article III -Section 4. Thank you, Julia

## *Vice President*

*Lysbeth Francis*

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### NEW MEMBERS

New Members gathered with their sponsors and club leaders on Thursday, August 22 for an informative meeting regarding their responsibilities as new members of the Memphis Garden Club. The meeting was followed by a walking tour of the Dixon with additional comments and insightful information from the Dixon staff. Floral Rotation responsibilities commenced the first week of September and continued through the month. No casualties have been reported! Other activities have included Photography workshops and Fine Arts demonstrations as well as Conservation gatherings. The New Members look forward to their first General Membership meeting at Elmwood Cemetery on Thursday, October 17.

### PHOEBE COOK LECTURE SERIES

Mark your calendars and please plan to attend the Phoebe Cook Lecture in the Dixon's Winegardner Auditorium at 11:00 am on Thursday, November 21. Isabel Bannerman will be joined by her son Gilbert in leading a discussion regarding her 40 year career alongside her husband Julian Bannerman in designing and creating beautiful gardens and garden buildings throughout England. The Bannerman have won several Gold Medals at Chelsea and hold a royal warrant from Prince Charles. Additionally they designed and implemented the Stumpery in Prince Charles' Highgrove Gardens as well as the New York British Memorial Garden to 9/11. Isabel and Julian Bannerman recently published their second book, "Scent Magic". This publication, describing the creation of their scented garden in Cornwall, will be available for purchase at the lecture.

Lysbeth Kent Francis

## *Historian / Webmistress*

*Teri Sullivant*

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### Information Central

The Memphis Garden Club website, [www.memphisgardenclub.org](http://www.memphisgardenclub.org), has all the information you need for the 2020 Memphis Flower Show. You can view the schedule and register online for flower show entries, as well as purchase tickets to the preview party and lecture series.

To view information for garden club members only, go to [memphisgardenclub.org/members](http://memphisgardenclub.org/members). On your phone or iPad, you can view the calendars for meetings, workshops and events. You can view even more on your laptop or mainframe, including photographs, awards and newsletters.

The Memphis Garden Club website is your go-to place for anything you need to know!

## Christmas at the Dixon S. Plyler, K. Painter



Christmas at the Dixon

It's almost Christmas....

Think Santa, Candy Canes and Red and Green!!!



Christmas will be here before we know it, and once again the Memphis Garden Club will be decorating the Dixon for the season with our favorite Christmas themed decorations!! Please sign up during the October membership meeting to join us Tuesday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m. in decorating the Dixon's Catmur Foyer and exterior and Wednesday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m. to decorate the Residence Living Room, Dining Room, Library and Entrance Hall. (Take down of decorations will be Thursday, January 2)

All members are invited!

## Tip of the Month

### Looking for Floral Design Solutions

A big challenge for floral designers is how to hide your water source. Here are a few solutions you might want to try.



**Glass Smoothie Straws** are an ideal mechanic. They are wider and sturdier than regular straws, can be washed and reused, and will support the flower/foilage stems in water. Be aware. In order for this mechanic to work, the end of the straw will need to be permanently sealed. For this try black **Multi-purpose Rubber Coating**. In very small designs, or tight locations use one of the smallest vials we have found a **disposable eye lubricant dropper**. And while you are at it, don't throw away your other eye drop containers! The 10ml size makes a wonderful miniature vase.

Another possibility is **Vaseline Lip Therapy** container. It works in narrow spaces and comes with a sturdy lid that can be punctured for support of small flower stems.

And you can always spray paint your container. **Dark Brown Camouflage spray paint**, normally used by hunters, is one of our favorites.

Tip of the Month from Katie Barack – FD Rep Zone I

## Calendar of Events 2019-2020

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### 2019

October 1	Ryn Clark Photography Workshop	10:00-12:00
October 3-5	MGC Birmingham Trip	Thurs. noon - Saturday
October 10	Hort: Up-pot& Seed	9:00
October 16	Exec/Board meeting	9:00/10:00
October 17	Membership Meeting at Elmwood	10:30
October 19	Conservation: Fairy Garden Party	5:50-7:00
October 24	Little Garden Club Flower Show, Botanic Garden	
October 25	FA Urn Demonstration, Catmur Foyer	9:00
October 26	FA Flower Arranging, Potting Hub	10:00
November 2	Conservation: Epping Way Tour	11:00
November 12	Last FA Rotation for 2019	
November 14	Hort: Plant Amaryllis for Flower Show Entry	9:00
November 20	Exec/Board Meeting	9:00/10:00
November 20	Phoebe Cook Cocktail Buffet, Polo Club	6:00
November 21	Phoebe Cook Meeting and Lecture	10:30/11:00
December 3	Decorate Dixon Exterior and Catmur Foyer	9:00
December 4	Decorate Dixon Residence	9:00
December 5	Dixon Christmas Party for MGC	5:30-7:00
December 9	Hort: Make Boxwood Wreaths	9:00

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### 2020

January 2	Dixon Decoration Takedown	9:00
January 15	Exec/Board Meeting	9:00/10:00
January 16	Home Meetings	10:30
February	Conservation: MLGW Water Tour	Day & Time TBD
February 3	FA Rotations Resume	
February 13	Hort: Plant a Kitchen Garden	9:00
February 18	Exec/Board Meeting	9:00/10:00
February 19	MGC & LGC Joint Meeting	10:30
February 23-26	CON/NAL Trip to DC	
March 12	Hort: Learn to Prepare Entries for Flower Show	9:00
March 18	Exec/Board Meeting	9:00/10:00
March 19	Membership Meeting, Dixon	10:30
April 1-5	MGC Flower Show	
April 3	Preview Party	
April 15-17	Zone Meeting	
May 4-7	GCA Annual Meeting	
May 14	Hort: Scavenger Hunt at Dixon	9:00
May 20	Exec/Board Meeting	9:00/10:00
May 21	May Garden Party	11:00

Please send all articles and photos to [mgcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:mgcnews@yahoo.com)  
to be included in the November Newsletter by October 20th.

Thank you! Sarah Benz