

MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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September 2020

Dear Memphis Garden Club,

It is a great honor to write this first newsletter in the fall, of our 99th year. What an extraordinary year it has been. We are grateful to Jenne Williams and her wonderful leadership through these tumultuous times. She has done an outstanding job of making and executing difficult decisions; Thank you for her organization and guidance.

We have an exciting fall planned for you. Our heads of horticulture, conservation, fine arts, and photography have done a superb job of planning and organizing many wonderful workshops and field trips. Thank you Debbie Pittman (Hort.), Kaki Smith (Fine arts), Allison Braswell (Conservation), and Irene Brownlow (Photography). Please check the calendar of events in your green book and keep your eye on your email with reminders from them.

Much work has been going on this summer to kick off our fall activities. Thank you, Pam Martin, for an outstanding new member orientation workshop in late August, and Thank you Kathryn Painter and Amy Drennon for organizing the Christmas at the Dixon.

This fall will be interesting in light of COVID-19. Our October membership meeting will be held on the Hughes Pavilion terrace on October the 15th at 10.:30am with masks and social distancing. Please rsvp to Ferrin Mavar at ferrintmavar@gmail.com. We need to have a list of attendees, also note in light of COVID we will be suspending all membership meeting requirements. If you do not feel comfortable coming, we will miss you. `

The board and special committees are excited about the fall of 2020. I hope we will enjoy the many activities they have planned. Everyone has worked hard throughout the summer.

I hope you have had a sweet, restful summer enjoying your family and that your gardens have given you much solace during this time at home.

Here's to a fun filled fall and an exciting kickoff to our 100th anniversary in 2021!

Surprises await!

With great expectations,

Julia



October

Membership Meeting

Thursday , October 15th

10:30

Dixon Gallery & Gardens

Hughes Pavilion

(don't forget your mask!)

Fine Arts

Kaki Smith



Due to COVID-19, all flower rotations at the Dixon have been postponed until February 2021.

Please Take Note.....

The Memphis Garden Club Sculpture Garden at Memphis Botanic Garden has received a Roy Tamboli sculpture from Reverend Buddy Stallings. David Lusk introduced Reverend Stallings to our sculpture garden and was instrumental in our receiving this beautiful work. We appreciate his continual help with our efforts to create and maintain an exceptional garden at Memphis Botanic Garden. Thank you to Veazy Krausnick, David Lusk, Edie Marshall, Nancy Morrow, Gwen Owen, Charlotte Robbins, Adele Wellford, and Russell Whitehead for helping me find the installation of this sculpture.

Ruthie Bowlin





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Garden Groupies: Our New Horticulture Focus Group

In addition to our traditional fall and spring horticulture workshops, and monthly horticulture service rotations at the Dixon (see MGC 2020-21 Calendar), the Horticulture Committee is adding programming for members who would like to focus on horticulture. The focus group will be called **Garden Groupies**.

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

Once you are on the email list, you will receive notifications of upcoming popups during the year.

Popups are informal outings, meetings, or workshops that will be in the homes or gardens of members. They will be low-key, informal get togethers. The common denominator is they will focus on horticulture: sharing ideas about how to grow and propagate plants, how to improve landscapes, how to address specific plant problems...the list is endless.

You may attend any that you find interesting. The Horticulture Committee is looking forward to a great year in our gardens!

Horticulture

Debbie Pittman



All members are invited to go on a fun field trip on October 22 (Thursday), to visit a Japanese Maple arboretum in Ripley, Tennessee. Judge Joe H. Walker and his wife Danna share a passion for Japanese maple trees and have collected over 200 examples in the garden surrounding their home. There are over 100 different cultivars including rare specimens. They vary in height from 2-35 feet with an array of forms from upright to weeping, many growing in the ground while other grace smaller containers. There are companion trees and shrubs as well in their very large garden.

Their address is 155 Wakewood Place, Ripley, TN 36063. You may prefer to use the map and travel directly to the address. It should take about 75 minutes to drive to the Walker garden. Those who desire to carpool may gather at Dixon parking lot near potting hub at 9:15 a.m. in order to arrive close to 10:30 a.m. A map will be emailed to attendees before October 22 so you can park in a large parking lot adjacent to their property.

If you plan to go, please contact Frances Montgomery at 901-489-0681 or fvmontgomery@aol.com so we can give the Walkers a head count. If you desire to purchase a delicious box lunch for the outing, Frances will give you the details when you contact her. There are picnic tables in an area of their property.

MGC Garden Groupies Tout Their Favorite Plants

The Horticulture Committee hosted the first Garden Groupie popup on September 10. Each groupie (21 attended!) brought one of her favorite plants to the event to share with the attendees in a backyard setting. Each one introduced her plant, explained why she loved the plant, and gave hints on how best to grow it. Below we are sharing our MGC members' favorite plants so that you can benefit from what others in our club love and grow:

See attached file entitled **Plants We Love in Our Garden final.docx** and insert here.

See attached photos to be added to the article.

This was the first Garden Groupie popup this year, but there will be many more. Any member who would like to join MGC's Horticulture Focus Group should send an email to Debbie Pittman at deborahpittman@live.com, and they will receive email notifications of the many popups planned for this year.



Paper Whites

\$15



Amaryllis

\$25

(solid white, Solid Red, Picotee)

Will arrive in a plastic liner to be placed in your own containers.

Call Melissa at The Dixon to order starting October 1st!

Cary Brown

Daffodil Workshop This Fall

Molly Hampton, a long-time leader in the Mid-South Daffodil Society, will explain how easy and fun it is to grow gorgeous daffodils. She will provide information on the American Daffodil Society's classification system. Not only will she describe the Mid-South Daffodil Show that is held each year in Memphis, but she plans to provide an overview of how daffodils are judged. If you have been curious about the Mid-South Daffodil Show and the beautiful flowers it brings to Memphis each year, or about how to grow beautiful daffodils yourself, you will want to attend. (In fact, the Daffodil Society's bulb sale is planned for November, so you will be an informed buyer if you take advantage of this event.) The workshop is on Thursday, October 29 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Memphis Botanic Garden.



Photography

Irene Brownlow



Photography Schedule for 2020-2021

October 13th and 20th 9:30-12:30 Zoom Workshop with Yoni Mayeri



November 4th 1:30-3:00 Botanic Gardens or Zoom *How to Enter a GCA Photography Show* – Rose Garrett and Maryan Mercer

January 12 and 20th 9:30-12:30 Speaker Yoni Mayeri Botanic Gardens (in person we hope) or Zoom Workshop on Iphone photography *more tricks to master*

February 3 1:30-3:00 Botanic Gardens or zoom *What Judges look for in a GCA Photography Contest* speaker Vance Lewis

Yoni Mayeri Zoom Workshop

“The camera is an instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera.” Dorothea Lange



Yoni Mayeri is nationally known and was chosen as one of the top 100 iPhoneographers in the country. She regularly teaches at UC Berkeley, Stanford and Rancho La Puerta. She also has lectured at Google, Pacific Art League and many other schools and corporate groups. Yoni is published in many journals and displayed at numerous galleries and forums. She also has won many GCA photography awards and is a GCA lecturer.

I-phone Zoom Photography Workshop

October 13 and October 20

Time 9:30-12:30

Cost \$120.00

Maximum 20 in the workshop-lots of personal attention

Sign up through:

Irene Brownlow-irenebrownlow2@gmail.com

Edie Robinson 904-451-5205 or Ediemrt@aol.com

Travel

Jeanne Wilbourn

Memphis Garden Club goes to Charleston!

March 25-28

Stay tuned for more details!

Vice President

Pam Martin

We welcomed our first and second year new members at an orientation meeting on August 27th at the Dixon Museum. Dale Skaggs gave an entertaining history of the wonderful relationship the Memphis Garden Club and The Dixon have shared and enjoyed over the past years. Other Committee Chais that gave a warm welcome to the new members were Kaki Smith (Fine Arts), Debbie Pittman (Horticulture), Allison Braswell (Conservation), Kathryn Painter (Christmas at the Dixon), and Lysbeth Francis & Elizabeth Coors (Memphis Flower Show).

Even though we are dealing with many changes during COVID-19, the new members are excited about participating in the available events ahead in 2020-2021. Please welcome our new members when they are introduced at our October meeting.

First Year: Kathy Carruthers, Stephanie Hays, Liz Manugain

Second Year: Kelly Burrows, Debi Havner, Stephanie Linkous, Miriam Smith, Muffy Turley, May Weiss

Pam Martin

Christmas at The Dixon

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!

Please contact Kathryn or Amy if you are
interested in helping decorate the residence; due to COVID-19
a limited number will be decorating inside the Dixon.

All members welcome to help decorate (and take down) the exterior,
which will be our main focus this year!

Tuesday, December 1st— Decorate Exterior/Catmur Foyer

Wednesday, December 2nd—Decorate Residence

Saturday, January 2nd—Take Down



Calendar of Events 2020-2021

2020

August 27 New Member Orientation Hughes Pavilion

September 16-17 Zone IX Presidents Council, Virtual

September 22-23 Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference, Virtual

September 24 Board luncheon Sumner, Mississippi

October 8 Hort. Field Trip Japanese Maples Ripley, Tn. 9.15am

October 13 Yoni Mayeri Photography workshop 9AM Zoom or Memphis Botanic Gardens

October 14 Exec. 10AM Board 11AM Memphis Country Club

October 15 Membership Meeting Sybil Sylvester of Wildflower Designs 10.30 am Hughes Pavilion Terrace

October 20 Photography workshop 9AM zoom or Memphis Botanic Gardens

October 29 Hort. workshop *Daffodils with Molly Hampton, Memphis Botanic Garden 9.30-11am*

November 4 Photography Workshop *How to Enter a GCA Flower Show*, Memphis Botanic Gardens or Zoom 1.30-3pm

November 11 Exec 10am –Board 11am

November 12 Phoebe Cook lecture, 10.30 Membership meeting/lecture 11am, Zoom

November 17 Fine Arts workshop *Botanic Arts for Beginners* Hughes Pavilion 1pm

November 17-18 Conservation Study Conference, Virtual

November date TBD- Conservation Workshop Let's Take a Walk through Overton Park, Lecture by the Overton Park Conservancy

December 1 Decorate Dixon for Christmas, exterior

December 2 Decorate Dixon for Christmas

December 7 Fine Arts Workshop, *Make your own Christmas Wreath*, Hughes Pavilion 10

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January 12, 2021 Yoni Mayeri Photography Workshop Memphis Botanic Gardens or Zoom 9.30-12.30

January 19 Yoni Mayeri Photography Workshop Memphis Botanic Gardens or Zoom 9.30-12.30

January 20 Exec. 10am –Board Meeting 11am

January 21 Photography Conference, Virtual

February 3 Photography Workshop what Judges look for in GCA Photography Contest Memphis Botanic Gardens/Zoom 1.30-3pm

February 11 Hort. rotation 9-11am

February 23 Fine Arts workshop, *Beginning Needlepoint* Hughes Pavilion 10am

February 23-24 National Affairs and Legislation Conference, Virtual

February 24 Exec. 10am- Board Meeting 11am

February 25 membership Meeting 10.30am

March 3 Photography Field Trip 1.30-4pm

March 4 Hort. Workshop *Vines That are Easy to Grow*, Dixon Potting Hub 10am-12pm

March 11 Hort. rotations 9-11

March 16-19 Zone IX meeting and flower show hosted by New Orleans Town Gardeners, Virtual

March 17 Exec. 10am-Board meeting 11am

March 18 Membership Meeting Mike Larrivee of the Compost Fairy 10.30 am

March 25-March 27 spring trip to Charleston, South Carolina

April 7 Photography Field Trip 1.30-4pm

April 8 Hort. rotation 9-11am

April 8 Floral Design Conference, Virtual

April 14 Exec. 10 am- Board Meeting 11am

April 15 Membership Meeting 10.am

April Date TBD Conservation Workshop Why are pollinators so critical to our Ecosystem ? a lecture by the Bartlett Bee Whisperer.

May 5 Photography Field Trip 1.30-4pm

May 11-12 GCA annual Meeting, Virtual

May 13 Hort. rotation 9-11am

May 19 Exec. 10 am- Board Meeting 11am

May 20 Garden Club Spring Picnic.

September Birthdays

September 6—Julia Turnipseed
September 10—Emily Lowrance
September 12—Adele Wellford
September 14—Stephanie Linkous
September 19—Camille Mueller
September 22—Kathryn Painter
September 23—Anne Boyd
September 26—Edie Marshall
September 29—Ginger Norcross



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

The deadline for the next newsletter is Friday, October 9

Thank you, Kathryn Painter