



MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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JANUARY 2022

January Meeting

Thursday, January 20th

Memphis Botanic Gardens

Speaker: Elizabeth Heiskell

CANCELLED

February Meeting

Thursday, February 17th

10:30 a.m.

The University Club

Speaker: Sybil Sylvester

Annual Joint Meeting with The Little Garden Club

Lunch to follow

Please send your \$35 check to Catherine Stallings

Sybil Sylvester has been creating breathtaking floral creations for home delivery, special occasions, parties and weddings for more than two decades. Her signature style has earned her a place among the nation's top floral designers. With Wildflower School and Wildflower on the Road Sybil educates other floral enthusiasts, garden clubs, and businesses whether they be beginners or more advanced designers. We look forward to hearing the Birmingham native at our February meeting.

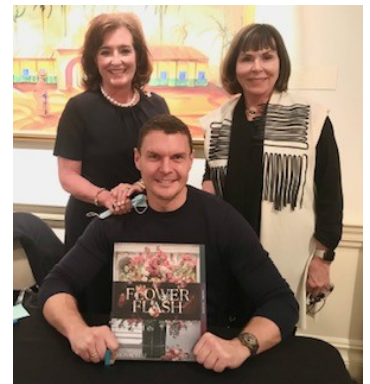
Dear Memphis Garden Club Members,

As the New Year dawns the word that keeps playing in my mind is: gratitude. We all have so much to be thankful for and we are all so blessed. We are blessed by our families, by our friendships in the Memphis Garden Club, by our shared interest in beauty, gardening, and by our concern for our environment. We give to our city and institutions through our time and interest, but we also gain much through giving our time, our talent and from our relationships with each other.

We have given back much to our community this last year. The Church Health Center Garden is a new project. We have planted perennials and native plants, and also raised beds of vegetables and herbs. Barton Lynch has promoted and spearheaded this worthy project for the patients of the Church Health Center.

The Kids in the Garden program at the Dixon, sponsored by the Memphis Garden Club, benefits children and families and provides packets to teach children about plants, gardening, and the beauty of nature. Thank you to Jenne Williams for guiding us in sharing with the children who visit the Dixon.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONT'D...

In our spirit of gratitude and giving, the Memphis Garden Club board voted unanimously to make a 100th anniversary gift to the Memphis Garden Club Water Garden at the Botanic Garden for their restoration project. Also we are pleased to give a 100th anniversary gift to the Dixon Gallery and Gardens, specifically earmarked for the Gardens. We are thrilled to collaborate on both projects. It is in the spirit of our gratitude and blessings that we share with our community partners. I am excited!

November and December were fun! We had a glorious hike in Overton Park in late November. It was a picture perfect fall day. What a treasure the City of Memphis has in Overton Park; the foliage was magnificent. We also had a workshop on how to enter horticulture in our flower show. Thank you to Allison Braswell, Debbie Pittman, Buff Adams, and many other pros running our horticulture room at the Flower Show. They guide us in the proper protocol of entering horticulture in a major G.C.A. show.

Our Phoebe Cook lecture was very well-attended and Lewis Miller was phenomenal; he exudes gratitude. Pam Martin did an outstanding job securing him as our speaker and taking care of all the details of his visit. The party at the Polo Club was fun and festive, thanks to Emily McEwan, Lysbeth Francis and Sarah Benz.

The Decorating at the Dixon was a merry and joyful day and the decorations were gorgeous. Thank you to Ainsley and Hardy Todd and Amy Drennon for chairing our Christmas at the Dixon.

We are off and running into a busy 2022. Unfortunately, the surge of the Omicron variant has forced us to cancel our upcoming membership meeting. While we are disappointed that we have had to cancel our January meeting, we always welcome the talented Elizabeth Heiskell and hope to have her back again soon.

Please join Irene Brownlow for a lecture on eagles on February 2 at the Dixon; she will share her photographs of these magnificent birds.

The Memphis Flower Show, "*Perspectives*" is right around the corner on April 8-10, 2022. We are so fortunate to receive a generous donation from the Crawford Howard Foundation, who is the major sponsor of our flower show. A generous grant from Ainsley and Hardy Todd, which was given in memory of Hardy's mother, May Snowden Todd, will sponsor our lecture series on April 9, 2022.

We have so much to be thankful for. I am grateful for you and our wonderful Memphis Garden Club. We enrich our environment and each other.

Here's to a glorious New Year!

With love,
Julia



Vice President

Pam Martin

The Phoebe Cook Cocktail party at The Hunt and Polo Club was a huge success! Emily McEwan knocked it out of the park with the Elvis and Memphis theme. Kudos to Julie Spear, Lysbeth Francis and Edie Marshall for their help in decorating for the party. The live music from Marion Monterosso's electric guitar was amazing.



Lewis Miller was a big hit with the MGC! A huge crowd from all of Memphis enjoyed his creativity and floral design as well as the many stories of his Flower Flashes in New York.



Christmas at The Dixon

Oh what fun...

*It was decorating The Dixon!
Thank you to Amy Drennon
and Ainsley and Hardy Todd
for making the galleries Merry
and Bright!*



You are cordially invited

to the MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

2022 Major Flower Show

PERSPECTIVES

Preview Party

April 8, 2022

seven until nine o'clock

your RSVP is your payment, \$100 per ticket

Click on QR Code For Payment



Check payable to

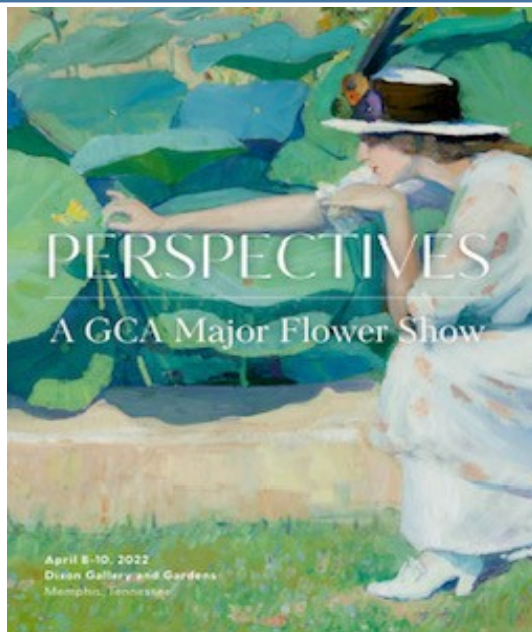
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2022 LECTURE SERIES

Meg Braff

Saturday, April 9
10:00am
Hughes Pavilion

Meg Braff embarked on her interior design career after attending Vanderbilt University and Parsons School of Design. After working for several New York decorators she launched her eponymous firm in 1994.

Known for her exuberant take on traditional design, Meg creates livable spaces imbued with playful glamour and a modern perspective. Her sophisticated color sense, curatorial eye, and deft ability to mix antique and modern pieces has broad appeal, evidenced by residential commissions throughout the East Coast and the Caribbean. In 2011 she acquired the Philip Graf archive, and began updating and recoloring his playful wallpapers and fabrics. She also opened a shop, Meg Braff Antiques & Decoration, located in the heart of Locust Valley, NY.

Meg Braff Designs, West Palm Beach, opening in the fall of 2021, will house Meg's design studio, wallpaper and fabric showroom and a curated collection of antiques and contemporary home furnishings.

Meg embodies her rooms with charisma and individuality, while taking heed to her clients preferences and lifestyles. The result is layered, deeply personal spaces, the ideal setting for gracious living and celebrations with friends and family.

A native of Tupelo, Mississippi, Meg is married to Douglas Braff and is the mother of four boys. When she is not traveling for clients she crisscrosses the country to cheer on her boys at squash competitions; she also sits on the board of The Bone Marrow Foundation and the Preservation Society of Newport County. Her work has been appeared in *Veranda*, *House Beautiful*, *Traditional Home*, *Coastal Living*, *Southern Living*, and *Hamptons Cottages & Gardens*, among others. Her first book, *The Decorated Home: Living with Style and Joy*, was published by Rizzoli in April 2017.



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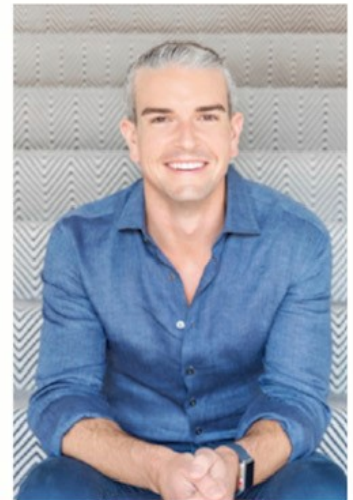
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Gray Malin is a modern day fine art photographer and *New York Times* best-selling author based in Los Angeles. He has received commercial recognition for his inventive aerial beach, ski, and park scenes of the world's most iconic destinations, and has photographed collections at historic properties including The Beverly Hills Hotel, The Parker Palm Springs Hotel, The Breakers Palm Beach, and the Coral Casino Beach and Cabana Club at the Four Seasons Biltmore Santa Barbara.

Forging his work into a larger lifestyle with the philosophy to Make Every Day a Getaway®, Gray's photography has since expanded into a line of luxury products for home and travel. Gray has collaborated with global brands including Disney, Google, Bugaboo, and Veuve Clicquot, engaging diverse audiences to experience his work in new and exciting ways.





Take Note...

The Memphis Garden Club is accepting New Member proposals. All proposals must be sent to Elizabeth Coors, MGC Corresponding Secretary, by February 1st. The candidate must have lived in the Memphis area for two years and exemplify a willingness of participation as an Active Member of the Memphis Garden Club.

Fine Arts

Kaki Smith



Reminder: There are NO rotations in January. Rotations will begin again in groups of two on February 1, 2022.

Date Change: The date for our Floral Design 201 class with Julie Spear has changed. It will now be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Hughes Pavilion. Please text or email **Kaki** to reserve a spot **901-268-4182**. This is a great time to ask Julie any questions that you may have before the flower show. Join us!



The beautiful photo here shows Kokedama mounds which will be a category in our upcoming Flower Show. The Japanese style of potting up plants in a ball of moss can be displayed on a dish or suspended in the air. They also work well using houseplants. They truly make a lovely display!

Horticulture

Debbie Pittman



In December, members of the Horticulture Group planted Button Bushes at The Memphis Botanic Garden! As a reminder we will not have any Hort Workshops until after The Flower Show.

Photography

Irene Brownlow

You won't want to miss...

Irene Brownlow discussing Eagles and photography

February 2nd, 2 p.m.

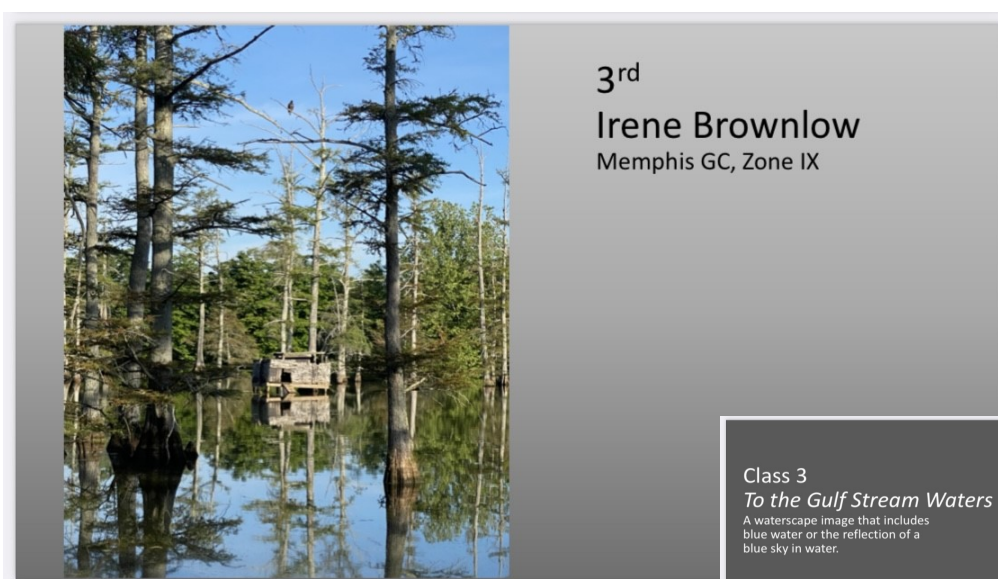
Dixon Auditorium



Congratulations

To our very own....

**Irene Brownlow for her
winning photograph in the
GCA Focus contest!**



Class 3
To the Gulf Stream Waters
A waterscape image that includes
blue water or the reflection of a
blue sky in water.

January Birthdays



Newsletter

Please send any information for the

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

To Kathryn... mgcnews@yahoo.com

Deadline: January 21, 2022

We love seeing your photos, gardens and MGC activities!