

NOVEMBER 2021

It's the most wonderful time of the year! What a fun and busy time for the Memphis Garden Club. On October 21st we had our 100th Birthday celebration; our panel of speakers was informative and entertaining. We learned so much about our history and all the impressive things we have accomplished over the last 100 years. I hope this makes us all proud and humbled to be a member of such an esteemed and successful organization. We should be inspired to go forward with a renewed sense of purpose and energy. A huge amount of gratitude goes to Cary Brown who put together a book of all our members from the last 100 years; she gathered all of the memorabilia, organized our program, and recruited our panel of speakers.

We have had many workshops and learning opportunities in October. Kaki Smith and Julie Spear organized Floral Design 101 to teach us the different types and styles of flower arranging. Debbie Pittman had a fun and informative field trip to Elmwood Cemetery where we learned about their gardening program to plant and maintain cradle graves. Irene Brownlow has had two photography workshops, giving us tips about entering photography in our flower show. Allison Braswell has organized a hike through the woodland trail at Meeman-Shelby State Park where we received the Founders Fund award for our wildflower trail in 1937. We had a great trip to New Orleans and saw beautiful gardens. The fun and camaraderie of traveling with friends is invaluable; thank you to Tina Todd and Jeanne Wilbourn for organizing our trip.

Now looking ahead into this busy season, we will welcome Lewis Miller, our guest speaker for the Phoebe Cook lecture on November the 11th. He is quite the hot florist in New York and has gained a huge following through his surprise "flower flashes". I hope you will come to the cocktail party at the Polo Club the night before. We will raise a toast to Lewis Miller and our 100^{th} years as a club! Sarah Benz and Emily McEwan, with the help of Pam Martin and Julie Spear, have put together an exciting event. Ruthie Bowlin and Russell Whitehead are always so helpful, interested and supportive of our Phoebe Cook lecture series. Thank you for your organization and vision.

We look forward to decorating the Dixon for Christmas. Ainsley and Hardy Todd, and Amy Drennon have been working since summer on our festive display. It is always a fun few days of decorating.

Thank you to the Memphis Garden Club for your time, talent, and commitment to such an esteemed organization.

Tis the Season; Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Love, Julia



Celebrating 100 Years of The Memphis Garden Club











PLEASE JOIN THE MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

TO CELEBRATE OUR

100TH ANNIVERSARY

AND TO WELCOME

2021 PHOEBE COOK LECTURE SERIES

GUEST SPEAKER ~ LEWIS MILLER

GOOKTAIL BUFFET

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:00-8:00 P.M.

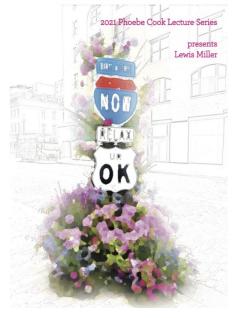
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\$60.00 PER PERSON

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Vice President

Pam Martin

Featuring I FWIS MILLER

November 11th 10:00

By day, the floral designer Lewis Miller creates arrangements of originality and abundance for major events in New York, which gained him International recognition. At night, Lewis Miller ventures into the streets to create his startling floral displays, installed guerilla style on street corners, construction sites, traffic signs, and subway entrances.

Lewis began his impromptu public displays as a way to use leftover flowers and foliage that would otherwise go to waste from events. Miller calls these guerilla installations "Flower Flashes"! He puts them together for the total pleasure of the public to enjoy!



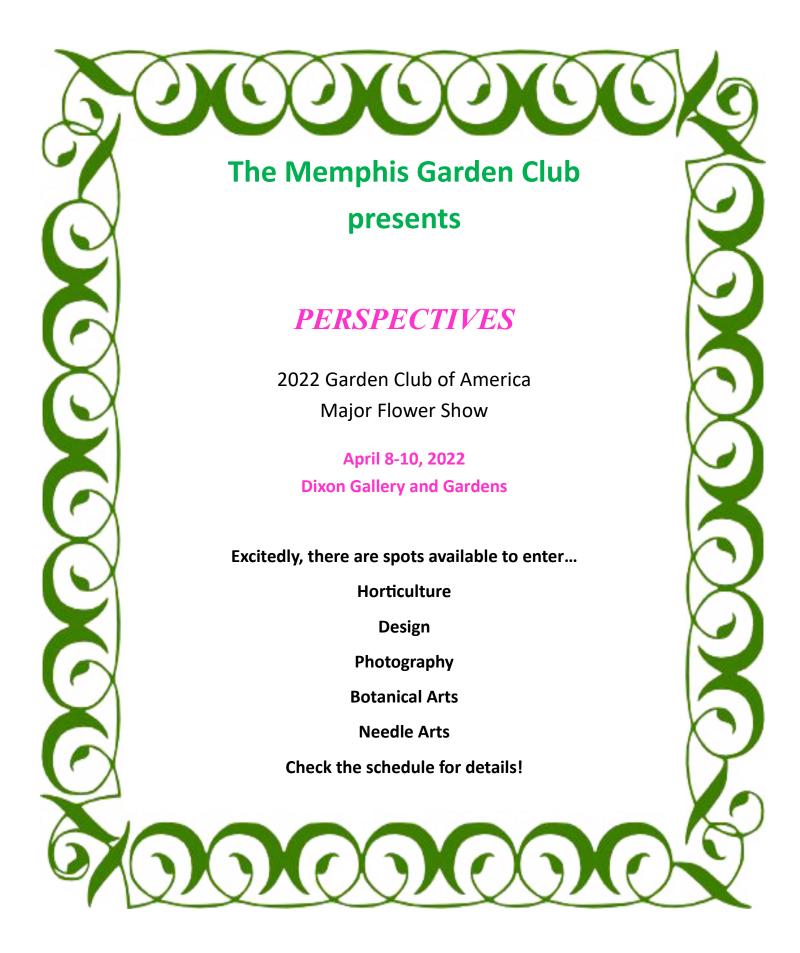
What initially began as an experiment to reinvigorate and reconnect people to

the craft of flowers turned into a beautiful shared experience in a city of millions.

Lewis Miller will introduce his new book, <u>Flower Flash</u>, at our meeting on November 11th.

Preorder your signed copy of <u>Flower Flash</u> by Lewis Miller by contacting Pam Martin at pammartin2020@gmail.com.





Who doesn't love a compliment? On a recent trip to Knoxville our own Julie Spear caught wind of what other clubs are saying about The Memphis Garden Club and our Flower Show....

"People love the venue of the Dixon & its excellent, helpful staff

as well as the excellent lighting which doesn't happen at all shows; they adore our "gracious hospitality"; they really like the proximity of the Doubletree not only to the Dixon but also to Garden District!! I also overheard one person tell another that Memphis Flower Show is the one not to miss if at all possible."



JANUARY MEETING

JANUARY 20th

10AM Meeting

The Dixon

11AM GUEST SPEAKER ELIZABETH HEISKELL





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

Jingle, Jingle!

Our Annual Christmas Wreath Workshop will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$75.00. You can Venmo Kaki at:

Anna-Smith-65758 or you can mail her a check to 355 Tara Lane Memphis, TN 38111. Make your checks payable to Kaki Smith and I will reimburse The Dixon.

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On October 28 members of The Memphis Garden Club gathered at the Dixon for a Floral Design 101 workshop, lead by award winning designer, Julie Spear.

Be sure to be on the lookout for announcements for Floral 102 coming in the spring.

If you missed the first workshop a video of the event will soon be posted to our website!





Conservation

Allison Braswell

CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES IN NOVEMBER

Friday, November 5th, 9:30 - 11:30ish: We will meet at the visitor center of Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park, a 12,539-acre hardwood bottomland area bordering the mighty Mississippi. We will hike part of the Woodland Trail, as we listen to the ranger discuss interesting topics, ranging from the history of the park, to the myriad of state and national champion trees in the park, to the endangered and protected plants that inhabit the park. If time allows, we will head to the Nature Center to hear about birds of prey. For those who would like to eat lunch, we will meet at the nearby General Store.

Tuesday, November 16th, 1:00PM: We will meet in Overton Park for our second tour of the Old Forest. Instead of the beautiful wildflowers we enjoyed last spring, we will view the fantastic fall foliage.

PLEASE email me at albras@me.com to reserve a spot!

NOVEMBER HORTICULTURE ACTIVITIES

Our seed share project was a huge success!

Many thanks to Buff Adams, Louise Slater, Caroline Orr, Tay Chafin, Amy Drennon, and Debi Havner for sharing their seeds. We've already sent seed packets to River Oaks Garden Club in Houston, The Garden Club of Houston, The Monroe Garden Study League, and The Founders Garden Club of Dallas.

Hort Rotation on November 2 at Dixon Potting Shed at 9:00 a.m. Please email me if you plan to go.

For those attending hort rotations at Dixon this year, we are doing the rotations differently. MBG will join other Dixon garden volunteers and work on projects in the gardens as needed by Kim Rucker.

When you arrive <u>please sign in at the desk</u> and assemble in the potting shed, where Kim Rucker will let you know the garden project for that day. Please dress to work outside according to that day's weather. You will want to bring your own garden gloves, clippers, and trowel in case they are needed. Either I or other hort committee members will be present to answer questions. You may think of this as similar to tasks we performed at the Church Health Center this past year. Members should attend based on their interest and time availability. The Dixon needs help in the garden after being understaffed for over a year. This is a GREAT learning opportunity and offers us a chance to help and show our appreciation to a wonderful Memphis institution.

I attached a video to an GG memo sent on October 6 for those who did not attend Buff's first workshop. It might be a good idea to watch it before the second Hort Workshop on November 16. It will also be led by Buff and will be held at Sara's Place at the MBG, 10-noon. Each attendee will bring a mock hort entry. Experienced hort judges and flower show entrants will provide feedback on each entry so that we can all both practice and learn.

Please read your Garden Groupie emails to discover any future Popups.

Christmas at the Dixon

Amy Drennon



Christmas at the Dixon!

Tuesday, November 30, 9:00 Decorate Exterior & Catmur Foyer

Wednesday, December 1, 9:00 Decorate Living Room, Dining Room & Auditorium

Monday, January 3, 9:00 Take Down

Exterior Ainslie & Hardy Todd

Entrance Tay Chafin

Catmur Foyer Irene Brownlow & Miriam Smith

Living Room Katie Dickinson & Lisa Colcolough

Library Frances Montgomery & Margaret Atkinson

Dining Room Elizabeth Dickinson & Anne Keeney

Auditorium Llewellyn Hall

Reminder that all new members are required to help with decorating and take down. All members welcome to help; it's such a fun way to usher in the holiday season!

* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! PLEASE CONTACT AMY DRENNON *

Birthdays

NOVEMBER

- 1 Muffy Turley
- 4 Veazey Krausnick
- 7 Edie Robinson
- 15 Tay Chafin, Mary Ellis
- 24 Elizabeth Dickinson
- 25 Emily McEwan
- 27 Julie Smith
- 28 Heather Grosvenor
- 30 Sissy Petit

DECEMBER

- 1 Julie Azar
- 5 Lysbeth Francis
- 7 Tina Todd
- 12 Kim Roberts
- 14 Julie Spear
- 16 Brandon Morrison
- 19 Nancy Morrow
- 21 Anne Keeney

