

MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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FEBRUARY 2022

President's Letter

"Keep Calm and Carry On" is that familiar phrase from Britain during World War II. That's what the Memphis Garden Club is doing. Despite having to cancel our January meeting, lots of good things are happening. Irene Brownlow's lecture on eagles will be on February 2nd at 2pm at the Dixon; it will be a fascinating talk and will be accompanied by her beautiful photographs of her eagles on Beaver Dam.

Kaki Smith and Julie Spear have organized Floral Design 201. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about different design styles from the master! Please take advantage of this opportunity on February 22nd at 10am in the Hughes Pavilion.

We are excited about our joint meeting and luncheon with the Little Garden Club on Thursday, February 17th at 10:30 at the University Club. Sybil Sylvester, our guest speaker, of Wildflower Designs, is a wildflower expert. She will have her book available for purchase; I hope to see you there.

Talking about "Keeping Calm and Carrying On," our flower show chairmen, Elizabeth, Lysbeth, and Buff have been working quietly for over 18 months on our show, "Perspectives." They have done an outstanding job of organizing our show, and so many of you are also doing your jobs in an organized, concise way. They have had very few in-person meetings, but the schedule is gorgeous, all of the classes are filled, and we have over 139 judges and participants coming to Memphis from all over the country. This is our 23rd Memphis Flower Show. We are one of nine major Garden Club of America flower shows. It is a big deal and we pull it together brilliantly every two years. A huge pat on the back and thank you to our chairmen and our membership!

So "Keep Calm and Carry On."
Thank you for all you do for the
Memphis Garden Club!

With love and gratitude, Julia

This picture was taken last February of 2021 on a cold winter day. We had a meeting working on the "Perspectives" schedule and artwork. The show must go on!





Annual Joint Meeting with The Little Garden Club

Lunch to follow

Please send your \$40 check

To Nancy Morrow: 245 West Cherry Circle, Memphis 38117

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.



Vice President

Pam Martin

Memphis Garden Club requests
the pleasure of your company at the

PERSPECTIVES

Memphis Flower Show Preview Party

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022
SEVEN UNTIL NINE O'CLOCK

DIXON GALLERY AND GARDENS
4339 PARK AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Tickets are \$100 each | Purchase online at

www.memphisgardenclub.org

For more information, scan the QR code on the back of this invitation.

ARTWORK: JAMES LITTLE, *Little Near Miss* (detail), 2008;
Raw pigment on paper; 22 x 30 inches

PERSPECTIVES



Meg Braff

Saturday, April 9

10:00

Hughes Pavillion

Gray Malin

Saturday, April 9

2:00

Hughes Pavillion

MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB 2022 Major Flower Show



2022 LECTURE SERIES

Gray Malin

Saturday, April 9
2:00pm
Hughes Pavilion



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 innovative aerial beach, city and sports 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 Gables 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, Apple, and more. Clickback, engaging diverse audiences to experience his work in new and exciting ways.

Purchase tickets at www.memphiscgardenclub.org



Rotations will return to our regular schedule in the potting hub beginning

March 1, 2022

Please contact Kaki with any questions

901-268-4182

February 21, 10:00

Catmur Foyer

Hardy Todd will be doing an urn demonstration for anyone who is interested in a refresher!

FLORAL DESIGN 201 is on **Tuesday, February 22** at 10:00 in the Hughes Pavilion. Please double check your calendar as the date has changed twice! The cost is \$125.00 and you will take home containers and flowers. You can Venmo me at Anna-Smith-65758 or mail a check made out to ME at Kaki Smith, 355 Tara Lane, Memphis 38111. Your payment is your reservation and Friday, February 7th is the deadline for payments so that we can make arrangements and order the flowers. I hope to see you there.

AT A GLANCE

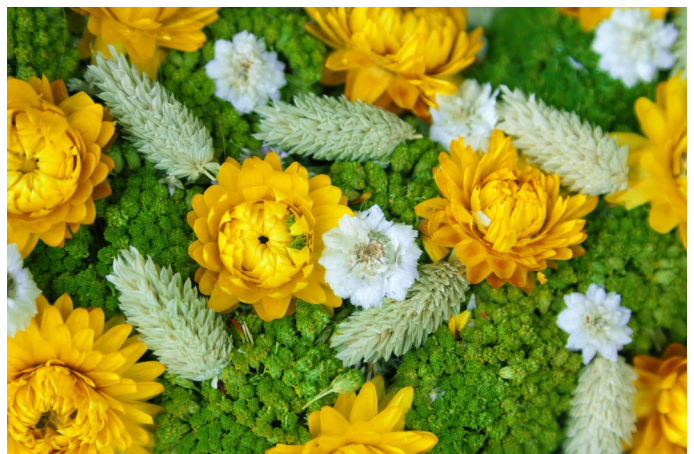
Date: Tuesday, February 22

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Hughes Pavilion

Cost: \$125.00

My Venmo: Anna-Smith-65758



Horticulture

Debbie Pittman

The **ZONE IX FLOWER SHOW** will be in Chattanooga, **May 9-12, 2022**.

Our club is responsible for 9 horticulture entries in classes of a member's choice from Classes 1 through 111 and 114. In addition, each club is required to submit one entry in either Class 112 or Class 113, which are Challenge Classes. (Challenge classes are defined at the end of the memo.) Therefore, each club must submit a total of 10 entries and only 10 entries. I hope that each Garden Groupie will consider identifying a lovely specimen that they own to enter. (Entries will be taken to the zone meeting and submitted on your behalf.) The link to the entire flower show schedule is at the bottom of this message. You will want to focus on information at the beginning (dates and locations and rules) and then on Division 2 for horticulture.

Buff Adams has offered to drive our specimens to the Zone Meeting on May 9 and to enter them on May 10. On Monday, May 9, from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. All ten entries should be delivered to Debbie Pittman's house, along with the information to complete the entry card. We can work on last minute grooming then, and prepare them for transport by Buff.

IMPORTANT: Buff intends to leave for Chattanooga at 11:00 a.m. on Monday. Therefore, if Monday morning is a problem, you may also bring your entry on Sunday afternoon or evening (yes, I know that is Mother's Day.) Other Hort Committee Members will help with grooming and card entries on Monday morning. We will have all gone through this process in April at our show, so Garden Groupies will be pros by May!

1. **If you think you are interested in submitting horticulture to the Zone IX Flower Show, (after looking over hort schedule that begins on page 15), please let me know by February 15.** You are NOT committing to a certain specimen at this point. After our own flower show in early April, we'll have a meeting among interested submitters to strategize and answer all questions regarding the Zone Flower Show.
2. **If you are interested in entering either one of the two challenge classes, please contact me immediately, and I will give you the bulb and instructions** that Molly provided. There's only one bulb per club, so please get back to me right away if you are interested. First come, first serve. Below is the text of the challenge classes:

Class 112 - 113 *Grow Zone*: Challenge Class Container for rooted specimens provided by the exhibitor. *Allium schubertii*, "the Tumbleweed Onion," is an heirloom variety from around 1896. It has an almost Seussian appearance that reminds us of fireworks. The "flower" is actually a large inflorescence with up to 100 small florets. As with all Alliums, it is a pollinator magnet.

Each club received a bulb with instructions. Clubs may choose to plant in the ground or in containers and enter either a cut flower or a rooted plant.

Class 112. *Allium schubertii* - Cut stem or

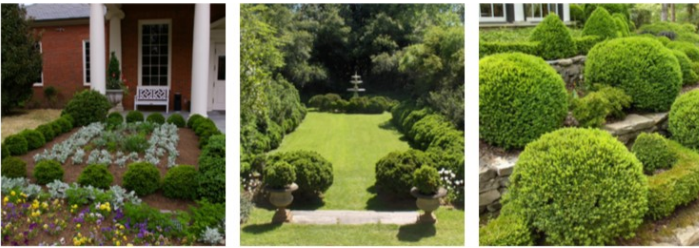
Class 113. *Allium schubertii* - Container grown

CLICK BELOW TO PULL UP THE ENTIRE SCHEDULE:

[https://www.gcamerica.org/_uploads/filemanager/common/document/ZoneIX/Club_Newsletters/GCLM%20Back%20in%20the%20Zone%202021%20\(1\)%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.gcamerica.org/_uploads/filemanager/common/document/ZoneIX/Club_Newsletters/GCLM%20Back%20in%20the%20Zone%202021%20(1)%20(1).pdf)

Horticulture

Debbie Pittman



Boxwood Seminar: Growing the Shrub We All Know and Love Despite Boxwood Blight

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022
9:00AM-4:00PM**

**DIXON GALLERY AND GARDENS
WINEGARDNER AUDITORIUM**

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

During this day-long event, the most knowledgeable professionals in the industry will discuss the history of boxwood, landscape use, and cultural information including pest control. The current challenges of boxwood blight and successful strategies for living with this disease will be the most important topics of the day.

See reverse for more information and seminar schedule.

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Boxwood Seminar Schedule

9:00AM	INTRODUCTION Dale Skaggs, Director of Horticulture, Dixon Gallery and Gardens
9:15-10:15AM	TENNESSEE PERSPECTIVE CONCERNING BOXWOOD BLIGHT Fulya-Basal-Gurel, Research Associate Professor, TN State University, a director of a recent NIFA-SCRI funded project on boxwood blight Katy Kilbourne, TN Plant Pathologist
10:30AM	SHELBY COUNTY PERSPECTIVE CONCERNING BOXWOOD BLIGHT Dr. Chris Cooper, Extension Agent III, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Coordinator Leslie Hollandsworth, Plant Inspector II for TN Dept of Agriculture
10:50AM-12:20PM	KNOWING AND GROWING BOXWOOD" Lynn Batdorf, International Cultivar Registration Authority (ICRA) for Buxus (1985 to present), Curator (retired) National Boxwood Collection, U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, D.C. (1977-2013)
12:20-1:00PM	LUNCH Participants are welcomed to bring lunch or purchase a pre-ordered boxed lunch from Park and Cherry café. To pre-order, scan the QR code with your smart phone camera. Must order by Friday, February 14
1:00-2:15PM	THE FUTURE OF BOXWOOD Bennett Saunders, Saunders Genetics LLC, Owner, Saunders Brothers Boxwood Nursery
2:30-4:00PM	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS Lynn Batdorf, Dr. Chris Cooper, Fulya-Basal-Gurel, Leslie Hollandsworth, Katy Kilbourne, Booker T. Leigh, Bennett Saunders



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Philadelphia Flower Show

The rules for submission to the PHS Photography Classes are now available online at the following link to PHS. The rules to view or download are also attached. Registration opens **February 1**. The link to register listed in the rules will not be active until then.

2022 Competitive Classes - Artistic (phsonline.org)

The 2022 Photography Classes will be staged outside. All accepted photographs will be printed in a large format by PHS on weatherproof medium, at no cost to the exhibitor.

Please pay particular attention to *print orientation* as there are two classes which specify VERTICAL (only) and there are two classes that call for SQUARE images. This is due to the planned layout of the show.



Inclusivity Roundtable Discussion

On Tuesday, **February 1** at 3:00 – 4:00 pm CST, the GCA Committee on *Cultivating Common Ground and Building Diversity* offered all interested GCA club members a virtual roundtable discussion as described on the GCA website:

Back by popular demand, Brian Vogt, CEO of the Denver Botanic Gardens and MaryLynn Mack, president of the American Public Gardens Association lead an open, inclusivity roundtable discussion about how we can build outreach to new audiences.

The GCA is hosting this conversation in response to member clubs who are seeking guidance in pursuing inclusivity initiatives. Although we cannot promise a detailed roadmap to inclusivity, we are hoping the roundtable will stimulate ideas and offer some valuable insight into what questions we might want to ask. Registration is free and open to all GCA club members:

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members:calendar/ereventdetails/id/380>

GCA Flower Shows with Photography Divisions Shows with Photography Class Openings:

February 1 – May 14, 2022 - **Sweetwater Valley, Our Roots Run Deep**
– A GCA Flower Show -Village GC of Sewickley (show October 13-14, 2022) Photography registration opens to all GCA members. There are openings in all classes.

<https://www.gcamerica.org/uploads/filemanager/calendarschedule/VGC%20of%20Sewickley%20Flower%20Show%20Schedule.pdf>

Until February 19, 2022 – **Stewards of the Earth** – A GCA Flower Show
– GC of Lexington (show May 19-20, 2022) Photography registration open to all GCA members. All classes open except Class 2.

<https://www.gcamerica.org/uploads/filemanager/calendarschedule/Stewards%20of%20the%20Earth%20Garden%20Final.pdf>

Until March 1, 2022 - **Motherland** – A GCA Flower Show - Kanawha GC (show May 10, 2022) Photography registration open to all GCA members. Openings in Class 5 but note that location of photograph must be identified and must be in central Appalachia (West Virginia, western Virginia, eastern Kentucky, southeastern Ohio, western North Carolina, or eastern Tennessee).

<https://www.gcamerica.org/uploads/filemanager/calendarschedule/Final.v.1.13.2022.KGC%202022%20Master%20Motherland%20FS%20Schedule.pdf>



Conservation

Allison Braswell

A look back at the Fall....

Our conservation group had two fun events in November!

First, we visited Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park, a 12,539-acre hardwood bottomland area, bordering the mighty Mississippi. We hiked the Woodland Trail with a park ranger and learned all sorts of fun facts before heading to the Nature Center to hear a lecture on birds of prey, while viewing live, rescued owls and hawks.

Next, we revisited the Old Forest at Overton Park on a gorgeous Fall Day with the Overton Park Conservancy.

If anyone is interested in birding in our local area, please follow link below.

https://tnstateparks.com/assets/pdf/additional-content/Meeman-Shelby_Forest_Bird_Flyer.pdf



A look forward to the Spring...

March 5th is the designated day for Weed Wrangle across the state of Tennessee. Be looking for information for our club to help in the effort in the local Memphis area to eradicate non-native invasive plants!

Also, this spring in April, we will visit Epping Way of the Wolf River Conservancy, which is our designated project for our Partners for Plants (P4P) grant from the GCA.

February Birthdays

4 Miriam Smith
6 Carolyn Rogers
8 Ainslie Todd
12 Carroll Bernard
12 Nancy Miller
13 Jeanne Arthur
14 Terre Sullivant
15 Carol Stout
23 Russell Whitehead
26 Katie Dickinson
27 Judith Mitchener



Newsletter

*Please send any information for the
MARCH NEWSLETTER
to Kathryn... mgcnews@yahoo.com
Deadline: Thursday, February 17, 2022*