

MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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March 2022

Persident's Message

Dear Memphis Garden Club,

The daffodils and forsythia are blooming; spring is on the way! We had a very busy February, including our joint meeting with the Little Garden Club. It was good fun to be with our sister club. I am so glad we were able to be together this year after so many cancellations. We enjoyed seeing the beautiful arrangements created by Sybil Sylvester, of Wildflower Designs in Birmingham.

Irene Brownlow's lecture on her eagles on Beaver Dam was informative and fascinating and the photographs that accompanied her lecture were magnificent. Once again, Kaki Smith and Julie Spear have conducted another floral design class. These classes are so beneficial in teaching us about the different styles of floral design; they help us to feel more confident when entering our flower show.

I want to thank Pam Martin for the lovely invitations to the Preview Party. You will be receiving yours soon in the mail. Jenne Williams has gotten us up to speed with our technology. You can purchase the flower show preview party tickets and lecture series tickets by using the QR code on the invitation. When it comes to technology, we have joined the 21st century with the Memphis Flower Show!

Starting in March we have several new opportunities for you. Our Church Health Center Garden needs volunteers to participate in a regular rotation, maintaining the garden throughout the spring and summer. Please email Barton Lynch or Debbie Pittman to learn how to participate.

Please note our regular floral rotations at the Dixon will resume the first of March. It will be so good to be in the Dixon with our full rotation groups again. Please contact your captain or Kaki Smith with questions.



Kate Trammell, President of the Little Garden Club, and our own, Julia Turnipseed

Please make every effort to attend our March 10th membership meeting at 10:30 at the Dixon. We have a busy meeting planned. Our speaker is Susan Gravely, of Vietri Pottery, who will speak to us via zoom, from Italy. We will present our 100th anniversary gifts to Dale Skaggs, of the Dixon Gardens, and Michael Allen, of the Memphis Botanic Garden, for the Memphis Garden Club Water Garden restoration project. This is an exciting way to celebrate our 100 years and honor our beloved institutions. At our March meeting, we will vote on new members and vote on the GCA Founders Fund recipient. Please come prepared to stay and conduct this important and vital business.

Next up is "Perspectives," our GCA major flower show. Elizabeth, Lysbeth, and Buff have worked tirelessly for two years on this gorgeous show. Let's get excited for April 8th-10th; it will be here before we know it! We have so much to look forward to.

Happy March, Happy Early Spring, and Happy Memphis Flower Show 2022!

With great expectations and love,

Julia



March Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 10

10:30

Dixon Auditorium

Susan Gravely, founder of Vietri, will be speaking to us via Zoom.



2022 Daffodil Show

Saturday March 19th & Sunday March 20th

Dixon Gallery and Gardens

Visit www.dixon.org for the schedule or call:

Ruthie Taylor 901-351-4503

Molly Hampton 901-829-2598

Vicki Duggins 901-486-3156

Photography Exhibitors should contact Hannah Underhill at hkunderhill@comcast.net or call 901-409-8801 to indicate the intention to exhibit and the number of photographs, if known.

Preview Party

Pam Martin/Julie Spear



We look forward to live music at the Preview Party, featuring the talented Brennan Villines. What a treat!



Brennan Villines is a multifaceted artist: pianist, singer-songwriter, musical director (both at home and abroad), composer, producer and actor. Brennan has supported and opened for Grammy Award winning acts such as Corrine Bailey Rae, Melissa Etheridge and Kirk Whalum. Brennan began training at the early age of 3 on the piano, and studied notably with internationally recognized Steinway artist Victor Asuncion. He is a concert-level classical, jazz, pop, rock pianist, as well as a trained singer with a distinguishable high Tenor tone and great versatility; Brennan's national TV appearances include Fox's THE FOUR: BATTLE FOR STARDOM. He has released 3 independent albums, has songs licensed for film and television, and his original work can also be heard both on radio and through the Spotify link below. His band, COOPER UNION, regularly performs in New York, Los Angeles, Nashville and Memphis for clients including the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies, Auto-Zone, St. Jude Hospital, and FedEx.



2022 MAY SNOWDEN TODD LECTURE SERIES



Meg Braff

Saturday, April 9, 10:00am
Hughes Pavilion

Known for her exuberant take on traditional design, Meg Braff creates livable spaces imbued with playful glamour and a modern perspective. Her work has appeared in *Veranda*, *House Beautiful*, *Traditional Home*, *Coastal Living*, *Southern Living*, and *Hamptons Cottages & Gardens*, among others, and her first book, *The Decorated Home: Living with Style and Joy*, was published by Rizzoli in April 2017.



Gray Malin

Saturday, April 9, 2:00pm
Hughes Pavilion

Gray Malin is a 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.

Purchase lecture tickets online at memphisgardenclub.org
Click on "Memphis Flower Show"
or use your smart phone camera to scan the QR code



Boxed lunches by Park + Cherry will be available for purchase
between the morning and afternoon lectures.

To pre-order a boxed lunch, scan the small QR code to the left.

Fine Arts

Kaki Smith

On February 22, award-winning designer, Julie Spear, held a **Floral Design Class 201** in the Hughes Pavilion. Participants made horizontal arrangements and explored mechanical alternatives to oasis. We also enjoyed a fabulous lunch from Park + Cherry Cafe and had an in-depth discussion about all things related to the Flower Show.



Rotations will resume March 1, 2022

First Tuesday

Captain - Phoebe Miller 674-7318

Elizabeth Coors 482-8012

Francis 355-0207

Veazey Krausnick 482-8012

Laine Park 359-0404

Muffy Turley 289-1224

Second Tuesday

Captain- Julie Spear 568-3020

Catherine Stallings 486-8772

Lida Bross 849-1643

Margaret Atkinson 494-8298

Ann Boyd 229-8346

Weezie Calandruccio 763-3134

May Weiss 573-0964

Third Tuesday

Captain - Tay Chafin 508-1441

Melanie McFadden 289-9782

Kelly Burrow 826-5816

Debbie Pittman 230-9053

Elizabeth Manugian 481-0638

Debi Havner 479-640-2662

Mentor-Hardy Todd 438-6732

Fourth Tuesday

Captain-Kaki Smith 268-4182

Marilyn Wiener 647-4142

Amy Drennon 494-1821

Ferrin Mavar 917-647-7878

Kathryn Painter 338-7420

Stephanie Linkous 409-1515

Kathy Carruthers 270-5533

Fifth Tuesday

Captain- Lysbeth Francis 355-0207

Veazey Krausnick 482-8012

Barton Lynch 229-0789

Brandon Morrison 246-8555

Kaki Smith 268-4182

Rotations will resume March 1, 2022

First Friday

Captain - Lisa Colcolough 409-8814

Katie Dickinson 497-4179

Elizabeth Dickinson 832-5194

Emily McEwan 210-4133

Miriam Smith 351-7771

Second Friday

Captain - Adele Wellford 619-3227

Mentor - Ainslie Todd 619-3736

Suzanne Mallory 483-1102

Jeanne Wilbourn 230-7432

Hardy Todd 438-6732

Third Friday

Captain - Suzanne Plyler 237-3344

Russell Whitehead 210-7136

Elise Stratton 233-2010

Heather Grosvenor 379-3136

Irene Brownlow 230-3171

Irene Ayotte 647-5128

Stephanie Hayes 413-3860

Fourth Friday

Captain - Edie Marshall 409-7356

Roberta Anderson 861-1060

Carroll Nenon 682-8783 848-8783

Mary Carr 489-8423

Llewellyn Hall 219-8416

Caroline Orr 409-1155

Kim Roberts 359-1447

Fifth Friday

Captain-Kaki Smith 268-4182

Barton Lynch 229-0789

Lysbeth Francis 355-0207

Jenne Williams 240-3333

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Ann Boyd 229-8346

Veazey Krausnick 830-3589

Maryan Mercer 233-0320

Carolyn Morris 763-1964

Camille Mueller 335-3331

Carolyn Rogers 628-3097

Ruthie Samaha 573-2059

Louise Slater 270-3241

Julie Spear 568-3020

Lysbeth Francis 355-0207

Brandon Morrison 246-8555

Nancy Miller 674-5805

Mimi Taylor 409-0535

Janie Hopkins 857-5339

Kim Roberts 359-1447

Carroll Bernard 379-3136

Elise Crocket 335-3562

Mary Gaston Catmur 550-3399

Julie Smith 494-3560

Kathryn Painter 338-7420

Elizabeth Coors 482-8012

Mimi Taylor 409-0535

The MGC sends a big, heartfelt, thank you to Hardy Todd for his presentation on February 22, detailing how to create an exceptional floral design in the Catmur Foyer urn. We are truly blessed to have Hardy as an active honorary member of our club.



thank you!



Julie Spear and Elizabeth Coors entered and served on a judging panel in the Atlanta Botanical Gardens Flower Show, "Metamorphosis." Julie's underwater design won a third place ribbon and Elizabeth earned honorable mention for her niche floral design. There were 6 entries in each Floral Design Class. We are proud of our talented members.

Not only do we have talented members, it seems we and our upcoming flower show have a wonderful reputation. Elizabeth reports back that every judge expressed their enthusiasm to attend our show. It was very rewarding to hear how much they love our show and being at the Dixon. The love the artwork, our hospitality, and enjoying the galleries and gardens of the Dixon. So hats off to our membership for making a great impression on our guests and going the extra mile to make our flower show a standout.



Conservation

Allison Braswell

Save the Date: **Tuesday, April 12th** at 10am
for an opportunity to learn more about our P4P project.

The event will be at the
Wolf River Conservancy's Epping Way
with the Director of Education,
Cathy Justis.



ALSO, Please take note...

The 2022 NAL Virtual Conference is March 1st and 2nd.

The GCA invites ALL members to take part.

Learn about pressing environmental issues and the solutions offered by innovation, harnessing the power of natural systems, carbon sequestration in our soil, forests and oceans, the “greening” of our transportation, energy and infrastructure, and public policy. We will hear from nationally renowned experts, helping to solve the challenges of climate change. Scientists, policy makers, non-profit leaders, and members of Congress will all participate.

[VIEW NAL SPEAKER LINEUP HERE!](#)

[2022 National Affairs Speaker Bios - Google Docs](#)

“Whether we and our politicians know it or not,
Nature is party to all our deals and decisions, and she has more votes, a longer
memory, and a sterner sense of justice than we do.”

-Wendell Berry

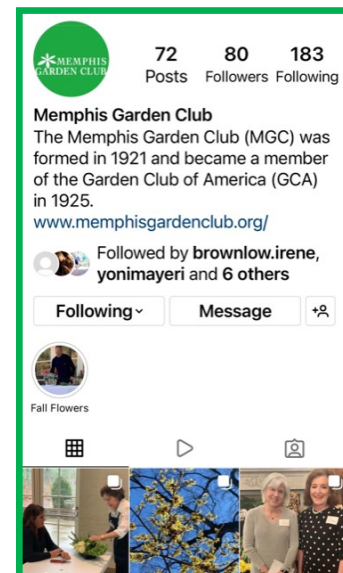
March Birthdays

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13 Laine Park
15 Amy Drennon
19 Maryan Mercer
21 Marilyn Wiener
21 Melanie McFadden
24 Rose Garrott
29 Barbara Prest



Instagram

Don't forget about our active Instagram account. This has been created as a landing spot for our members. Here you will be able to find reminders for club events, floral design photographs, images from our photography group and much much more! Note the image of our MGC Instagram account homepage. Feel free to send announcements, images, and information that you would like posted to mgcnews@yahoo.com.



RECOLLECTIONS OF A LEGEND IN HER OWN TIME

BONNYLIN WOODS MARTIN 1933-1922

Imagine that the Memphis Flower Show begins in three days. A good-looking, perfectly-coiffed member steps out of her green station wagon that is laden with pots of plants of all sizes and varieties, goes around and pops open the rear compartment. Her white blouse is clean as a whistle, her stylish jeans are barely wrinkled, and she might possibly have one hair out of place. Once the back is opened, pristine specimens are unloaded onto carts and make their way to "Passing," where the red checks are automatic. From there they are taken to their appropriate classes in the Auditorium. No need to read her license plate BONSAI... it is Bonny Martin. After two days of unloading rare specimens and pristine orchids, she would spend the third day collecting ribbons, awards, and commendations... and probably a medal for a rarely seen specimen or "Best of Show."

Her collections of orchids were on display on the grounds of her beautiful Oriental-style home at 4174 Walnut Grove Road, where she lived for 37 years, tending her three greenhouses and enormous show-stopping bonsai collection (200) neatly presented on the side lawn as you drove in, each displayed with eight or ten others on a cypress plank, and there were hundreds more, raised on simple bases off the ground... not to mention her rose bushes (80), bulbs, perennials, vegetables, and ferns.

And then, there were her flower arrangements... each dramatically presented to the viewer in Bonny's perfected, show-stopping style. To say the least, Bonny was a flower show maestro of the finest quality- always inventing, never duplicating, but always entering, always producing original, award-winning entries, whether they be in flower arranging, horticulture, or photography. She lectured, she entered, she took photos, she gave demonstrations, she organized workshops, she judged. Need I say more? She was a TRIPLE GCA JUDGE.

Bonny also excelled as a leader of our club, of Zone IX, and of GCA nationally. She volunteered to create books that were not even thought of by co-authoring two beautiful coffee table books, The "Fine Art of Flower Arranging" and "Gardens, Personal and Private" for the benefit of the GCA. She entered and judged shows around the country and the world from, St. Petersburg to The Chelsea Flower Show, where she won a bronze medal representing the GCA. She was on first name, "pick up the phone" basis with the world's most recognized arrangers and bonsai lecturers, such as Ronaldo Maia and Ben Oki.

In 2009 she submitted a 4 page, single-spaced "Record of Garden Club Years." Her leadership over the years since 1970 demonstrated Bonny's knowledge, creativity, and organizational and motivational skills. She won GCA Medals; she judged the Philadelphia flower show for at least 27 years; she received 5 Zone Awards. She was President of the MGC and the recipient of the Louisa Morrow Trophy and the Norfleet Trophy. She received the Natalie Peters Webster Metal for finding and propagating unusual plant material, The Puckett, The Corning, and The Medal for Innovative Flower Arranging was given in her honor to be awarded at annual meetings. She was a Memphis Park Commissioner in the 1960s, helping stop I-40 from going through Overton Park, and later helped block private development of Shelby Farms. She founded The Memphis Bonsai Society and co-founded the Memphis Chapter of Ikebana International.

Bonny was born in Memphis on December 4, 1933, the daughter of Bonnylin and Eugene Woods, Jr. She grew up in her family's lumber business. She attended and graduated from The Hutchison School and married David Bronson Martin in September of that year, 1951. They enjoyed each other's company immensely and were married for 63 years before his death. Their two surviving children are David, Jr. and his wife, Maureen, of Newman, GA, and Montgomery and his wife, Laura, of Memphis. They have five grandchildren, three of whom are married, and four great grandchildren.

Bonny also leaves many close friends in Zone IX, around the USA, and in spots around the world, meeting many through her flower show travels.

