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JANUARY 2023

JANUARY 19th
Membership Meeting
10:30 AM
Dixon Gallery & Gardens

Dear Memphis Garden Club,

Happy New Year! This is the time of the year that we reflect on our many blessings. Like you, I am grateful for my family, friends, home, and my health. I am grateful to be a part of this wonderful group of women in the Memphis Garden Club.

Thanks to the hard work of our board, 2022 has been filled with many fun activities. Elizabeth Dickinson has gotten the new members off to a great start and Stephanie Hayes has provided us with a colorful and informative newsletter. Our committee chairmen have provided us with many opportunities to participate and grow. Lysbeth Francis, Elizabeth Coors and Roberta Anderson have offered horticulture workshops and opportunities to learn about City Beautiful, Wolf River Conservancy and Photography 101. We've had excursions to a fairy garden as well as the historical Ames plantation in Grand Junction, TN. Emily McEwan even squeezed in a wreath making class before the holidays.

We can thank Debi Havner and Kelly Burrow for enjoying fantastic speakers such as Conservationist Hollidae Morrison, Scott Eccleston of Crystal Bridges and Dr. Richard Olsen, Director of the US National Arboretum.

Thank you to Anne Keeney and Kelly Burrow for chairing the Christmas decorating at the Dixon! From the Poinsettia house in the auditorium to the residence, our members turned the Dixon into a classic Christmas wonderland. The Mrs. Claus award goes to Carol Stout, who generously chairs the "food station" and provides us with coffee and treats. Our Christmas at the Dixon was a huge success.

Hip Hip Hooray for our wonderfully successful "Jingle and Mingle" Christmas holiday home tour. Great job Mary Gaston Catmur and her team of hostesses of Pam Pierce, Cary Brown, Kaki Smith and Adele Wellford. Everyone raved about the beautiful homes and festive decorations. What a tremendous turnout to celebrate! Let's do it again!



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Sid Evans, our original speaker for January 19th, is unable to join us but he will be here definitely at our first meeting in September this coming fall.

Dwayne Estes, Southeast Grasslands Initiative, is our new speaker for our January 19th meeting. I heard Dwayne at our zone meeting in Lookout Mountain and he was an interesting and outstanding speaker. Since the zone meeting Dwayne has been requested to speak at four other clubs in Texas. What will the next 25 years bring? Dwayne will address the loss of our grasslands and how we can rebuild and preserve them in the future. Everyone is in for a real treat!

We are excitedly looking forward to 2023. Emily McEwan, Roberta Anderson, Lysbeth Francis and Elizabeth Coors and Emily McEwan have many interesting excursions and workshops lined up in the upcoming months. Check your calendar and we will send reminders.

The Men's Flower Show on March 1st at the Memphis Botanic Garden is going great guns with Cary Brown as our fearless leader. Blooms, Boys & Bourbon is going to be a ton of fun and you don't want to miss it!

We can't wait to hear Cathy Graham, frequent host and passionate gardener, on March 2nd at the Memphis Botanic Garden. Cary Brown, Gwen Owen, Nancy Morrow and their committee have great plans for a super turnout for her program. Her newest book, Full Bloom, will be available too.

I look forward to seeing you at our FIRST meeting of the New Year on January 19th to welcome speaker Dwayne Estes!

May love and gratitude fill our hearts and our World! Happy 2023!

**Much love to all,
Pam**



Cary Brown | Men's Garden Show

REAL MEN DO FLOWERS!

MGC MEN'S FLOWER SHOW

March 1st, 2023

5:30 PM

Memphis Botanic Garden

**A MGC Mentor will be paired with 2-3 BRAVE men per team
Themes and flowers will be provided with on site assembly**

**Contact: Lela Smith, Barton Lynch or Elizabeth Coors
(Limited to a total of 9 teams)**

**Spectator tickets will be \$30 with light refreshments and a cash bar.
Please send checks to Llewelyn Hall made out to Memphis Garden Club.**



Cary Brown | Cathy Graham

Cathy B. Graham received a BFA in painting from the Rhode Island School of Design and studied fashion illustration at Parsons. A frequent host and passionate gardener, she delighted audiences with *Second Bloom*, her first book on floral design and entertaining. She regularly charms fans across the country with discussions and demonstrations of her unique creations. She lives in New York City and has a home on Nantucket.



For more information: www.memphisgardenclub.org
or @cathybgraham on Instagram

Please join the Memphis Garden Club
for an event with Cathy B. Graham

Thursday, March 2
Memphis Botanic Garden

9:30 Coffee + Bazaar
10:30 Blooms with Cathy
12:00 - 1:30 Bites, Bubbles + Bazaar



Tickets are \$100 and available
for purchase with this link



Cathy B Graham
products available at
Babcock Gifts
Isabelle Krupnick Jewelry
Novel



see you there!

Julie Spear | Judging

If you missed **Hardy Todd's** amazing urn workshop on November 7th, you're in luck because we videoed it! It's 20 minutes long, so sit back for some fall flower inspiration! Enjoy on the MGC Members Instagram page!



PROTECT OUR AQUIFER

Grab lunch and enjoy...

Sarah Houston
Executive Director of
Protect our Aquifer

It Takes a Village:
Protecting the
Memphis Sand Aquifer

January 11, 2023
12:00 PM
Dixon Auditorium

Presented by:
The Memphis Garden Club
at Dixon Lunch and Learn



Frances Montgomery & Debbie Pittman | **Travel**
Please join us on April, 2023 for the 90th Historic Virginia Garden Week

For three days next April, the Memphis Garden Club is planning a tour of inspired private landscapes, public gardens and historic sites around the James River and Richmond. We will enjoy beautiful horticulture in an historic setting at the peak of spring. Floral arrangements created by the Garden Club of Virginia members will enhance tours of properties. The 2023 Historic Virginia Garden Week dates are April 15-22. Our plans are for attendees to travel to Richmond on April 14, tour on April 15-17, and return on April 18. We will stay at a Hampton hotel in Richmond during the trip and travel to the garden locations. Jefferson Mansell, an historian with the National Park Service in Natchez, will be our tour guide (highly recommended!). He focuses on history, architecture, and landscapes in addition to gardens.

On Saturday, we will go on the Hollywood Cemetery Tour and the Gitmer Botanical Garden Tour in Richmond before lunch and the Maymont Garden Tour in the afternoon.

On Sunday, we will tour the James River Plantations.

On Monday, we will visit Virginia Museum of Fine Art, Wilton Garden, and Agecroft Garden.

On Tuesday morning, all will depart for home after breakfast.

The cost of the entire trip, other than your travel to/from Richmond, is \$2300 for single occupancy and \$1800 each for double occupancy. This amount includes your hotel room, all meals, transportation, all entry fees, and tour guides.

We will cap the tour at 34, and your check of \$1,000 will be your reservation. Please make out your check to Memphis Garden Club. The final payment will be due on March 15.

Please give your check of \$1,000 made payable to Memphis Garden Club (and indicating it is for Virginia Garden Tour) to: Frances Montgomery, Debbie Pittman, or mail your check to the Treasurer.

You are reserving your place when the check is received. Attendees will be capped at 34. This is going to be such a great trip. We hope you can come!

We've added some photos and websites on the following page related to the tour below that we hope you find interesting.

Frances Montgomery & Debbie Pittman | Travel

Hollywood Cemetery - Virginia

<https://www.hollywoodcemetery.org/>

Named for its multitude of holly trees, Hollywood Cemetery opened in 1849. US Presidents and Civil War generals along with Confederate soldiers are buried here.

Gitmer Botanical Garden Tour:

<https://www.lewisginter.org/visit/gardens/>

This site is an extremely attractive 80-acre botanical garden conducive to birds and butterflies due to the floral diversity.

Maymont

<https://maymont.org/explore/gardens/>

James River Plantations

(Westover, Shirley and Berkeley)

<http://www.jamesriverplantations.org>

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts – Richmond

<https://vmfa.museum>

Agecroft Hall and Gardens

<https://www.agecrofthall.org>

Virginia House

<https://virginiahistory.org/learn/historical-book/virginia-house>

Wilton

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/wilton.html>



James River Estate Garden



Berkeley Plantation

Roberta Anderson | Horticulture

MGC members potted flower seeds during a recent horticulture workshop. The plants will be put in the cutting garden at the Dixon in the spring to provide fresh flowers for our arrangements at the museum.



Katie Dickinson | Social Media

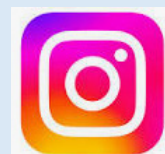
Finally, the new password for the MGC website is dirt.

We have a NEW 2nd Instagram account that is FOR OUR MEMBERS ONLY!

Please follow our new account:

@memphisgardenclub_members

on Instagram for membership meeting reminders and other information especially for you! Thank you to Katie Dickinson for getting us organized on social media.



memphisgardenclub_members

Follow

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4 posts

48 followers

14 following

Memphis Garden Club for Members
Meeting Notifications & Event Reminders

Lysbeth Francis | Photography

Registration is now open for the

2023 GCA Online Photography Conference: STORYTELLING 2023.

Registration is free and now open to all GCA club members for the 2023 Virtual Photography Conference on Thursday, January 26, 2023 from 10am Central to 4:15pm Central.

Feel free to “hop on and off” throughout the day if your schedule does not permit your full attention for the entire day!

Registration is available on the GCA website or by reading (and clicking!) on the GCA Newsletter!



Edie Robinson's glorious award winning photograph



Dwayne Estes

Thursday, January 19th

10:30 am

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Dwayne Estes is the co-founder and executive director of the Southeastern Grasslands Institute, a conservation organization affiliated with Austin Peay State University that is dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Southeast's native grasslands. In addition to his role as executive director of the Southeastern Grasslands Institute, Dwayne is a Full Professor of Biology and Principal Investigator for the Center of Excellence for Field Biology at Austin Peay, where he teaches courses in botany and ecology.

Grassland loss is the single greatest conservation issue currently facing North America. Our precious Southern grasslands are nearly extinct and the species that depend on them are fading fast. Dwayne is working with partners across our focal region to develop a grassroots grassland army of volunteers. He aims to lead grassland conservation efforts at a regional/national scale.



Anne Keeney & Kelly Burrow | Christmas

*Thank you so much for helping decorate the Dixon!! We appreciate everything you did the make it look **FABULOUS** and **THE BEST EVER!!!***

- Kelly & Anne



Christmas Party at the Dixon



Jingle and Mingle

Thank you Cary Brown, Pam Pierce, Kaki Smith & Adele Wellford for opening up your festive homes!



January Birthdays



11	<i>Ruthie Samaha</i>
13	<i>Christy Cannon</i>
21	<i>Carol Nenon</i>
21	<i>Caroline Orr</i>
24	<i>Jenne Williams</i>