



# MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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## APRIL 2023

**Thank you for a great start to 2023! We've learned about preserving meadows, and the culture and creation of Ikebana floral arranging. We've hosted a Men's Flower Show and a successful fundraising event featuring Cathy Graham. Our members are incredible and you've made all these events a success!**

**Jenne Williams has been diligently working on submitting our club's Founder's Fund project to Garden Club of America. She has submitted it to the Little Rock Garden Club for them to approve and second our proposal.**

**Elizabeth Coors has been to Washington, D.C. for the National Affairs and Legislation Conference and she is scheduled for a Zone 1X Zoom meeting with legislators in the upcoming weeks.**

**At the Shreveport Flower Show, our Prospective Floral Design Judge, Elizabeth Coors, served on a judging panel and received a third place on her beautiful abstract floral design. Julie Spear received an honorable mention for her Transparency floral design (a last moment fill-in). Barton Lynch and Julie were both judges for the Shreveport Flower Show.**

**Frances Montgomery and Debbie Pittman have put together an exciting trip to Richmond for the Virginia Garden Tour. We have 22 members going on the trip and we hope to bring back some great ideas to share.**

**The Memphis Garden Club is made up of many talented ladies and each plays a part in making our club so successful. This includes serving on the Board, flower arranging rotations at the Dixon, attending meetings, and sponsoring new members. Our members are also diligently planning projects, hosting events, as well as planning and participating in our MGC trips, all of which are important functions of our club. Thank you for the many ideas and creative thoughts that you have provided throughout the year.**

**We are excited about our nine new members. They are fortunate to have all of you share your collective wisdom with them throughout the upcoming years. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Ducks Unlimited Headquarters on April 20th for our next meeting!**



**Stay well, stay safe and happy spring!!**

**- Pam**

## Elizabeth Coors | Conservation

**April Membership Meeting at Ducks Unlimited Headquarters  
One Waterfowl Way**

**Conservationist and Scientist, Mike Brasher will discuss Ducks Unlimited's efforts in preservation of wetlands and the migration of birds in the United States.**

**Coffee and Refreshments at 10:00  
Meeting at 10:30**



Catherine Stallings

**Please "save the date" for the May picnic honoring the new members and award winners. The date is Thursday, May 18, 11:00 at Margaret Ledbetter's home, 395 Goodwyn Street.**





## Melanie McFadden | **New Members**

**We are excited to welcome nine new members! We look forward to introducing them at our May membership meeting on May 18th at Margaret Ledbetter's home.**



**Allison Lynch Boyd**



**Katheryn Canale Horne**



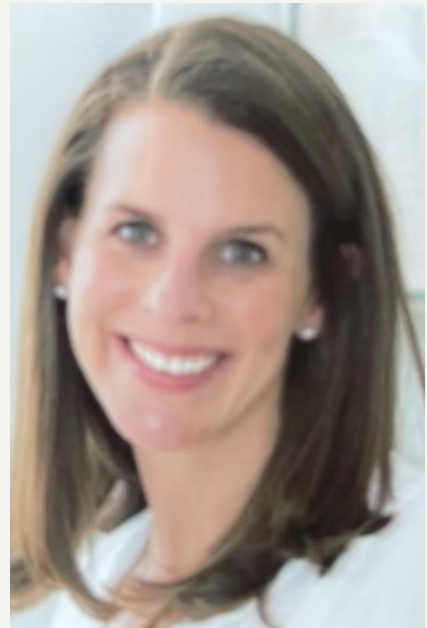
**Jennifer Jean (JJ)  
Keras**



**Lauren Moore Keras**



**Shea Hussey Lackie**



**Caroline Virgin Smith**



## Melanie McFadden | **New Members**



**Lane Southern  
Whitehead**



**Anna Burch  
Wunderlich**



**Morgan Carr Zanone**

## A Note From Pam | **March**

**Kudos to Kelly Burrow and Debi Havner for organizing the fun and informative program given by Anne Krekelberg and Nancy Klepper at our March membership meeting.**





## Anne Keeney | Civics

The MGC will be donating monies from our Community Account Fund to our current nonprofit partners. Proposal requests went out last year, and were received, reviewed, and approved by the board. The results are as follows:

- \$5,000.00 to the Dixon for a Twister Batch Mixer to aid in the production of Dix-Mix potting mix
- \$5,000.00 to the Wolf River Conservancy to help in their mission of tree planting
- \$4,300.00 to the Memphis Botanic Garden to replace plants lost in the winter freeze in the sculpture garden and for summer interns' pay
- \$5,000.00 to Church Health for outdoor electrical outlets, signage, valve cutoffs, and painting for outdoor beds

Each of the nonprofits has been notified that its request has been approved and that a check will be coming its way in the next several



## Emily McEwan | Fine Arts

We have a floral arranging workshop with Julie Spear on Thursday, April 6th, in the potting hub at 10:00. This will be ideal for the floral arranging committee and anyone who wants to learn from our famous, talented Julie!





Veazey Krausnick | Plant Collector's Auction



*You're Invited: Plant Collector's Auction*

**Wednesday, April 12, 4:00 – 7:00pm**

LIVE AUCTION STARTS AT 5:30PM

Bid on a selection of rare and exceptional plants,  
while enjoying wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets \$50 | Purchase at [dixon.org/plantauction](https://dixon.org/plantauction)  
Proceeds support the Dixon's living collection.



## Horticulture Happenings!

**Come get dirty with the horticulture committee! 2 p.m. Saturday April 22 — Earth Day — has been chosen for our seed ball work shop at Tay Chafin's house. Members and their children and grandchildren will make seed balls for spring planting. We need a headcount for this so we'll know the quantity of supplies to buy. Children are encouraged but NOT required. Please email me at: rtasnow@gmail.com by April 14 if you want to attend. Tay's address is 210 Goodlett St. South.**

**Each Zone IX garden club is required to enter eight horticulture classes at the GCA flower show April 12-13 in Jackson, Miss. We will be gathering flowers, foliage, herbs, etc., the afternoon of Tuesday April 11 at Elizabeth Coors' house for the trip down.**

**Thursday April 13, at 9 a.m., is the date for our next horticulture rotation in the Dixon potting hub. Everyone is welcome. Come see what Kim Rucker has for us.**

**The Zone IX horticulture chair has recommended a website for those interested in seed starting. It is free to register with Floret, a flower farm in Washington. Find the link to Floret on the MGC website under the Horticulture tab.**



**Our sunflower seedlings at the Dixon are looking good.**



## Lysbeth Francis | Photography

**All MGC members are invited to join the Photography Group on Thursday, April 27, 2023 as we travel to Bolivar to visit, explore, and photograph the McNeal Place, adjacent gardens, and the Polk Cemetery.**

**Initial construction of the Italianate villa began in 1858, and it was completed in 1862.**

**McNeal Place has been described as, “ the finest Italianate house in West Tennessee and among the most outstanding in the state.”**

**We will leave from the west parking lot of The Dixon at 10:00 on Thursday, April 27.**

**The trip to Bolivar takes approximately one hour.**

**PLEASE email me at [Ldkfrancis@aol.com](mailto:Ldkfrancis@aol.com) by Friday, April 21 to let me know if you would like to pre-order a Randy Jefferson boxed lunch. The price of the boxed lunch is \$20.00 and includes a turkey, Swiss, and Granny Smith apple croissant, sun dried tomato orzo, marinated vegetables, dessert, and a drink.**

**Many, many thanks to Irene Ayotte for helping organize this outing.**

**The McNeal Place  
413 S. Union  
Bolivar, TN. 38008**

**RAIN DATE IS TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**





## April Birthdays



***April 5***

***Mary Gaston Catmur  
Margaret Ledbetter***

***April 8***

***Catherine Stallings***

***April 9***

***Debbie Pittman***

***April 17***

***Lisa Colcolough***

***April 29***

***Jeanne Wilbourn***

***April 24***

***Mary Wood***