



MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB

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MARCH 2023

The Memphis Garden Club has come into March like a lion with two very successful events. The Men's Flower Show and the Cathy Graham event were fantastic!

A special thank you to Cary Brown and her mighty team. Cary, Lysbeth Francis, Kathryn Painter, and Lela Smith helped Cathy Graham with her selections, as well as conditioning flowers, running errands, getting coffee, and catering to her every need. Y'all were the best and my heroes. Nancy Morrow and Gwen Owen tended to every detail of the program and audio, which made the day go off perfectly. The only snafu was when Lela and I got locked in the freezer at the Memphis Botanic Garden Horticulture building. After beating on the door for ten minutes, one of the staff rescued us! Our phones wouldn't work in there either. Ha!

The Men's Flower Show was absolutely the best. Thank you to Elizabeth Coors, Barton Lynch, and Muffy Turley for your creativity and hard work to make it such a success! The men were great sports and blue ribbon deserving. What a wonderful night of laughter and fun! Many thanks to everyone else who helped at both events!

Our club is incredible and we are lucky to have amazing members who make it possible to have such fun events! Again, thank you for your support, attendance and friendship.

Enjoy this beautiful Spring weather. I look forward to seeing you at our March 23rd meeting at the Dixon Winegardner auditorium at 10:30 AM.

**With love and gratitude,
Pam**



Cary Brown | Cathy Graham

It really does take a village... and a motivated president! When Pam called me late last summer to ask if I would help her with a fundraiser, I honestly didn't know who Cathy Graham was and I certainly had no idea that she would be one of the most inspiring speakers we have ever had. I appreciate the opportunity to work on this event and I am grateful to all the MGC members who said "yes" when I called on them to help me. The addition of the Men's Flower Show was a complicated bonus and a lot of added work. The success of both Wednesday night and Thursday morning is due to a dream team of MGC ladies: (alphabetically to be 100% fair) Elizabeth Coors, Katie Dickinson, Llewellyn Hall, Kaylea Hill, Julia Hussey, Margaret Ledbetter, Lindsay Lewis, Stephanie Linkous, Barton Lynch, Nancy Morrow, Gwen Owen, Lela Smith, Miriam Smith, Palmer Smith, Muffy Turley, Jenne Williams, Mary Wood, and our #1, PAM MARTIN!! I would be remiss if I didn't also mention the staff at the Memphis Botanic Garden, especially the lovable Mary Helen Butler. Special thanks go to Brooks Terry from Babcock Gifts, who was willing, able, and enthusiastic from the moment he heard from us - another fabulous teammate!

And finally, none of this would have happened without our new friend, Cathy B Graham. Her creations were magical and we will always remember our time with her. She showed us beautiful floral designs and inspired us with her whimsical yet cultured eye for design and entertaining. Her visit to Memphis and the support we received from friends who attended will enable us to give meaningful gifts to Dixon Gallery and Gardens and the Memphis Botanic Gardens, which is the real legacy of Cathy's visit to Memphis!



Cary Brown | Cathy Graham



Cary Brown | Men's Flower Show



Elizabeth Coors | **Conservation**

**Please come hear Suzy Askew with Wild Ones
Healing the Earth, One Landscape at a Time**

March 7th, 2023

12:00 PM

Hughes Pavilion



Conservation News

The Memphis Garden Club has applied for the GCA Partners for Plants Grant supporting the Wolf River Conservancy, Epping Way Project. Partners for Plants, P4P, provides funding to further the great initiative at Epping Way planting native flowering plants, removal of non-native invasive plants, volunteer and educational activities.

The Epping Way project consists of 138 acres owned by the Wolf River Conservancy including a 20-acre lake. Its outreach is to countless Memphians in the realms of conservation, education, and recreation.



Julie Spear | Judging

The Memphis Garden Club GCA accredited Judges are:

Floral Design: Jeanne Arthur, Lida Bross, Barton Lynch, Suzanne Mallory, Brandon Morrison, Julie Spear and Elizabeth Coors (Prospective)

Horticulture: Buff Adams, Veazey Krausnick, and Elizabeth Coors (Candidate)

Photography: Edie Robinson (Candidate)

Your MGC judges began their activities January 22-24, 2023, with a two -day required Judges' workshop in Houston, "Back in the Saddle." It consisted of a pop-up flower show for practice judging; and presentations by judges from all disciplines (floral design, horticulture, conservation, photography, botanical arts). Judges are required to attend these workshops to remain accredited in their chosen fields. They may attend in their own Zones or in other Zones (if they happen to be in the area- for example, Florida in the winter). Another option is to attend a virtual workshop. This year on February 6, we had a wonderful virtual judging workshop, "For the Love of Judging.", open to all members of GCA. It was designed to refresh judges about correct practices while participating on judging panels. Flower shows and other related events are filling up the calendar rapidly. Among the Memphis judges, several have shared their latest activities.

Edie Robinson has clerked in Jackson, MS; Paducah, KY; Dallas. She has sent photographic entries to too many flower shows to list, ranging from Rochester, NY, to Jacksonville, FL. That is the beauty of entering photography- everything can be snail mailed!

Barton Lynch traveled to Augusta, GA, in the fall to judge at their flower show, and will be judging at flower shows in Shreveport and Palm Beach, and will be both entering and judging at Florescence, a GCA Major Flower Show in Houston this spring.

Julie Spear | Judging

Elizabeth Coors entered flower shows in Monroe, LA, and in Memphis at the Little Garden Club's Flower Show this past fall.

Julie Spear served as a passer at the Little Garden Club Flower Show in the fall; will be sending an entry to the Shreveport Flower Show; and will be judging at the Zone IX Flower Show in Jackson, MS in April. Family commitments required her to decline invitations to judge in Shreveport and to enter and judge in Houston.

Julie traveled to Nashville in early February to teach a workshop for the Garden Club of Nashville. Another workshop will be for the Paducah Garden Club in April, as well as a program in Hot Springs, AR for the Arkansas Judges Council Meeting during the State Convention of Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs. Her program will take place after a dinner and she just hopes that people will stay awake!!!

Stay tuned next month for more of our judging activities.



Julie Spear at her February 8th workshop for the Garden Club of Nashville as they are in prep mode for hosting the 2024 Zone IX meeting.

Roberta Anderson | Horticulture - Spring Flowers

For the horticulture rotation on **Thursday , March 9** at 9 a.m, in the Dixon potting hub we will be planting early blooming sunflower seeds and possibly helping Kim with other tasks. Please email rtasnow@gmail.com to secure a spot. (New members do not need to email me.)



Margaret Stokes, who has a mini flower farm at 4672 Barfield Road in East Memphis, will give us a tour of her operation at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 29. Light rain or shine.

In Margaret's words "I will show you how I grow tulip bulbs in crates and how I harvest and store them. They'll be planted and budding when you see them. The ranunculus and anemones will be blooming under our caterpillar tunnels and the sweet peas will be growing up the trellis but not blooming. I'll have heirloom narcissus stored in the cooler. I'll discuss harvesting techniques for all the blooms and soil health."

To secure a spot for this event, email rtasnow@gmail.com by March 24.

Heads Up!

On Saturday April 8, at 2 p.m. Tay Chafin and the horticulture committee will be showing members and their children and grandchildren how to make seed balls for spring planting. We need a headcount for this so we'll know the quantity of supplies we'll need. Children are encouraged but NOT required. Please email me at rtasnow@gmail.com by March 24, if you want to attend. It will be held at Tay's house at 210 Goodlett.

Lysbeth Francis | Photography

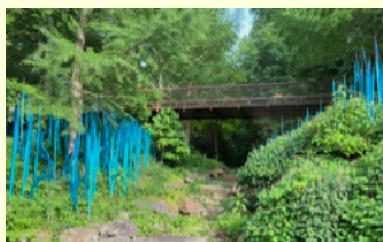
The March 27, 2023 Photography outing to the Calandrucchio house in Hickory Valley has been postponed until further notice.

Please make plans to enter the Photography Division of the Mid-South Daffodil Society 2023 Daffodil Show!

The show will be held in the Dixon Winegardner Auditorium on Saturday, March 18 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 19 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Participants must contact the Photography Chair, Hannah Underhill, at hkunderhill@comcast.net or (901-409-8801) prior to the show regarding classes to be entered. There is no entry fee. Photographs should be delivered to the Winegardner Auditorium between 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17 and 8:00- 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 18. Additional information as well as the show schedule can be found on the Dixon website.



CONGRATULATIONS and KUDOS to IRENE BROWNLOW for winning a 2nd place ribbon in the photography class “Magnetic Connections” in the Philadelphia Flower Show! Class commendation was awarded to all entries in recognizing outstanding accomplishment within the class. WAY TO GO IRENE!



Spectacular photo from Debi Havner

Debi Havner & Kelly Burrow | Programs

**Reminder that the membership meeting for March is:
March 23, 2023 (one week later due to Spring Break).**



We will meet at 10:30 in the Dixon Winegardner Auditorium for the Art of Ikebana: Japanese Culture, Philosophy and Demonstration with the ubertalented and knowledgeable Anne Krekelberg.

March Birthdays



***3/4 Kaki Smith
3/5 Kathryn Erb
3/13 Laine Park
3/15 Amy Drennon
3/19 Maryan Mercer
3/21 Melanie McFadden
3/21 Marilyn Wiener
3/24 Rose Garrett
3/28 Lida Bross
3/29 Barbara Prest***