January 2024

Happy New Year! As we put away the last Christmas ornament and usher in the New Year, I am so grateful for the incredible membership of the Memphis Garden Club! We decorated the Dixon Gallery and Gardens and we enjoyed a beautiful party in our honor by the Dixon staff in the Dixon residence. We also had an incredible "Mingle and Jingle" holiday home tour in which we had around 65+ people in attendance. Thank you to our fantastic hostesses, who included Julie Azar, Lysbeth Francis, Emily McEwan, and Muffy Turley. We really appreciate your creativity, the many hours you spent decorating your homes, and the refreshments you provided for our club and our guests. The MGC members and guests loved seeing your beautiful homes and decorations.

We can all look forward to an exciting year ahead in 2024! We have received the wonderful news that our MGC proposal for the Church Health Community Garden has been awarded one of the three finalist spots for the Founders Fund Award. Jenne Williams and Barton Lynch have worked tirelessly with Sharon Moore and Dr. Scott Morris to present this proposal on behalf of our club. The Award has grown to $40,000 for the winning project and $10,000 for each of the two runner-ups. Please check out our Church Health Community Garden proposal in the Founders Fund article in the Winter 2024 Issue of the GCA Bulletin.

We are looking forward to our Nashville speaker, Meredith Bishop, Bloom and Bounty, on Growing Heirloom Flowers on Thursday, January 18th in the Winegardner Auditorium. A group of members will enjoy a workshop afterward in the Hughes Pavilion.

I want to thank you for the energy, participation, and contributions from all of you this past fall. We are looking forward to exciting programs, our flower show, and our MGC trip to Natchez this Spring. Thank you again for being such an important part of our club.

Cheers to a New Year!
Pam

Jingle & Mingle

Many thanks to our Sustainer, Mary Gaston Catmur, for chairing our second annual Mingle and Jingle Home Tour! Thank you to Julie Azar, Lysbeth Francis, Emily McEwan, and Muffy Turley for opening their beautiful festive homes and sharing their fabulous personal styles of the Christmas season with us.

Jingle & Mingle

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Dixon Christmas Party

Elizabeth Dickinson | Vice President

Award winning floral designer Susan McLeary in Memphis for the MGC Phoebe Cook Lecture Series

Everbloom's Kristin Wolter, Julie Spear, and Susan preparing for presentation in the Dixon Potting Hub

Robert bearing Susan's Tablescape

Elizabeth Dickinson | Vice President

Phoebe Cook Workshop

Kathryn Painter & Kaki Smith | Flower Show

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Lecture Series

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 | 10:00 AM | HUGHES PAVILION

Bryan Huffman

Bryan Huffman is a residential interior designer who was a close friend of Mrs. Mellon for many years. Along with her grandson, Thomas Lloyd, he has co-authored three books relating to Mrs. Mellon's aesthetic: *Bunny Mellon Style, Garden Secrets of Bunny Mellon,* and *Bunny Mellon Garden Journal.*

Thomas Lloyd

Thomas Lloyd is President of the Gerard B. Lambert Foundation, founded by his grandmother, Bunny Mellon. He is a Certified Financial Planner® who specializes in developing individual financial plans for high-net-worth individuals and institutions.
He currently serves on the boards of The Trustees Council of the National Gallery of Art, The Institute of Classical Art & Architecture, and the PEN/Faulkner Foundation. Lloyd lives in Washington, D.C. with his two children Teddy and Fiona.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 | 2:00 PM | HUGHES PAVILION

Mark D. Sikes

Mark D. Sikes is an esteemed interior designer and tastemaker working on projects throughout the United States and abroad, including the White House and Blair House. He is known for all-American sensibilities and a fresh take on classical aesthetics. Mark has a talent for creating beautiful and timeless interiors that embody an indoor/outdoor lifestyle.

His rooms have been much celebrated, and his work has been featured in numerous design magazines and show houses. Mark is a current member of the AD100 list and *Elle Decor's* A-List for both 2021 and 2022. Mark has several ongoing product collaborations including décor with Anthropologie, fabric with Schumacher, furniture with Chaddock, and lighting with Hudson Valley Lighting.

He is excited to announce upcoming collaborations with Samuel & Sons, Perennials, Chesney's, and Modern Matter. Mark's first book, *Beautiful*, was a *New York Times* bestseller and was followed up by *More Beautiful*, which debuted in 2020. Mark is currently working on his third book with Rizzoli featuring interiors throughout the country. His highly anticipated fourth book with Rizzoli will chronicle the process of building his new home, Orange Hill Farm, in Ojai, California, a personal project that will become the backdrop for his brand and firm.

Mark seeks to create beautiful interiors and, above all, a more beautiful world. Beauty is everywhere. It surrounds us each and every day; all we have to do is look.

Lecture Series

Scan this QR code for Ticket Purchase form for flower show events

Debi Havner & Kelly Burrow | Programs

Happy New Year! We have an exciting spring planned, so mark your calendars.

January 18, 2024, Meredith Bishop from Bloom & Bounty, an urban flower farm and floral design studio in Nashville, Tennessee, will join us to speak on the Joy of Old World Flowers; a lesson in growing heirloom flowers from seed. She is also offering a workshop after our membership meeting to teach the mechanics of making a hand-spiraled bouquet. The hand-spiraled bouquet is the technique used in making bridal bouquets and is perfect for arranging and gifting flowers. The cost of the workshop is $50 and will include all the materials you need, and you'll make a beautiful bouquet to take home and enjoy. The workshop will begin in the Hughes Pavilion immediately after the meeting, and lunch will be served, so grab your clippers and join us for an afternoon of beautiful flowers!
Please email Debi Havner or Kelly Burrow for more information or to make a reservation. Payment may be made with a check or Venmo to Kelly Burrow (@Kelly-Burrow-2).

Debi Havner & Kelly Burrow | Programs

February 8, 2024, at 10:30 am, is our joint meeting with the Little Garden Club at Memphis Country Club. We will hear Nicole Burke from gardenary.com. She is an outdoor kitchen designer and author and will be selling her newest book, Leaves, Roots and Fruit. Be on the lookout for a Paperless Post coming soon and plan to stay and enjoy some fellowship with Little Garden Club.

March 21, 2024, at 10:30 am, we will meet at Crosstown Concourse Auditorium to hear Nancy Pierce present The World of Butterflies. This is also a great chance to see what our garden club has been up to at Crosstown! So please mark your calendars and sign up for Meredith Bishop's workshop on January 18th! We look forward to seeing you!

Lysbeth Francis | Photography

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024 IS THE DEADLINE TO ENTER PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE 2024 MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW: RHYTHM AND HUES!!!

There are a few openings in each class!

Please contact Irene Brownlow (irenebrownlow2@gmail.com) or Lindsay Lewis (lindsayhlewis@yahoo.com) if interested in entering .

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 10:00am - 2:30pm for the GCA 2024 Virtual Photography Conference: Reimagine The World.

Registration is free and open to all GCA members through Tuesday, JANUARY 23, 2024 by signing up on the GCA website. Feel free to 'hop on and off" throughout the day! You will not be disappointed!

Roberta Anderson | Horticulture

Get those flower pots ready for Rhythm & Hues! The photo on the left shows the white salts and minerals that exude from terracotta pots. The clean pot on the right has been gently scrubbed with a plastic bristle brush and rinsed. No need to take the plant out, just be careful. Prevent the buildup by using rainwater or distilled water. Although many gardeners like the look of a "weathered" pot, GCA judges do not! Another reason to keep your pots clean is dirty ones can harbor fungus and bacteria that can affect your plant's health.

Julie Spear | Judging

The 2024 GCA Flower Show and Judging train has left the station after a long winter's nap! So far, here are the activities I know from those I've heard from:

Buff Adams will be attending the Grass River Flower Show in Delray; helping with the French Broad River Garden Club Foundation in Asheville; helping with the Memphis Flower Show 2024; and judging at the Greenwich, CT, flower show in June.

Elizabeth Coors attended the GCA Floral Design Study Group in Savannah, GA, in October with instructor, Klaus Wagener. She will be entering the Atlanta Botanical Garden Flower Show, "Primavera", in February with Julie Spear. Elizabeth is entered in Memphis Flower Show 2024, "Rhythm and Hues", in April; and will be participating in The Garden Club of Houston's flower show, "Bayous in the City", in May.

Veazey Krausnick entered the Ladue Flower Show in Saint Louis last fall.

Brandon Morrison will be entering the Memphis Flower Show 2024, "Rhythm and Hues" in April and The Garden Club of Houston Flower Show, "Bayous in the City", in May.

Julie Spear was an assistant in October at the GCA Floral Design Study Group workshop in Savannah, GA, with German instructor, Klaus Wagener. She will be partnering with Elizabeth Coors in their entry at Atlanta Botanical Garden Flower Show, "Primavera", in February, as well as serving on a judging panel. Julie will also be judging at the 2024 Philadelphia Flower Show, " United by Flowers", in March; and she is entered in Memphis Flower Show, 2024, "Rhythm and Hues". In September, 2023, Julie taught a floral design workshop for the River Oaks Garden Club in Houston, and in November, 2023, she gave a floral design program and workshop for Memphis Garden Club members at Memphis Botanic Garden. Julie was also on the prep crew for the Phoebe Cook Lecture Series speaker, Sue McCleary, as well as assisted in her afternoon workshop following her morning program.

Barton Lynch judged at the Laurel Garden Club flower show, "The Gift" this past fall, and will be judging at the Atlanta Botanical Garden Flower Show, "Primavera", in February.

Barton is also chairman of the 120 judges who were selected to participate in Memphis Flower Show 2024, after they followed the new GCA guidelines for inviting judges to the GCA Annual Meeting flower show, the Memphis Major Flower Show and the Milwaukee Major Flower Show.

In October, 2023, GCA sent out an interest form which required all judges to list the flower shows they would like to attend. The form gave the judges one month in which to complete the form. This is a new procedure, and judges who had not submitted their forms by the end of November were eliminated from the list of potential judging invitees. Just FYI, Memphis Flower Show is so well-regarded throughout GCA that 276 judges from across the 12 Zones enthusiastically submitted their completed forms on time.

Elizabeth Coors | Conservation

You are invited to hear the new Executive Director of
the Wolf River Conservatory
Erik Houston

& Ryan Hall
Director of Land Conservation

Wednesday, January 24th at 12:00pm
Dixon Auditorium

Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to our December
and January Birthdays!

December

1	Julie Azar
5	Lysbeth Francis
7	Tina Todd
12	Kim Roberts
14	Julie Spear
16	Lauren Keras
16	Brandon Morrison
19	Nancy Morrow
21	Anne Keeney

January

4	Lane Whitehead
11	Ruthie Samaha
13	Christy Cannon
21	Carroll Nenon
21	Caroline Orr
24	Jenne Williams