

February 2024

Welcome to the month of increasing warmth and daylight, as well as Valentines, chocolate, roses and wine. Yes, February is known as the month of love, and I DO love our Memphis Garden Club.

I love how hard our Chairmen work on creating wonderful workshops, and how our members create beautiful arrangements in the Dixon Gallery and Gardens. I love the sense of community that we continuously build by seeing friends, old and new, at meetings workshops, rotations, and other events.

Have you ever heard of the Butterfly Effect? It is how a small action can have significant and far-reaching consequences. For example, take our Rhythm and Hues Flower Show on April 12th-14th. Every person does her share as part of a team and together we do something wonderful! We create an event for our community and the Garden Club of America members from all over the country. We showcase world-class floral design, excellent conservation education, wonderful photography, and outstanding horticulture. Thank you to Kathryn Painter, Kaki Smith, and all the members who have worked tirelessly for our upcoming Rhythm and Hues Flower Show.

It gives me great pride to be your President. Your hard work continues to inspire me. I see and appreciate everything you do for the Memphis Garden Club.

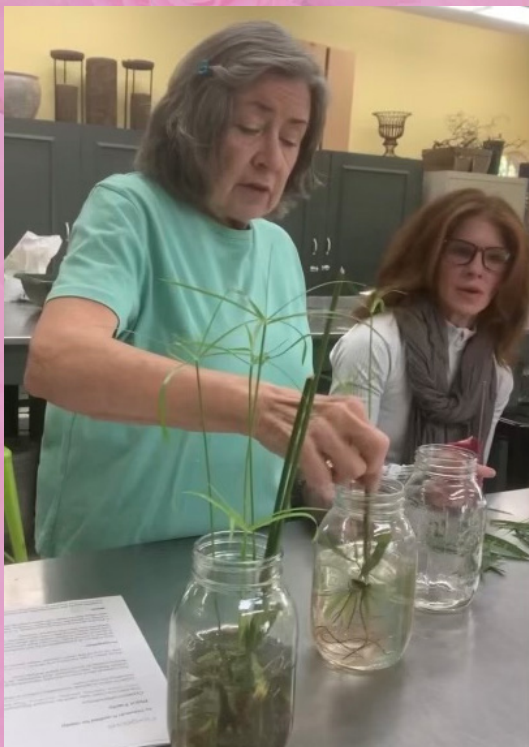
I'm excited to see you soon at our February 8th joint meeting with the Little Garden Club at the Memphis Country Club.

With love,
Pam



Elizabeth Dickinson | Vice President

MGC's New Members are joyfully gathering their creative thoughts and preparing their entries for their FIRST-EVER Flower Show this April with Rhythm & Hues! Ten of our new members have entered Floral Design, Class 10: Happiness Blooms From Within, two have entered Hort Design (Class 2: Glass Terrarium, and Class 3: Garden Design) and all fifteen are entering Horticulture Class 146: Provisional Papyrus Propagation! If you see a New Member, and ask them how their entries are progressing! It is so exciting! Our new members are like garden flowers... bright, beautiful (inside and out), and in full bloom!



Beth Buchigani's captivating workshop on papyrus propagation

Elizabeth Dickinson | Vice President

Meredith Bishop from Bloom & Bounty leads a delightful workshop on creating lovely bouquets.



Kathryn Painter & Kaki Smith | Flower Show



Memphis Flower Show 2024

WE WANT YOU!

**There is still
plenty to do for
the Flower
Show and we
need YOU!**



**Let us know if there is a specific area of
interest: Floral Design, Horticulture,
Botanical Arts, Photography
Education, Preview Party, Vendor Tent
and more!**

**For questions contact: kathryn.painter@yahoo.com
or
kakivs@bellsouth.net**

Kathryn Painter & Kaki Smith | Flower Show



Memphis Flower Show 2024

Memphis Flower Show 2024 Sponsorship Commitment

Name: _____

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Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Sponsorship Level: ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$300
☐ \$200 ☐ \$100

Other Amount: \$ _____

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Payment Preference: ☐ Credit Card ☐ Check ☐ Invoice

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Authorized Signature: _____

Please complete the sponsorship commitment form.
Make checks payable to Memphis Garden Club and mail to :
Llewellyn Hall
65 Lombardy
Memphis, TN 38111

For questions contact: kathryn.painter@yahoo.com

Kathryn Painter & Kaki Smith | Flower Show



Rhythm & Hues

A GCA Major
Flower Show

April 11-14, 2024

Dixon Gallery and Gardens,
Memphis, TN

Kathryn Painter & Kaki Smith | Flower Show

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.

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



Nancy Miller & Muffy Turley | Preview Party

RHYTHM AND HUES PREVIEW PARTY | \$125/ per person
Friday, April 12, 2024, 7:00-9:00

This is always a fun evening, but we need you to make it a success!
Buy your tickets and spread the word.

Please remember that married members must buy 2 tickets and single members must buy 1 ticket. You can go to the MGC website, use the QR code provided, or write a check to MGC and mail to Llewellyn Hall, 65 Lombardy 38111.

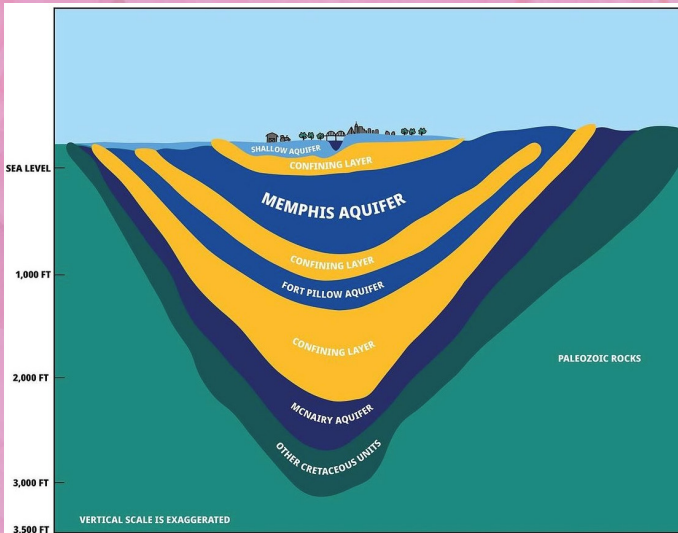
If you have a friend who did not receive an invitation in 2022, and you would like for them to attend, please email Nancy Miller or Muffy Turley with their names or addresses.
Nancymiller@me.com & Muffyturley@me.com

Elizabeth Coors | Conservation

Sarah Houston with Protect Our Aquifer
February 28th at Noon
Dixon Auditorium

Come hear Sarah share the vital importance of our most precious natural resource and their work to maintain its superior quality, benefiting present and future generations. Sarah will also provide an update regarding the development of Blue Oval City and its effect on the aquifer.

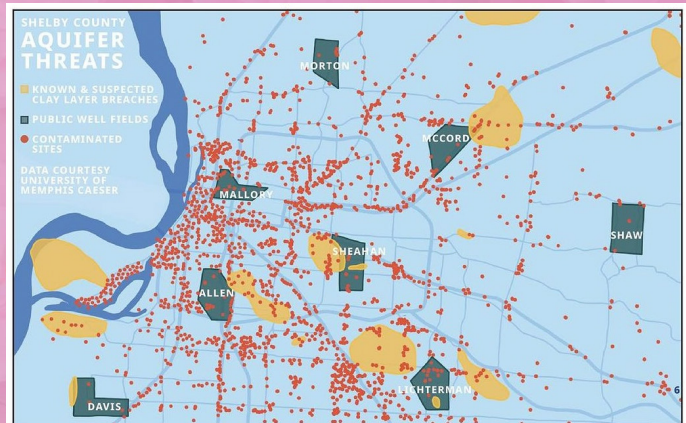
OUR PROTECT AQUIFER



THE MEMPHIS SAND AQUIFER IS AN UNDERGROUND WATER SOURCE PROTECTED BY A LAYER OF DENSE CLAY.

WE PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED THE CLAY LAYER WAS SOLID, BUT IN THE LAST 40 YEARS, STUDIES SHOW THAT THERE ARE BREACHES THAT ALLOW GROUNDWATER TO PASS THROUGH.

DUE TO LEGACY POLLUTION AND OVERPUMPING, CONTAMINANTS ARE BEING PULLED INTO THE WATER.



THIS UNSETTLING MAP SHOWS POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SITES OVERLAPPING THE BREACHES IN THE CLAY LAYER.

Debi Havner & Kelly Burrow | Programs

Please join us on Thursday, February 8th, 2024 for a joint meeting with the Little Garden Club at 10:30 at Memphis Country Club. There is an optional continental lunch following the meeting.

Please look for the beautiful invitation in your inbox.

Our featured speaker is Nicole Burke with [gardenary.com](https://www.gardenary.com)!

Nicole is an outdoor kitchen garden designer and author and will be selling both of her books; *Kitchen Garden Revival: A Modern Guide to creating a stylish, small-scale, low-maintenance, edible garden*, and her newest book, *Leaves, Roots and Fruit: A Step-by-Step Guide to Planting an Organic Kitchen*.



Lysbeth Francis | Photography

THANK YOU to all members who entered photographs in Rhythm and Hues, our 2024 Memphis Flower Show.

Juried Photography finalists will be notified on Thursday, February 8, 2024. Monday, March 11, 2024 is the delivery deadline for mounted photographs which are to be exhibited and judged in the show.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

Photography Field Trip to photograph The Woods Place, circa 1836.
Calandruccio Home, Hickory Valley, TN

Interested in learning more about Fall Color Photography?
Interested in traveling to the San Juan Mountains of Colorado?
If so, please consider joining the GCA Fall, 2024 Photography Study Group
Monday, September 30, 2024 - Friday, October 4, 2024.
Details available on the GCA website.

CONGRATULATIONS to Maryan Mercer and Irene Brownlow for having photographs accepted in the prestigious Philadelphia Flower Show to be held Saturday, March 2 - Sunday, March 10, 2024.
YOU DO US PROUD!!

Roberta Anderson | Horticulture



THE GARDEN CLUB of AMERICA

☐ Passed

HORTICULTURE ENTRY CARD

☐ Club

☐ GCA

☐ Major

Class:

Entry #:

Award:

(Entry # given after passed)

Plant Material

Botanical Name: *(Genus species 'Cultivar')*

Common Name:

Length of Ownership:

☐ Propagated by Exhibitor

(Check for yes)

☐ Propagation Card *(attached to qualify for special awards)*

(Check for yes)

☐ Key Card *(must be attached for more than one variety)*

(Check for yes)

Growing Conditions:

Judges' Comments:

Eligible for:

☐ Novice *(Exhibiting alone)*

☐ Club Award

☐ Willemssen *(GCA Show)*

☐ Beattie *(GCA Show)*

☐ Wrinkle *(GCA Major Show)*

☐ Coming *(GCA Major Show)*

Exhibitor:

Exhibitor's Club & Zone:

Show Name:

Show Date(s):

Spring 2018

How to Fill Out Horticulture Entry Card

Use pencil.

Leave Passed, Entry # and Award blank.

Check Major box.

Enter Class (number) from Rhythm & Hues schedule.

Botanical Name is the Latin name.

Common Name is the familiar English name.

Enter Length of Ownership in months or years.

If Propagated by Exhibitor check yes box.

If Propagation Card is complete check yes box and attach. Must be attached to qualify for a special award.

Check yes box if Key Card is attached. A Key Card must be attached for an entry with more than one plant.

Describe Growing Conditions: e.g., greenhouse, windowsill, outdoors, artificial light, shade.

Leave Judges' Comments blank.

Check boxes for Eligible Awards for this entry.

Complete Exhibitor (your name), Exhibitor's Club & Zone (Memphis Garden Club, Zone IX), Show Name (Rhythm & Hues), Show Dates (April 12-14, 2024)

Roberta Anderson | Horticulture

Learning the latest about aquaponic farming at New Way Aquaponic Farms in midtown Memphis.



Debbie Pittman & Frances Montgomery | Travel

It's time to finalize plans for the Trip to Natchez!

We are so excited about our upcoming trip! What better way to end the MGC year than touring some of the most beautiful and historic homes and gardens in the South? We are so fortunate to have Jeff Mansell, who lives in Natchez and knows everyone there personally, planning this and getting us access to the very finest places!

Attached is the trip description that was sent out on January 11th. The anticipated cost of \$1,250 assumes 25 participants. If you would like a single instead of a double room, your cost will be \$1,550.

Your \$500 deposit to secure your place should be sent to Llewellyn Hall at 65 Lombardy Road, Memphis TN 38111.

Send email responses to Debbie Pittman (deborahpittman@live.com) and Frances Montgomery (fvmontgomery@aol.com).

See flyer on next page!

Debbie Pittman & Frances Montgomery | Travel

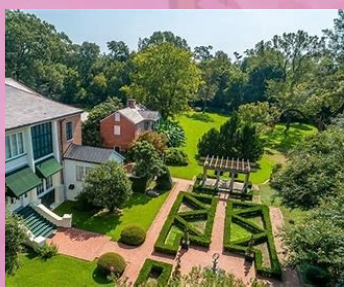
Memphis Garden Club Getaway to Natchez, Mississippi Apr. 22-25



Monday: Depart Memphis at 9:00 a.m. by private motorcoach. Stop in Ridgeland, MS for lunch at the lovely French bistro, An-jou. Arrive Natchez for check-in at elegant Dunleith, with its encircling colonnade. At 5:00 p.m., board coach for the opening night reception at historic Bontura (top) by the local GCA chapter, and home to Ruthie and Jim Coy. Ruthie is a master gardener, GCA member and former board member of the Southern Garden History Society. Dinner will be in the great hall at Lansdowne, (left) the Greek Revival home to the Marshall family since 1853.



Tuesday: We begin with a private tour of Melrose (left) by Park Historian Jefferson Mansell. Depart for Sunnyside for a tour of the garden before a delicious lunch. The afternoon includes tours of Oak Hill Inn (right), one of the nation's top-rated and most beautifully appointed BnBs with wonderful gardens (right). Following, we are in for a real treat with a visit to Greenlea, one of Natchez's most exceptional private gardens. Greenlea is home to Stella Carby, past GCA president, and her husband, Philip. We'll end the day with cocktails in the garden of Choctaw Hall (right), followed by dinner in the great house.

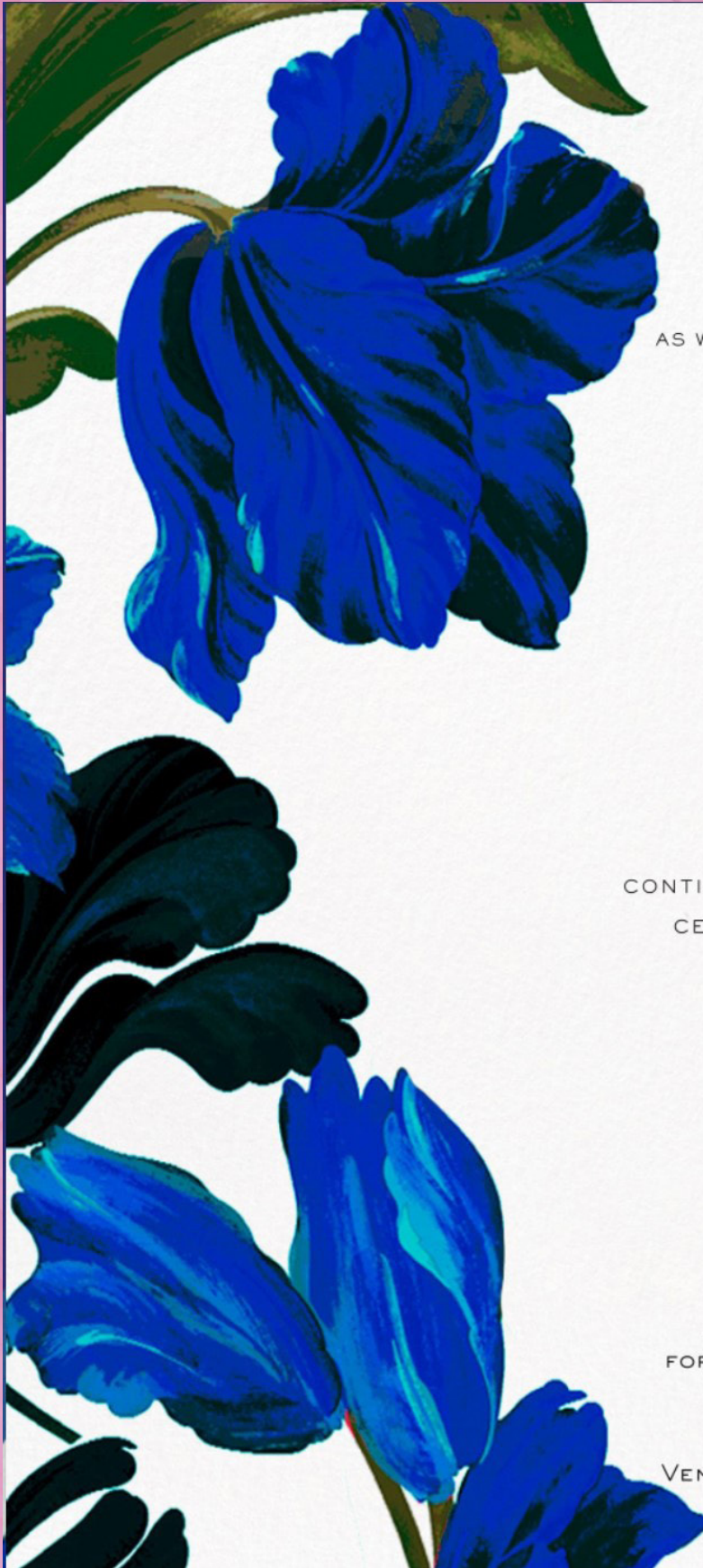


Wednesday: Our morning begins at the magnificent Federal mansion, Gloucester (left) for a house tour and a walk through the wonderful, recently created, Colonial inspired gardens. Then we're off to nearby Longwood (right), the largest octagonal mansion in the country. Whether you've seen it once, twice, or not at all, no visit to Natchez is complete without a visit to this National Historic Landmark. Lunch will be in the Queen's Room at the famous Carriage House restaurant, with a special program by Ruthie Coy on the camellia collection at her family home, Greenleaves (right). After lunch, you'll get a tour of the house with plenty of time to wander the grounds with your hostess. We will end the day with a private tour, cocktails and dinner in one of the great houses of the American South, Stanton Hall (left).



Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Depart for Memphis

Muffy Farnsworth & Catherine Stallings



PLEASE COME
LISTEN + LUNCH + LINGER

AS WE WELCOME THE AUTHOR OF
'KITCHEN GARDEN REVIVAL'
'LEAVES, ROOTS & FRUITS'
AND
WWW.GARDENARY.COM

NICOLE BURKE

FOR OUR JOINT MEETING &
CONTINENTAL LUNCH RECEPTION
CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIPS &
THE MEMBERS OF
MEMPHIS GARDEN CLUB
&

LITTLE GARDEN CLUB

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 8

10:30 - 12:30

MEMPHIS COUNTRY CLUB

YOUR \$35 PAYMENT TO MGC
FOR LUNCH IS YOUR RESERVATION

DELIVER TO:
CATHERINE STALLINGS
4242 TUCKAHOE
VENMO@CATHERINE-STALLINGS-3

Birthdays!

Happy birthday to our February **Violets!**

1	Palmer Smith
4	Miriam Smith
6	Carolyn Rogers
8	Ainslie Todd
12	Carroll Bernard & Nancy Miller
13	Jeanne Arthur
14	Terre Sullivant
15	Carol Stout
21	Kaylea Hill
23	Russell Whitehead
26	Katie Dickinson
27	Judith Mitchener



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