

JANUARY 2015

BLOOMIN' NEWS

Garden Club of Lexington

Letter from Kim

Happy New Year to M'Ladies!

The new season of Downton Abbey has begun and for those of your who follow this series, the timing could not be better. Our garden is at rest for the winter and we can stay toasty and warm inside soaking in this PBS show, reading our favorite book or watching our UK Wildcats dominate the basketball world.

Our meeting this month is January 15th and we are honored to have a speaker from Wild Birds Unlimited. So, please brave the cold and come to our general meeting next week (details below). We will have no Bloomin News or General Meeting in February. We will see you on March 19th at our Annual Meeting.



Last but not least, we will kick off this year by officially announcing our inner club Photography Show schedule! The schedule will go out in an email to all members, but take a moment to review the available photography classes. Please consider participating in our show in January 2016! I would like to sincerely thank Amy Kessinger and Kathy Courtney for organizing this inaugural event for our club. We hope to have as many members as possible participate with their favorite seasonal photograph taken with either a digital camera or iPhone.

GCA Quick Fact:

Q: The GCA will award over \$300,000 to 86 scholars and award recipients in 2014-2015. What was the first scholarship funded by the GCA and in what year?

A: Fellowship in Landscape Architecture at the American Academy in Rome, 1928.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday January 15th (next Thursday) 10:30
at home of Melanie Dowell

Speaker from Wild Birds Unlimited

RSVP (ASAP) - 266-4205 - mmdowell@aol.com

hostesses *Melanie Dowell, Luanne Milward

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday March 19th - 10:30 - IHCC

JANUARY 2015

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday March 19th - 9:15 - prior to general meeting at IHCC

BLOOMIN NEWS

There will be no Bloomin News in February.

TUESDAY MARCH 3rd is deadline for articles / info for March Bloomin News.

CONSERVATION - Lendy Brown

"WILD GEESE" by Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
For a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about your despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting--
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW - January 2016 Inner Club Photography Show

Please review the classes below and consider entering our inner club show which will take place in January 2016. The title of our show is "A Year in the Garden". Registration will open May 15, 2015. The guidelines for the schedule will be sent in an email to members.

Photography Division Classes

Class 1 Spring--The Bud of Yet to Come color 6 entries Spring is a breath of fresh air in Ashland garden. Everywhere you look there are buds playing peak-a-boo. Catch a glimpse of the beauty at it's birth, before it is in full bloom.
A flower not yet in full bloom.

JANUARY 2015

Class 2 Summer--A Garden at It's Peak color 6 entries From toddlers to engagements to a quiet stroll the garden. Ashland is not to missed while in full bloom. Summer is the season of choice for capturing special moments.

A flower taken to the edges of your photo.

Class 3 Fall--In a Whole New Light color 6 entries Look closely and you will discover flowers and plants taking on a new appearance. Leaves change colors, stalks form seeds, and berries pop up. The wonders of fall.

Landscape of a parterre.

Class 4 Winter--Treasure Put to Bed black&white 6 entries The garden has been put to bed for a long winters nap. Yet as it rests, mother nature blankets Ashland with heavy dew, frost, and snow. A winter wonderland for all to cherish.

After the garden has been put to bed.

Class 5 Outside the Garden Gates color 6 entries Inside the garden gates is what we often focus on. Challenge yourself to soak up the beauty of the outer walls of Ashland garden all year long. You may just discover a new love!

Outside the garden gates & walls at dusk.

Division Class Consultant: Kim DeCamp 859-539-6899 kimberlydecamp@gmail.com

Note: Photography has a registration form and an entry form. Entry form is to be submitted with the entry attached to the photograph.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

BLOOMIN NEWS
GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
MARCH 2015



Letter from Kim

Lendy and I just returned from our nation's capital as we represented our Club at the Garden Club of America National Affairs and Legislation meeting, a non-partisan meeting focused on current legislative affairs. We spend four days with over 300 Garden Club Members representing every state in our Country including Hawaii. For many of you who have attended this meeting in the past, it is exhilarating, educational and exhausting! The GCA NAL meeting cuts to the core of the GCA mission: "to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement". As you can imagine, it was a busy week in Washington, as issues involving funding for the Department of Homeland Security trumped the focus and energy of our Senators and Congressmen. Fortunately, we were able to meet with Congressman Barr as well as the aides in the offices of Senators McConnell and Paul. We have offered an invitation to each of them to speak at the NAL Meeting next year as it is important to hear and learn from both political parties on topics of environment and conservation. Please read Lendy's article as she describes our experience and highlights areas of focus that are extremely important to the environment and conservation of the beauty of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the US. I would encourage members of our Club to consider attending this event in the future. It is extremely important for us to have a voice in Washington and to share information regarding legislative agendas that involve our people and the natural resources of Kentucky.



GCA Quick Fact:

Q: Lady Bird Johnson famously worked to eliminate the blight of billboards in America and she was instrumental in the development of the Highway Beautification Act of 1965. When did the GCA first focus attention on the issue of billboard clutter?



A: Billboards were one of the first areas of focus shortly after the founding of the GCA. The war on billboards ignited against the American florists' billboard initiative "Say It With Flowers" in 1919.

THE ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday March 19th - 10:30 - IHCC

Hostesses:
Sarah Davis, Philippa Fogg, Mimi Milward, Martha Trussell
**Edie Gess - 268-5107 - ediehgess@gmail.com

NEXT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 19th - 9:15 - prior to annual meeting at IHCC

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

JUNE 1ST is the deadline for membership status changes. in writing to Melodye Kinkead,

GCL - TREASURER - Betsy Bulleit

At their January meeting the Garden Club of Lexington membership approved the recommendation of their Board to increase the dues \$25.00 for active members - the affiliate dues will remain the same. **Dues for active members will now be \$175.00 and affiliates will remain \$150.00.** Please bring your dues checks to our annual meeting making them payable to Garden Club of Lexington. You can also mail them to Betsy Bulleit - 760 Montclair Dr. Lex. KY 40502.

GARDEN PROJECT - Philippa Fogg and Elizabeth Freeman

We are thinking about Spring! If you would like to make a change in your parterre assignment, please let Elizabeth know. egfreeman3@gmail.com

The Garden Club of America
2015 Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference
Seattle, Washington
September 21-23, 2015

Please see the photography web site
for updated photos of the NAL Meeting in Washington as well as the Pomegranate Photo Shoot at the Beehive. One of the photos will be used for the Flower Magazine ad summer edition. (www.gardencluboflexington.smugmug.com)

CONSERVATION - Lendy Brown

THE 2015 ANNUAL NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION MEETING

I went to the Washington, D.C. NAL meeting with trepidation, not only because of the unknown, but because of the really nasty weather and flying reports. May I say, Kim was calm and collected on all counts. Our appointments with our Kentucky Senators and Representative were scheduled, hotel and conference registrations secured. Our flight was easy, and we



hit the ground ready to meet and greet 300 different state GCA gardeners with conservation vengeance in their eyes. For three days of group meetings, nineteen speakers, videos, meals, cocktails, bus rides, individual senator/representative talks, and dreaming GCA dreams, we never lost the conservation mission.

Most interesting was the list of speakers...Laura Turner Seydel (Chairman, Captain Planet Foundation, etc.) Collin O'Mara (President, National Wildlife Foundation) Stephen Ayers (Architect of the Capitol), Sheldon Whitehouse (Senator, {RI), Barbara Boxer (Senator, CA), Rear Admiral Jonathan White (Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy, etc.) and Nat Mudd (Legislative Director, Southern Environmental Law Center). The list goes on with varied specialists on numerous concerns and interests. All conservation related. We were listening to the most diverse, educated, accomplished, speakers and I was overwhelmed.

Kim and I met personally with Representative Andy Barr, plus aides from Senator McConnell and Senator Rand's office. Kim outlined and condensed, from the vast topics on the GCA Position Papers, the subjects we would discuss and most represented our KY interests: Reestablishing The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCP), Fish and Wildlife Funding (emphasizing pollinators), Clean Air Act (especially dealing with coal ash) and Land Conservation Tax Incentives.



We left Washington filled, rather overflowing, with conservation ideas and renewed efforts. We will see how many of these we can incorporate into our own garden, town, or city. But, we are really wondering about the big picture. Did our congressmen really hear us and perhaps pay attention to our conservation wishes? We will see how much influence 300 DC gardeners, representing over 18,000 USA gardeners, had on our government elected officials. It's the vote that counts.

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW - 'A YEAR IN THE GARDEN'
Kathy Courtney and Amy Kessinger

Registration for our upcoming photography show to be held January 21, 2016 will open on May 15, 2015. Please look over the schedule of classes and think about your photographs you already have or which classes interest you for photographs you will want to take in the near future. An interesting blog you might want to check out:

Cindi Hobgood iPhone Photography
Cindi@hobgood.com

For more than 25 years Cindi and her camera have worked for the entertainment business taking hundreds of pictures to find the perfect location in order to translate a "sense of place" to the directors. The technical elements of film scouting and location management helped her hone her photography skills. In recent years Cindi is known for using the iPhone, garnering numerous Mobile Photo Awards. Her blog is interesting and her photographs beautiful!!

HORTICULTURE - Donna Cornish

March makes us think of spring and especially with the past few weeks of cold, snowy weather it certainly can't get here too soon. I read a recent article on "How Dirt Can Make You Happy". There is a natural antidepressant in soil called Mycobacterium vaccae. This substance has been under study and has been found to mirror the effect on neurons that drugs like Prozac provide. The bacterium is found in soil and may stimulate serotonin production, which makes you relaxed and happier. It appears to be a natural antidepressant in the soil with no adverse health effects. Gardeners inhale the bacteria, have topical contact with it and get it into their bloodstreams when there is a cut or other pathway for infection. So the actual act of gardening can be a stress reducer and mood lifter as many of us have found over the years working in the garden. The fact that there is some science behind it adds some credibility to it. Soil microbes and human health now have a positive link which has been studied and found to be verifiable. All we need now is for the snow to melt so we can get out there and play in the dirt.



Garden Club of America's 2015 Founder's Fund Awards

Sheilagh Hammond

Our club will need to vote on one of three projects at our March meeting:

Zone II Sasqua Garden Club Fairfield, Connecticut

The Sasqua Club Members have spent two years restoring teaching spaces at the Birdcraft Museum and Sanctuary in downtown Fairfield. Member have removed invasive plants and reintroduced native plants. The Founder's Fund award will allow the Sasqua club to turn the garden habitat into a living classroom. A woodland is being transformed into five Habitat Gardens to better nourish 120 bird species. Educational signage and free mobile tours will make available to residents and inner city children the importance of habitat biodiversity. Sasqua research study will track how native plantings impact insect and bird populations.

Zone V The Wissahickon Garden Club Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Stenton is a lovely Philadelphia colonial house with a farm and garden. This home was the founding location of Garden Club of America in 1913. Stenton is a National Historic Landmark in a densely populated and underserved neighborhood. The Wissahickon Garden Club proposes to plant an "urban meadow" on one acre of the property to create the original agricultural landscape as well as an outdoor laboratory for public school students. The "urban meadow" will help students learn sustainability of farming, healthy eating and environmentally friendly practices. Students will practice composting through hands on activities. Benefits of the meadow will also include increased pollinating, biodiversity of plants / flowers and new habitats for flora and fauna.

Zone III The Carolina Foothills Garden Club Greenville, SC

Falls Park on the Reedy has been a project for the Carolina Foothills Garden Club for 50 years. The garden club set out to protect the land around the falls. Fall Park had once been a place to be avoided but now is a special place, an example of civic improvement, land and water conservation. The Founder's Fund Award will allow members to complete the park with interpretive panels and plant markers to enrich the park's history for the many annual visitors.

COFFEE TREE PROJECT

How about this weather?! I know it is hard to believe, but soon we will need to collect coffee tree pods. Once the snow melts please start collecting and dropping them off at either my house or Donna's, whichever is easier for you. I know some of you have easy access to trees and there are a couple of trees at Ashland in the Richmond Rd / Woodspoint area that have had lots of pods in the past. If you know you are able to collect some, please email me back and let me know.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES (cont.) - Dottie Cordray

I'm challenging each of you to re-think your buying habits and commitment to "going green" for the sake of your health and those you love as well as our earth & environment! Let's all champion the use of safe products as if our lives depend on it.....because they do! **My wish for you is better health and a safer environment for us all!**



The most common chemicals used in perfumes, colognes, hairsprays, deodorants, detergents, shaving creams, shampoos, dishwasher detergents, fabric softeners, laundry bleach, bar soaps, air fresheners, laundry detergents, nail color and remover, and/or lotions include: **ACETONE**, **BENZALDEHYDE**, etc.



ACETONE acts as a central nervous system (CNS) depressant.

BENZALDEHYDE also a CNS, causes irritation to the mouth, throat, eyes, skin, lungs, GI tract and may cause kidney damage.

to be cont....

In the Garden at Ashland - Brenda Barrett

Helleborus x hybrids Helleborus are abundant throughout the flower borders in the Garden at Ashland. Most are found in the northern borders adjacent to the yew hedge. Helleborus, also called Lenten Roses, are one of the first signs of spring.



They are a delight to everyone when the flower buds begin to open in the late winter to reveal pretty, white, cream, pink or mauve flowers. The nodding cup-shaped flowers bloom early and remain attractive well into early summer when their original color will often fade to a pale green as the seeds begin to develop.

These hardy and long-lived perennial plants have been cultivated for centuries in Europe where they were used for various medical purposes. The name has its origins in the Greek words *helle*, to take away; *elein*, to injure; and *bora*, food. Helleborus do contain chemicals that could lead to poisoning if ingested in large quantities. Modern day interest in *Helleborus x hybridus* as an ornamental plant has grown steadily in the last few years and in 2005 it was named 'Perennial Plant of the Year' by the Perennial Plant Association. Today's hybrid plants are the result of crosses between *Helleborus orientalis* and many other closely related *Helleborus* species.

These hybrid plants generally resemble *H. orientalis*, but due to the enthusiasm of today's growers and breeders there is a great deal of variation especially with regard to flower color and form. In addition to the cream and mauve colored *Helleborus* petals you can find in the Garden at Ashland you can find Lenten Roses in a wide range of colors including chartreuse, magenta and dark purple. Additionally you can find variegated and spotted blooms as well as double and semi-double flowered forms.

Lenten Roses form tight attractive clumps 18-24" in height and width. The large thick shiny leaves have a serrated edge that can scratch your skin. Leaf color is a medium to dark green. *Helleborus* can be evergreen, but in Central Kentucky the foliage is usually battered by our unpredictable winters and they are semi-evergreen at best. One of the first garden chores of the year is to cut back the old foliage in order to best enjoy the emergence of the new flower stalks.

Helleborus are on my list of essential plants for the shady or partially shady garden. They are easy to grow and while they prefer high organic, moist, well-draining soil they are adaptable and they will withstand many different growing conditions. Plants will easily reseed themselves and this is great for naturalizing. However, if the numerous seedlings are unwanted they can be easily removed or transplanted. Transplanting the young seedlings is an easy and fun garden project. Look for the young plants at the base of the parent plants and carefully dig the seedlings in order to minimize any disturbance to the

mature plants. A teaspoon will work well for this job. The young plants can then be potted in small containers and shared with friends until ready to transplant. The seedlings will take about three years to mature and start blooming. Once established the mature Helleborus are a great addition to any garden. They are long-lived, easy to care for and division is seldom if ever needed.

APRIL 2015

BLOOMIN' NEWS

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON



Letter from Kim

Spring is here! I hope that I am not jinxing the arrival of spring, but I "believe" that we have turned the corner to a beautiful time of the year. The work in the garden has begun and I am happy to renew relationships with all of my fellow members! Spring brings the rejuvenation of new projects. One of our new projects this year is the butterfly project.

Katie Hein, GCA President, would like for each of the 200 GCA clubs across American to consider developing a pollinator project this year. The monarch population in the eastern US has decreased by 90 percent in the past 20 years. There is not one cause or reason. Shifts in climate, increased development and changes in forest topology are just a few of the factors that affect monarch migration and proliferation. We need to work together in Ashland garden and in our community to make a difference and to help the monarchs and pollinators thrive in our shifting environment.

Our Conservation and Horticulture Committees will be joining together this year to develop a butterfly garden next to the garden shed which will consist of one or two varieties of milkweed. These committees will also be considering a project that is off site and more appropriate for the propagation of multiple types of milkweed, the food of choice for butterflies. Below are some definitions to begin our journey of the milkweed plant and the monarch butterfly.



"Butterfly bush" = *Buddleia davidii* (NOT a milkweed)--popular in gardens; an invasive plant that out competes beneficial native plants. A non-native plant (from Asia) that produces nectar but does not help proliferate the butterfly population. Some people use this name for milkweeds, but the butterfly bush is not a milkweed.

Milkweed plants are the required host plants for monarch caterpillars. Here are examples of three milkweed plants that are native to the US: "*Butterfly weed*" or "*butterfly milkweed*" = *Asclepias tuberosa* (also "orange milkweed"). This is a perennial plant with clustered orange or yellow flowers from early summer to early fall. This plant favors dry soil and full sun and could likely thrive in the



zinnia bed outside of Ashland Garden. "*Swamp milkweed*" = *Asclepias incarnata*, This is a herbaceous perennial plant that grows in damp to wet soils. It is also cultivated as a garden plant for its flowers which attract butterflies and other pollinators with nectar. This plant likes full sun and one of the best attractors of the monarch butterfly. This plant is also a potential candidate to plant and observe in the zinnia bed outside of Ashland Garden. *Plain "milkweed" or "common milkweed"* = *Asclepias syriaca*. This is a perennial herb and produces fragrant, nectariferous flowers. This milkweed can be very invasive, so it is not recommended for planting in the bed at Ashland.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday April 16th - 10:30

at

Wilson's Greenhouse in Frankfort

followed by a box lunch at *Sage* (adjoining Wilson's)

Hostesses: Dottie Cordray, Leslie Baldwin** please RSVP by Sunday
April 12th (lesliebb@usa.net)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 4th - 9:30 at Marcia Slabaugh's -

SAVE THE DATE

Our Garden Party is September 10th!

A DEDICATION

Friends and Flowers Garden Club has purchased a garden bench for the grounds at Ashland in memory of Wende Bell. Plans are for it to be near the peony beds. Our Garden Club has been invited to a short dedication ceremony on Friday, June 12th at 5:30.

! YOUR DUES !

Members, please remember to send your dues to Betsy Bulleit as soon as possible. All dues must be paid by June 1st in order for you to remain in good standing with the Garden Club of America. Dues for active members are \$175 per year. Dues for affiliate members are \$150 per year. Please make your checks out to: Garden Club of Lexington. You may mail your check to Betsy Bulleit, 760 Montclair Drive, Lexington, KY 40502.



HORTICULTURE - Donna Cornish

The Garden Club of America has announced that the Plant of the Year, the Montine McDaniel Freeman Medal Award goes to *Quercus macracarpa*, Bur Oak. This majestic oak is found in USDA zones 4-8, commonly reaches 200 to 300 years of age and often is 100 feet tall and wide. The fiddle shaped shiny green leaves are 8 to 10 inches in length and the acorn is the largest of all native oaks. The Bur oak is both pollution and drought tolerant and provides food and shelter for pollinators, birds and animals. It is an anchor for all ecosystems. The Bur Oak was nominated by Nancy Linz, Garden Club of Cincinnati, Zone X.

COFFEE TREE PROJECT

The packets for the Coffee Tree Project will be assembled over the next several weeks and taken to the participating schools. If any of you still have some coffee tree seeds and/or pods please let me or Elizabeth Schnabel know. We would be happy come by and pick them up or bring them to Ashland garden on Wednesday. Donna Cornish

THE CINCINNATI FLOWER SHOW - April 15 to 19

<http://cincinnatihorticulturalsociety.com/cincyflowershow/2015-event/>



Outside the Garden at Ashland
Spring Beauties
Claytonia virginica



Nothing quite heralds the arrival of spring in Central Kentucky like the blooming of the Spring Beauties at Ashland. This abundant little flower carpets the grounds and causes one to stop and wonder if indeed we have received a late winter dusting of snow. Spring Beauties are one of the first signs of spring. They are a delight to everyone when the flower buds begin to bloom in late March or early April to reveal pretty white flowers with subtle pale pink stripes.

These perennial wildflowers are native throughout eastern North America. Linnaeus named the Spring Beauties *Claytonia virginica* in honor of Virginia botanist John Clayton (1694-1773). In Kentucky they are found in moist woodlands, lawns, fields and along roadsides. Spring Beauties are common throughout the bluegrass in part because they can withstand environmental degradation such as the clearing of trees and the grazing of livestock. They adapt to semi-shaded lawns if mowing is delayed. At Ashland mowing is always delayed until after these pretty native flowers have begun to set seed. In addition to spreading by seed Spring Beauties are also perennial. They have small, potato-like, underground corms. These corms are edible with a chestnut-like flavor, and they were consumed by American Indians who would cook them like potatoes.

Spring Beauties are well suited to lawns because they are only 3-6" tall. Their light green foliage is narrow, grass-like and rather fleshy. Small flower clusters occur on the end of each stem. Each individual flower is about 1/3 inch across and consists of 5 petals. The petals are white with pale pink stripes, and occasionally you can find plants with brighter pink stripes. Spring Beauties will open fully in the sun and close during cloudy days or at night. The blooming period is between March and May, and the length of bloom time depends on the weather. Spring Beauties are ephemeral flowers. This means that they have a short life cycle. After they are finished blooming the foliage will dieback completely and they won't be back again until next spring.



Brenda Barrett

Bloomin' News – April 2015

"Came the spring with all its splendor, all its birds and all its blossoms, all its flowers and leaves and grasses." -Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Ten Easy Steps to Enter a Club or GCA Photography Show

Kim will be hosting two workshops to help members understand the steps to enter our Club Photography Show which will be held January 21, 2016. The registration for entries begins on May 15th. You have until Sept. 21st to register your entry. Once you register, you have until Oct. 31st to submit your photography entry.

Workshop Dates: (this is the same workshop offered at different times)

Tuesday, April 21st - 10:00-11:30am. @ Idle Hour Country Club (family room)

Monday, May 11th - 1:00-2:30pm. @ the home of Kim DeCamp

If you have already RSVP'd for the April 21st workshop, you don't need to RSVP again. If you cannot attend the April workshop, please RSVP to Kim if you plan to attend the May workshop (kimberlydecamp@gmail.com).

A YELLOW RIBBON!

Kim DeCamp received a yellow ribbon in the San Antonio Flower Show (Elements of Art)! The category was: An artfully manipulated photography portraying plant material past its prime. Her title was: Timeless and Magical Iris. See Attached photographs. The first is the original photograph and the second is the "artfully manipulated" photograph.



OUR GARDEN PROJECT - ASHLAND

Spring is here and we started work in the Garden on April 8th!! Traditional work hours in the garden are from 9:30-11:00. While we realize that you cannot come every week, we expect that you will come when you can. If you finish your work early, please ask if there is something else you can do. Please remember the last person in your group should sweep the brick and rake the gravel before leaving. ***Refreshments will be served at 10:45. We will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting and also in the garden. Please sign up for a week!



Elizabeth Freeman and Phillipa are taking over the peony bed for Lucy. They will ask you for your help as needed!!

JAMES FARMER

We are honored to have James Farmer visit the Bluegrass in July! James is a well known author and expert on topics such as gardening, cooking, interior design and entertaining. He is currently Editor at Large for Southern Living Magazine.



Hailing from the pecan and peach laden fields of Georgia, James Farmer learned the joys of seasonal cooking and eating at the side of his grandmother whose Southern heirloom recipes he revitalizes for contemporary tastes. A professional

garden, floral, and interior designer, cook, author and lifestyle expert, Farmer is a young, fresh voice for his generation. Whether it's planning a menu for a summer picnic, using everyday items for an extra special tabletop display, or making a skillet peach pie, Farmer masterfully guides his audience through the art of elegant garden living with true Southern flair.

Expertise

Gardening
Cooking
Farm-to-Table
Interior Design
Lifestyle
Entertaining

Books

Dinner on the Grounds (2014)
A Time to Cook (2013)
Wreaths for All Seasons (2012)
Sip and Savor (2012)
Porch Living (2012)
A Time to Plant (2011)

James Farmer will present a special program for our Garden Club and guests at Shakertown on Friday, July 17th. More details to follow, but please mark your calendars, as our general meeting in July will be on Friday, July 17th!

DANVILLE GARDEN TOUR

This is a wonderful opportunity to support the work of the Danville Club and see some inspirational private gardens. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 the day of the Garden Tour. To buy in advance call Wendy Lewis and she will work out a way to get the ticket to you; 859-421-2697

You can purchase tickets the day of the tour, Saturday, May 9, 2015 at a tent located at Constitution Square, on the corner of Main and 2nd Street (across from The McDowell house and Burke's Bakery) in Danville. There are 8 private gardens on the tour and it is self guided. **SATURDAY - MAY 9, 2015 - RAIN OR SHINE!**

*Funds from this tour will enable the club to continue supporting many projects that benefit Danville and Boyle County.

PROBLEMS WITH BOXWOODS - UK Cooperative



The boxwood psyllid, *Psylla buxi*, causes a characteristic cupping of the leaves on the terminal and lateral buds of boxwood. This insect can overwinter as an egg, or as a first instar nymph under the bud scales. As the buds develop in the spring, the eggs hatch and nymphs emerge to infest the leaves. The feeding causes the leaves to curl and form a cup which encloses the greenish colored nymphs.

The nymphs produce a white, waxy secretion which may cover part of the body or small waxy pellets beside the nymphs. The greenish adults emerge late May into June, mate and lay eggs under the bud scales. Only one generation occurs each year. This pest causes aesthetic damage to American boxwood and English boxwood.

MANAGEMENT: Boxwood psyllid nymphs may be controlled with horticultural oil, or insecticidal soap sprays in April and May. Adults may be controlled by a registered residual insecticide in late May into June. **Sprays are only necessary if infestations are heavy.**



“

CONSERVATION - Lendy Brown

There is a wonderful article in this weeks CHEVY CHASER magazine! Its about butterflies!! There are some interesting ideas to share. I highly recommend reading this one!!

MAY 2015

BLOOMIN' NEWS

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

Letter from Kim

Brenda Barrett and I will be attending the GCA Annual Meeting on May 18th in Rochester, NY. It is always an honor to represent our Club and to travel to new places. Brenda and I will come home energetic and brimming with pride and amazement at what can be accomplished when 18,000 talented women work together with common goals and interests. And speaking of coming together...thank you to all of our members who have worked in Ashland garden over the past month to replenish and restore this treasure so that visitors can enjoy its beauty and serenity. On Wednesday, many of you met visitors from the Garden Club of Cincinnati, who toured the formal garden and peony garden. Many thanks to Ellen Chapman and Kathy Brooks for hosting our friends for a festive lunch in the garden. A special thanks to Barbara Young, Betsy Bulleit and Joan Gaines for opening their gardens so that our friends could experience real southern hospitality. Your generosity is much appreciated!



NEXT MEETING

Bus Trip!!

**Yew Dell Garden in Louisville
& Woodland Garden (home of Laura Lee Brown)
Thursday May 21st
(no hostesses - there will be a per person charge
for the bus & lunch)
More details to come later from Lolly & Margaret**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 9th - 9:30

Betsy Bulleit's home -

DEADLINE - Membership Changes

June 1 is the deadline for membership changes. They must be submitted in writing to Melodye Kinkead,
Versailles, KY 40383, R.R. #1

CONSERVATION

Meet with Lendy Brown and Botanist Julian Campbell

Friday May 8th

10:30

at the corner of Armstrong Mill Rd. and Chinoe Rd.
to discuss and visit

a possible site for a Monarch Way Station or Butterfly Garden

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday June 18th GC meeting at home of
Jon Carlofftis

Friday July 17th - GC meeting in Shakertown
with guest speaker James Farmer
Ashland Lawn Party - June 27th



BOUQUETS TO BRIGHTEN THE DAY

On Wednesday, May 13th we will be taking flower arrangements to Mayfair Manor at 1:00! After we finish our work in the Garden, we will put our arrangements together. Please bring any 'extra' flowers or greenery you might have as well as any small vases. Many hands will make this a fun project. Please contact Melodye if you can help - 873-1734 or melkinkead@yahoo.com.

Pomegranate Sales

Our cookbook sales remain slow but steady. However our recent ads in *Flower Magazine* and *The GCA Bulletin* have caused our Pomegranate sales to increase!! Please continue to support these sales. Members prices are available at Cathy Snowden's store *THE BEEHIVE* on Henry Clay Blvd - 259-4056.

! YOUR DUES !

Members, please remember to send your dues to Betsy Bulleit as soon as possible. All dues must be paid by June 1st in order for you to remain in good standing with the Garden Club of America. Dues for active members are \$175 per year. Dues for affiliate members are \$150 per year. Please make your checks out to: Garden Club of Lexington and mail your check to Betsy Bulleit, 760 Montclair Drive.



Ten Easy Steps to Enter a Club or GCA Photography Show

Kim will be hosting another workshop to help members understand the steps to enter our Club Photography Show which will be held January 21, 2016. The registration for entries begins on May 15th. You have until Sept. 21st to register your entry. Once you register, you have until Oct. 31st to submit your photography entry. This workshop is on Monday, May 11th - 1:00-2:30pm. @ the home of Kim DeCamp. RSVP to Kim (kimberlydecamp@gmail.com).

Applause Please!!

Jessica Nicholson and Kim DeCamp participated (Floral Design Judge and Photography Clerk). in the Twin City Flower Show in Winston Salem this week. Many thanks to members who entered the show, 'The Beauty and Bounty of Old Salem'.

Flower Show Award Winners:

Jessica Nicholson - Yellow Ribbon, Floral Design
Kathy Brooks - Honorable Mention, Horticulture
Kim DeCamp - Honorable Mention, Photography
Kim DeCamp - (2) Red Ribbons and Yellow Ribbon, Horticulture

Zone Meeting, September 29, 2015

Going Coastal, Celebrating our Waterways

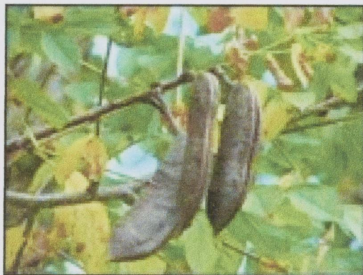
The Zone VII Meeting is in Virginia Beach this September. Our Club is required to participate by submitting entries in floral design or botanical arts, horticulture and photography. Kim and Donna will be attending the meeting and they are happy to transport your entry! Please consider entering. The schedule will be sent to you later.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Please congratulate Jessica Nicholson and Dottie Cordray for receiving GCA Club Awards at our Annual Meeting: Jessica - Club Appreciation Award for dedicated, sustained participation in Garden Club of Lexington activities and events. Dottie - Club Horticulture Award for excellence in the field of horticulture.



COFFEE TREE PROJECT - Donna Cornish



The Coffee Tree Project has been put to bed for another year. We were able to reach 985 children in 12 schools, which is an increase over 2014 when we went to 10 schools with about 730 children. Each child is able to take home a pot with potting soil, coffee tree seed, nail file and a bookmark that reminds them how to care for their seed/sapling. Each teacher is given an information packet explaining how to propagate the coffee tree seed and the history of the coffee tree in Kentucky. It is a tremendous effort to pull this all together and we have Elizabeth Schnabel to thank for that. The seeds must be gathered from yards and gardens around Lexington, the pots get ordered (thank you to Betsy) and then the rest is purchased, printed or copied. The schools have to be called early in the year to see if they still want to participate and after it is all put together, the packets must be delivered to the schools. It takes a village and I want to thank everyone who helped from the gathering to the delivery. It was a great success!



OUR MONARCH WAY STATION

We started our own Monarch Way Station at Ashland Wednesday May 6th. Benny Williams shows how the work should be done!

CONSERVATION - LENDY BROWN

Celebrate Endangered Species Day - May 15, 2015 Many zoos, aquariums, botanic gardens, wildlife refuges, national parks and schools throughout the country will hold special events on May 15th or during the month of May to celebrate Endangered Species Day. Find an event near you at <http://www.endangered.org/campaigns/endangered-species-day/>



If you'd like to take action, consider planting milkweed to help expand the habitats for Monarch butterflies, one of our vanishing species now being considered for endangered species designation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Or hang a bat box. Or how about taking the sustainable seafood pledge? Take a bird walk. Take action now! The Endangered Species Act is a safety net for our nation's wildlife, fish and plants on the brink of extinction. The Act protects thousands of endangered species and millions of acres of habitat. With climate change, the

Endangered Species Act is needed more than ever.

The Garden Club of Lexington is again working with the Henry Clay Foundation to save the Buffalo Clover at Ashland!!!

OUR PEONIES WILL BE AT THEIR PEAK ON MOTHER'S DAY!



ENJOY!

JUNE 2015

BLOOMIN' NEWS

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

Letter from Kim

The month of May was full of graduations and celebrations. In June, we looked forward to vacations, weddings and summer occasions. Our Club is fortunate to have some very special events coming up that you won't want to miss! Please make sure to mark your calendars for Friday, July 17th. We will meet at Shakertown. There will be a brief general meeting at 10:30am. followed by a special program. Thanks to the ingenuity of Ellen Chapman, we have the pleasure of welcoming James Farmer to the Bluegrass. James is an award winning author, designer and entertainment expert extraordinaire. This event will be open to other garden club groups, so you will want to RSVP by ~~the~~ June 17 to secure your spot. Enjoy the summer!



NEXT MEETING

Luncheon and Tour of Botherum
as guests of Jon Carlofftis and Dale Fisher

Thursday, June 18th - 10:30

(carpool and be creative about parking)

Hostesses: Benny Williams, *Lauren VanBalen, lsvb@windstream.net
RSVP by Sunday June 14th (for box lunch)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, **July 13th** - 9:30

at Dottie Cordray's -

(From Leestown Rd. - go 3 blocks , turn right on W. Stephens. Take
2nd left on Gayland. Yield to Rt on Gayland. Left onto Merrywood.
Last house on right.)

DEADLINE

for July Bloomin News is Tuesday July 7th

ADMISSIONS

If you plan to nominate someone for membership your nomination must be completed and sent to Taylor Fister no later than August 1st. For forms or questions, please contact Taylor at ctkfister@gmail.com or 859-806-9385. Per our bylaws, members of our Club can sponsor a new member every three years.

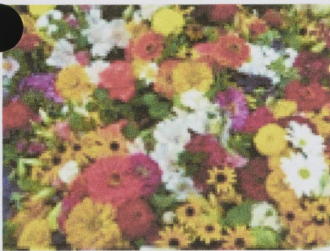
SAVE THE DATES

Friday July 17th - 10:30 - GC meeting in Shakertown
with guest speaker James Farmer

Deadline for RSVPs is June 17th - \$25 for GC members \$40 for guests
Your check made out to Garden Club of Lex. - sent to Ellen Chapman
is your reservation to this event!

Ashland Lawn Party - June 27th

Friends of the Garden Party - September 10th - rain location - Callie's



BOUQUETS TO BRIGHTEN THE DAY

On Wednesday, June 10th we will be taking flower arrangements to Morning Point at 1:00! After we finish our work in the Garden, all hands are welcome to arrange! Those who specifically signed up to help include: Anne Kraus, Katie Alford, Brenda Barrett,

Mimi Milward, Kathy Brooks, Mary Louise Fisher. Please bring any 'extra' flowers or greenery you might have as well as any small vases. A special thanks to Judy Philpott for bringing flowers every time and also jars that her grandchildren have tied with ribbons, etc! Much happiness to many 'shut-ins' has been spread throughout nursing homes we have visited! Thank you! Melodye - 873-1734 or melkinhead@yahoo.com.

A MEMORIAL FOR WENDE

Please join Friends and Flowers Garden Club for the dedication of a bench in memory of Wendie Bell. It will be Friday, June 12 at 5:30 near the peony garden.

\$\$ COOKBOOKS & POMEGRANATE \$\$

Remember our cookbooks and our Pomegranate accessories when you buy gifts or party favors! We have 'in club' discounts! Contact Kathy Snowden - 859-229-8363 or beehivelexington@aol.com

AMAZING TRIP!!

We had an amazing trip to Louisville on May 21st to visit Yew Dell Botanical Garden as well as Woodland Farm (the home of Laura Lee Brown and Steve Wilson). If you missed the trip, you can go to our photography web site to enjoy a view of both incredible venues. www.gardencluboflexington.smugmug.com

PLEASE REMEMBER!

Register now for the Inner Club Photography Show! There are spaces available in each of the five classes. Registration is open until Sept. 21st, but register now to get your first choice as entries are on a first come basis. Categories for the Show are listed below:

- Class 1 Spring--The Bud of Yet to Come (color)
- Class 2 Summer--A Garden at It's Peak (color)
- Class 3 Fall--In a Whole New Light (color)
- Class 4 Winter--Treasure Put to Bed (black&white)
- Class 5 Outside the Garden Gates at Dusk (color)

APPLAUSE PLEASE!

Hats off to Sarah Davis for receiving the Club Appreciation Award for Floral Design. Sarah is revered for her talent, creativity and willingness to share her knowledge and love of flowers. Congratulations and thank you, Sarah!



Bouquets to Brighten the Day

Congrats to Melodye Kinkead for receiving the "Valuable Volunteer" award from Mayfair Manor for her dedication to the Bouquets to Brighten the Day project. Melodye was presented this award by S. Rupp.

TEA IN THE GARDEN

We all appreciate having refreshments after our hard work in the Garden! So remember your turn to bring 'the tea':

June 10 - Ellen Chapman, Kathy Courtney — June 17 - Taylor Fister, Christy Harris — June 24 - Anne Kraus, Dottie Cordray — July 1 - Martie Mayer, Melanie Dowell — July 8 - Brenda Barrett, Joan Gaines — July 15 - Jessica Nicholson, Sheilagh Hammond.

Zone VII Meeting, September 29, 2015

'Going Coastal, Celebrating our Waterways'

The Zone VII Meeting is in Virginia Beach this September. Our Club is required to participate by submitting entries in floral design or botanical arts, horticulture and photography. Kim and Donna will be attending the meeting and they are happy to transport your entry! Please see the categories for Botanical Art and contact Kathy Courtney if you are interested in registering (ktfcourtney@gmail.com). Registration deadline for floral design and botanical art is July 1st. S

Botanical Arts Classes

Class 1 A Compass Rose

A pendant 3" in diameter. A thin gold colored chain will be furnished by the committee. Staged on a black necklace display stand. Viewed from the front.

Class 2 A Sailor's Valentine

A 12" octagonal foam core board (background color designer's choice). A wooden 13" octagonal frame, 2" deep will be furnished by the committee to place over the completed design. Staged on a table 30" high in a space 18" wide x 15" deep. Viewed from above.

Class 3 Lynnhaven River Oysters

Embellish an oyster knife provided by the committee. Staged on a table 30" high in a table space that is 18" wide by 15" deep. Viewed from above. Division IV Class Consultant: Donna Eure 757-428-2070, donnaeure@gmail.com

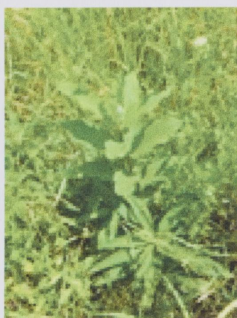
Butterfly Garden at Ashland

Last winter Lendy and I started talking about the possibility of a butterfly garden on the side of the Ashland garden shed. There had been recent articles about the decline of these beautiful winged creatures and then this past spring there had been encouragement

from GCA for all garden clubs to create pollinator gardens. I have been reading up on the Monarchs and it is astonishing that they survive at all given their beginning. The Monarch lays its egg, which is just a speck, on a milkweed leaf and after about four days the egg will hatch into a baby caterpillar. The baby caterpillar begins to eat immediately munching the milkweed and after about two weeks is a full grown caterpillar. It then looks around for a place to attach itself with silk to transform into a chrysalis. The metamorphosis into a butterfly takes about ten days at which point the butterfly will emerge and fly away to feed on the flowers in order to lay eggs for the next generation of butterflies.



There are four generations for Monarch butterflies. The first generation of eggs is laid in March/April. After they hatch, eat and transform into a butterfly they find a place to lay their eggs for the second generation and then they die (two to six weeks after becoming a beautiful Monarch). The second generation butterflies are born in May/June and the third generation in July/August. They all follow the same four stage life cycle as the first generation (egg, caterpillar, chrysalis and adult butterfly). The fourth generation of Monarchs is remarkably different. They are born in September/October and go through the same process as the other three generations except for one part. They do not die after two to six weeks. Instead, this generation migrates thousands of miles to warmer climates like Mexico and California and will live there for six to eight months until they migrate north to start the process over again.



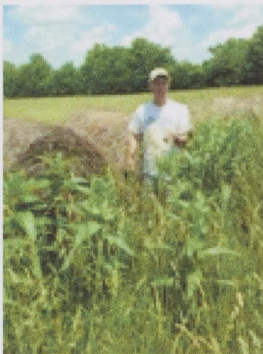
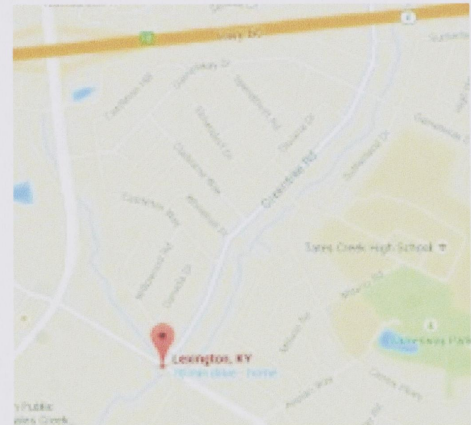
It has been a real education getting this butterfly garden started. Monarch butterflies need host plants and nectar plants on which to lay eggs, feed and flourish. But they are really picky about their host plants. They only want to lay their eggs on milkweed plants. Thank goodness they are not as particular about the nectar plants. For our

garden we have chosen the swamp milkweed and butterfly milkweed for host plants. The nectar plants include goldenrod, bee balm, salvia and zinnia. This garden is a work in progress and we welcome any suggestions for its growth and development.

Donna Cornish
Horticulture

Donna's message to the Horticulture Committee tells our butterfly garden story and progress. Our garden at Ashland is taking on a butterfly look, and hopefully there will be many on both committees to jump in and weed and water as necessary. Our main need for garden help will be at the Greentree and Armstrong Mill properties.

Both need the added expertise of Julian Campbell to help us kick off these projects with plants, watering when necessary and weed tending. So, Friday June 12th at 1:30 we will meet with Julian and Layton at the Greentree / Armstrong Mill location of our new Butterfly Waystation! Lendy Brown



Monarch Waystation - Certification

The butterfly garden beside the Ashland garden shed has begun to look like a real garden. We would like to apply for certification as a Monarch Waystation as part of the Monarch Watch Program. This organization promotes the conservation and protection of Monarch habitats. A "Monarch Waystation is a place that provides resources necessary for monarch butterflies to produce successive generations and sustain their migration". We have the necessary plants in our butterfly garden to request certification but the application requires a "Habitat Name". With all the creative people in our garden club I thought we could come up with an appropriate name for our butterfly garden. Please email Donna or Lendy if you have some thoughts on a good name.

JULY 2015



BLOOMIN' NEWS



GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

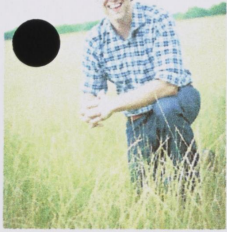
Letter from Kim -

Summer is in full swing and I hope everyone had a wonderful July 4th holiday. Another event that just happened is that the GCA National Officers and Zone positions changed on July 1st.

I am so very proud to tell you that our new GCA President, Anne Copenhaver, is from our Zone VII and hails from Twin City Garden Club in Winston Salem, NC. Anne is the 41st President of the Garden Club of America...and the first President from Zone VII in the history of the GCA! Anne has been a member of Twin City Garden Club for over 30 years, and it will come as no surprise that her involvement on a national level spans over 15 years. I have really enjoyed getting to know Anne over the past few years and I wanted to give you some highlights so you can get to know her as well. Anne is married to Andy who is an attorney in Winston Salem. They have three children (Will, Catherine and Drew) and seven grandchildren. Her great great Uncle, Locke Craig, was Governor of North Carolina and was the leader in establishing the first state park in 1915 (Mount Mitchell) as well as Pisgah National Forest. One of Anne's grand - children is named after her Uncle.... Locke Copenhaver.



Anne spent time in the Bluegrass about seven years ago as her husband had a case in Lexington that lasted four months. Anne visited often and explored our wonderful town during that time. She loves the Bluegrass! Please join me in congratulating Anne on her new position. Her next two years will be full of hustle, bustle and lots of travel!



NEXT MEETING

Friday July 17th - 10:30 - at Shakertown
Special Program! James Farmer - reknown author, designer!
lunch provided by Shakertown - \$25 - members - \$40 - guests
if you still need to RSVP - Ellen Chapman (797-9410)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday July 13th - 9:30 - Dottie Corday's
- Midway - 859-492-5131

AUGUST BOARD MEETING (note change)

Monday, August 31st - 9:30 - Donna Cornish's
- 859-489-8138

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY

Thursday, September 10th - 6:00 - in the garden
rain location - Callie Keller's

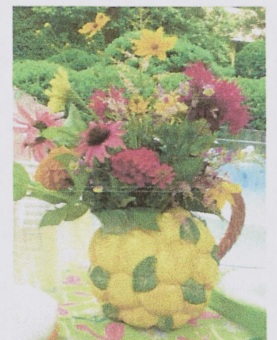
NO BLOOMIN' NEWS in AUGUST!!!
SUMMER VACATION!!

ADMISSIONS

If you plan to nominate someone for membership, your nomination must be completed and sent to Taylor Fister no later than August 1st. for forms or questions, please contact Taylor at ctkfister@gmail.com or 859-806-9385. Per our bylaws, members of our Club can sponsor a new member every three years.

BOUQUETS TO BRIGHTEN THE DAY

**On Wednesday, July 8th we will be taking flower arrangements to Lexington Country Place at 1:00. After our work in the Garden all hands are welcome to arrange. Those who specifically signed-up to help are Martie Mayer, Luanne Milward. Any extra flowers, vases, etc. would be most appreciated! Thank you for your helpfulness. The nursing homes we have visited really appreciate our efforts!!
Melodye - 859-873-1734.**



BRAVO BRENDA!

Congratulations to Brenda Barrett! Brenda has been accepted as a candidate in the GCA Horticulture Judging Program. She will be mentored by Horticulture Judges from our Zone and throughout the U.S. Brenda has mentored our Club members for many years and now she will expand her role in the Garden Club of America.



SMUG MUG

If you missed the June meeting at the home of Jon Carloftis, you can reminisce with us by going to the photography web site to see the beautiful gardens at Botherum.

<http://www.gardencluboflexington.smugmug.com/>

POMEGRANATE

Pomegranate Garden Gate Collection is the perfect gift for friends and family! Our club members receive a 50% discount on orders. To order, go to our web site www.gardencluboflexington.com. You will see Pomegranate on right hand side of the page. Click "Garden Gate Collection". On the next page, choose "click here to view entire collection". Then click on next page as well to go to the collection. Once you pick what you want to buy and you are on the checkout page, type gardenlex in the box that says discount code. This code will enable you to receive the 50 percent discount. You can put in your credit card and you are good to go. Your purchase will ship directly to you home!



CONSERVATION - Lendy WORDS FROM JULIAN CAMPBELL

I am trying to build a regular monthly program for interested people to look over interesting sites in the central Bluegrass region: especially Bourbon, Fayette, Woodford, Jessamine and ALL





adjacent counties. The basic idea is to keep educating ourselves with botanical info and to keep entertaining ourselves with wondrous sites. I will be updating notes as we go, posting on the internet (bluegrasswoodland.com), and providing feedback on important issues, especially as related to conservation (broadly defined to include restoration and related management). Possible future venues: Jessamine Gorge, Marble Creek, Scotts Grove and others in Jessamine County, etc. If you would like to be on Julian's e-mail list, contact him - juliancampbell@twc.com



OUR BUTTERFLY GARDENS

Lendy, Donna and different members of the Conservation and Horticulture Committees have been planting, weeding and tending the Butterfly Gardens at Ashland and the new one at the intersection of Greentree / Armstrong Mill Rd. Look to see how well they are doing! Everyone is welcome to help with these projects by weeding, watering and encouraging!! We are working towards becoming recognized Butterfly Waystations!



GARDEN TOUR / MONARCH WAYSTATIONS

Saturday July 11, 10am to 5pm - tickets \$10

more info - www.lexington.wildones.org - purchase tickets at any garden site

Ten gardens with Certified Monarch Waystations will be open to the public. See how these gardeners have incorporated native plants into their landscapes to help the monarchs and other pollinators. Gardens include: 4 Richmond Ave, 124 Idle Hour Dr, Wild Ones' Pollinator Garden, Wellington Park, Cardinal Hill Hospital.



PLEASE REMEMBER!

Register now for the Inner Club Photography Show! There are spaces available in each of the five classes. Registration is open until

Sept. 21st, but register now to get your first choice as entries are on a first come basis. Categories for the Show are listed below:

Class 1 Spring--The Bud of Yet to Come (color)

Class 2 Summer--A Garden at It's Peak (color)

Class 3 Fall--In a Whole New Light (color)

Class 4 Winter--Treasure Put to Bed (black&white)

Class 5 Outside the Garden Gates at Dusk (color)

(Text or call Celeste Neuman for registration details - 859-621-1086.)

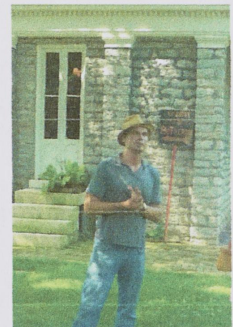


TEA IN THE GARDEN

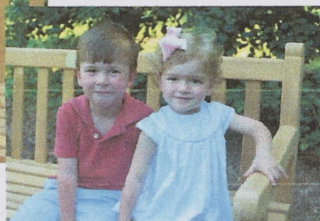
Remember your turn to bring 'tea' to the Garden! Check with Elizabeth or Philippa for the list!



**THANKS TO
Jon Carlofftis - Dale Fisher
for a wonderful June
meeting!**



In Memory of Wende Bell



SEPTEMBER 2015

BLOOMIN' NEWS

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON



Letter from Kim -

The autumn equinox is September 23rd. Our Club's celebration of fall begins with our "Friends of the Garden Party" on Thursday, September 10th at 6:30pm. I hope you will join me!

And, speaking of our beautiful Ashland Garden, I would like to take this opportunity to update everyone on the Club meeting that took place on Monday to discuss the north border yew hedge. The yew hedge has been a topic of discussion for many years, primarily due to the cost of the annual maintenance and the convergence of the hedge into the adjacent flower parterre. We all agree that the garden itself, the walls/hedges and all the plantings are historically significant and demand our thoughtful, thorough and deliberate attention as we are the privileged guardians of this beautiful entity for the future generation.



We will be distributing notes (kindly taken by Leslie Baldwin) in the next week, but I wanted to offer a summary. The goal of our meeting was threefold:

- 1. To brainstorm and document all ideas and options available regarding the trimming of the yew hedge, the building of a brick wall or any other alternative brought forward by a Club member.*

- 2. To outline pros and cons regarding replacing the hedge with a brick wall. And, to outline considerations or topics that need further research or study.*

- 3. To formulate an action plan and ask for volunteers to serve on a committee regarding this project.*

As a result of the meeting, a committee was formed that consists of nine members. Celeste Neuman will chair the committee. It was the

opinion of many members that we have a great deal of information about the option to replace the hedge with a brick wall. But, we do not have sufficient information about the options, costs or risks involving the north yew hedge. The committee will engage landscape experts and work to develop that necessary information. The committee will report back to the Club in the next few months as the goal is to have open communication throughout this process. Ultimately, the board will need to vote on whether to replace the hedge with a brick wall or to maintain the hedge and engage an alternative action plan of maintenance/pruning. Any recommendation that is approved by the board will be brought to the entire Club as this is an important project that will involve significant time, energy and financial support. I appreciate everyone's patience, interest and dedication to this important project.



NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday September 9th - 11:00 - in Ashland Garden
Business Meeting and light refreshments (no RSVP needed)
After we prepare our Garden for 'the' Garden Party!!**

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN PARTY

**Thursday, September 10th
6:30 - 8:30 pm - in Ashland Garden
Rain Location: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Keller -**

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

**Monday, October 5th - 9:30 - Lendy Brown's
114 East Third St. (park at Doodles or)**

GARDEN PROJECT

**Now - Ordering Bulbs
September 23 - Bulb Planting Day - many hands needed!
September 30 - Rain Date for Bulb Planting
October 21st - Last Day for work in the Garden**

INNER CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Thursday, January 21st at First Presbyterian Church

September 21st - Registration Closes
October 31st - Deadline for entries - All photos must be mounted on white board - Deliver to Christy Harris (625 Centennial Lane)



Registration forms were emailed to all members, but if you need a form, you may email Kim DeCamp (kimberlydecamp@gmail.com). To enter, please mail or email your registration form to Celeste Neuman, 1600 Eastwood Lane (email-lcmn46@gmail.com). Celeste will confirm the receipt of your entry.

We still have open classes in this show, so please consider entering! You may enter a second photo in a different class. Below are the available openings in each class:



- Class 1 - Spring - one opening in this class**
- Class 2 - Summer - this class is full - no openings**
- Class 3 - Fall - four openings in this class**
- Class 4 - Winter - 1 opening in this class**
- Class 5 - Outside the Garden Gate at Dusk - Six openings**

To have your photograph mounted, please call the Letha or Angela at South Hill Gallery(1401 Versailles Road). Your photo should be exactly 11x14 or 14x11 (your photo can be mounted horizontal or vertical. It must be mounted on white foam core with no overmatting or border. Letha and Angela know exactly how to help you! Please remember to read the schedule and follow the steps for entry (ie. entry form needs to be filled out and taped to the back of the photo).

Some of you asked about what help South Hill Gallery can offer. They can help you crop the photo to the correct size (11x14 or 14x11), but they cannot change the photo. And even if the photo needs to be cropped, Letha & Angela will expect you to make the decision on the composition of your photo. Manipulation must be the work of the exhibitor. This includes enhancement for color or clarity, removal of a something in the image, combining images, or distorting the original subject.



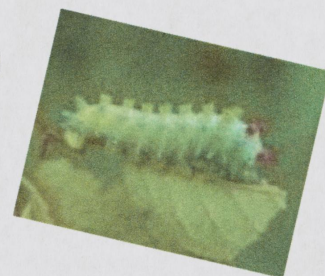
Horticulture - Donna Cornish

My husband says I've become a bit obsessed this summer. So, he might be a little bit right when every other

conversation starts with "Oh, the butterfly garden. . . ." Our two gardens, Ashland and Greentree, have been so fun to watch this summer. At Ashland we have enjoyed abundant plants that have flourished and blossomed. With the partnership of the horticulture and conservation committees and Mary's help, we have created a dazzling vision of color by the garden shed. The zinnias, tithonia, salvia, celosia and of course milkweed have all blended together to become a pollinator magnet!



It was not hard to get excited when we had our first two caterpillars. With the help of a friend, I took these two little ones home and set them up in an aquarium to hopefully witness the process from caterpillar to chrysalis to Monarch. I missed the transition to chrysalis and was hoping to be there for the arrival of the butterfly. To my surprise, I was on the golf course when I received a text from Jim "it's a girl!" Who's a little obsessed now?



The Greentree garden started out great with rows of healthy milkweed growing strong. Again with the help of both the horticulture and conservation committees, we kept it mulched and weeded. When the first caterpillars started showing up we felt so rewarded, that our efforts there had made a difference. At one count we had twenty three caterpillars feasting in the garden. What we did not count on was the arrival of the aphids, little yellow bugs that literally suck the life out of the milkweed. They came in so quickly and in such numbers that they took over the garden leaving the Monarch caterpillars very little to eat. At my last visit there were thirteen caterpillars which I relocated to three gardens-Ashland, Kim's and mine. Lendy and her group have since cut the milkweed back.



Our butterfly journey has certainly taken a few twists and turns this summer. I am still in awe of the miraculous transformation of the Monarch caterpillar into a butterfly. I finally got to witness the change to chrysalis. I knew we



were close and hated to leave the house. Jim was willing to give up his Saturday evening to stay home and eat leftovers and wait. We were not disappointed. Once the change began, in only a matter of minutes the caterpillar was gone and in its place was a beautiful jade green ornament. I will have to be very patient to catch the change to butterfly.

The Ashland butterfly garden reminds us of the beauty and joy nature brings to our lives. Greentree reminds us that things don't always go as planned. We have a lot to learn on our journey, but it's a journey worth taking.

CONSERVATION - LENDY BROWN

I want to thank those of you that helped with the butterfly project. I will report the good and bad news, but Donna, head of Horticulture, and I feel satisfied that we tried this project. It was important to The Garden Club of America's conservation goal, that being the effort to establish Monarch Way Stations, for the declining Monarch population and the hovering aspect of this butterfly being put on the Endangered Species list.

The Feb. 2015 Washington, DC garden club trip helped me discover this meaningful project for our club. The speakers were incredibly knowledgeable in their conservation fields, but I wondered how I could transfer this experience to conservation efforts in our Lexington club. Epiphany!! Monarchs seemed a possible project. Hence, Donna and my attempt to develop a way station through the club.



I am happy to report that possibly 30+- Monarchs would not have been alive and well in Lexington, KY had it not been through the club's efforts. I hope many of you saw these lovely butterflies take flight.

However, there has also been a down side. The milkweed in the Greentree-Armstrong Mill area was also discovered by Aphids. We had no idea how strong and in what numbers these critters would attack the milkweed. There numbers

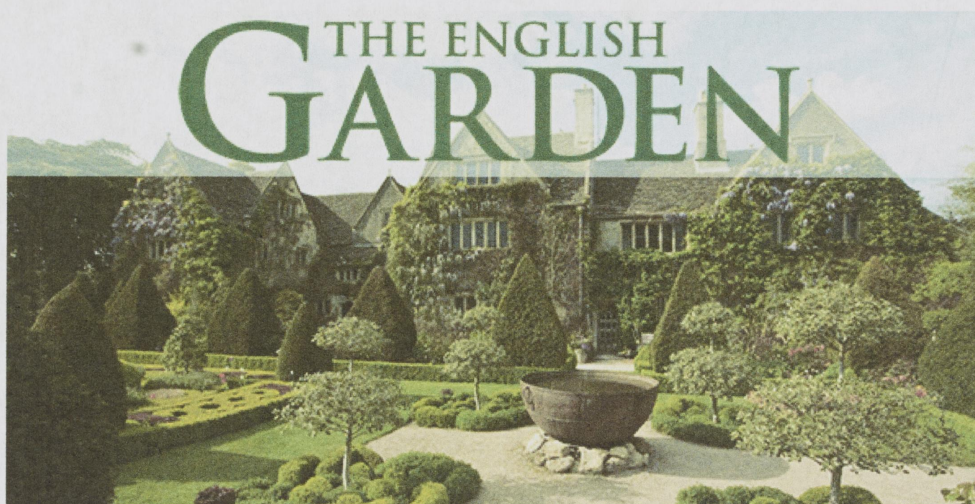
decimated our milkweed plants and no amount of soap spray could fight off these bugs. Additionally, the butterflies would not lay eggs on these infected plants, and the soap spray burned the leaves without being able to hose off this concoction. This dilemma resulted in cutting off the the milk weed to the ground. Will these plants grow back since they were so compromised by the Aphids? Who knows. Another learning lesson.



Donna and I want to try again with the support and input of the club. Hopefully there will be the enthusiasm to make the Garden Club of America's Monarch goal work in our town thru the Lexington Garden Club's efforts.

Here is Info on some wonderful English Gardens!! - Sarah Davis Goggle: Theenglishgarden@thechelseamagazinecompany.com

9 Glorious Gardens to visit



GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

THE BLOOMIN' NEWS

OCTOBER 2015

LETTER FROM KIM:

Fall is here...such a glorious time of year in Kentucky. I have just arrived home from an energizing Garden Club Zone VII Meeting, which always take place in the fall. I want to thank you for the privilege to represent you, and I want to give a special thanks to Donna Cornish, who served as your delegate and who was invaluable, as she thoughtfully coordinated the transport of multiple specimens for entry into the Flower Show. Thank you kindly to those who participated and warmest congrats to the award winners!

Our Zone consists of 18 clubs in four states

(Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina) and over 1,400 enthusiastic, intelligent and amazingly talented women. The Zone meeting consists of business meetings, tours, speakers and dinners. Dede Petri, GCA First Vice President, encouraged us as individuals to "find our passion" and be good mentors to fellow club members so that they too will

experience the benefits of leadership, stewardship and friendship that the GCA offers.

Fall is also the time of year that we convene the nominating committee of our Club. The nominating committee works to develop a slate of officers and committee chairs for the 2016-2018 calendar years. As we approach our 100 year anniversary next year, we are fortunate and grateful to so many women who have been leaders and stewards for our Club and built the Garden Club of Lexington into the vibrant, self-sufficient and financially solid organization that it is today. Our



organization thrives not because of a few, but because of many dedicated, determined and deliberate personalities. I will be making phone calls over the coming month to ask for your support and stewardship as Kathy Brooks plans and prepares for her term as your GCL President in March 2016. If you receive a call, please consider saying YES. It could likely be the most rewarding and fulfilling role that you have ever played, and I promise you won't regret it.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY OCTOBER 15th at Louisville Stoneware
731 Brent st, Louisville, 40204. 502-582-1900.
JON CARLOFFTIS is doing a demo!! The price is 50\$ and that includes a Jon Carlofftis crock and lunch. Arrive by 10:30!
RSVP to Lolly or Margaret - 533-8286 - margcowgill@aol.com

NEXT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 2nd
9:30 at Elizabeth Freeman's - 236 Holiday Rd. - 268-7223

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING
Demonstration and Make and Take
with special bark vase (\$20 @) - makes flower arranging easy!
Let Margaret (533-8286) know ASAP if you want her to order you a vase(s)!



Photos from Zone Meeting!
Log onto our photography web site to see photos of the Flower Show and events from the Zone VII Meeting in Virginia Beach. www.gardencluboflexington.smugmug.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARD WINNERS!!
GOING COASTAL - Zone VII Meeting, VA Beach
Below are club members who won awards at the Zone Meeting in



Virginia Beach last week. A huge thanks to members who participated!

Brenda Barrett (Horticulture) - Two Red Ribbons, One Yellow Ribbon and One Honorable Mention
Jessica Nicholson and Kathy Courtney (Botanical Art - Oyster Knife) - Blue Ribbon

Kim DeCamp (Photography - Birds of a Feather) -

Blue Ribbon

Barbara Young (Photography - Weather or Not) - Yellow Ribbon

Horticulture - Date to Note - Donna

Gardeners Lecture Series Sponsored by Fayette County Extension Master Gardeners and Friends of The Arboretum. Insider Secrets: Keeping Your Garden Beautiful All Year Long by Tracy DiSabato-Aust Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 am (doors open at 9:00 am) Calvary Baptist Church, 150 E. High Street Gardeners/Arboretum Friends \$10 - General Public \$15

'Cool Flowers' - Horticulture - Donna

Kim and I attended the Zone VII Meeting in Virginia Beach and as many of you know, you come back energized and excited about the work you are doing and the knowledge that you can share. Meetings such as these allow you to get reacquainted with those you have not seen in a while and to make new friends as well as hear wonderful speakers. One of those speakers was a woman named Lisa Mason Ziegler, the author of "Cool Flowers". Lisa lives on a three acre urban farm in Newport News, Virginia. One and a quarter of those acres is dedicated to a working cutting garden, which she sells commercially. Lisa's book is all about planting hardy annuals in the fall or winter so that in the spring you will have a sensational garden while others are just thinking about putting in the first spring plant.



A hardy annual "indicates a plant that typically lives for one year and doesn't just survive the cold, but thrives under cooler temperatures". An example of hardy annuals would include sweet peas, sweet William, Rudbeckia, snapdragons and larkspur. Some hardy annual seeds can be planted both indoors and outdoors while others are best suited to just one or the other. The planting window timeline for fall is generally 6-8 weeks before the first frost date and for winter it is when the ground is not frozen. I checked with the Cooperative Extension Service at UK and they say the estimated first frost date for here is October 10. Obviously, it is too late to start any seeds indoors with the idea of transplanting outside, but it is not too late to consider planting seeds directly into the ground. Fall planted flowers are able to establish a strong root system that allows for early blooming in the spring and helps to keep them performing into warm and hot weather. Lisa's book also talks about improving your soil beds with organic fertilizer and compost and provides a guide on her top thirty plants for cool weather growing. It was so interesting to think about planting now when usually we are thinking about putting our gardens to bed. I enthusiastically bought some seed packets and will try to do my own winter planting. I would be delighted to share the seeds with anyone who is interested.



**INNER CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW - January
21, 2016**

***We still have a few spots open for our Inner Club
Photography Show***

so we are opening registration for two weeks. Deadline for entry is October 19th. If you are interested in entering, please email Kim (kimberlydecamp@gmail.com). No need to send form, just an email with the class that you want to entry... one entry per class. Entries are on first come basis and you will receive a confirmation. **All photographs must be printed and received no later than Oct. 31st. Entries are being received by Christy Harris,**



As of today, the available spots in each class are:
Spring, A Bud Yet to Come - 1 openings
Summer, Garden at its Peak - 1 opening
Fall, Landscape of a Parterre - 3 opening
Winter (black and white), The Garden has been put to Bed - FULL
Outside the Gates at Dusk - 2 openings

MONARCH NEWS - Lendy

All indicators are noted that fall is here. Flowers are gone or have been clipped back, leaves are turning yellow, rust and brown, and our friendly caterpillars have flown on to a successful migration. We wish them well, and hopefully we will begin our butterfly project in 2016.



Just to add to the blight of our Monarchs, here is some depressing news: Monarchs are losing acres of winter habitat because of increased logging in Mexico. The insects covered 2.8 acres of woods last winter, from their 1996 peak of 44 acres. Monarch butterflies do not live long enough to make their 3,400-mile spring migration to Canada more than once., and scientists aren't sure how young ones know the route, but many suspect the butterflies leave chemical markers. If there are not enough butterflies leaving markers, the trail may be too faint for the next generation.



POMEGRANATE GARDEN GATE COLLECTION - Remember to buy our linens for your holiday gifts!

Our Pomegranate Collection will be featured in a half page ad in the holiday edition of Flower Magazine. Many thanks to Benny for creating our ad and to Ellie at Pomegranate for the creative photography. Also, special thanks to Ellen for coordinating the shoot and to Shannon for "styling" our collection and to John at LV Harkness for hosting our photo shoot. The Pomegranate "Garden Gate" Collection is on the Pomegranate Web site for retail purchases. Please encourage your friends and other GCA



members to purchase. For our members you may go to our Bluegrass Winners web site (www.gardencluboflexington.com) and you will see a link that you can click to take you directly to our collection on the Pomegranate web site. Garden Club of Lexington members may purchase from the web site and Pomegranate will ship to your doorstep! When you proceed to the checkout on the Pomegranate web site, there is a place to put in a coupon code (*gardenlex*). You will receive the wholesale price (50% discount) as a Garden Club of Lexington member. This is on the honor system so please use this code for member purchases only.

SHIRLEY MENEICE HORTICULTURE CONFERENCE - Kathy Brooks
Brenda Barrett and I traveled across country to attend the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in Seattle, Washington. We arrived at 3 a.m. (Lex. time) for a short nap and awoke to bright blue skies and a view of early rowers on the water of Puget Sound. We had three full days of interesting speakers and beautiful gardens. We learned so much about the Pacific Northwest, native plants, and the role of

parks, gardens, and art in a city. We shared seeds and horticulture ideas with other garden clubs. We saw Olympic Sculpture Garden, Pike Place Market, and the Dale Chihuly Glass Garden. We traveled by bus to The University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture where the Seattle Garden Club has a fabulous fragrance garden; and then onto the Washington Park Arboretum with Winter Gardens, Woodland Gardens, Japanese Gardens and so much more. We saw Bellevue Botanical Garden and walked across the Suspension bridge over the Ravine Forest with Shirley Mcneice. Brenda and I took in everything we could and enjoyed meeting many of the 200 other GCA members who were hosting and attending the

conference. We were so delighted to learn there were two spots that opened up for us to join the afternoon post-event tour of Bloedel Reserve. It was one of the loveliest and most tranquil gardens that I have visited. Prentice Bloedel, the founder of Bloedel Reserve, said, "It is a place where one is reminded of the fundamental bond between man and nature." Thank you so much for the opportunity to go to this



conference! I would encourage you to think about going to the next Shirley Meneice Conference in Brooklyn, New York, September 19-21, 2016.

DIRECTORY UPDATES!

If you have any address, email or phone changes, please call or email Melodye Kinkead as she is beginning work on the 2016 directory. Melodye can be reached at 433-3551 or melkinkead@yahoo.com.

Also, please take a moment to log on to the GCA web site to make sure your information is correct. www.gardenclubofamerica.org. Once you log in, you will see an area at the top that says MY PROFILE. Click on that area and it will take you to your member information. Under the title, MEMBER DETAILS, click edit profile. Then you may make any updates. Make sure to click SAVE PROFILE at bottom if you make any updates. If you need help signing in, please contact Kim or Mott.

UPDATE ON YEW HEDGE

1. A Committee was formed to research further detail on options regarding the yew hedge. We have a proposal and pricing regarding the brick wall option but we did not have specific information regarding the trimming or altering the yew hedge.

2. Celeste (Chairperson) and her committee have met with several landscape professionals. Each Company has given Celeste a report/recommendation/analysis about the yew hedge.

3. The committee will meet on Wed, Oct. 7 to discuss the reports and recommendations.

4. A request for pricing will be requested from any company who is considered for management of the yew hedge project.

5. A recommendation will be brought to the Board at the Nov. 2nd Board Meeting.

6. After the review and discussion of the recommendation brought forward by the Committee, the Board will do a silent vote at the Nov.



meeting of whether to build a brick wall or whether to pursue the yew hedge maintenance/pruning project.

7. As a result of the vote, the Board will take a recommendation to the general membership at the November meeting and the membership will vote on whether to go forward with the Board's recommendation.

8. There will be an opportunity for the Club Membership to hear detailed information from the company involved before any activity is started no matter what plan is decided regarding the yew hedge or a brick wall.

For questions, please contact Celeste Neuman or Kim DeCamp.



GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

THE BLOOMIN' NEWS

NOVEMBER 2015

LETTER FROM KIM:

Fall is in full swing and it is hard to believe that another season in the garden has come and gone. My sincere thanks to m'Ladies for your steadfast work each Wednesday as you lovingly maintain this treasure for our community and visitors near and far.



Please mark your calendar for our general meeting on November 19th at the Lexington Club. We will have a floral demonstration and carry home a cute container embellished in wood that you can use to design your own Thanksgiving centerpiece.

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale." by Lauren DeStefano



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19th at 10:30

The Lexington Club - 170 Esplanade

Holiday Flower Arranging Demonstration

Hostesses: Lendy Brown, Philippa Fogg - ***Lolly Martin -
lmartin@bgsir.com - 859-948-9063

CHRISTMAS TEA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th

at Kathy Brooks' home -

3:00 to 5:00

Hostesses: Kathy Brooks, Leslie Baldwin, Lauren VanBalen, **Anne Kraus - aptkraus@gmail.com - 266-1446



**NEXT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 7th**

Donna Cornish's -

HORTICULTURE - Donna Cornish

The fall has been so pretty and for most of us the gardens are all put to bed or almost there. This is a good time to catch up on all those periodicals and gardening books we don't have time to get to during the summer months. The Garden Club of America website is good place to start. It has numerous publications, one of which is The Real Dirt. The fall edition has some wonderful articles including many from the Shirley Meneice Conference. I highly recommend taking a look at these.



Another area of interest would be the Horticulture page and in particular reading about the Freeman Medal Award. This year the award is for a native herbaceous plant and nominations come to an end on December 1. The plant must meet certain criteria which is outlined on the Horticulture section of the GCA website under the Freeman Medal. The nomination form can be found there as well with all the details required to complete the form. If any of you have a plant you are interested in nominating, please look this over or give me a call and I would be happy to help.

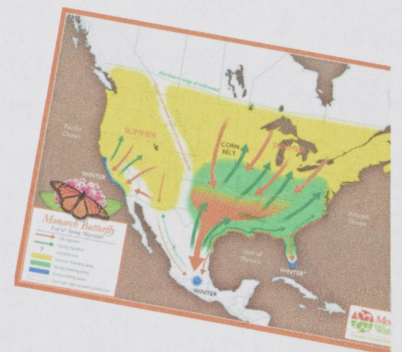
CONSERVATION

Which way did that butterfly go?

The flight of the butterflies is the longest known distance insect migration on Earth – and it's been occurring for thousands of years. Monarchs sense certain topographical features, avoiding both large bodies of water and tall mountains. Instead, they choose cool valley passes between mountains.



Several migration routes in central southern Canada lead down through the central U.S. Several others start in western North America and merge with central ones. The majority of Monarchs who survive obstacles and



predators manage to thread a geographical needle, hitting a 50-mile wide gap of cool river valleys between Eagle Pass, Texas, and Del Rio, Texas, and then wind their way to a dozen specific high mountain peaks in central Mexico where they roost. After resting there for several months, the same generation returns north to Texas and other parts of the southern United States, where the females lay hundreds of eggs.

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

All entry spots have been filled for our Inner Club Photography Show January 21, 2016!! The 'passing committee' will meet to double check your photos on November 18th. Thanks to all who have sent in their wonderful entries!

DIRECTORY UPDATES!

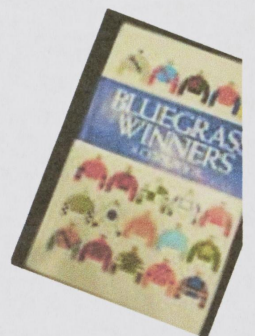
If you have any address, email or phone changes, please call or email Melodye Kinkead as she is working on the 2016 directory. Melodye can be reached at 433-3551 or melkinkead@yahoo.com.

\$\$ POMEGRANATE AND COOKBOOKS \$\$

Please continue to support pomegranate and cookbook sales as you buy holiday gifts!! Members prices are available at Cathy Snowden's store THE BEEHIVE on Henry Clay Blvd - 259-4056.

THE GCA BULLETIN - 2015 fall edition

Look for Mimi Milward's article on page 53!! - "Zone VII Garden Club of Lexington" in the fall edition of the BULLETIN! There is also a wonderful picture of Ellen and Mott and James Farmer!!





The Glenview Garden club
cordially invites
the Lexington Garden Club
for a
Photography Presentation
"Eye Candy - Winning Images and Why They Won"
and an
OPTIONAL Afternoon Workshop
"Taking Your Images to the Next Level"
with
GAY ESTES, GCA Triple Judge
on Tuesday, November 10
Louisville Country Club
40 Mockingbird Valley Drive

10:00 am Coffee
10:30 am Photography Presentation
Optional Afternoon Workshop (includes lunch) for \$30
12:00 Lunch; 1:00 - 2:30 Workshop

Morning Hostess: Frannie Alden
Afternoon Hostesses: Mary Rounsavall & Blair Louis

Send RSVP acceptances for one or both sessions to:
Mary Rounsavall - mfrouns@gmail.com
Mail checks payable to: Mary Rounsavall

Your check for \$30 is your reservation for lunch and the workshop.

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

BLOOMIN' NEWS

DECEMBER 2015

LETTER FROM KIM:



At the GCA Annual Meeting a few months ago, Anne Copenhaver began her remarks with three key words...Stewardship, leadership and friendship.

Stewardship is defined as an ethic that embodies the responsible planning and management of resources. Historically, stewardship was originally made up of the tasks of a domestic steward, (stig – house/hall) and ward (ward/guardian/keeper). It is now generally recognized as the acceptance of responsibility to shepherd and safeguard the valuables of others. As members of The Garden Club of Lexington, we are asked to be responsible stewards of our beloved Ashland Garden, to support and protect the environment and to educate others on the love of gardening. In the spirit of stewardship and education, we traditionally contribute to multiple community projects involving the environment and we also give money to the Garden Club of America for the GCA Scholarship program. I am very proud to announce that in addition to our 2015 local donations, the membership voted to fully fund a GCA Summer Scholarship in Field Botany. The funding will be a combination of our club's donation as well as a donation from the Velma Perkins Trust (of which we are the guardian).

Thank you for your stewardship and leadership that makes these friendships we enjoy at the December Christmas Tea (December 17th at the home of Kathy and George Brooks.) Thank you, Kathy, Leslie, Anne and Lauren for hosting this special tradition.





CHRISTMAS TEA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th
at the home of

Kathy Brooks -

3:30 to 5:30

HOSTESSES: Kathy Brooks, Leslie Baldwin, Lauren Van Balen, **Anne Kraus - aptkraus@gmail.com - 266-1446

NEXT BOARD MEETING **MONDAY DECEMBER 7th**

Donna Cornish's

Please make an effort to attend as we will be voting on the 2016 slate and we will review and vote on the three price proposals for the rehabilitation of the yew hedge.



JANUARY BOARD MEETING

***THURSDAY JANUARY 7th - 9:30**

Kim DeCamp's



JANUARY GENERAL MEETING
INNER CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
THURSDAY JANUARY 21, 2016 - 11:00*
First Presbyterian Church - 171 Market St.
HOSTESSES: Sheilagh Hammond, Kathy Dalton,
Kathy Courtney, ***Brenda Barrett -
brenda@barrettpartnersinc.com - 269-1307

CONSERVATION - LENDY BROWN

A few conservation holiday reminders:

BUY LESS. Gift a thoughtful gesture, helpful duty, or timely effort... garbage detail, grocery shopping, raking or trimming dead foliage.
BUY SMART. Locally made gifts, recycled gifts, battery free gifts, carefully re-gift for someone else's pleasure.

CONNECT WITH NATURE. Family bird count (check with Wild Birds Unlimited)) and family nature hike, plant a small tree, decorate a tree for birds (pine cones with peanut butter, seed balls, suet).

LOWER HOLIDAY LIGHTING. Smaller presentation, LED lights, outdoor mini-lights, turn off at bedtime.

LIVE TREES. Renewable resource, less landfill, replant tree or chip and mulch tree.

HOMEMADE CARDS. Use last year's calendar, children's art work, even Christmas scribbles.

LESS WRAPPING PAPER. Comic papers, maps, posters, environmentally friendly paper, decorated paper bags.

RECYCLE. Trees, gift packing materials, bubble wrap, old electronics.

MERRY CONSERVATION CHRISTMAS!



INNER CLUB GCL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Exhibition Photographs Being Accepted until Dec. 15th.

If you have a photograph taken at the garden that you **ADORE** and you didn't enter it into the January Inner Club Photography Show because it did not fit into one of the categories or you missed the deadline to enter, **PLEASE** consider entering it as an exhibition photograph. These photographs will have their own display wall during the January 21st photography show for viewing. They are for our enjoyment and will not be judged. The photograph subject can be anything in or around the garden and it

can be a landscape or closeup. It can be of any season and taken at any time of day. You will need to have your photograph printed at South Hill Gallery (1401 Versailles Rd) as a 11x14 size (vertical or horizontal) and mounted on white foam core. The cost of photo enlargement and mounting is approximately \$25. **Please deliver your photo to Kim no later than December 15th (228 Barrow Rd).** There are so many wonderful photos of Ashland that we want to see them all! If you have questions, please call or email Kim (859-539-689



In the Garden at Ashland
American Holly - Brenda Barrett



There are two American Hollies planted in the Garden at Ashland. These beautiful broadleaf evergreen trees with their bright red berries provide year round interest in the landscape. The American Holly (*Ilex opaca*) is a native tree found in shady woods throughout the Eastern United States. With its evergreen, prickly leaves and bright red berries it reminded early settlers of English Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*). English Holly was a symbol of Christmas for centuries in England where the prickly leaves represented the crown of thorns that Jesus wore, and the berries represented the drops of blood that He shed. In the New world our earliest Christmas Traditions incorporated hollies into the decorating of our homes during the Holiday Season.

American Hollies are pyramidal trees that can reach a height of 40-50 feet. They are slow to establish and their rate of growth is slow to medium. Holly leaves are alternate and simple, their color is a flat green (*opaca* means dull or opaque). However, many superior varieties or cultivars of American Hollies do have lustrous foliage. When choosing from the many cultivars of American Holly gardeners should select varieties based on superior leaf color and berry production.

All hollies are both male and female and in order for them to produce their berry-like drupes both male and female plants must be planted within close proximity to each other. American Hollies bloom in May, and their small white flowers attract a wide variety of bees and insects. Most cultivars of American Holly have $\frac{1}{4}$ inch red drupes, although some have yellow or orange drupes. The drupes mature in October and they generally persist through the Christmas Season before becoming food for the songbirds in mid-winter.

The American Holly is cold tolerant but not wind tolerant, and it should be planted in a protected location. Additionally, several pests affect this species and regular monitoring and treatment is required in order to detect and take care of problems. Also, it will not tolerate poor drainage; and poorly draining, compacted soils have been an ongoing challenge for the American Hollies in the Garden at Ashland. Recent treatment with an air knife around the roots has significantly improved the health of the smaller of the two hollies.

Healthy American Hollies are an outstanding addition to the winter landscape. We love them so much that we decorate our homes with their freshly cut boughs. A good way to condition hollies for holiday decorating is to immerse the entire cut evergreen branch in warm water for 12 hours or overnight. This will prolong the life of the branch and also clean the foliage. Next remove all the lower leaves and re-cut the stem ends at an angle to provide a large surface area for the maximum absorption of water. Then put the branches in water in a cool place until ready to use. A few drops of alcohol may be added to the water to prevent the formation bacteria. Change the water every 2-3 days, and keep greenery away from heat sources and out of direct sunlight. Now you are ready to use the holly for decorating! Check your decorations often, and replace any greenery when it becomes dry.



2015 Donations

Recommended by the Board and Approved by the Membership:

GCA Botany Summer Scholarship - \$2,500 (includes \$1,300 contribution from Velma Perkins Trust)

Coffee Tree Project- \$1,200 (in kind donation/supplies for project)

Arboretum - \$500

HC Foundation (Grounds) - \$500

McConnell Springs - \$500

Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill (Trees, grounds or trails) - \$500

**Garden Club of Lexington
2016-2018 Slate of Officers/Committees
Officers:**

President – Kathy Brooks

First VP – Anne Kraus

Second VP – Kim DeCamp

Recording Secretary – Melanie Dowell

**Corresponding Secretary and Coordinator of Membership Directory –
Philippa Fogg**

Treasurer – Taylor Fister

Standing Committees:

Flower Show & Photography – Shannon Totty & Brenda Barrett

****Bouquets to Brighten the Day is a sub-committee of the Flower
Show Committee**

Programs – Leslie Baldwin & Celeste Neuman

Special Projects (Cookbook & Pomegranate) – Christy Harris

Admissions – Katie Alford

Bloomin' News – Benny Williams

Garden at Ashland – Elizabeth Freeman & Martha Trussell

Horticulture – Donna Cornish

****Coffee Tree Project is a sub-committee of the Horticulture
Committee**

Awards – Kathy Courtney

Conservation – Lendy Brown

Founders Fund – Lolly Martin

Garden History & Design – Dottie Cordray

Friends of the Garden Party – Elise Boyd & Nancy Bishop

Scholarship – Amy Kessinger

Visiting Gardens – Betsy Bulleit

Historian – Melodye Kinkead

**ADMISSIONS - Taylor Fister
OUR NEW MEMBER!**

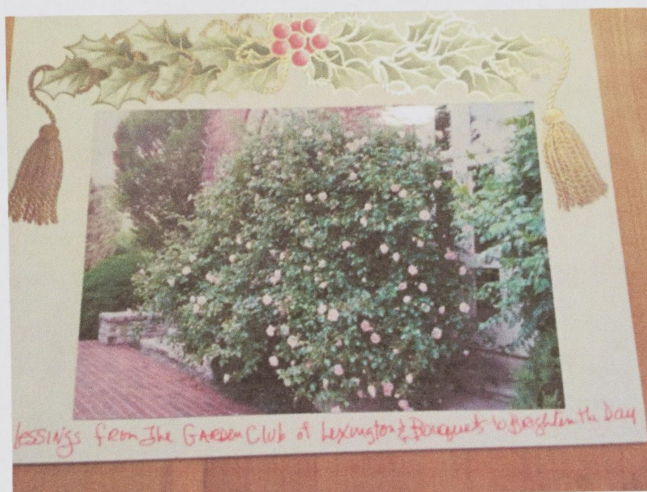
We are happy to welcome our newest Active member, Julie Sigg Cashman, to the Garden Club of Lexington. Julie is an interior designer, with her own business, and she enjoys cooking for her family and others, as well as making flower arrangements for parties and events. She is also an avid tennis player, and is involved in many charitable organizations around town. Julie is married to Patrick, and they have two daughters; Margaret, age 19, and Emily, age 17. Please introduce yourself to Julie at our Christmas tea.

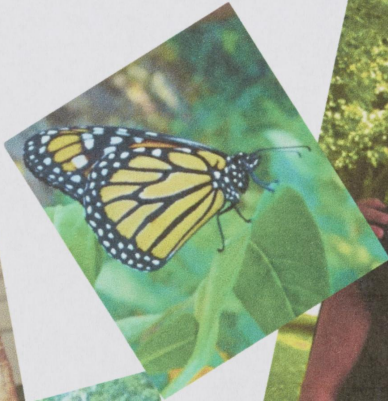
**Bouquets to Brighten the Day
Melodye Kinhead**

This Christmas the garden club will send cards to our friends in nursing homes and to our friends who need a little cheering up. Please affix a 4 by 6 photo of flowers or a bouquet to an old invitation (recycle for Lendy) or note card. (make sure you have an envelope to fit)

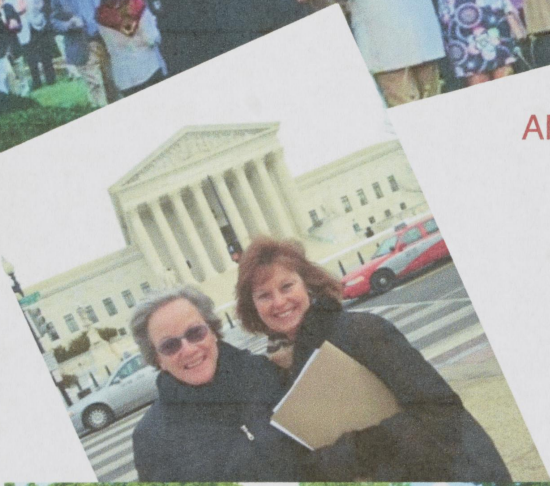
**Suggested message:
Blessings from the
Garden Club of Lexington
and
Bouquets to Brighten the Day**

**Place a stamp on the envelope and bring one or more to the
Christmas Tea unsealed to share. Melodye will address and mail.**





ANOTHER INTERESTING AND FUN YEAR FOR
THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON!!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
BLOOMIN' NEWS

JANUARY 2016

Letter from Kim -

Happy 2016! I am very excited to kick off the New Year with our first ever inner club Photography Show. I would like to thank Kathy Courtney and Amy Kessinger for all of their hard work over the past 18 months. A great deal of thought and energy has gone into the planning and execution of this event and I sincerely appreciate the efforts of all committee members. The panel of Judges includes four out of town guests who are in the GCA Judging Program (Blair Matthews Louis, Caroline Borgman, Mary Jo Beck and Sandy Bergsten). Gay VanMeter and Jessica Nicholson will also serve as Judges for our show. "Hats off" to the talented women who have entered a photograph. We will have an amazing collection of seasonal photos of our beloved Ashland Garden for our archives and for potential future projects. Join us for our general meeting and Photography Show on Thursday, January 21st at 11:00am. And exciting news...the photographs will be staged at First Presbyterian next week and they will be a part of the Gallery Hop event the evening of January 15th from 5-8pm. Bravo, ladies!

2016
HAPPY NEW YEAR



The
Photography
Show

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING
INNER CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
THURSDAY JANUARY 21, 2016 - 11:00*
First Presbyterian Church - 171 Market St.
free parking in 1st Pres. lot across from church
carpool if possible

HOSTESSES: Sheilagh Hammond, Kathy Dalton, Kathy Courtney, *Brenda Barrett - rsvp by Tues. 1/19
brenda@barrettpartnersinc.com - 269-1307

FEBRUARY - 'GARDEN CLUB on VACATION'
NO BLOOMIN' NEWS - NO MEETINGS!



MARCH BLOOMIN' NEWS
DEADLINE - Wednesday March 2nd

MARCH BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY MARCH 17 - 9:30
IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB

If you have served on the board for the past two years, please email your annual report to Kim **no later than February 1st.**
kimberlydecamp@gmail.com

MARCH ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY MARCH 17 - 10:30
Meeting followed by Luncheon (RSVP - asap)
Hostesses: Betsy Bulleit, Mott Nicol **Katie Alford -
katiesalford@gmail.com - 272-0218

! YOUR DUES !

Please remember to send your dues to Betsy Bulleit as soon as possible. Dues for active members are \$175 per year. Dues for affiliate members are \$150 per year. Please make your checks out to: Garden Club of Lexington and bring to January or March meeting or mail your check to Betsy Bulleit, 760 Montclair.



BOUQUETS TO BRIGHTEN THE DAY - Melodye Kinkead
RECYCLE- REPURPOSE

Instead of recycling your old jelly and pickle jars, please save them to repurpose as vases for "Bouquets to Brighten the Day". Collect your jars and remove the labels. The new vases can be brought to the garden shed when the Garden at Ashland opens in the spring. Put the vases in the Flower Show Committee's corner cupboard which is on the left as you enter the shed. Thank you in advance for participating in this important Garden Club of Lex. Project.



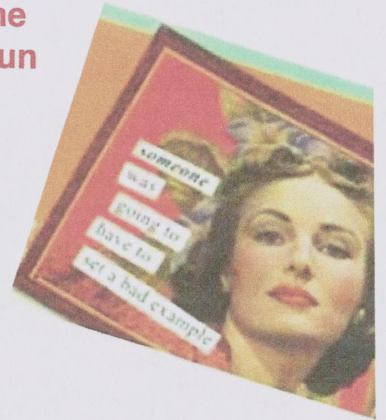
CONSERVATION: Happy Gardening in 2016!

from - Lendy Brown your 'Old Conservation Chairwoman'
Two old ladies were standing outside a garden show. One leaned over and said, "Life is so boring. We never have fun anymore. For \$5.00 I'd take off my clothes and streak through that show."

"You're on!" said the other old lady, holding up a \$5 bill. As fast as she could, the first little old lady fumbled her way out of her clothes, and completely naked, streaked through the flower show's front door.

The first little old lady waiting outside, heard a huge commotion from inside, followed by loud applause. Her friend's naked body burst out the door followed by a cheering crowd. "What happened?" Asked the waiting friend. "Why, I won first prize for Dried Flower Arrangement."

CONSERVATION MORAL: Recycle Old Flowers!!



HORTICULTURE - Donna Cornish

There was an article recently in the Herald Leader regarding the need to increase the tree canopy in Lexington. A 2012 report showed that inside the urban service area there was a 25% land coverage of trees, which is just shy of the national average of 27%, but much lower than the national recommendation of 40% of land coverage. The city appointed a subcommittee in November to develop a plan to increase the number of trees planted and expand the city's tree canopy. In addition to the beauty that trees add to our landscape, "they clean the air and water, curb carbon, create oxygen, reduce urban heat, erosion and flooding, improve the soil and save energy". That's just the beginning. The article also says that "roughly 84% of the land where trees need to be planted in Fayette County is on private property".



So thinking about the need for trees leads us to our Kentucky Coffeetree Project and our partnership with local elementary schools. The project was conceived in 2008



when all garden clubs were asked to participate in a project that would help celebrate the Centennial of The Garden Club of America coming in June 2013. The theme of that celebration was—Trees, Our Living Legacy. In the spring of 2010 the Coffeetree project was presented to the first school. Since that time it has grown to reach thousands of students at 12 different schools. In light of the need for increased tree canopy in Lexington, I feel that the Coffeetree project takes on more significance than it ever has. If we can get students excited about trees then perhaps we can be instrumental in helping the future of our city look brighter. So as you are strolling around the neighborhoods this winter, enjoying our beautiful skylines, feel free to look down and pick up a few seeds pods. We are going to need all we can get to keep this project successful.



Horticulture-Side Note Donna Cornish

The Fayette County Extension Service has a nice list of classes they are offering in 2016. These gardening classes range from the basics of lawn care to how to's on growing orchids, ornamental grasses, landscape plants for winter interest--just to name a few. You can see the entire list by going into www.fayetteextension.com. Once there click on Fayette County Cooperative Extension/Cooperative Extension, then click on "Gardener's Toolbox" on the list of topics on the right side of the page. The classes are a one time event and all take place at the Extension Service on Red Mile Place (off Red Mile Road) unless otherwise noted. The cost of these classes vary from free to \$35.00. Many of the classes are limited in size and fill up quickly.

**Garden Club of Lexington
2016-2018 Slate of Officers/Committees**

President – Kathy Brooks

First VP – Anne Kraus

Second VP – Kim DeCamp

Recording Secretary – Melanie Dowell

Corresponding Secretary and Coordinator of Membership

Directory – Philippa Fogg

Treasurer – Taylor Fister

Standing Committees:

Flower Show & Photography – Shannon Totty & Brenda Barrett
****Bouquets to Brighten the Day is a sub-committee of the Flower Show Committee**

Programs – Leslie Baldwin & Celeste Neuman

Special Projects (Cookbook & Pomegranate) – Christy Harris

Admissions – Katie Alford

Bloomin' News – Benny Williams

Garden at Ashland – Elizabeth Freeman & Martha Trussell

Horticulture – Donna Cornish

****Coffee Tree Project is a sub-committee of the Horticulture Committee**

Awards – Kathy Courtney

Conservation – Lendy Brown

Founders Fund – Lolly Martin

Garden History & Design – Dottie Cordray

Friends of Garden Party – Caroline Barrow & Elizabeth Schnabel

Scholarship – Amy Kessinger

Visiting Gardens – Betsy Bulleit

Historian – Melodye Kinkead

Communications – Mimi Milward

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
COMMITTEES 2016-2018**

Conservation – Lendy Brown

Katie Alford
Anne Arvin
Caroline Barrow
Nancy Bishop
Patti Broadbent
Julie Cashman
Dottie Cordray
Sarah Davis
Kim DeCamp

Philippa Fogg
Joy Hinkle
Callie Keller
Amy Kessinger
Martie Mayer
Janie Pappas
Marcia Slabaugh
Benny Williams
Barbara Young

Flower Show / Photography
Brenda Barrett and Shannon Todd

Melodye Kinkead (Bouquets to Brighten Day)

Leslie Baldwin
Libby Brown
Lucy Calhoun
Frances Cox
Kathy Dalton
Melanie Dowell
Mary Louise Fisher
Taylor Fister
Edie Gess

Anne Kraus
Lolly Martin
Jessica Nicholson
Judy Philpot
Ann Roughton (affiliate)
Cathy Snowden
Jane Stilz
Martha Trussell



Horticulture – Donna Cornish

Elise Boyd
Lucy Breathitt
Kathy Brooks
Betsy Bulleit
Ellen Chapman
Kathy Courtney
Margaret Cowgill
Elizabeth Freeman
Joan Gaines
Lauren Van Balen - (Coffee Tree Project)

Sheilagh Hammond
Christy Harris
Betty Kenan
Luanne Milward
Mimi Milward
Mary Montague
Celeste Neuman
Mott Nicol
Elizabeth Schnabel

2015 CHRISTMAS TEA!



Bloomin' News



A Year in the Garden

Inner Club Photography Show • January 21, 2016



Best in Show - Ann Roughton

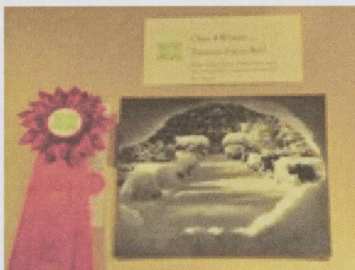
Best in Show - Ann Roughton
Creativity Award - Mimi Milward
Novice Award - Christy Harris

Many thanks to Kathy Courtney and Amy Kessinger for chairing the terrific inner club photography show held at

First Presbyterian church in January. Additional thanks to all who who worked so diligently to make the show such a success

In addition, the show received a Judges Commendation for exceptional merit and excellence in the entire photography show for outstanding organization, schedule and exceptional entries.

A separate commendation was given for the quality of the Clerks.



Creativity Award - Mimi Milward

✿ A Letter from Kim ✿

"Think enthusiastically about everything; but especially about your job. If you do so, you will put a touch of glory in your life." — Norman Vincent Peale

The past two years has been not only an honor but a "glorious" personal experience. It has been truly amazing to be surrounded by 77 talented, energetic and inspiring women. And the best part is that through all of our fundraising projects, our steadfast work in the garden and our monthly activities, we have always managed to have fun...an important part of life.

My heartfelt thanks to the board members who served with me for the past two years. I could not have asked for a more dedicated and thoughtful group to work with. You stepped up to every challenge and I am forever grateful.

I want to thank Kathy Brooks, your new President, and the 2016 slate for agreeing to serve this incredible organization. Your leadership is rock solid and the future is bright for The Garden Club of Lexington.

I would like to close by thanking and honoring the past Presidents who served our Club and who helped us to achieve so much over the past 100 years. Several of our Past Presidents are still active in our Club. Our traditions and values are strong and our impact in the community and at Ashland Garden is great. Our Presidents' leadership should be commended and celebrated:

Mrs. Ann Gay 1978 & 1988
Mrs. Jane Baugh 1982
Mrs. Pat Green 1984
Mrs. Kathy Brewer 1986
Mrs. Talitha Freeman 1992
Mrs. Callie Keller 1994
Mrs. Betty Kenan 1996
Mrs. Linda Carey 1998
Mrs. Libby Brown 2000
Mrs. Nancy Bishop 2002
Mrs. Ginny May 2004
Mrs. Ellen Chapman 2006
Mrs. Jessica Nicholson 2008
Mrs. Barbara Young 2010
Mrs. Mott Nicol 2012

A Year in the Garden SHOW RESULTS



Novice Award Christy Harris

Class 1 Spring

1st Dottie Cordray
2nd Christy Harris
3rd Kim DeCamp
Honorable Mention
Luanne Milward

Class 2 Summer

1st Ann Roughton
2nd Dottie Cordray
3rd Philippa Fogg
Honorable Mention
Anne Kraus

Class 3 Fall

1st Anne Kraus
2nd Donna Cornish
3rd Elizabeth Freeman
Honorable Mention
Jessica Nicholson

Class 4 Winter

1st Kim DeCamp
2nd Mimi Milward
3rd Brenda Barrett
Honorable Mention
Kathy Brooks

Class 5 Outside Garden at Dusk

1st Jessica Nicholson
2nd Kathy Dalton
3rd Kathy Brooks
Honorable Mention
Kathy Courtney



The Henry Clay Foundation
will honor
our Garden Club at the
Annual Lawn Party on June 25th, 2016
"A Night in Tuscany"

The Garden Club of Lexington will be the Honorary Chair for this event.

If you are interested in buying a table for the Lawn Party,
please contact Marilee Varner, mvarner@henryclay.org.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY MIGRATION TO MEXICO JUMPS AFTER YEARS OF

Excerpts from article by Associated Press in Mexico City

Monarch butterflies have made a big comeback in their wintering grounds in Mexico after suffering serious declines, investigators said Friday. The number of monarchs making the 3,400-mile migration from the US and Canada declined steadily in recent years before recovering in 2014. This winter was even better.

While the news was good, the monarchs still face problems: the butterflies covered as much as 44 acres 20 years ago.

The United States is working to reintroduce milkweed, a plant key to the butterflies' migration, on about 1,160 square miles within five years, both by planting and by designating pesticide-free areas.

"Now more than ever, Mexico, the United States and Canada should increase their conservation efforts to protect and restore the habitat of this butterfly along its migratory route," said Omar Vidal, director of the World Wildlife Fund in Mexico.



Photograph: Edgard Garrido/Reuters

HORTICULTURE - DONNA CORNISH



GCA Plant of the Year, the aster "Raydon's Favorite"



The Garden Club of America has announced that the Plant of the Year goes to an aster. *Symphotrichum oblongifolium* var. *angustatus* 'Raydon's Favorite' has been named the 2016 Freeman Medal winner. This aster is a cultivar named in the 1980's and is recognized for its compact form, fragrance and dazzling bright blue-purple flower with a yellow center. It is tolerant of wind, heat, pollution and soil compaction,

and can be grown in almost any sunny or partial shady location. Aster 'Raydon's Favorite' was nominated by Caroline Borgman and Lynn Kunau of Glenview Garden Club, Zone VII.



To read more about this plant you can go to the GCA website.

www.gcamerica.org

COFFEE TREE PROJECT - DONNA CORNISH



The Horticulture Committee will be starting on the coffee tree project in the next few weeks. If any of you have any coffee tree seeds you wish to donate feel free to bring them to the general meeting on March 17th. If you have seeds and are not able to bring them at that time feel free to call me or Elizabeth Schnabel and we would be happy to come get them. Also, we use large handled paper shopping bags to deliver all the materials to the schools. If you have any of those you would like to donate, we would be happy to take those as well.

 **Officers** 
2016-2018

President

Mrs. George Savage Brooks II

First Vice President

Mrs. Samuel Charles Kraus III

Second Vice President

Mrs. Patterson Augustus DeCamp

Recording Secretary

Mrs. David Glen Dowell

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. David Carr Fogg

Treasurer

Mrs. Walter Morgan Fister

Admissions

Mrs. Farra McRae Alford

Awards

Mrs. E. Thompson Courtney

Communications

Mrs. Gregory Baynham Milward

Conservation

Mrs. Darrell Brown

Finance

Mrs. Walter Morgan Fister

Flower Show and Photography

Mrs. Seward Totty

Mrs. Anthony Lee Barrett

Founders Fund

Mrs. William Martin

Garden History & Design

Ms. Dorothy Crutcher Cordray

Garden Party

Mrs. Caroline Cassidy Barrow

Mrs. Christian Grant Schnabel

Garden Project

Mrs. George Tomlinson Freeman

Mrs. Robert B. Trussell

Historian

Mrs. Shelby Carneal Kinkead Jr.

Horticulture

Mrs. James Arthur Cornish

Program

Mrs. William Talbott Baldwin, Jr.

Mrs. Emler Albin Neuman Jr.

Publication

Mrs. John Robert Williams

Scholarship

Mrs. Thomas Burk Kessinger

Special Projects

Mrs. Michael Robert Harris

Visiting Gardens

Mrs. Thomas Ewing Bulleit Jr.



THE GARDEN CLUB of AMERICA

2016 FOUNDERS FUND AWARD FINALISTS

It is time to review the finalists for this year's Founders Fund Award. Descriptions for each of the three finalists are below. We will vote on these projects at the March 17th Annual Meeting.

The HISTORIC WASHINGTON GARDEN at the OLD NORTH CHURCH

Proposed by Beacon Hill GC, Zone I | Seconded by Chestnut Hill GC, Zone I

The Old North Church of Paul Revere fame is Boston's oldest standing church and most visited historic site, attracting half a million visitors each year. The Beacon Hill Garden Club has been a partner of the Church for over sixty years. The two now plan to recreate the garden ahead of the church's 300th birthday and the nation's 250th. This accessible garden will showcase 18th century plant materials, the famous Longfellow poem and a flexible outdoor classroom.

BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY at HARTFORD'S HISTORIC KENY PARK

Proposed by GC of Hartford, Zone II | Seconded by Connecticut Valley GC, Zone II

Hartford's historic Keney Park borders a neighborhood of astounding poverty. GCH will provide educational and employment opportunities for park workers and volunteers through a course on basics in urban park care. These best practices will be illustrated by planting the park's five entrances using the winning plan from our Partners for Plants design contest. The curriculum will be posted online for public access. Signage will teach visitors about habitat diversity within this 700-acre Olmsted Brothers-designed jewel.

The WETLANDS EDUCATION CENTER at CATTAIL MARSH

Proposed by Magnolia GC, Zone IX | Seconded by The GC of Houston, Zone IX

The Magnolia Garden Club seeks to construct The Wetlands Education Center at Cattail Marsh, a manmade wetland in Beaumont, Texas. As the end stage in the city's wastewater treatment, it astonished engineers by becoming an amazing, diverse wildlife habitat. It is a demonstration for the future where mankind and nature interact. This elevated classroom with large viewing platform will provide outreach to schoolchildren and visitors, raising awareness and understanding of the role of wetlands in our ecosystem.

BOUQUETS TO BRIGHTEN THE DAY



Grow your own cut Flowers!

It is always easy to run to the florist on the days that we prepare bouquets for area nursing homes, but why

not plan now to grow your own cut flowers for this important Garden Club of Lexington project. Many of you may already have perennials in your gardens as well as the annuals that you plant for that constant pop of color. If you are not already planting cut flowers consider adding them to your mixed border, or better yet create a cutting garden! Annuals are more productive than perennials and they will keep producing all season. Some annuals to consider for Central Kentucky gardens include:

SNAPDRAGONS

Select tall varieties for spring and early summer bouquets

CELOSIA

An unusual flowers add drama to flower arrangements

GOMPHRENA

Great for summer bouquets and for dried arrangements

ZINNIAS

So many colors and sizes and easy to grow from direct seeding

SUNFLOWERS

Select smaller varieties for these bouquets

REMEMBER!

Save your small unused jars to repurpose as vases for Bouquets to Brighten the Day.

Brenda Barrett

GCA NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Just back from the GCA National Legislative Meeting in Washington, DC with 300 other women from 42 states; educated, exhilarated and exhausted. Your GCA Conservation and National Legislative Committee are an exceptional, well informed group of leaders. The GCA is so respected on The Hill, not being paid lobbyists seeking funds or personal gain. Everyone is there on their own dime and time; voicing concern for the health of our children, their children and the world around us. You may have a sense that DC seems a bit dysfunctional. After being there, I think it is amazing it works at all. Complicated and hard to wrap my little logical mind around. That being said, we heard from such an impressive group of Senators and Congressman from both sides of the aisle. Brilliant, energetic, enthusiastic, working tirelessly - full of hope, not cynical.

A detailed report of the specific issues and Bills important to the GCA, will follow at a later date. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you. The highlight of the three days was chatting with Senator McConnell in his private office in the Capitol building under the portrait of Henry Clay!

Mimi Milward
NAL Delegate

Note: From the time of its founding, the Garden Club of America has been an active force in the promotion of environmental awareness and the preservation of natural resources.

In the words of Mrs. Thomas M. Waller, a primary founder and former GCA president, the purpose of NAL is to "bring to the attention of the membership important legislative proposals in Washington which fall within the fields of our endeavor."

Calendar

Thursday, March 17th

9:30 March Board Meeting
Idle Hour Country Club

Thursday, March 17th

10:30 March Annual Meeting
Idle Hour Country Club
Followed by luncheon

Hostesses: Mott Nicol, Betsy Bulleit, and Katie Alford

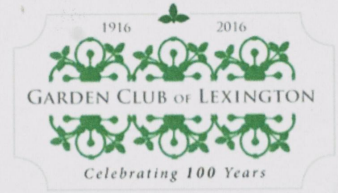
RSVP - Katie Alford

katiesalford@gmail.com or

859-272-0218

Benny Williams, *Bloomin' News* editor

Bloomin' News



Picturesque Peonies



All Things Garden

It's May and the garden at Ashland looks beautiful. The soil in the three rose beds has been renovated. The *Summer Breeze* and the *Voodoo* roses have been replanted and are very happy. A new variety of rose, named *Doris Day*, has been planted in the back bed and it is bright yellow, of course!

The peony beds are in full bloom, hitting their peak just in time for the Peony Sale hosted by Ashland on Sunday, May 1st.

Though we started working in the garden in early April, tea in the garden starts this month. It is a nice time to put down the trowel and visit. Thanks to each of you who have signed up to bring refreshments. It is always such a treat!

The first "Blooms to Brighten the Day" will take place on May 11th. Cut some flowers from your garden, bring old vases or jars, and join us as we make 35 arrangements. This month, they will be delivered to those living at Country Place.

At the end of May, Anne Kraus and I will attend our first Annual Meeting in Minneapolis/St. Paul. It will be a good reminder that we are a part of something much bigger, the Garden Club of America.

Happy Gardening!
Kathy Brooks

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Horticulture

Donna Cornish

The Kentucky Coffee Tree Project for 2016 has started and materials have been distributed to enthusiastic teachers at 13 schools with 1400 students participating. This year, we have given the teachers a comment sheet in hopes that we'll get some reports of progress and success. Many thanks to all who helped gather and assemble, especially the great job of organizing by Elizabeth Schnabel!



*Kentucky Coffee Tree
seed pod*

Bouquets to Brighten the Day

Melodye Kincaid

Wednesday May 11

Participants: Mimi Milward, Ann Roughton, Anne Kraus, Anne Arvin, Elizabeth Freeman, Philippa Fogg & Shannon Totty

We need to make 35-40 arrangements and deliver flowers to nursing home before 1 pm. Don't forget scissors, vases, and partitioned boxes to pack bouquets.

We hope everyone will bring lots of spring flowers and greenery.

Call Melodye at 875-4895 if you can't come. We have openings on July 13 and August 10. Many thanks for sharing your time skills and flowers!

Flowers will be taken to **Lexington Country Place**
700 Mason Headley Rd

Finance

Taylor Fister

Please Remember!

Annual Dues Deadline June 1st

Active Members \$175

Affiliates \$150

Please make checks payable to:
Garden Club of Lexington

Please mail to:
Taylor Fister

Lexington, KY 40502

Conservation

Lendy Brown

SHARE WITH CHILDREN

Technology Makes it Easy & Fun!

What better way to engage the younger set and raise awareness of Mother Earth and Nature! Check out the games, creative tools and other apps that can be used on your smartphone or tablet which not only teach but help support a wide range of conservation efforts.



Explore the numerous apps available that will help you share valuable lessons about our planet. Endless topics are available, from wildlife to wild flowers; tree guides, bird guides, underwater creatures; weather and seasons; when to plant, what to plant . . . you name it! Fun activities, videos, and interactive games that children will love.

So, browse your App Store and download a few to try. The next time your little one wants to play with your phone or tablet you'll be all set to take them outside and into Nature!

Reminder

Kathy Brooks

As the new Board is busy learning their jobs, I thought it would be appropriate that we are all reminded of our responsibilities as Garden Club Members.

Active Members regularly attend General Meetings of the Garden Club, work in Ashland Garden on Wednesday mornings from April to October, hostess a General Meeting every 2 years, participate in club projects (Flower Shows, Cookbook Sales, Bouquets to Brighten the Day, the Coffeetree project, the Garden Party, Tea in the Garden) and pay annual dues.

In addition, Active Members may serve on the Board, vote, represent our Club as a delegate to Zone VII Meetings, the GCA Annual Meeting, the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference, and the National Affairs Legislation Meeting in Washington . They may sponsor a candidate for membership. They may enjoy all the benefits of association with the Garden Club of America, which include visiting Headquarters in New York City, and participating in Visiting Garden Trips.

Affiliate Members may attend all General Meetings, serve as a hostess at those meetings or at Tea in the Garden, visit the GCA Headquarter, and participate in Visiting Gardens trips. They are welcome to participate on one of our three committees (Flower Show, Conservation, or Horticulture) and take part in any project that they desire. They are required to pay dues.

Please come join in the fun of learning and working together as members of our Garden Club of Lexington!

Admissions

Katie Alford

HOW TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER

To propose someone for membership in Garden Club of Lexington, that person must have a residence in the central Kentucky area and have an active interest in gardening.

As their sponsor, you must have been an active member for at least two years. If you have sponsored a candidate that was admitted to membership, you must wait three years before sponsoring another. A sponsor must be certain that the candidate is willing and able to fulfill the requirements of membership.

If you have someone you would like to propose, I can provide an application for you and answer any questions you might have.



Deadline for applications is August 15th.

Please remember that the application must be kept confidential.

Corresponding Secretary

Philippa Fogg

**Membership Status Changes should be requested in writing
to the Corresponding Secretary, by June 1, 2016**

Philippa Fogg

Lexington, KY 40502

Program

Celeste Neuman

May General Meeting

Thursday, May 19th

6:30 p.m.

Katie Alford

Joe Richardson of Hubbuch & Co will talk on ***Creative Outdoor Entertaining***. Wine, cheese, and a light supper will be served.

Hostesses: Katie Alford, Janie Pappas & Elise Boyd

Please RSVP

katiesalford@gmail.com

or phone at 272-0218



NEWS

Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award goes to Ryan Koch



Ryan Koch with Amy Kessinger, Scholarship Chairman and Kathy Brooks, President photo by Kim DeCamp

On Wednesday, May 4, The Garden Club of Lexington presented the Garden Club of America 2016 Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award to Ryan Koch, Founder and Director of *Seedleaf*.

The scholarship recognizes "an individual who, through working with children under 16 years of age in horticulture and the environment, has inspired their appreciation of beauty and the fragility of our planet."

The award recognizes Director Koch's personal dedication to introducing sustainable environmental education to thousands of children in the Lexington area through the creation of urban gardens through *Seedleaf* and partnerships with community organizations.

Koch has piloted garden, cooking and other food literacy programs at Growing Together preschool, Sayre School and the Lexington Parks and Recreation after-school program at the Gainsay Community Center. The children learn the benefits of hands on gardening and management skills, as they sell their produce to local restaurants.

Koch met with the ladies of the Club for tea after their weekly work day in the Ashland Garden to give a brief talk about *Seedleaf*. He was totally surprised by the scholarship, unaware that he had even been nominated. Koch was presented with a certificate and a monetary award by GCL President Kathy Brooks who had nominated him for the award.

The non-profit, *Seedleaf* founded in 2007, maintains community gardens, the flagship being the London Ferrill Community Garden on East Third Street. Thirty individual plots are tended by individuals and families. It is a partnership between Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association, the Episcopal Diocese (who own the land) and *Seedleaf*.

Seedleaf is dedicated to improving healthy food deserts where access to healthy food and transportation do not exist. This situation increases the risk for diabetes, obesity, malnutrition and other chronic health problems. *Seedleaf* has a composting program that collects food waste from local restaurants, Master Community Gardener classes, and educational programming for youth. They also, teach urban chicken-keeping through a program called CLUCK. *Seedleaf* provides a compost carpool and raised bed installation for homeowners, businesses and churches.

Ryan Koch is an outstanding example of a young man having the vision to turn a real need and void into a successful enterprise that benefits so many of our community on so many levels.

NOTES FROM THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Elizabeth Hemphill floral design demonstration



On April 21st at the home of Ellen Chapman, we were treated to an inside look and demonstration by the very talented Elizabeth Hemphill. She shared some wonderful designs using interesting materials and details.



Hostesses Lendy Brown, Ellen Chapman
and Ellen Stilz with Elizabeth.

Calendar

Thursday, May 19th General Meeting

General Meeting

6:30 - Evening Meeting
Joe Richardson will speak on
"Creative Outdoor Entertaining"
Katie Alford •

Hostesses: Katie Alford,
Janie Pappas, and Elise Boyd

RSVP - Katie Alford

katiesalford@gmail.com or 272-0218

Monday, June 6th Board Meeting

9:30 - at the home of Katie Alford

Thursday, June 16th General Meeting

10:30 - Gainesway Farm Arboretum
and Gardens Tour • 3750 Paris Pike
Box Lunch afterwards at
Windy Corner

1916 • 2016

Seeds from the Century

Garden Club of Lexington held its first flower show in 1922, and it was an annual event until 1937. For several years, the shows were co-sponsored with the American Iris Society. The shows were not considered money-raising ventures, but were meant to create an interest in horticulture and the beauty of flowers.

Celebrating 100 Years

Bloomin' News



First of the Season!

GCL Members
arrange & deliver
Bouquets to Brighten the Day



All Things Garden

It's June and Summer is here. It's a time to travel, visit gardens, and enjoy being outside.

The National Park Service is also celebrating its Centennial this year, so it's a great time to visit one of our nation's many National Parks. If you do, please take a picture and post it on the GCA website. Go to the website (gcamerica.org) and see what National Parks other GCA members are visiting.

As to visiting gardens, we are headed to see the arboretum at Gainesway Farm for our General Meeting on Thursday, June 16th. Gainesway received its designation as an arboretum by the American Public Garden Association. This is such a unique opportunity for us to see and learn, and I hope you will join us for this wonderful program.

Enjoy the Summer!

Kathy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Horticulture

Donna Cornish

Our Ashland butterfly garden by the garden shed is taking shape. Last year we used half of the space for a butterfly garden and planted some milkweed plants and several host plants. The other half was seeded by Mary with tithonia and zinnia seeds. If you remember, by the end of the summer it was a vision of beauty with an explosion of flowers and foliage. This year we have expanded the space a bit and are using the entire garden for planting. The back wall will be the tithonia (hopefully) with the zinnias and milkweed in front for a stair step design. In front of that are several perennials, including cone flowers and bee balm and shorter milkweed plants. The front and sides are a combination of verbena, small zinnias, salvia and ageratum. While we have planted a number of milkweed plants to attract the Monarch and hopefully apply for a Monarch Way Station plaque, our hope is to attract other butterflies as well. The more complex we make the garden, the more attractive it is to butterflies. There is no right or wrong way to create a butterfly garden. You don't have to have a large area to have a successful butterfly garden. You can use a window box, a hanging basket or just a small spot in the yard. I read that scientists have shown butterflies have the ability to identify colors with purple, pink, yellow and white being the most preferred colors. There are so many different plants that can be used for nectar plants and numerous magazines and websites that are helpful as you create your own garden at home. Be creative! Try new things!



Speaking of websites, our own GCA website is full of good information. The section on Planting for Pollinators has regional guides and includes a great list of plants. Even the latest edition of *The Real Dirt* has some wonderful articles on perennials that are favorites as pollinator plants. I would encourage you all to visit the GCA website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Flower Show

Brenda Barrett

Upcoming Flower Shows

I am going to the **Shaker Lakes GCA Flower Show**, the *Perennial Centennial* in June. Please consider entering cut specimens in the horticulture classes listed below. You can bring them to my house anytime on **Sunday, June 19th**. Call or text me if you are interested at (859) 519-0479.

CUT SPECIMENS Classes 1 - 10

Section A. GARDENVIEW HORTICULTURAL PARK, 2004

One stem, spike or spray in flower, not to exceed 24" in length from lip of container to the tip of the specimen. Foliage permitted if attached to the stem.

1. Biennials
2. Perennials
 - (a) Astilbe
 - (b) Paeonia
 - (c) Other
3. Rosa
 - (a) Species
 - (b) Old Garden
 - (c) Modern



Section B. HOLDEN ARBORETUM, ONGOING

A branch of a woody tree or shrub. One stem, spike or spray not to exceed 36" in length from lip of container to the tip of the specimen.

4. Branches in Flower
5. Branches in Foliage
 - (a) Deciduous
 - (b) Evergreen



Section C. GREEN ELEPHANTS, ONGOING

A single stem of an herbaceous plant grown primarily for foliage

6. Hosta – small leaf, up to 6"
7. Hosta – large leaf – over 6"
8. Other

Section D. SCENIC OHIO, 2000

A cut specimen of a vine in flower, in fruit, or featuring foliage

9. Clematis
10. Other

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

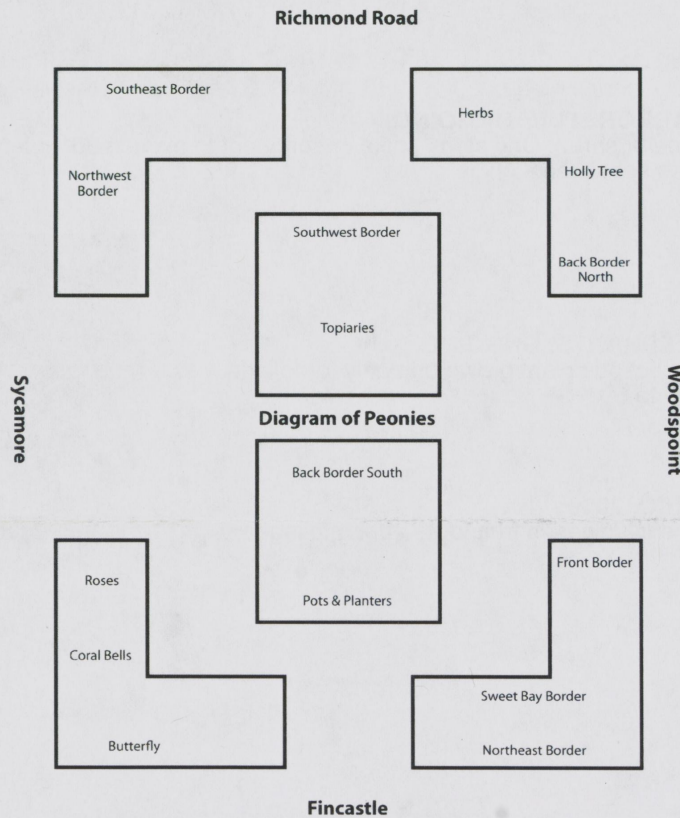
Garden Project

Elizabeth Freeman / Martha Trussell

A reminder that each parterre is responsible for routine maintenance of the peony beds. From time to time, please check on your section of the peony beds for weeding and general care throughout the Summer.

We will post reminders when time for specific tasks, such as cutting down the foliage, mulching, fertilizing, etc., to ensure that it is a coordinated effort!

In addition to the diagram below, there is one posted on the door to the shed.



COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Conservation

Lendy Brown

CONTROLLING MOSQUITOS WHERE YOU LIVE

The key to controlling mosquitos is to stop them from breeding. They need standing water, beside lakes or ponds, such as kiddie pools, bird baths, or even discarded soda pop cans. So...

- Drain any debris and remove trash that holds water
- Recycle any unused containers that collect water, such as old tires
- Change water weekly in bird baths, wading pools, water troughs and animal bowls
- Fill in holes, depressions, and puddles
- Make sure culverts and ditches are draining properly
- Check and clean out clogged gutters to ensure drainage
- Keep ornamental ponds stocked with fish
- Fix leaky hoses and faucets
- Drain water from flowerpots and garden containers
- Turn over wheelbarrow, buckets and other items that collect water
- Adjust tarps covering woodpiles, boats and grills to remove standing water
- Encourage natural enemies of mosquitos, such as warblers, swallows, martins and other insect-feeding birds

Just because they aren't biting doesn't mean that aren't ready to attack!

Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

**June General Meeting • Thursday, June 16th
10:30 a.m.**

***Gainesway Farm
3750 Paris Pike***

***The first nationally accredited horse farm in the world
to be given arboretum status.***

Tour of the arboretum, followed by business meeting to be held during lunch close by at Windy Corner, located at 4595 Bryan Station Road (corner of Muir Station & Bryan Station)

Hostesses: Philippa Fogg, Barbara Young & Kim DeCamp

Please RSVP

southernfogg@gmail.com
or phone at (859) 552-6040

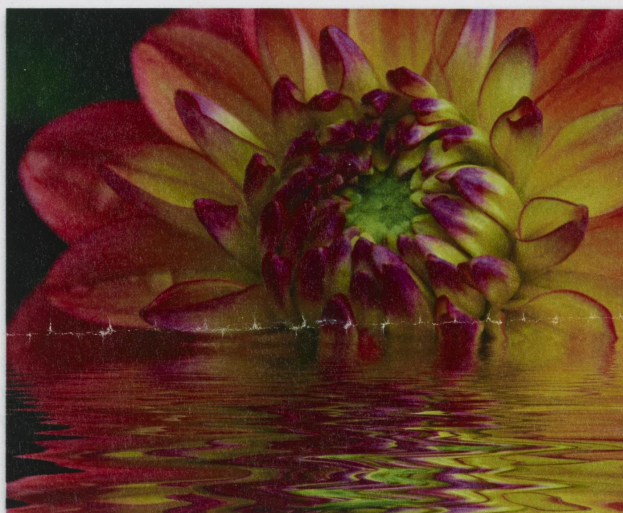


NEWS

Best in Show at Wissahickon

Kim DeCamp won a blue ribbon and Best in Show for photography at the Wissahickon Garden Club Show, "Look Both Ways" with her entry *A Dahlia Looks Both Ways*.

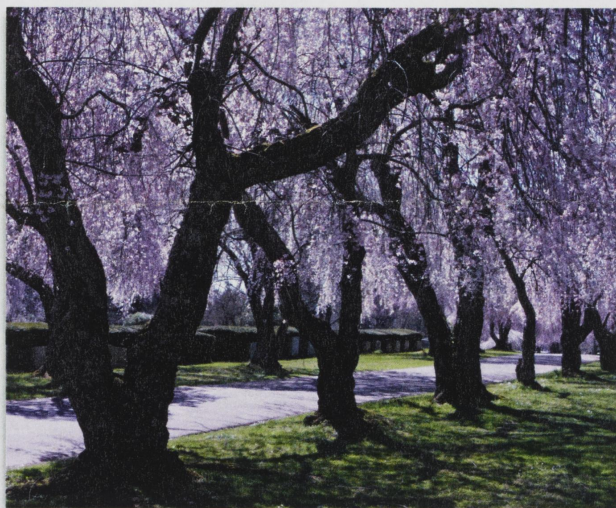
Reflection...A Dahlia Looks Both Ways
by Kim DeCamp



A Pair of Yellows for GCL Members at Cincinnati Show

Jessica Nicholson and Kim DeCamp both placed third in their respective classes at the *Merry Month of May* show in Cincinnati. Jessica's arrangement (right) was for the "Cinco de Mayo" floral design class;

Kim's entry (below) was for the "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" photography class.



GCA Annual Meeting 2016
Minneapolis - Saint Paul
May 19 to May 23, 2016

Report from Anne Kraus, Delegate

Kathy Brooks and I were delighted and honored to represent the Garden Club of Lexington at the Garden Club of America's annual meeting in Minneapolis - Saint Paul. Our busy and interesting time started with a Preview Party for the Flower Show ('Postcards from the Journey'), National Exhibits and the Boutique. We were impressed and amazed at the quality of everything and took pictures to share!

Saturday started with an early walk along the river, and an 8:30 GCA business meeting. After an impressive presentation of colors, we were mesmerized by an actor Joe Wiegand, who was introduced as Teddy Roosevelt. He gave a captivating key-note speech from his 'Bulley Pulpit' about all the wonderful things that GCA has done and continues to do for the National Parks. Congresswoman Betty McCollum and Scholarship recipient Thomas R. Oslund also spoke. Many impressive committee reports were then given. A 'working' lunch followed, and included a computer lesson by the GCA Chief Operating Officer. She showed us the 'latest' ways to get info from our web site. We shared information among our new friends at the table, which gave us all ideas and insight into the diversity of the various GCA clubs.

Saturday evening took us to a Zone Dinner at the Minikahda Club - the oldest country club in the area. A beautiful blue harvest moon helped to close out this special day.

Sunday found us at another 8:30 GCA business meeting where Douglas Tallamy (U of Delaware), Robert Grese (Michigan) and Kris Jarantoski (Dir. of Chicago Botanical Gardens) spoke to us after being made Honorary GCA members. More reports were given and the 'Park-It' theme was repeated throughout. The rest of Sunday became 'Arboretum Day!' We went to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for lunch, lectures and garden tours. It was such an interesting time!

After the whirlwind of full days, we struggled to find the energy to go to a cocktail reception and Awards Dinner that evening at the Renaissance Depot Hotel. I will include a booklet about the 2016 GCA Medalists. Each one was quite impressive and deserving of their honors. We left the dinner feeling very proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization - The Garden Club of America!



Anne Kraus and Kathy Brooks (left) join fellow Kentucky GCA Garden Club representatives at the GCA Annual Meeting.

NOTES FROM THE MAY GENERAL MEETING

Joe Richardson Shares Innovative Uses for Display and Lighting



May 19th marked one of the first times the general meeting has been held in the evening. Katie Alford shared her beautiful home as we learned some fun new ways to do table arrangements and lighting options.



*Hostesses Katie Alford, Elise Boyd, and
Janie Pappas with Joe.*

Calendar

Thursday, June 16th General Meeting

10:30 - Gainesway Farm Arboretum and Gardens Tour • 3750 Paris Pike
Meet at office, inside front entrance.
Lunch and business meeting afterwards at Windy Corner,
4595 Bryan Station Rd. (located at intersection of Muir Station & Bryan Station Road)

Hostesses: Philippa Fogg, Barbara Young, Kim DeCamp
RSVP - Philippa Fogg
southernfogg@gmail.com or phone (859) 552-6040

Monday, July 11th Board Meeting

9:30 - at the home of Lendy Brown
Park in Doodle's lot
and walk to Lendy's house. She has permission and they are closed on Mondays, so all will be fine!

Thursday, July 21st General Meeting

10:30 - Ashland Garden
Picnic on the Grounds

1916 • 2016 *Seeds from the Century*

In 1924, Garden Club of Lexington was invited to join the Garden Club of America.

Today, our members continue to devote their energies and expertise to a wide array of projects in the community as well as belong to a larger group that makes a significant impact nationwide.

Celebrating 100 Years

Bloomin' News



Summertime at Ashland



All Things Garden

As the mother of two young children, I would pack peanut butter & jelly sandwiches and head to Ashland for a picnic. We would gather flowering clover from the lawn and weave crowns for our heads; make bow and arrows out of narrowleaf plantain and see how far we could shoot the bud. There was a low branch that the children would "ride" like it was their horse. They would bravely crawl into the old hollow tree and stretch their little necks up to see the sky above. We would look for interesting bugs, search for the bird singing in the tree, and try to sneak up on a squirrel. Sometimes we would walk through the formal garden, but it was the Grounds of Ashland where we had our adventures.

Our children are grown with homes and gardens of their own. Now I walk my grand-dog on the grounds. He sniffs and discovers the markings of other dogs. Together we walk the oval path designed like the one at George Washington's Mount Vernon and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. I think of Henry Clay and his family that resided at Ashland for so many years, and of the Henry Clay Memorial Foundation and the Garden Club that now care for it.

And so, it is with a sweet anticipation that I look forward to the gathering of friends for our Garden Club's Picnic on the Grounds. May we all continue to make fond memories on these Grounds.

Kathy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Horticulture

Donna Cornish

Kentucky Coffeetree Project

While I have not had any follow up from the teachers, I have heard from one of the students. Joe Schlarman is a student at The Lexington School and also happens to be my nephew. We were together recently and somewhere along the way he mentioned his "tree." Back in May, he got his pot with dirt, scuffed the coffeetree seed with a nail file, and then planted it. He brought it home that same day and has been watering it ever since (sometimes with the help of his mother). As you can see from the picture the seed has sprouted and grown to a small sapling. Joe is very happy with his plant and hopes to plant it some day.



Milkweed Caution

Milkweed is an essential plant to have in the garden, as it is the only plant that Monarch caterpillars will eat. However, you need to handle it carefully. The milky sap from the milkweed plant is toxic if ingested. It has a bitter taste but that does not always keep young children or pets from eating it. It can also be quite dangerous if it gets in your eye causing the eye to become inflamed, itch and blurry. Severe cases require the care of an ophthalmologist. Be careful not to touch your face even if you have gloves on.

Seed Share

As we start working our way through summer and some of the plants begin to die back, think about saving some of the seeds. The Shirley Meneice Conference is not until September, but it is not too early to think about gathering seeds for the seed share part of the conference.

Garden Project

*Elizabeth Freeman
Martha Trussell*

Please remember the peony beds! If you have only a little to do in your parterre, or have finished a bit early, please check on your assigned area of the peony beds to see if they need attention.

Gardening Tip

from Kathy Dalton

Get rid of weeds in brick walkways

In a sprayer, mix:
1 gallon of white vinegar
2 cups of Epsom Salt
¼ cup of Dawn (original)

This will need to be repeated throughout the summer

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Flower Show

Brenda Barrett

Listed below are the results from the Shaker Lakes Garden Club Flower Show, "The Perennial Centennial" held in late June. Several GCL members garnered awards!



Katie Alford – 1st Place in herbaceous plant grown for foliage for Heuchera 'Frost' (*pictured left*); 1st Place in the Astilbe Class for Astilbe 'Red Sentinel'; Honorable Mention in Perennials for Stokesia laevis (Stoke's Aster)

Kim DeCamp – H.M. in Perennials for Asclepias incarnate (Swamp Milkweed); H.M. herbaceous plant grown for foliage for Begonia 'Escargot'

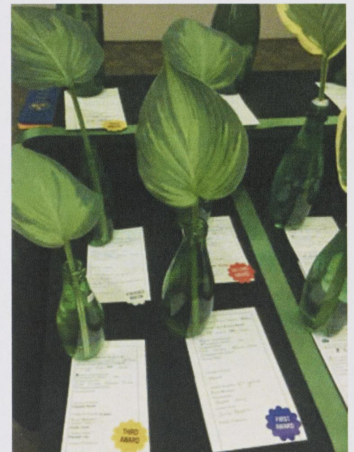
Kathy Brooks – 1st Place in Hydrangeas for Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle'; 3rd Place in Oakleaf Hydrangeas for Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf Hydrangea)

Brenda Barrett – 1st Place in Branches in Foliage for Ilex x attenuate 'Foster #2' (Foster Holly); 3rd Place in Hydrangeas for Hydrangea macrophylla 'Glowing Embers'; H.M. herbaceous plant grown for foliage for Caladium 'Postman Joyner'

Anne Kraus – 2nd Place in Branches in Foliage for Magnolia Grandiflora (Southern Magnolia)

Donna Cornish – H.M. for Ferns for Athyrium niponicum (Japanese Painted Fern)

Mott Nicol – 1st Place in Large Hosta for Hosta 'June' (*pictured right*)



Don't Forget!

The following people have signed up to bring flower arrangements to our July Meeting at Ashland on July 21st:

Philippa Fogg / Martha Trussell Amy Kessinger
Katie Alford / Mott Nicol Shannon Totty / Lolly Martin
Sheilagh Hammond Ann Roughton
Pattie Broadbent / Anne Kraus

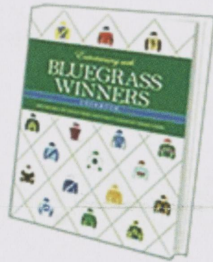
All arrangements are to be in a 6" terra-cotta pot!

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Special Projects

Christy Harris

Crazy Cookbook Challenge



In an effort to sell the remaining spiral *Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners* we are offering a cookbook challenge to all members! We have 64 cases of spiral edition of *Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners* in our warehouse and we are challenging garden members to each purchase a case. Why buy a case? First, you can purchase 12 books for only \$190.48. Where else can you have on hand a wonderful gift for only \$15.87? Second, you will be supporting the club financially!

It is a win – win situation for you, the book recipients and the club. Please consider this challenge! Call Christy Harris at 859-396-9096 today.

Bluegrass Winners on INSTAGRAM



Bluegrass Winners is on Instagram! If you have an Instagram account please look for [entertaining_in_the_bluegrass](#). This page will be dedicated to special projects of the Garden Club of Lexington. In order to market our cookbook, *Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners*, as well as our Pomegranate line, *Garden Gate*, I need photos from members! Please consider making a recipe from the cookbook and sending it to me for posting. I will tag you as well as the recipe and farm. You can email me your photo at christycowgillharris@gmail.com or text the photo to 859-396-9096

How to share your experiences on the GCA website

If you visit a National Park, or have conservation, propagation, seed share or pollinator stories to share, here is how you can share it on the GCA website. Go to gcamerica.org and sign into the "Members Area." Scroll down to "2016 Park It!" and follow the leads from there. You may also go to "GCA Committee Pages." Click that and find "Conservation." Look for "Conservation Showcase." Then "Share an Experience." That will lead you through the steps to share your experiences and pictures, and to see what other members have been doing

Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

July General Meeting • Thursday, July 21st
10:30 a.m.

*Picnic on the Grounds
Ashland Garden*

Louis Hillenmeyer, Speaker

Hostesses: Frances Cox, Melanie Dowell, and
Melodye Kinkead

Please RSVP - Melodye Kinkead
melkinkead@yahoo.com



LEXINGTON LIONS CLUB
BLUEGRASS FAIR
MASTERTON STATION PARK

July 16 & 17, 2016

Show
What
You Grow!

The Bluegrass Flower
& Vegetable Show

Open to all!
Cash Prizes!
Ribbons!
Youth Division!

First-time participants
receive a gift (while supplies last!)
Enter a single cut flower,
a plate of green beans, or
show your creative talents
with a floral design!

Enter the contest!

For entry guidelines,
stop by the Fayette County
Extension Office, visit our
site on bgflowershow.com or
call 859 257-5582

No Entry Fee!



Sponsored by the Fayette County Master Gardener Association and The Lexington Council Garden Clubs
www.bgflowershow.com

Lexington Lions Club Bluegrass Fair



Show What You Grow!
The Bluegrass Flower & Vegetable Show
Annual Horticulture Contest and
Standard Flower Show

July 16-17, 2016
MASTERTON STATION PARK
3051 Leestown Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40511
Sponsored by

THE FAYETTE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
and
THE LEXINGTON COUNCIL GARDEN CLUBS

Member of:
National Garden Club, Inc.
South Atlantic Region
The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.
Blue Grass District

SHOW HOURS: 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Free with Fair Admission

Conservation

Lendy Brown

Butterflies Are Just Part of the Conservation Story!

Donna Cornish and Lendy Brown once again joined forces to present a butterfly education event to our GCL members. What a day of fun we had!

The **Idlewild Butterfly Farm** is located in a two story historic brick house in downtown Louisville.

After a quick look at the retail area, we were guided through an extensive review of the laboratory. We peered through many small screen cages and aquariums that housed butterfly chrysalis in various stages; spiders, caterpillars, beneficial garden bugs, and other mysterious critters. We had a lot to learn about these creepy crawly insects.

Our initial mission was to see and learn about butterflies, especially the Monarch. Not only did we learn about butterflies, but also about beneficial insects, that the farm produces for their second business, biological controls against pests, working toward the elimination of pesticides.

Next came the butterfly house in the backyard, where the butterflies and moths fly freely in the screened-in garden house among a variety of butterfly-friendly plants and flowers. There is a small fee to be amongst the fluttering butterflies and in this little natural Disneyland. But, Idlewild butterflies also contribute to the business by providing their beauty and whimsy to weddings and special events in leu of environmentally unfriendly balloons and such. Interestingly, a small caterpillar may sell for 75 cents and a chrysalis for \$20.00...wonder what a butterfly sells for?

Naturally, like all normal females, garden club ladies love to shop. However, we did not take home a new finery, but a trunk full of an assorted butterfly weeds and plants, informative bug 101 books, some chrysalis, a box or two of hundreds of infant Praying Mantis egg cases, and containers of live Lady Bugs. All good civic-minded bugs.

We stopped for a bistro lunch on the way home. However, fearing the car would get very hot, we brought the mantis and lady bugs with us into the cool as we dined. We all had the best time, and to quote one new butterfly/bug fan, "I am still itching!"



Photos: Eastern Black Swallowtail; Orchid Praying Mantis; GCL members at Idlewild; Cockroach from Malaysia

NOTES FROM THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING

A Special trip through Gainesway Farm Gardens & Arboretum



June 16th was spent touring the extensive gardens at Gainesway Farm, followed by a delightful lunch on the patio of a local favorite, Windy Corner.



Many thanks to our hostesses Kim DeCamp, Philippa Fogg, & Barbara Young.

photos courtesy of Kim DeCamp

Calendar

Thursday, July 21st General Meeting

10:30 - Ashland Garden
Picnic on the Grounds
Louis Hillenmeyer, speaker

Hostesses: Frances Cox, Melanie Dowell, Melodye Kinkead

RSVP - Melodye Kinkead
melkinkead@yahoo.com

Monday, August 29th Board Meeting (September)

9:30 - at the home of Dotty Cordray
in Midway
dottiecordray@gmail.com

1916 · 2016

Seeds from the Century

In 1950, the Henry Clay Foundation became a reality and Ashland opened to the public. The GCL was asked to undertake the building of a garden on the grounds. GCL members voted in favor and a sum invested in war bonds made it possible. Henry F. Kenney of Cincinnati was chosen to draw a plan for the garden and also an overall planting plan for the 20 acres. Work began the following Spring with large sections completed in the next few years.

Celebrating 100 Years

Bloomin' News



September Colors



Friends of the Garden Party

to celebrate our 100th Anniversary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

6:30 - 8:30 PM

ASHLAND GARDEN



Rain Location
Mr. & Mrs. Farra Alford

All Things Garden

Don't you just love September? The days are cooler, the nights are chilly, summer is coming to a close, and it's time for the Friends of the Garden Party.

We will be celebrating the Garden Club of Lexington's 100th Anniversary at the party this year. Many thanks to each of you who have worked so hard in your borders and parterres. The garden looks beautiful. Thank you to Elizabeth Schnabel for chairing the Garden Party, to Margaret Cowgill for her great help in all the details, and to each of you who are preparing food and arranging flowers. Also, many thanks for the hard work and patient guidance provided by Elizabeth Freeman, Martha Trussell and Mary Warren as we got the garden ready.

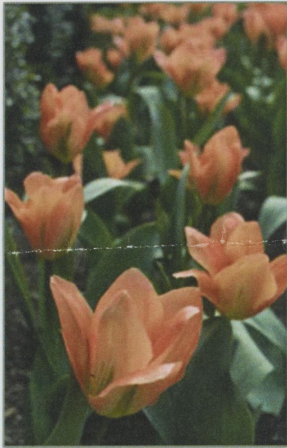
Now, it's time to have some fun and celebrate with friends. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday night, September 8th at 6:30 in the Garden.

Cheers!
Kathy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Garden Project

Elizabeth Freeman
Martha Trussell



BULB PLANTING AT ASHLAND

Bulb planting day will be **October 5th** with rain date October 12th. Please contact Elizabeth if you have any questions.

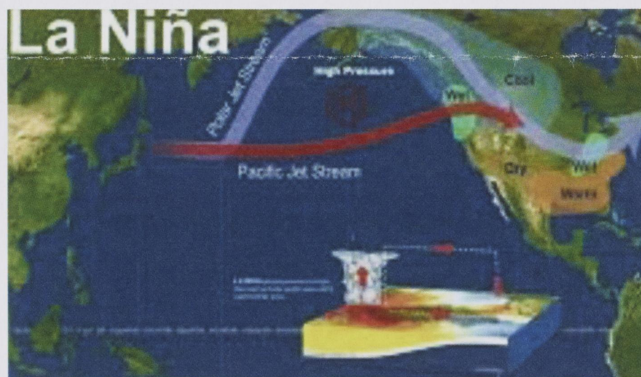
Conservation

Lendy Brown

Fall Forecast

La Nina is likely not going to be as intense as the 2015-2016 El Nino. Precipitation will vary from near to above normal in northern and western areas, to near to below normal in the southeast portion of the Ohio Valley.

Go figure.



From the Progressive Farmer and Lendy the Weatherwoman

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Flower Show

Brenda Barrett

View from the Mountaintop

GCA Zone Flower Show • October 12 & 13, 2016 • Charlottesville, Virginia

Don't Forget! Please bring your beautiful horticulture specimens to Brenda Barrett's house, 171 Chenault Road **on Monday, October 10** in the afternoon or evening. Call 859-519-0479 with any questions.

SCHEDULE

Classes 6-9: Cut Specimen Collections

A collection of at least three and no more than 5 different species, cultivars or varieties of the same genus. Each cut specimen may not exceed 32" in length from the lip of the container to the tip of the stem. Containers will be supplied by the flower show committee. Each specimen must be displayed in a separate container. Each stem must be identified by a number which refers to a key card placed with the entry card for the exhibit. Limit one entry per class per exhibitor.

- 6. *Acer*
- 7. *Pinus*
- 8. *Ericaceae*
- 9. *Magnolia*

Classes 10-40: The Garden - Individual Cut Specimen

Perennials Grown for Foliage.

- 10. *Fern*
- 11. *Hellebore*
- 12. *Hosta*
- 13. *Heuchera*
- 14. *Farfugium*
- 15. Other

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CON'T.*

View from a Mountaintop Schedule
Con't.

Perennials Grown for Blooms.

One stem, spike or spray not to exceed 32" in length from the lip of the container to the tip of the stem.

16. *Aster*
17. *Salvia*
18. *Sedum*
19. *Echinacea*
20. *Tricyrtis*
21. Other

Dahlias (side buds should be removed)

22. Large (over 8" in diameter)
23. Medium (4-8" in diameter)
24. Small (less than 4" in diameter)

Roses

25. Old Garden Rose - prior to 1867
26. Hybrid -tea
27. Shrub
28. Polyantha
29. Other

Flowering, Berried, Seeded or Fruited Branches

30. *Ilex*
31. *Callicarpa* (should be exhibited without leaves)
32. *Magnolia*
33. *Viburnum*
34. *Juniper*
35. *Camellia sasanqua*
36. Other

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

*View from a Mountaintop Schedule
Con't.*

Branches Displaying Fall Color

37. Quercus

38. Acer

39. Itea

40. Other

41. Par - an exhibit of exceptional horticultural merit which does not qualify for entry elsewhere in the Horticulture Division. No cut specimens. Entries in the Par class must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of one year. Containers may not exceed 20" diameter.

Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

September General Meeting

Thursday, September 15

10:30 a.m.

Louisville Stoneware

Carpool from IHCC

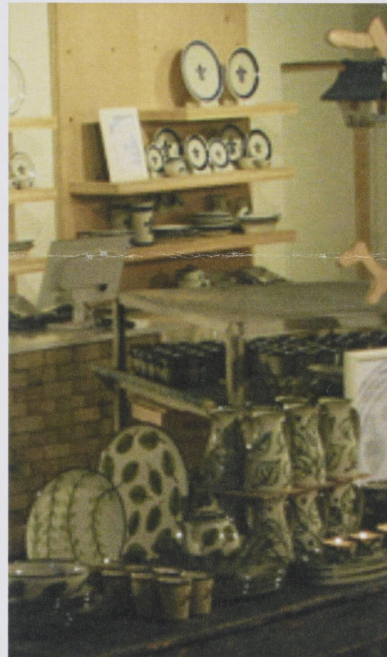
8:50 a.m. for 9:00 a.m. departure!

Hostesses: Frances Cox, Melanie Dowell, and
Melodye Kinkead

Please RSVP by September 12th

Leslie Baldwin

lesliebb@usa.net



Horticulture

Donna Cornish

Peony Propagation Project

The Horticulture Committee recently started a propagation project using peony seeds. This is a long term project as it takes 3-5 years for propagated peonies to bloom, but we thought it would be fun to try and propagate our own Ashland peonies. When we propagate peony seeds, we are trying to imitate nature with a warm-cold-warm cycle. The pots need to stay warm for 2-3 months, and then sometime in November go to a cold spot, like an old fridge in the basement. Sometime in February we bring them back out for warmth and hopefully we will see some root or seedling growth occurring. We were set up in the garden the last two Wednesdays and many of you stopped by to create your own pot. We still have all the materials and information needed to start this process for any who would still like to participate in this project.



Seed Share

The Shirley Meneice Conference takes place in just a couple of weeks and we need to get our seed packets ready for Betsy and Benny to take with them. The following information needs to be on the seed envelope:



GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference Seed Share 2016

Plant Type: _____
Botanical Name: _____ Common Name: _____
Hardiness Zone: _____
Donor's Name: _____ Club: _____
Information: _____

This information can be handwritten or printed out on labels. I have plenty of #1 coin envelopes that can be used for these packets. In addition to Shirley Meneice, seed packets are needed for the Seed Share Database. This database has been set up for members who want seeds but are not able to attend the conference. The Seed Share Database can be used to list available seeds you might have or request specific seeds you would like to receive. To access the database go to the GCA Website, click on GCA Committee Pages, Horticulture, Propagation and Seed Share, then Seed Share, Seed Share Database.

Monarch Way-station



We applied to Monarch Watch and were approved as a Monarch Way-station! We have received a beautiful plaque which will soon be placed in the butterfly garden.

The Real Dirt

The summer edition of The Real Dirt is out and I would encourage all of you to browse through it. In addition to some wonderful articles on our national parks and the centennial tree project, it has some helpful hints on seed collecting. While you are on the GCA website, check out the other great publications it has to offer.

In the Garden at Ashland

Brenda Barrett

Japanese Anemone

Japanese Anemones are found throughout the Garden at Ashland. They are particularly showy in the late summer and early fall when the flower buds open to reveal their pretty white or pink flowers that brighten the shady corners of the garden.

European explorers collected this plant in Japan and called it *Anemone japonica* or Japanese Anemone. They didn't realize that it actually originated in China, and had become naturalized in Japan. Today *A. hupehensis*, *A. hupehensis* var. *japonica*, *A. x hybrida* and *A. tomentosa* are all commonly called Japanese Anemones. The name *Anemone* comes from the Greek word of the same name and means "daughter of the wind". Windflower is another common name for this perennial because the flowers on their upright stems sway and dance in the breeze.

Anemones are hardy and long-lived, but they can be killed by conditions that are too wet in the winter. They are hardy in zones 4-8, and they like partial shade, but they will tolerate full sun. Their foliage is semi-evergreen and they form attractive clumps of coarse dark green leaves. The word *tomentosa* means woolly plant hairs and it describes anemone leaves. Long flower stalks rise 2-4' above the foliage, and the 2-3" saucer shaped flowers can be single or semi-double. Flowers occur in various shades of pink or white with bright yellow centers.



Anemone tomentosa
'Robustissima' with a bee.

Watch out for these beautiful windflowers because they can be invasive. The variety *Anemone tomentosa* 'Robustissima' is found throughout the garden. It is particularly aggressive and it is best left for naturalizing. Anemones spread by rhizomes which are horizontal underground stems, and this means they will pop up where you least expect them. Don't hesitate to pull them out or transplant them if they begin to crowd out other plants in the border. In spite of their aggressive nature the spread of Japanese Anemones is easy to control, and they make a wonderful and welcome addition to the garden.



Anemone hupehensis
'Bressingham Glow'



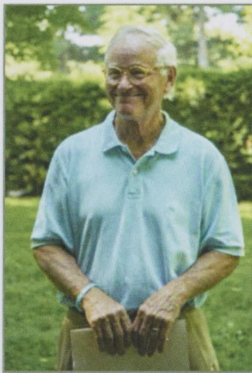
This combination of
Anemones with *Great Blue Lobelia* can be found in the
back border.

NOTES FROM THE JULY GENERAL MEETING

Picnic on the Grounds Ashland Garden

July 21st was our annual picnic at Ashland. Always such a beautiful setting, the luncheon was hosted by Frances Cox, Melanie Dowell, and Melodye Kinkead.

Our speaker was Louis Hillenmeyer. The Hillenmeyer Family has been actively involved in the Garden Club



Louis
Hillenmeyer

of Lexington for over four generations. We presented Louis with a Club Horticulture Commendation for his long standing and passionate involvement with Garden Club of Lexington.



Louis Hillenmeyer, Katie Alford,
Kathy Courtney.

Photos courtesy of Kim DeCamp

Calendar

Thursday, September 15th General Meeting

10:30 - Louisville Stoneware Tour Starts
731 Brent Street, Louisville.
Carpool from IHCC, meet 8:50 for 9:00
departure!

Hostesses: Elizabeth Schnabel and
Celeste Neuman

Please RSVP by September 12 to
Leslie Baldwin
lesliebb@usa.net

Monday, October 3rd Board Meeting

9:30 - at the home of Melodye Kinkead

RSVP melkinkead@yahoo.com

1916 · 2016

Seeds from the Century

Significant civic planting has been accomplished by the GCL, including the trees on Richmond Road, making an attractive entrance to the city. Additionally, trees were installed at (then) Transylvania College and at county schools. In 1996, the GCL presented the McConnell Springs project to the GCA Founders Fund Committee, receiving a \$5,000 runner-up award and used the funds to purchase native plants for the park.

Celebrating 100 Years

Bloomin' News



"Friends of the Garden" Party

Celebrating Our Centennial



From top: GCL archive photo storyboard; Patricia DeCamp and Talitha Freeman; the crowd gathers in the garden

All Things Garden

It's October and time for the Zone VII Meeting and Flower Show. It will be hosted by the Albemarle Garden Club, in Charlottesville, Virginia, October 12-13. Elizabeth Freeman is going with me as our delegate. Kim and Brenda are going to judge and clerk at the Flower Show.

Last March, our club received some seeds collected from Thomas Jefferson's Monticello for us to participate in a challenge class. Our seeds were *Cucurbita moschata*, otherwise known as Upper Ground Sweet Potato Squash. The seeds were introduced to this country in the late 1780s from Jamaica and were known to be grown by Thomas Jefferson.

Benny, Ellen, Kim, Donna and I each planted a seed or two, hoping one of us would succeed in producing a specimen to take to the Zone Meeting. All quickly sprouted, developing huge green leaves with silver-like stripes, and long vines that spread way beyond the garden beds! Later came nearly trumpet-sized blossoms that produced what looked more like a watermelon in size and color. Gradually, they began to turn a light tan color as they ripened.

We do indeed have specimens to take to the Flower Show, both of the leaves and fruit. I can't wait to see what the other clubs propagated!

Best regards,

Kathy

Conservation

Lendy Brown

Monarch Butterfly Tagging

My efforts to coordinate butterfly tagging at Shaker Village with the garden club were mixed. The first tagging adventure was cancelled, at least by the garden club, so we aimed for a second. I must stress that these efforts have been rather sporadic and hasty, fault of mine, not Shaker Village or our garden club members.



The second scheduled meeting did work. Ellen reserved a farm to table lunch, and after a wonderful meal, a butterfly lecture, we then went out into the field to attempt butterfly tagging. Lendy spotted a huge Monarch, and Ellen waded into the brush to net him. We had been given netting technique and instructions, ... Ellen is a quick learner. We saw other butterflies, but that was the only Monarch encounter.

Our instructor helped us tag the snared, delicate insect, and we hope he finds his way along the long migration to Mexico. More importantly, we hope he is discovered if he fails en route, and his tag will identify his path.

Ellen, Sheilagh, Donna and Lendy had a really fun outing. I will try and give a better heads up as to future dates of some of these conservation efforts.

Butterfly Garden at Ashland



L to R: Donna Cornish braves the cold March temps to prepare the bed for the butterfly garden; beautiful blooms reflect the fruits of their labor; mission accomplished - a Monarch Waystation, at Ashland Garden, certified by Monarch Watch. *Photos courtesy of Jessica Nicholson*

Donna and Kim's green thumbs have never been more evident than when we see our own Butterfly Garden. The blooms of enticing butterfly flowers have really paid off, as both caterpillars and chrysalises have been evident. Congratulations on this beautiful and educational effort!

Garden History and Design

Dottie Cordray



Smithsonian Institution

A Garden History & Design **One Minute Report** from the Archives of American Gardens (AAG)

Gazebo – what an odd word! Its earliest known use appears in the 1750 book *Rural Architecture in the Chinese Taste* by English architect William Halfpenny, which supports one theory that "gazebo" is a corrupted word from Asia. The prevailing story, however, is that a whimsical linguist (perhaps Halfpenny himself) combined "gaze" with the Latin future-suffix "ebo," to make "I shall gaze."¹ But this name is just a trifle, for the form itself has been around for five millennia. Styles and materials have varied, of course – just compare the gazebo at your local park to the glass version in the 1965 film *The Sound of Music*. Yet the primary purpose of this little building has always remained the same: to provide outdoor shelter with a view of the surrounding grounds.

The Gazebo in the Garden: A Timeless Concept

We first know of gazebos in the gardens of royal and rich members of ancient civilizations, from Egypt to Greece and Rome, Persia, and across Asia to Japan.² Gazebos then spread west during the Renaissance. In Elizabethan England, they were built in monasteries and in the gardens of the nobility. The structures were styled to complement the main house. This was a rising purpose for the gazebo – not only as a place to gaze from, but also to gaze *at*, as much a part of the garden as the flowers.



Captain Amos Palmer House, Stonington, CT.
Alice W. Houston, photographer. 2000.



Swamp Willow Hollow, Rye, NY.
Jean C. Taplett, photographer. 2006.

Mainstream gazebo popularity crossed the Atlantic in the mid-1800s, when England was steeped in Victorian style; this was therefore the style of gazebo that many Americans first experienced, and has remained our idea of the traditional gazebo³ (right image).

The gazebo had two revivals in America in the late-1930s and 1970s, both coinciding with middle-class prosperity. The latter revival was also spurred by advances in manufacturing. Outdoor furniture companies recognized the growing popularity of gazebos and began mass-producing affordable kits made of treated lumber that could be assembled in a day.² So while they were once restricted to the high class, gazebos are now common in parks, restaurant grounds, and home gardens.

Garden Project

Elizabeth Freeman & Martha Trussell

Bulb Planting at Ashland Garden

Due to the extended beautiful weather in the area, our borders and parterres look too beautiful to take out. Therefore,

BULB DAY HAS BEEN MOVED TO OCTOBER 19th with a rain date of October 26. The last official day win the garden is October 26th.

Please remember to weed your section of the peony parterre before the last day!

Thank you!



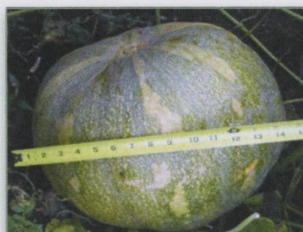
Horticulture

Donna Cornish

Upper Ground Sweet Potato Squash Propagation Project (Cucurbita moschata)



The seeds for the Zone VII Meeting challenge class were mostly in the ground by mid-May. The rambling vines took off (and over) garden beds producing a season-long spectacle, eventually producing sizable fruit.



Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

October General Meeting
Thursday, October 20
10:30 a.m.

Idle Hour Country Club
Blair Leano-Helvey, Speaker
*of Louisville's Entomology Solutions &
Idlewild Butterfly Farm*

Hostesses: Donna Cornish, Betty Kenan and
Jessica Nicholson

Please RSVP by October 13th
Donna Cornish
goldenisland@aol.com



National Affairs & Legislation

A note from Kathy Brooks

The 2017 National Affairs & Legislation Washington Meeting invitations will be mailed soon, so mark your calendars for Monday, February 27, through Thursday, March 2. In this transition year, you won't want to miss the important event. Conservation leaders will address us on Tuesday, focusing on the impact of climate change. On Wednesday, we'll hear from key legislators setting policy on energy, agriculture, clean air and water, climate change, and more. On Wednesday evening, award-winning producer, director, and cinematographer Louie Schwartzberg will present and discuss his pioneering time-lapse photography capturing the mysteries of our evolving environment. Thursday, our hundreds of delegates simultaneously will visit with their congressional representatives to discuss environmental issues most pertinent to the GCA and our member clubs.

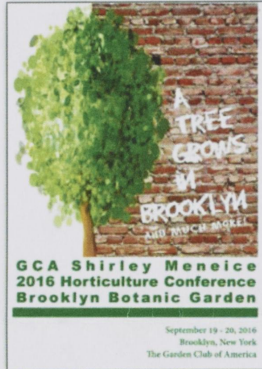
This is a very interesting meeting. You learn what an influence the Garden Club of America has on laws relating to conservation and our environment. The Garden Club of Lexington will send two members, paying for the registration fees, travel, and one hotel room. I would love for each of our members to have a chance to attend. Please let me know if you are interested in going!

Directory Update

Please note that Jane Stiliz has changed her Email address: jpstilz74@gmail.com

2016 Shirley Meneice Conference

Benny Williams and Betsy Bulleit, GCL Delegates



What an opportunity we were afforded to attend the 2016 Shirley Meneice Conference on behalf of the Garden Club of Lexington! Definitely an experience to be treasured and we are truly grateful.

Conference Chairman Donna Ganson, GC of Lawrence, and the entire

Conference Committee are to be commended for the terrific program they set forth for us, taking full advantage of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, its staff, and curators. Although the much-needed rain thwarted some planned hands-on workshops and demonstrations, we were able to experience much of what the century-old institution has to offer.

Unfortunately, for the first time in recent memory, Shirley was not able to travel to New York for the conference. However, the committee very cleverly made sure that she was with us in spirit by having the ever-present life-size cut out photo go to every session.

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden has a rich history of engaging families and teachers through a myriad of programs. The first Children's Garden was established there in 1914, demonstrating their distinctive commitment to the education of youth. This theme is evident in additional projects such as the Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest; the Discovery Garden; the Brooklyn Academy of Science and the Environment, a public high school that emphasizes project-based science curriculum and is located across the street; garden apprentice program for teens; Project Green Reach for 5th & 6th graders, nominated by teachers; and much more.

This initiative to teach and share environmental awareness to the youth is paramount, and was a recurring theme throughout the conference. We learned about restoring native flora, sustainable landscapes, green infrastructure and water management strategies in many of the breakout sessions.

Additionally, there was opportunity to learn about some of the more traditional aspects of gardening such as care/re-potting of orchids, composting and compost tea, care of a rose garden, propagating from cuttings, seed-saving and even an introduction to Bonsai.

Since we were in the epicenter of an urban environment, there was great emphasis on the necessity of green space and general ecology to meet the environmental changes and times. As one of the lecturers said, "people are just nicer to each other in a garden." We saw how important gardens are in cities, as it brings people together from all walks of life for a common purpose. Before heading to Brooklyn, we walked the Highline in Manhattan, a definite must-see. The Brooklyn Bridge Park is an impressive 85-acre area that stretches along the East River and has transformed the formerly industrial Brooklyn waterfront into a civic space. The Brooklyn Botanic Garden visitor center sports a living roof, featuring a diversity of plantings, many native species.

If it sounds like we had jammed-packed days, I can assure you they were! So much to see and learn. This conference definitely whetted the appetite for return visits and further investigation.

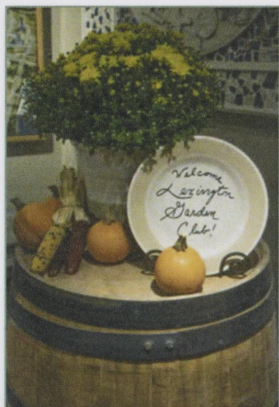


Life-sized cutout of Shirley Meneice

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Louisville Stoneware Tour

The carpool caravan made its way to Louisville Stoneware for a very interesting tour, complete with box lunches. Of course the opportunity for a little retail exercise and early Christmas shopping was embraced by the group. This most enjoyable day was hosted by Elizabeth Schnabel and Celeste Neuman.



Photos courtesy of Kim DeCamp

Calendar

Thursday, October 20th General Meeting

10:30 - Blair Leano-Helvey, Speaker
Idle Hour Country Club

Hostesses: Donna Cornish, Betty Kenan, &
Jessica Nicholson

Please RSVP by October 13th

Donna Cornish
goldenisland@aol.com

Monday, November 7th Board Meeting

9:30 - at the home of Elizabeth Freeman

RSVP egfreeman3@gmail.com

Thursday, November 17 General Meeting

10:30 - Floral workshop led by Sarah Davis
Crestwood Christian Church
1882 Bellefonte Drive

Hostesses: Mary Louise Fisher & Pattie
Broadbent

**Workshop Participants, Please RSVP by
November 3rd**

*so that we know how much material is
needed* RSVP to Mary Louise
lulufisher265@gmail.com

1916 · 2016
Seeds from the Century

The year 2005 marked the 55th anniversary of Ashland Garden. Additionally in 2005, the Garden Club of Lexington received a beautiful crystal bowl from the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Historic Preservation Commission honoring the Club's years of excellent stewardship in the Ashland Garden.

Celebrating 100 Years

Bloomin' News



Autumn Leaves



All Things Garden

In September, I wrote about the anticipation of cooler days and chilly nights, but the temperatures never dropped. In October, I wrote about the ripening of sweet potato squash to take to the Zone Flower Show, and still the temperature stayed in the 80s. Now it's November and the temperatures are finally catching up with the calendar. The Garden at Ashland has been cut back for the winter, and our Wednesday mornings are free to do other things.

We are reaping the rewards for all our Garden Club work. Our Friends of the Garden Party was a huge success. Our sweet potato squash won the blue ribbon at the Zone Flower Show. Our Garden Club was honored at the Zone Awards Dinner for its 100th Anniversary. Our application for a Historic Marker has been accepted.

Attending the Zone Meeting gave me time to reflect on all our Garden Club does. We have much to celebrate and much to be thankful for. I am thankful for each of you, your friendship, your dedication, and your willingness to volunteer. We are making a difference in our world. And yes, I am thankful for Autumn, cool days, chilly nights, and sitting by a fire.

My best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving,

Kathy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Projects

Christy Harris



*A Great Way to Help Support GCL
this Christmas!*

Please consider purchasing some Pomegranate as
Christmas/Hostess Gifts this holiday season:

- Pot holders (packaged as two) for \$18.00
- Placemats (set of 4) for \$24
- Tablecloth for \$13.00
- Tea towels (set of 2) for \$12.50
- Garden Gate Apron for \$18.00

It is easy to purchase! Go to www.pomegranateinc.com and in the search field type "**garden gate**". Fill your cart with all your goodies and then click "check out". *Once you are on the check out page put the word "gardenlex" in the promo code field to receive our discount!* You will be given the choice to have your items shipped or you may pick them up.

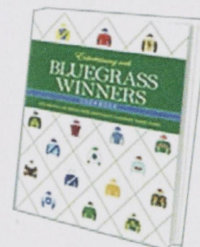


Don't Forget!!

Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners
make great gifts as well!

Call Christy Harris
859-396-9096, if you are
interested!

Case of 12 \$190.48
Half case \$95.24



COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Conservation

Lendy Brown



” **9:30 a.m. – Tuesday, November 15th**

We are a "Go" for our walk/hike at Floracliff! I am so glad there are so many eager to hit the trail and enjoy the beautiful area of the Floracliff Nature Sanctuary. **We will meet in the parking lot of the preserve at 9:30**, and

hopefully we have a beautiful morning Nov. 15th. If anyone knows a friend or another garden club member that has not notified me, they are certainly welcome to join us. See directions below, and I leave it up to everyone to form car pools if they wish.

Floracliff Nature Sanctuary

8000 Elk Lick Falls Rd., Lexington, KY 40515.

From Lexington:

Take Richmond Rd to Old Richmond Rd. Drive 5.9 miles. Turn right on Elk Lick Falls Rd.

You will drive under I-75, then take an immediate left to stay on Elk Lick Falls Rd. We are about a mile down on the right at 8000 Elk Lick Falls Rd. Drive through the gate and you will see a Floracliff sign and a parking lot on your right. The nature center is just down the hill.

From I-75:

Take exit 99 (Clay's Ferry Exit). Turn right onto US 25 (same from north and south exit ramps). Take your first right, immediate after I-75) onto Elk Lick Falls Rd. We are about 1.5 miles down on the left at 8000 Elk Lick Falls Rd. Enter the gate and you will see a Floracliff sign and a parking lot on your right. The nature center is just down the hill.

About the Preserve

Floracliff Nature Sanctuary is a 287-acre nature preserve located in the palisades region of the Kentucky River in southern Fayette County. The preserve is comprised of steep slopes, mixed hardwood forests, Kentucky River bottomlands, swiftly running tributary streams and limestone palisades. Of geological significance is a 61-foot surface deposit of travertine known as Elk Lick Falls.

The preserve was founded by [Dr. Mary Wharton](#) who purchased the land in a series of parcels between 1958 and 1989. She died in 1991, leaving behind a non-profit foundation governed by a Board of Directors. In 1996, the preserve was dedicated as a [Kentucky State Nature Preserve](#), giving it perpetual protection from development.



COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

November General Meeting

Thursday, November 17

10:30 a.m.

Floral Workshop

Led by Sarah Davis

Hostesses: Mary Louise Fisher & Pattie Broadbent

RSVPs were due by Nov 4th

Contact Mary Louise for possible openings, or
if you would like to just observe!

lulufisher265@gmail.com



PLEASE NOTE:

We will be working with a 12" wreath of oasis, so cut greens the day before
- magnolia, boxwood, hemlock, pine, etc...

For those needing greenery, Brenda will meet you in the garden on
Wednesday, the 16th at 11:00 and help you cut boxwood.

Condition your greens in water overnight.

Bring them in a trash bag along with your clippers on Thursday morning.

We will have our business meeting first, the workshop, then lunch



Horticulture

Donna Cornish

Kentucky Coffeetree Project



Back in May we applied for a grant for the Kentucky Coffeetree Project and were selected to receive a 2016-2017 **Sustainable Environmental Grant** in the amount of \$687.00. The project period for this grant is May 13, 2016 to May 31, 2017. The final report, which will be submitted next May, must include expenses and documentation of the project. While expenses include the purchase of items, documentation includes in-kind contributions. This is not only donations in the form of goods but also all volunteer time such as gathering seed pods and delivering the packets to the schools. As we move into fall and winter I would ask that any efforts made on behalf of the Kentucky Coffeetree Project are documented which includes keeping receipts, keeping a record of volunteer time and even the mileage used for these tasks. We are being asked to include photos of our project so think about taking a camera with you when you gather seeds. It would be nice to have a photo timeline from start to finish.



Peony Seed Propagation

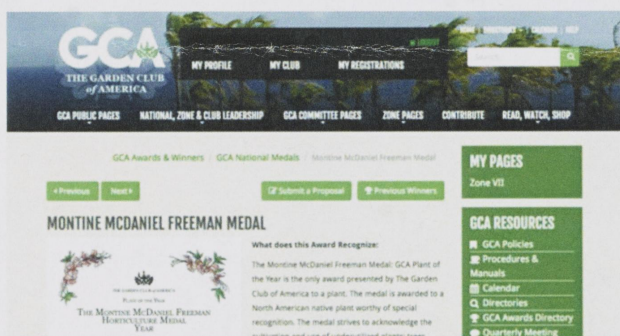
For those who are participating in the peony seed propagation we are still in a watch mode. To see if a radicle or root system has developed in your pot or plastic bag, carefully remove some of the soil for periodic inspection. The soil can then simply be replaced. It takes 2-3 months for the roots to develop so don't be discouraged if nothing has happened yet. When radicles or roots are sufficiently developed, the pots and/or plastic bags should be placed in a cold spot (above freezing). We are ultimately trying to mimic nature with a warm-cold-warm cycle.



Freeman Medal



Nominations for the Montine McDaniel Freeman Medal are due by December 1. Plants that qualify this year are trees, shrubs or woody vines. Any plant that has won previously or been nominated three times in the past is not eligible. Information on the history, selection and timing can be found on the GCA website under Freeman Medal.



**Results from "View From the Mountaintop"
Albemarle Garden Club Flower Show
at the Zone VII Meeting
October 12 & 13, 2016**

Floral Design

Elizabeth Freeman -
Honorable Mention in "Rocks"



Horticulture

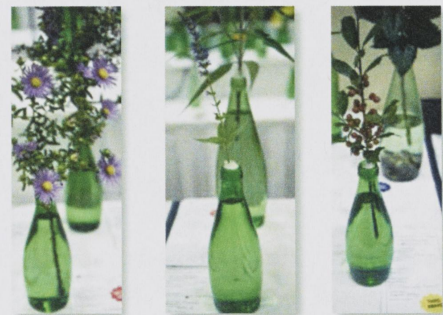
Benny Williams and Donna Cornish – 1st in Propagation of Seeds
(Upper Ground Sweet Potato Squash)



Brenda Barrett – 1 First, 3 Seconds, 2 thirds,
and 1 Honorable Mention (multiple classes)



Anne Kraus – 1 Second



Photography

Kim DeCamp – 1st in Class "Adornment"



Botanical Arts

Luanne Milward – Honorable Mention
"Writing Instrument" Class



NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Blair Leano-Helvey

*Entomology Solutions &
Idlewild Butterfly Farm*

On October 20th, Blair made her way from Louisville with some special friends in tow to give a "live" demonstration and talk on all things insect.



Blair Leano-Helvey

Our hostesses for the luncheon program at Idle Hour CC were Donna Cornish, Betty Kenan, & Jessica Nicholson.

Blair shared with us the important roles that not only butterflies, but all arthropods play in various ecosystems. In addition, we learned that Idlewild Butterfly Farm breeds butterflies for displays and special event releases, whether a celebration or memorial.



Photos courtesy of Kim DeCamp

Calendar

Thursday, December 15 Christmas Tea

3:30 - at the home of Callie Keller

Hostesses: Callie Keller, Judy Philpott,
Libby Brown

Please RSVP to Libby Brown

ESB1700@yahoo.com
or (859) 221-1290

Monday, December 5th Board Meeting

9:30 - at the home of Elizabeth Schnabel

RSVP elizabeth_schnabel@yahoo.com



1916 · 2016 *Seeds from the Century*



Over the years, cookbook sales have helped to fund the upkeep of our garden project at Ashland. In November of 2007, a second cookbook, *Entertaining Bluegrass Winners*, was introduced and a second printing followed soon afterwards. In 2008, a ninth printing of the original *Bluegrass Winners* cookbook was completed, nearing the remarkable milestone of 100,000 copies sold since its release in 1985.



Celebrating 100 Years



Bloomin' News



Tis the Season!



All Things Garden

Tis the Season of Giving and for Celebrating

As members of the Garden Club of Lexington, we give our time and financial support for the care of the Ashland Garden. We also make annual donations to other non-profit organizations that "promote the knowledge and love of gardening and protect the environment." This year the Board approved the following donations: to the Arboretum, \$500; to the Henry Clay Foundation, \$500 toward the Grounds at Ashland; to Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, \$500 toward the care of trees, grounds or trails; to the Coffee Tree Project, \$1396 in-kind donations and supplies for fourth grade students in local schools to learn how to propagate a tree from seed; and to GCA, \$900 from the Velma Perkins/Botany Scholarship fund. Thank each of you for giving so generously to our Garden Club and making this possible.

This is the season for celebrating, and so we will, at our Christmas Tea on Thursday, December 15th at Callie Keller's lovely home. We will welcome four new members: Janice MacNeil, Jenny Owens, Myra Wathen, and Josefina Young. They each will enrich our Club with their presence, their knowledge and their love of gardening, floral arranging, horticulture, conservation, photography and landscape design.

As we continue celebrating our Centennial year, I wish you all the many blessings of Christmas.

Kathy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

Thursday, December 15

Christmas Tea

3:30 p.m.

at the home of Callie Keller

1680 Lakewood Drive

Hostesses: *Callie Keller, Judy Philpott, Libby Brown*

If you haven't already, please **RSVP to Libby Brown**
ESB1700@yahoo.com
or (859) 221-1290



Admissions

Katie Alford

Welcome New Members

Janice MacNeil

(859) 221-6169
janicewmac@gmail.com

Jenny Owens

(859) 421-1939
JenBova@aol.com

Myra Wathen

(859) 361-4593-cell
(859) 269-4261-home
myrawathen@yahoo.com

Josefine Young

(859) 699-2554-cell
(859) 269-5655-home
josefineyoung@gmail.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONT.

Conservation

Lendy Brown

A Walk in the Woods



Donna and Lendy planned another "Out of the Garden Experience". Once again all that joined our effort to see and do a special Kentucky natural treasure, had a great time. The small band of explorers experienced the beauty of the Floracliff Nature Sanctuary. We hope to plan another Floracliff walk when the forest spring time flowers are in bloom.



Special Projects

Christy Harris



Easy Gift Ideas this Christmas!

Christmas or Hostess Gifts to support the Garden Club

Pomegranate Looks Great at Christmas too!

Potholders (packaged as two) \$18.00

Placemats (set of 4) for \$24

Tablecloth \$26.00

Tea towels (set of 2) \$12.50

Garden Gate Apron \$17.00.

It is easy to purchase! Go to www.pomegranateinc.com and in the search field type "garden gate". Fill your cart with all your goodies and then click "check out". Once you are on the check out page put the word "gardenlex" in the promo code field. You will be given the choice to have your items shipped or you may pick them up.

Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners is available for purchase as well!

Call Christy Harris, 859-396-9096, if you are interested in purchasing a case or a single book as a gift. \$15.90 per book

Horticulture

Donna Cornish

National Parks - Treasures to be Enjoyed

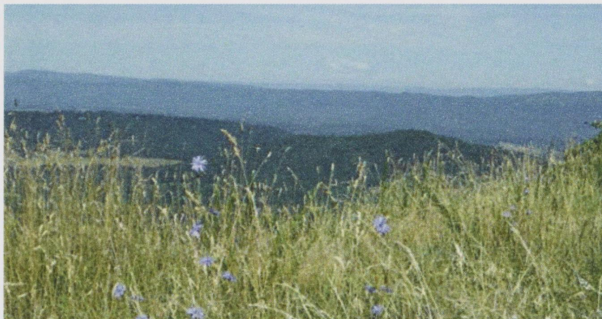


The National Park system is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. My husband Jim and I have always loved our National Parks and try to get to at least one park a year. How appropriate that in this anniversary year we made it to five of them.

It all started in July on the way home from our family vacation in upstate New York.

It was easy to make a little side trip through **Shenandoah National Park**. What a peaceful tranquil park it seems to be as you drive the ridge road.

Olympic National Park was the next park which was a shared trip with Kim and Patterson. This is a spectacular park with three different ecosystems. It has the mountains, the ocean, and the rainforest, each of which is beautiful in its own right.



Visiting family in September got us to **Rocky Mountain National Park** with its majestic peaks and beautiful aspens turning golden.

An anniversary celebration took us through the **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** where "smoky" is indeed beautiful.

A business trip to Las Vegas provided the opportunity to drive to **Zion National Park** where incredible canyons have been carved by the Virgin River.

From the tranquil to the majestic our National Parks are truly a treasure which I hope will be here for many years to come for us all to enjoy.



Calendar

Thursday, December 15 Christmas Tea

3:30 - at the home of Callie Keller

Hostesses: Callie Keller, Judy Philpott,
Libby Brown

Please RSVP to Libby Brown
ESB1700@yahoo.com
or (859) 221-1290

Monday, January 9th Board Meeting

9:30 - at the home of Donna Cornish

RSVP goldenisland@aol.com



1916 · 2016 *Seeds from the Century*

In December of 1967, a contest was held in downtown Lexington for the best Christmas window display and decoration by a garden club. Garden Club of Lexington's entry, masterminded by Mrs. Lawrence Crump, won first place.

Celebrating 100 Years

Bloomin' News

Winter's Rest



All Things Garden

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty winds made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

A beloved Christmas Carol, *In the Bleak Midwinter* is based a poem written by the English poet Christina Rossetti in 1872. It was set to music and published in *The English Hymnal* in 1906.

The first verse seems more appropriate to January. It is a beautiful picture of the quiet of winter when the earth is resting and the animals are hibernating.

The winter can be a perfect time for contemplating, reading, and planning. Our Program Chairmen, Leslie Baldwin and Celeste Neuman, have been busy planning a year of new programs for our Garden Club.

Our January program is at the Apiary. Owners Cooper and Mandy Vaughn have converted an old warehouse into a beautiful event space and a base for their fine catering business. Jon Carloftis was hired to design the gardens with raised beds where herbs and vegetables grow, supplying the kitchen with the freshest ingredients. Cooper will be giving us a tour and cooking lunch for us. What a great way to start our new year!

Wishing you the best in 2017.

Kathy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

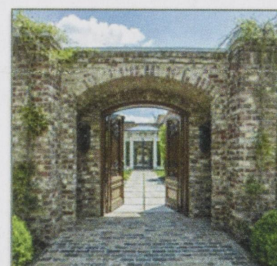
Thursday, January 19th General Meeting

10:30 a.m.

Lunch & Tour with
Cooper Vaughn

APIARY

218 Jefferson Street



Hostesses: *Taylor Fister, Christy Harris, Leslie Baldwin*

If you haven't already, **please RSVP**

Taylor Fister

ctkfister@gmail.com

Treasurer

Taylor Fister

It's that time of year again . . . time to start collecting dues.

Active Members \$175

Affiliates \$150

Please make checks payable to:

Garden Club of Lexington

Mail:

Taylor Fister

Lexington, KY 40502

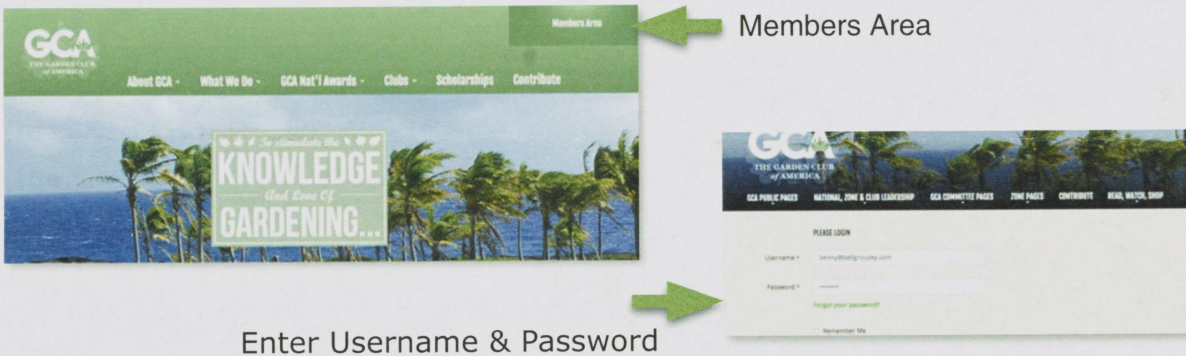
or give them to Taylor at the next meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

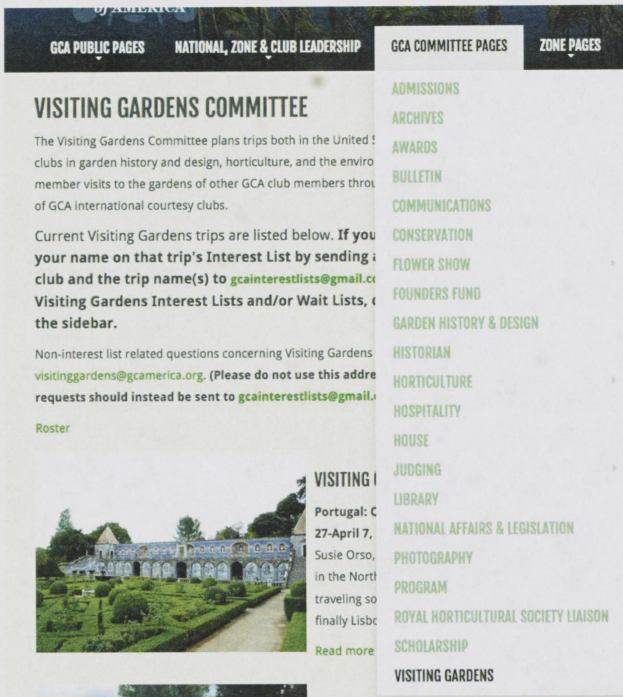
Visiting Gardens

Betsy Bulleit

A Great Resource for Visiting Gardens
is the GCA website!
www.gcamerica.org



Enter Username & Password



GCA Committee Pages /
Visiting Gardens



Upcoming Antique & Garden Shows

Nashville Antique & Garden Show
February 3rd - 5th

Blue Grass Trust
Antique & Garden Show
March 3rd - 5th

Horticulture

Donna Cornish

Coffeetree Project - *Almost time to think about collecting pods!*

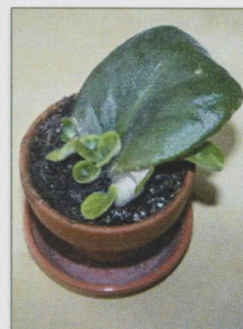


April seems a long way off but it will be here before we know it. So, as the snow is melting away and the New Year is beginning we can start thinking about collecting the coffeetree seeds. We will need them by late March so we can clean them and get them ready for distribution. If you recall, we were awarded a grant from the city that will help with the cost of this project. As you are collecting seeds, please keep track of all time spent doing this as well as any expenses you might incur. We will need to include all this as part of our documentation for the grant.

Flower Show - *Horticulture entries*

Start thinking about an entry in one of the propagation classes. Some of you already have your African violet leaf started. I will bring some terra cotta pots to the January meeting for those that still need them.

The other two classes are a plant cutting of your choice and the children's challenge with marigold seeds.



How is Your Peony Seed Propagation Going?



So far, I have not seen any growth in my pots. The seed pods I tried in the plastic bag rotted away. I am still keeping the pots in the refrigerator with hopes that there will be growth when I bring them out in the spring.

I would be interested to hear from any of you about your success or failure with this effort.

2016 Christmas Tea



Two of our hostesses,
Judy Philpott & Callie Keller



Kathy Brewer, tea
server extraordinaire



Kathy Dalton, Dottie Cordray,
Martha Trussell, Margaret Cowgill



Kim DeCamp, Margaret Cowgill,
Kathy Brooks



Julie Cashman, Myra Wathen,
Jenny Owens & Taylor Fister



Martha Nicol, Lendy Brown



HORTICULTURE LAGNAIPPE



Sue Thompson, our Zone VII Horticultural Chairman, had the idea of asking each club in our Zone to send a short paragraph about an inspiring member who has given much to her fellow members through her horticultural knowledge and love of plants.

When asked to write about a garden club member who has been inspirational, Joan Gaines was the first name that came to mind. For many years, Joan has been a member of the Garden Club of Lexington which takes care of Ashland Garden. As a long time member, Joan oversees one of the parterres at Ashland into which old and new members rotate. New members are welcomed with enthusiasm and she encourages all to voice their opinions when discussing changes to the parterre. She frequently shows up at the garden with a new plant saying "I couldn't help myself" and no matter how many times she is asked the name of a plant, Joan answers patiently. While she loves to try new things, Joan is not afraid to rip something out if it is not working. Her knowledge and love of gardening is demonstrated as she works tirelessly in the parterre and inspires all who work with her. Her thoughtfulness and caring nature extends far beyond the garden to everything she does

– Donna Cornish

Calendar

**Thursday, January 19
General Meeting**

10:30 a.m. - Apiary
218 Jefferson Street

Hostesses: Taylor Fister,
Christy Harris, Leslie Baldwin
Please RSVP to Taylor Fister
ctkfister@gmail.com

• No Meeting in February •

**Thursday, March 16th
Board Meeting**

9:30 a.m. - Idle Hour C.C.

**Thursday, March 16th
Annual Meeting**

10:30 a.m. - Idle Hour C.C.



..... **Directory Update**

*Please update your directory with the following
contact information for the new members!*

Janice MacNeil
(859) 221-6169
janicewmac@gmail.com

Myra Wathen
(859) 361-4593-cell
myrawathen@yahoo.com

Jenny Owens
(859) 421-1939
JenBova@aol.com

Josefine Young
(859) 699-2554-cell
(859) 269-5655-home
josefineyoung@gmail.com

Bloomin' News

All Things Garden

Spring, the Perennial Season of Hope and New Beginnings

It's here! The daffodils have been in full bloom for over a week now. The forsythia is bright yellow; and the pear trees are billowy clouds of white. Tulip leaves are pushing up out of the ground; and I spotted a bright red cardinal today.

Neighbors are out walking. Runners are in shorts. Babies are in strollers, and children on bikes. I bought a stunning "table-top garden" at the Blue Grass Trust Antique and Garden Show. It is filled with snowdrops, muscari, hyacinths and tulips, and sits perfectly in my daughter's kitchen window.

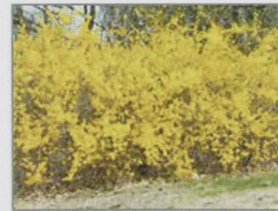
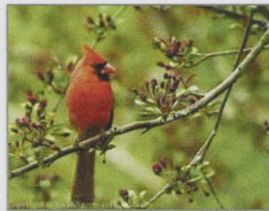
Speaking of Spring and new beginnings, George and I are expecting our first grandchild. She is due to arrive the first day of Spring, and her name is to be Lily Katherine. We couldn't be more excited. With a name like that, I just know she will love flowers and gardening.

I love that our garden club year starts in March. (*Most GCA clubs start their new year in June*). March is the start of the garden season. Elizabeth and Martha have met with United Landscaping to discuss plans to fertilize and prune the boxwood in the Garden at Ashland. I have been corresponding with Henkel-Denmark about resuming the restoration work of the Yew Hedge.

Leslie and Celeste have planned almost all of our programs for the year, including a May garden trip to Nashville. Highlights of the trip will include a tour of Cheekwood Botanical Garden and noted garden designer Ben Page's garden. This will be a special trip, and I hope many of you will be able to join us.

I look forward to Spring and to seeing you at our Annual Meeting in March.

Kathy



Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

**Thursday, March 16th
Annual Meeting**

10:30 a.m.

Idle Hour Country Club

Hostesses: *Elizabeth Freeman, Amy Kessinger,
Anne Arvin, Marcia Slabaugh, and Anne Gay*

Please RSVP

Elizabeth Freeman

egfreeman3@gmail.com

Treasurer

Taylor Fister

It's that time of year again . . . time to start collecting dues.

Active Members \$175

Affiliates \$150

Please make checks payable to:

Garden Club of Lexington

Mail:

Taylor Fister

Lexington, KY 40502

or give them to Taylor at the next meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Flower Show & Photography

Brenda Barrett and Shannon Totty



Make Plans to Enter Zone VII Photography Show!

Dear Zone VII Ladies,

We hope you will have fun with this first-ever Zone 7 Online Photography Contest titled 'Capture the Moment!' Get out your cameras, smartphones and tablets and explore wherever you are. If you have never entered a photography show before, this is your chance to explore your creativity and stretch yourself.

Much of the fun and learning with photography is having a goal to "shoot" for. We have created broad categories so we expect tremendous variety in the images submitted. As always in the GCA, we are offering a 'theme' in this photography show that ties it all together. We chose birds in nature but that is primarily a figure of speech — do not feel required to include birds in your submission — the 'moment' is totally up to you!

Have fun and contact us if you have any questions.

*See the Photography Show Schedule for the online contest
on the next page of this newsletter.*

The registration deadline is April 1st.

Entry deadline is April 30th.

This contest is all online, so your entry is submitted online and not in printed format!

Zone 7 Judging Program Contest Consultants:



Blair Matthews Louis
cell (502) 648-1587 blairmatthewslouis@me.com

Caroline Borgman
cell (502) 445-3818 carolineborgman@me.com

Kimberly DeCamp
cell (859) 539-6899 kimberlydecamp@gmail.com



Flower Show & Photography *con't.*



Capture the Moment

a Zone VII Online Photo Contest
Spring, 2017

Classes

1. **A Bird's Eye View** - landscape - color
2. **Dawn's Early Light** - color
3. **Happy As a Lark** - spaces of any kind - black and white
4. **Loved one(s)** - a close up portrait - color
5. **As the Crow Flies** - a sentimental journey - color
6. **Nature's Treasures in Unexpected Places** - a smart phone image
7. **Take Wings and Fly** - creative techniques manipulation - color

Rules of the Show

1. Zone VII GCA members may enter a maximum of two images, only one per class.
2. Each class will have a maximum of 6 images and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. The registration deadline is April 1st. Send an email to Blair Louis, blairmatthewslouis@me.com, and state the class(s) you wish to enter.
4. Your email will be acknowledged promptly so that you know you are registered.
5. Images must be submitted by April 30th. Send images as email attachments in their 'actual size.' A file size close to 2MB is preferred. Images are to be sent to: blairmatthewslouis@me.com.
6. The images will be judged by a panel of members of the GCA Photography Judging Program. The results will be announced in May 2017.
7. Images must be the work of the entrants using the cameras of their choice.
8. Titles or Statements of Intent of 20 words or less are allowed (optional).
9. For questions, contact any of the contest consultants:
Blair Louis, cell 502-648-1587, blairmatthewslouis@me.com
Caroline Borgman, cell 502-445-3818, carolineborgman@me.com
Kimberly DeCamp, cell 859-539-6899, kimberlydecamp@gmail.com

Horticulture

Donna Cornish

Coffeetree Project - *The Time is Now!*



It's time to start thinking about seed collection for our KY Coffeetree Project. We are estimating we will need close to 1500 seeds based on last year's participation. While you are gathering the seeds please document the time it takes as we will need that documentation for the grant we were awarded. You can drop off any seeds you collect to me or to Elizabeth Schnabel. We certainly appreciate your help in this endeavor.

Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference

This year the conference is in Omaha, Nebraska, September 24-26, 2017. Registration will take place in April and this exciting conference fills up quickly. If you have any interest in going please let me know. You can read more about the conference and the Freeman Medal in the Real Dirt.

Freeman Medal

The 2017 Montine McDanial Freeman Medal for Plant of the Year goes to Magnolia ashei or Ashe magnolia. The nomination comes from the Late Bloomer Garden Club, Zone VIII.

Flower Show

One of the propagation classes for the Flower Show is the Children's Challenge where a member partners with a child in the planting of marigold seeds. Please consider entering this class. Seeds and pots will be available at the March meeting.

Peony Seed Propagation

For those who are participating in this, sometime in March or April the pots/bags need to come out of cold storage to go into the garden.

Founders Fund

Lolly Martin



2017 FOUNDERS FUND AWARD FINALISTS Proposal Summaries

PROJECT DOGWOOD: STAUNTON'S TRADITION REBORN

Proposed by: The Augusta Garden Club, Zone VII

Secoded by: Albemarle Garden Club, Zone VII

The Augusta Garden Club wants to restore the dogwood after anthracnose devastated East Coast dogwoods. Having installed a teaching arboretum of seven hybrid cultivars in our downtown park, we propose spreading renewed dogwoods in socially-diverse parks, schools and Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. An education module for schools and illustrated signs would teach all ages about dogwoods. AGC would serve as a resource for other localities who want to replace their lost dogwoods.

BEE HEALTHY GARDEN AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS of GREATER MILWAUKEE'S CAMP WHITCOMB/MASON

Proposed by: Kettle Moraine Garden Club, Zone XI

Secoded by: Lake Geneva Garden Club, Zone XI

The Bee Healthy Garden takes a fun, holistic approach, teaching central city youth to develop successful emotional perspectives, despite challenges of violence and poverty. The first of its kind, Camp's Social Emotional Learning (SEL) garden differs from other gardens through its preventive intent, preempting the need for healing gardens. The inclusion of a yurt in our garden provides an undistracted, weather protected cocoon to instill SEL life changing tools, building confidence, self-esteem, self-control and patience.

MOON TERRACE LEARNING LABORATORY at THE SANTA FE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Proposed by: Santa Fe Garden Club, Zone XII

Secoded by: The Portland Garden Club, Zone XII

Ethnobotanical Moon Terrace Learning Laboratory at the Santa Fe Botanical Garden will emphasize hands-on learning. Students of all ages will experience the genius of indigenous agriculture - the interdependence of plants and people; learn plant lore of indigenous cultures; plant and harvest native terrace crops; grind corn and bake bread in traditional "horno" ovens; dye fibers and weave baskets from plants grown on-site; and learn about ancient water-conserving "Zuni Bowls" in a bilingual teaching environment.

Special Projects

Christy Harris

Amazon Smile & Kroger Plus – Two Ways to Shop and Support GCL!



Amazon Smile It's so Easy!! Help the club make free money by shopping on Amazon. When you shop online at smile.amazon.com The Garden Club of Lexington will earn a percentage of the sale.

Below is the link to register: *copy and paste in your browser*

The unique link for Garden Club of Lexington: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-6042698>



Kroger Plus

Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)

Be sure to have your current Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.

If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

- Click on Sign In/Register. If you are a new online customer, click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO (17570) number or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

NOTES FROM THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Cooper Vaughn

Apiary

GCL members enjoyed a special treat on a sunny January 19th, which included a personal tour of the *Apiary* with proprietor Cooper Vaughn. Cooper shared their philosophy that hospitality should engage all of one's senses, which is achieved by providing a memorable experience through a true artisan's approach.



Hostess for the luncheon program were Taylor Fister, Christy Harris, and Leslie Baldwin.

Pictured below are hand-forged garden fence, gates, and window grilles by Matthew and Karine Maynard and exemplify the exquisite details found throughout the compound. Also shown are raised beds Spring, Summer, and Fall plantings.



Calendar

Thursday, March 16th

Board Meeting

9:30 a.m. - Idle Hour C.C.

Thursday, March 16th

Annual Meeting

10:30 a.m. - Idle Hour Country Club

Hostesses: Elizabeth Freeman, Amy Kessinger, Anne Arvin, Marcia Slabaugh & Anne Gay

Please RSVP to Elizabeth Freeman

egfreeman3@gmail.com

Thursday, April 20th

General Meeting

10:30 a.m. - The Nature Conservancy of Kentucky

Speaker: David Phemister, Director

Please update your directory to include contact info for new members!

Myra Wathen

(859) 361-4593-cell

myrawathen@yahoo.com

Janice MacNeil

(859) 221-6169

janicewmac@gmail.com

Jenn Owens

(859) 421-1939

JenBova@aol.com

Josefine Young

(859) 699-2554-cell

(859) 269-5655-home

josefineyoung@gmail.com

Bloomin' News

All Things Garden

"I believe the work of The Nature Conservancy has never been more important. I also know that we need the calm, peace, and renewal that being with Nature provides. I resolve to speak up for Nature, both for its inherent value and for all it provides to us. And I resolve to go camping, swim in rivers, hike through forests, and to open my heart to the sublime wonder and the ordinary beauty of the natural world." – David Phemister

In November of 2014, Dottie Cordray invited Anne Kraus and me to go on a hike with the Nature Conservancy of Kentucky. The Nature Conservancy had just hired a new state director, David Phemister. He, his wife and two young children had recently moved to Kentucky from Virginia, where he had worked on land protection issues for the Virginia Chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

As our adventure began, we met David and several others and drove to Hart County to Middleton Woods, a beautiful 3000 acres of old growth trees.

Dr. Jim Middleton has passionately cared for the trees and has continued to plant more trees on this land; one million trees is the estimated number. As we hiked, David shared his enthusiasm about his work with the Nature Conservancy.

David has now been with the Nature Conservancy of Kentucky for almost three years. He is our speaker for the April 20th General Meeting. Please plan to join me for the meeting; and may you resolve to open your heart to the wonder and beauty of the natural world.

Kathy



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

Thursday, April 20th

10:30 a.m.

General Meeting



Nature Conservancy of Kentucky

114 Woodland Avenue

Our speaker will be David Phemister, Director.
Members of the Glenview Garden Club in Louisville will join us as guests.
Box lunches will be provided.

Hostesses: Dottie Cordray and Louise Sledd

Please RSVP by April 15th

Dottie Cordray
dottiecordray@gmail.com

Treasurer

Taylor Fister

Annual Dues REMINDER!

Active Members \$175

Affiliates \$150

Please make checks payable to:

Garden Club of Lexington

Mail:

Taylor Fister

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

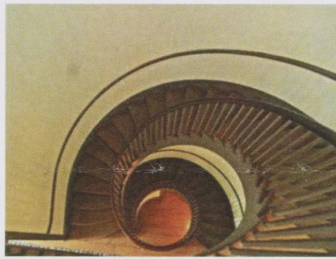
Flower Show & Photography

Brenda Barrett and Shannon Totty

Make Plans for Photography Workshop at Shakertown

October 2017: KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS COUNTRY

Back by popular demand, Vermont instructor Denise Ippolito is teaching a workshop for us October 17-20, 2017. Registration will open for the interest list only at 4:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. On May 17, registration will open for the general membership. Ippolito's *A Creative Adventure* workshops are unique and educational. (Photo by Denise Ippolito)



Important Deadline Dates for June 15th Club Flower Show

- April 15th** - Entries must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor by this date
- May 4th** - Cut Specimens Classes 4 - 20: must have been owned by exhibitor by this date
- May 15th** - Container Grown Plants, Class 21 - Plants must have been grown in the container by exhibitor by this date

Horticulture

Donna Cornish

Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference

This year's conference is called Jewels of the Plains and it includes a trip to the Omaha Zoo and Aquarium, the Glacier Prairie Reserve, Omaha's Botanical Gardens and some wonderful speakers. The conference is September 24-26. I know that seems like a long time from time but registration will begin sometime in April and this conference fills up very quickly. Please let me know if you have any interest in going.

Flower Show

I still have a few terra cotta pots for anyone who needs one for the African violet propagation class.

Garden Project

Elizabeth Freeman & Martha Trussell



**Opening Day at
Ashland Garden
Wednesday, April 12th**

Your Parterre Awaits!

Time to wake up the garden and re-connect with the earth . . . a rite of Spring that is tonic to all gardeners! Look for a reminder about Parterre assignments coming soon in your Email.

Speaking of parterre assignments, as this growing season progresses, take a look around the garden and consider other areas you might like to learn about. With the diverse growing conditions and plant material that we have in the Ashland garden, it is a wonderful opportunity to gain further knowledge. And, what a great way to get to know some of your fellow garden club friends even better!



COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Conservation

Lendy Brown

SPRING CONSERVATION ALERT!

I took my dogs to the vet for their annual check up. I was told by the vet that he had never seen so many fleas and ticks this early. I guess the mild winter comes with a pay back of bugs, bugs and bugs. So, be sure you address this problem with your tick/flea medication for your cats and dogs right now.

ALSO - If interested, there is a walk at Floracliff this Saturday, 4/8. Just a FYI, as this is not a GCL event.

Special Projects

Christy Harris

A reminder to enroll in the Kroger Plus Rewards and Amazon Smile programs to benefit Garden Club of Lexington!



Odds & Ends

Update on Nashville Trip - May 18th (our May General Meeting)

Let Mimi know if you are able to go to Nashville Thursday, May 18 and 19th. We will leave May 18 at 8:30 AM, back Friday afternoon.

Deadline for the trip is May 1st.

We have rooms blocked at the Courtyard Marriott Green Hills in the name of Garden Club of Lexington.

Make your reservation by April 18, to guarantee room and group rate of \$179.

Courtyard Marriott Nashville Green Hills Mention: Garden Club of Lexington

3800 Bedford Avenue

615-298-7700

Save the Date!

July 20th • 4:30 p.m.

We will celebrate the dedication of our historical marker honoring the 100th anniversary of the Garden Club of Lexington. Husbands and sponsors will be invited. Please consider sharing a few brief remarks on our behalf. We expect the dedication to last 45 minutes to an hour followed by refreshments in the garden.

Additional dates of interest

June 24th - Ashland Lawn Party

September 15th - Friends of the Garden Party • 6 - 8 p.m.

HOORAY FOR SPRING!



Calendar

Thursday, April 20th

General Meeting

10:30 a.m. - The Nature Conservancy of Kentucky

Speaker: David Phemister, Director

Hostesses: Dottie Cordray & Louise Sledd

Please RSVP to Dottie

dottiecordray@gmail.com

Monday, May 1st

Board Meeting

9:30 a.m. - at the home of
Katie Alford

May 18th & 19th

General Meeting

8:30 a.m. - Thurs. leave for
Cheekwood in Nashville for lunch and
tour; Fri. Ben Page and Lisa Manning
garden visits

RSVP to Mimi Milward

msmilward@aol.com

Bloomin' News

All Things Garden

Ellen Chapman steps in as guest columnist for Kathy who is attending the GCA annual meeting

It is ironic that I was disassembling my notebook from The Visiting Garden Trip to Nashville when I received a text from Kathy Brooks, who was asking me to write about my experience as a member of the Zone VII Visiting Garden Committee and our recent trip to Nashville. So I apologize for being so wordy but it has been hard to condense!

Being a member of the GCA Visiting Garden Committee was one of the most enjoyable jobs I have had as a member of the Garden Club of Lexington. It is a committee of 16 well-seasoned Garden Club members and travelers, including 12 Zone Reps. We work to support the mission of the Visiting Garden Committee which is to "plan trips both in the United States and abroad to educate members of GCA clubs in garden history and design, horticulture, and the environment. The committee also facilitates club member visits to the gardens of other GCA club members throughout the United States as well as the gardens of GCA international courtesy clubs." Proceeds from the trips fund GCA Scholarships. The VG committee votes each year as to which Scholarship. There are two meetings per year, one off-site and one at the New York GCA Headquarters. I was fortunate to travel off-site to Marin Country, California, Ponte Vedra and Naples, Florida.

When I arrived at my first meeting in New York, Committee members were planning the 2nd Indo-China trip after the first had been such a success. Additionally, the Highlands Trip as well as Kentucky Trips were in the final stages. Visiting Gardens typically plans 2-3 International Trips and 2-3 Domestic Trips each year. International trips are organized by two Professional Garden Tour groups who hand-pick private and public gardens. Domestic trips are put together by committee members who must arrange hotels, itinerary, gardens, lunches, dinners, and speakers.

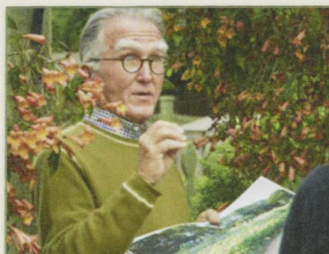
The Nashville garden tour trip was proposed to the committee by Lindsey Clark, Zone Rep from Dayton Ohio and me. The trip was first posted on the Interests List in 2015. Thirty travelers were selected by lottery leaving over 100 on the wait list.



L to R: Lindsey Clark, Ellen Chapman, Betty Snellings

All Things Garden, Con't.

Three years of planning became a reality last week. The success of a domestic trip such as Nashville would not have been possible without the assistance, advice and hospitality of the Nashville Garden Club and the leadership of our VG Committee Chair, Betty Snellings. We were welcomed by those from Nashville whom all share the same love for their vibrant and growing city, and saw a combination of public and private gardens. There were speakers such as Tim Netsch from Nashville Parks, Ben Page, Tara Armstead on Centennial Park and Eleanor Willis from the Nashville Tree Foundation spoke on the challenges and intentions of the city. We visited Carnton



Ben Page

Plantation in Franklin with Horticulturist Justin Skelton and Robert Hicks, author of *Widow of the South*. We spent a morning at beautiful Cheekwood; toured the Governor's Residence and newly installed vegetable gardens followed by lunch with the



Governor's wife; we visited 15 private gardens and enjoyed the hospitality of members serving everything from coffee, tea, wine, milk punch, and delicious lunches, to cocktails and dinners in settings beyond words. I quote one of the members of the Visiting Garden Committee which I think best expresses the feelings shared by me as well as those who attended the trip to Kentucky that we hosted several years ago:



Centennial Park

"I have learned that what makes a Visiting Gardens trip really, really great is that unidentifiable "Q factor." One cannot easily put their finger on it, but it is that which separates the good from the truly enchanting. It stems from having access to places not accessible to the general public, coupled with an abundance of warmth, charm and gracious hospitality during every aspect of the trip. Kentucky proved to be the perfect example of this unique opportunity. And it is this, in my opinion that makes Visiting Gardens so special. "

So my advice to you is read your GCA Bulletin or get on the GCA Website and stay current on the trips available, sign up on the Interests List, bring a friend and visit gardens and sites you might never be able to see on your own!

Cheers! Ellen



Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

**May 18th & 19th
General Meeting**



Cheekwood Estate & Gardens

1200 Forrest Park Dr, Nashville, TN 37205

We will have lunch & tour of Cheekwood on Thursday;
visit the gardens of Ben Page and others on Friday.

**It's not too late to sign up for the trip to Cheekwood and more!
Deadline is May 10. Please let Mimi know if you are interested.
(859) 533-1155 or msmilward@gmail.com**

Hostesses Needed

- 2 hostesses needed for December Tea
at the home of Celeste and Emler Neuman
- a home and 2 hostesses for the January meeting
- one more hostess for the March meeting

Please contact Leslie
lesliebb@usa.net

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Flower Show & Photography

Brenda Barrett and Shannon Totty

Important Deadline Date for June 15th Club Flower Show

May 15th - Container Grown Plants, Class 21 - Plants must have been grown in the container by exhibitor by this date

Please look for a digital version of the schedule for Hort 101 in your Email inbox shortly!

Horticulture

Donna Cornish

Kentucky Coffeetree

We had another successful year with the Kentucky Coffeetree Project. We were able to provide 1,466 students at 13 schools with all the materials they needed to grow the trees. The teachers have been very appreciative and continue to welcome us in this horticulture endeavor.

Monarch Butterflies

Recent articles are sounding the alarm for the Monarch butterflies. "The number of monarch butterflies wintering in Mexico dropped by 27% this year, reversing last year's recovery from historically low numbers, according to a study by government and independent experts" (The Guardian). Last year the butterflies in Mexico covered 10 acres, well below the 44 acres they covered 20 years ago. Some of this year's loss was due to late winter storms that severely damaged the habitat. Pesticide use, climate change, logging and development continues to add to the struggles for the monarchs as they make their annual migration.



We can do our part for the monarchs and other pollinators by planting pollinator-friendly flowers, butterfly host plants, and avoiding pesticides. Many of the garden centers are carrying milkweed and native plants that attract pollinators. Try to incorporate them into your garden.

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.***Garden Project***Elizabeth Freeman & Martha Trussell***Rotating Members by
Parterre**

Months- 2017	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
	<i>ROTATING MEMBERS</i>					
BORDERS						
1	1)NW Border with	<i>Josephine Young</i>		<i>Myra Wathen</i>	<i>Janice MacNeal</i>	
	Melodye Kincaid					
	Anne Kraus					
	Joan Gaines					
	Mary Montague					
	Elizabeth Schnabel					
	Judy Philpott					
	Julie Cashman					
2	2)NE Border			<i>Jenny Owens</i>	<i>Myra Wathen</i>	<i>Josephine Young</i>
	Brenda Barrett					
	Amy Kessinger					
	Betty Kenan					
	Mary Louise Fisher					
	Francis Cox					
3	3)Back Border North with Pachys	<i>Jenny Owens</i>	<i>Myra Wathen</i>	<i>Josephine Young</i>		
	Philippa Fogg					
	Margaret Cowgill					
	Christy Harris					
	Kathy Courtney					
4	4)Back Border-SO	<i>Ann Roughton</i>				<i>Jenny Owens</i>
	Anne Arvin					
	Libby Brown					
	Pattie Broadbent					
	Martie Mayer					
	Mimi Milward					
5	5)SE Border	<i>Myra Wathen</i>	<i>Josephine Young</i>	<i>Janice MacNeil</i>	<i>Jenny Owens</i>	
	Callie Keller					
	Barbara Young					
	Jane Stiliz					
	Shannon Totty					

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CON'T.*

Garden Project

Page 2 Rotating Members by Parterre

	April	May	June	July	August	September
6)SW Border with			<i>Janice MacNeil</i>	<i>Ann Roughton</i>		<i>Myra Wathen</i>
Katie Alford						
Jessica Nicholson						
Ellen Chapman						
Elise Boyd						
7)Sweet Bay	<i>Jenny Owens</i>				<i>Ann Roughton</i>	
Melanie Dowell						
Betsy Bulleitt						
Marsha Slabaugh						
Mott Nicol						
8)Roses			<i>Ann Roughton</i>		<i>Josephine Young</i>	<i>Ann Roughton</i>
Sheilagh Hammond						
Luanne Milward						
Edie Gess						
Taylor Fister						
Nancy Bishop						
Leslie Baldwin						
9)Pots, Planters a	<i>Janice MacNeil</i>					
Sarah Davis						
10)Herbs	<i>Myra Wathen</i>	<i>Janice MacNeil</i>	<i>Jenny Owens</i>			
Benny Williams						
Janie Pappas						
Lauren Van Balen						
Joy Hinkle						
11)Coral Bells		<i>Josephine Young</i>				<i>Janice MacNea</i>
Celeste Neumann						
Lendy Brown						
12)Butterfly						
Donna Cornish						

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Conservation

Lendy Brown

Excerpt from article in the *National Geographic*

Eight million tons of plastic trash find its way into our oceans. Plastic straws are little, but a very troublesome part of this polluting bulk. Think about this small but troublesome menace next time you sip your soda during your island, beach, or resort vacation.

These small and lightweight articles never make it to the recycling bins, but land on the ground or sand and take a dangerous course into the surf. They are insidious polluters entangling marine life and consumed by fish.

Straws are the latest in an expanding list of plastic products being banned, taxed, or boycotted, in various states and countries, in an effort to curb plastic trash before it outweighs fish. A calculation projected to come true by 2050.

California has banned plastic bags, as has Kenya, China, Bangladesh, Rwanda and Macedonia. France has banned all plastic plates, cups, and utensils beginning in 2020. No more Styrofoam cups, food containers, packing peanuts or beach toys in San Francisco.

Listen up Kentucky and all caring conservationists!

Odds & Ends

Additional dates of interest

June 24th - Ashland Lawn Party

July 20th - 4:30 p.m. Dedication of historical marker honoring the 100th anniversary of the Garden Club of Lexington

September 15th - Friends of the Garden Party • 6 - 8 p.m.

THE GINKGO TREE CAFÉ at Ashland is Open for the Season!

This year the café will be operated by **Sundral Sizemore**. It will open at 7:00 in the morning with coffee and biscuits, and will remain open through the lunch hour/mid-afternoon with a select lunch menu.

Great spot for committee meetings!

Please spread the word and support the Ginkgo Tree Café!

POP-UP GARDEN FUN



No matter the weather, impromptu visits to members' gardens and our own special peony garden at Ashland have been great opportunities to share our love for gardening. We hope to continue through the year!



Calendar

May 18th & 19th General Meeting

8:30 a.m. - Thurs. leave for Cheekwood in Nashville for lunch and tour; Fri. Ben Page and other garden visits

RSVP to Mimi Milward
msmilward@aol.com

Monday, June 5th Board Meeting

9:30 a.m. - at the home of Kathy Brooks; Benny Williams, Hostess
benny@bellgropky.com or
(859) 621-9256

Bloomin' News

All Things Garden

Finally! Some time to reflect on all that I learned since my return from the Annual Meeting in Baltimore. The Garden Club of Lexington is part of an amazing organization of very committed volunteers that really make a difference in our world and I would like to share some of my experience.

Garden Club of America president, Anne Copenhaver, opened the meeting on Friday morning and spoke of the hallmarks of her term. These include moving the Rare Book Collection to the New York Botanical Garden; restoring and renovating the GCA Headquarters in New York; launch of the Second Century Campaign with a goal to raise eight million dollars for the endowment.

Among the interesting speakers were Will Baker from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation about the recovery and improvement of the water in the Bay, including environmental mascots *Mr. Trash Wheel* and *Professor (Mrs.) Trash Wheel*. Both are solar powered trash collectors of garbage floating on the water. Adam Gross, an architect, spoke about the inner harbor loop of Baltimore, and how the city is working to reconnect the land to the water through various avenues including a walking bridge. Also in the plans is restoring and improving communities through better planning, infill, and free bus transportation. Additionally, the process of bioretention to aid in stormwater runoff is being taught at the National Aquarium.

Saturday's Keynote Speaker was Dr. Paul Alan Cox, Executive Director of the Brain Chemistry Labs at the Institute of Ethnomedicine. He spoke of the search for cures for ALS, Alzheimer's and Parkinson. He was so encouraging and is finding success in a dietary supplement, L-serine.

We heard important reports from Committee, Zone Chairs, Treasurer, Founders Fund and Nominating. Afterwards there was a vote for the new Officers and Zone Directors. Anne Copenhaver passed the gavel to our new President, Dede Petri. Dede has been a member of the Georgetown Garden Club in Zone VI since 1995. She had held many club, zone, and national offices. She wrote on her GCA page that the happiest moments have been serving as her club president, co-chairing Annual and Zone meetings, and serving on the Executive Board. She is brilliant, a dear friend of Anne Copenhaver's, and will be a very good president of The Garden Club of America.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to garden tours; and that evening was the Awards Dinner where ten exceptional people received GCA Medals. Andrea Wulf, who many of you heard speak at the Headley Whitney's "Garden Affair", received the Sarah Chapman Francis Medal for outstanding literary achievement related to any aspect of The Garden Club of America interest.

Thank you for sending me to the Annual Meeting, and allowing me to serve as your club president. I return renewed and excited about my job and the difference we make at each level of the Garden Club of America. - Kathy

May General Meeting

by Mimi Milward / Sarah Davis, photos

Cheekwood Estate & Garden

The May GCL meeting was held in the Pineapple Room at Cheekwood. Fifteen members made the trip to Nashville.



After lunch, we toured the Botanical Gardens on the hilly, 55 acre grounds of Cheekwood. The Cheek mansion and the grounds were designed by Bryant Fleming, a residential and landscape architect. Cheekwood is made up of several garden vignettes, joined by meandering paths. Each Garden has its own distinct features. There is an extensive variety of flora and trees. The Gardens range from perennials, herbs, dogwoods, to an allee of crape myrtles leading down to Gates of the Japanese Gardens. The Garden Club of Nashville renovated the Howe Garden including Mrs. Howe's Thatched Toolhouse. The Water Gardens include three original ponds that supply water for the water features and originally was the water supply for

the mansion. The mansion, now the Museum of Art and Sculpture trail will have to be for our next visit. The Cheek family lived there until the 1950's when it became a privately funded public garden; a history similar to the Clay/Bullock family and Ashland.

The following day we were guests of Ben Page at his beautifully restored 1920s home and gardens. It is quite obvious; he loves nothing more than "playing" in his yard, working with his favorite tool, the ARS hedge shears. As experienced and learned as he is, he still loves experimenting; sculpting boxwoods, magnolia and even ducks out of hornbeams. His relaxing home garden is a palette of every shade of green. A koi pond adding to the tranquillity.

Next was Lisa Manning's sprawling, eclectic garden with rare trees and plants; her passion.

A rare plant sale is one of the fundraisers for the Garden Club of Nashville. The tour began with her kitchen garden, greenhouse and herb garden. She has bamboo houses for mason bees and bugs and several bee hives. Lisa has some very unusual and exotic specimens all throughout her garden "rooms". Scattered about are old stumps with a variety of different moss. Her enthusiasm and love of gardening would be hard to surpass. For both; gardening is an art form, that they are constantly refining and it is always evolving.



Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

June 15th General Meeting

Garden Club of Lexington
Member of the Garden Club of America
Presents



*In celebration of the
Garden Club of Lexington's 101st Anniversary*

A GCA Club Flower Show

June 15, 2017
9:00 am– 2:00 pm

Walnut Hill Church
575 Walnut Hill Road

Flower show committee members may have their entries accepted on Wednesday afternoon between 3:00-4:00 pm. This will be very helpful and will help avoid crowding on Thursday morning.

All GCL members will have their entries accepted between 9:00-10:15 on Thursday morning. Please arrive at Walnut Hill with plenty of time so that you are not rushed and to avoid waiting in line.

Please remember that ***it does take time*** to get all of the potted plants and cut specimens passed and entered into the show!

Lyle Hanna will be speaking to us about the history of Walnut Hill.

If you sent RSVP, there will be box a lunch.

July General Meeting



Ashland Garden

July 20th • 4:30 p.m.

We will celebrate the dedication of our historical marker honoring the 100th anniversary of the Garden Club of Lexington. Husbands and sponsors will be invited. Please consider sharing a few brief remarks on our behalf. We expect the dedication to last 45 minutes to an hour followed by refreshments in the garden.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONT.

Special Projects

Christy Harris

A reminder to enroll in the Kroger Plus Rewards and Amazon Smile programs to benefit Garden Club of Lexington! Please contact me if you would like a refresher "how to."



Horticulture

Donna Cornish

Neonicotinoids



Summer feels like it is finally here and many of us are buying plants to refurbish our gardens or start new ones. This is especially true with our butterfly gardens as we are getting new milkweed and nectar plants. I had an email from our zone rep about GCA's concern with the use of neonicotinoids on seeds and plants that are sold at home improvement stores and garden centers.

Neonicotinoids are pesticides that have become popular to use commercially because "they are effective against a wide range of insect pests and are considered less hazardous to humans and other vertebrates than other insecticides". However, "the pollen and nectar of treated plants may contain neonic residues that can prove lethal to pollinators". The Executive Board of The Garden Club of America sent letters to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency expressing concern and asking that action be taken to require seed and plant distributors "either to stop using neonicotinoids or, at minimum, to clearly mark the treated plants so that consumers can make informed decisions".



As you are out there getting those new plants, check for labeling or ask the garden center if the plants have been treated with these pesticides.

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONT.*

Conservation

Lendy Brown

Gardening Apps

I know most of you probably know this information, but for those, like me, that are not so clever with the Internet, or gardening for that matter, here are some informative helpful apps:

GrowSquared: Planning tool to set dimensions of a virtual garden bed. Then drag and drop different plans into it. Helps with scheduling planting and harvesting. (Free, iOS only)

Garden Plan Pro: Another design app. More of everything plus how to rotate crops. (\$8, iOS only)

GrowIt: Information on thousands of species. Social-networking. Show off your garden and rate others. (Free, iOS and Android)

ePlant: Track everything in your garden...plant sizes, costs, fertilizers, etc. (Free, iOS only)

Landscaper's Companion: Thousands of pictures of trees, shrubs, perennials and more. A library of information. (\$10, iPad)

Odds & Ends

Additional dates of interest

June 24th - Ashland Lawn Party

July 20th - 4:30 p.m. Dedication of historical marker honoring the 100th anniversary of the Garden Club of Lexington

September 15th - Friends of the Garden Party • 6 - 8 p.m.

THE GINKGO TREE CAFÉ at Ashland is Open for the Season!

This year the café will be operated by **Sundral Sizemore**. It will open at 7:00 in the morning with coffee and biscuits, and will remain open through the lunch hour/mid-afternoon with a select lunch menu. Great spot for committee meetings! Please spread the word and support the Ginkgo Tree Café!



The Essence of Bluegrass Conservation

Lendy Brown

The Southern Garden History Society pounced with gusto into our Bluegrass over Memorial Day weekend. The Lexington Garden Club made our presence known, at the Hyatt location, selling Cookbooks and Pomegranate items. They were hot items, well maybe luck warm, but Donna, Anne, Margaret and Lendy tried our best to hawk our wares. Certainly Margaret's samples of her homemade Banana Bread, from the garden club cookbook, were proof positive of the luscious recipes inside. "Try a bite, buy a cookbook!", was our motto.



Also representing our Lexington Garden Club was Kim, giving her power point presentation on the history of Ashland Garden. Kim had worked on her talk since January, and her striving for perfection paid off. Her talk was historically informative with photographs of the inception of the garden and association with the Henry Clay estate. Kim presented photographs of beginning landscape plans and details, bygone days of Ashland lady gardeners, and of our current vibrant and manicured garden. Kim gave such an inspired talk, that you realized that you were not just a weeder, but honored to be part of a very important garden family that is preserving bluegrass antiquity in a most lovely way.



Important Notice

There WILL NOT be a Board Meeting in July.

Additionally, there will be NO Bloomin News in July.

Calendar

June 15th

General Meeting

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

In-club Flower Show

Walnut Hill Church

RSVP

Martha Trussell 420-3117

Sarah Davis 269-4727

Julie Cashman 536-2237

July 20th

General Meeting

4:30 p.m.

Dedication of marker & reception

Ashland Garden

RSVP melkinkead@yahoo.com or (859) 873-1734

Bloomin' News



Committee members Melodye Kinkead, Jessica Nicholson, Janie Pappas, and Kathy Dalton with the Historical Marker.



The lawn jockey who stands at the garden entrance was freshly painted with the racing silks of statesman Henry Clay.



Lexington Mayor Jim Gray and former Vice Mayor Isabel Yates speak at the dedication.

All Things Garden

It has been a very busy summer for our Garden Club.

In June, we presented our Club Horticulture Show, "Hort 101" at Walnut Hill Church. This show was the result of a year-long endeavor by our Flower Show and Horticulture committees; and the horticulture entries from our gardens were amazing.

July saw the Dedication of the Historical Marker. The application was a huge project begun by Historian Melodye Kinkead and her committee in the Spring of 2016. The Dedication was attended by dignitaries, friends and our members; and followed by a reception in the garden.

We had pop up visits to three of our members' gardens. We made 40 bouquets each month to take to retirement homes.

We had a speaker from the Fayette Alliance talk about land use and development within the Urban Service Boundaries. In the Garden, we planted, weeded, trimmed, and continued with the Yew Hedge Renovation. We had lovely teas in the Garden which gave us time to visit each Wednesday.

In early December, 2016, Elise and Jim Boyd offered to pay for the repainting of the Jockey outside the Garden Gates. It has taken time and research to find the right artist and confirm the colors of the silks as being Henry Clay's, but it has just been completed. I think he looks very handsome.

Now, it is time for the Friends of the Garden Party. Elizabeth Schnabel and her committee have been busy preparing for it. It is on a Friday, September 15th, this year. Please send in your rsvp and sign up to contribute food or money. We have two Wednesdays in the Garden to prepare our borders and parterres. Please come help. September is a really beautiful time in the Garden as we are blessed with cooler temperatures and bright blue skies.

Cheers!

Kathy

Annual Garden Party Friday, September 15th

Elizabeth Schnabel



The Garden Party is Friday, September, 15th from 5:00-8:00 pm. In the event of rain, the party will move to the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. James Kenan.

There are still opportunities to be involved by bringing food, flowers, and/or making a monetary donation towards the party. Please look for my email very soon and sign up where there is an opening! This year we are planning on covering the food so if any of you have the old-fashioned dome food covers that we can use, please let me know!

In May, the Board voted that *each active member be required to purchase one ticket* for the Garden Party in support of our annual fundraiser. The \$75.00 donation is tax-deductible and the participation of all active members is greatly appreciated! Thank you to each and every one, for all you are doing to make this party such a success. It would not happen without all of us working together!

Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

GENERAL MEETING

September 21st • 10:30 a.m.

Ferrick Mason Studio
Versailles, KY
(859) 214-4380



Alex K. Mason, the daughter of GCL member Melodye Kinkead, is a Kentucky based artist and designer. She specializes in printed fabrics, wallpapers, contemporary paintings and art prints.



*Since its inception, **Ferrick Mason** has garnered press mentions in virtually every design publication and blog of repute, including World of Interiors, Elle Décor, House Beautiful, Town and Country and British Homes and Gardens. The firm's textiles have graced numerous designer show houses around the country, and Traditional Home magazine named Ferrick Mason as one of the companies that is "shaping our generation."*

*Lunch to follow at the home of Alex Mason, 250 Morgan Street, Versailles.
Hostesses: Melodye Kinkead, Janie Pappas*

RSVP Melodye melkinkead@yahoo.com or (859) 873-1734

Conservation

Lendy Brown

BUY FORD!

It seems that not only the back yard gardener is getting more and more conservation conscious, but the conservation movement has taken on the interest of much grander gardeners!

The Ford Motor Company Rouge Center Production Plant has a rather unique roof. It covers **454,000 sq ft**, 100 times bigger than a regulation basketball court. How's that Cat fans! It is ***the world's largest living roof, planted with FULDA GLOW. A sedum known for it's delicate flowers.***

Not only the size is amazing, but it is cost efficient and saves money with...

- Natural Rainwater Management for it can absorb up to 4 million gallons of water, resulting in significant storm water management.
- Natural Insulation by saving millions of dollars in energy costs.
- UV protection for it absorbs sunlight, preventing many roof leaks and cracks.
- It will last twice as long as a traditional roof.



Flower Show

Brenda Barrett / Shannon Totty



I can't believe Summer is almost over and that it has been nearly 3 months since our GCA Club Flower Show "Hort 101 – In celebration of the Garden Club of Lexington's 101st birthday". The Garden Club of America has several different divisions in their flower shows and this show was a Division II – Horticulture.

Thank you to all of the Flower Show committee members who worked to make our show a big success, and to Donna Cornish the Chairman of our Horticulture Committee for all of her help.

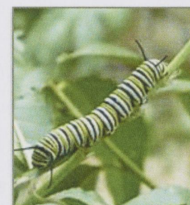
Walnut Hill Church was a beautiful venue for this event, and club members had the pleasure of hearing Lyle Hanna speak about the history of Walnut Hill. Thank you to Celeste Newman and to Leslie Baldwin our Program Chairmen for making all of the arrangements for the day.

It wouldn't be a show without awards! **Congratulations to Ann Roughton** who won both "Professor Posey Novice Award" and the "Professor Petal Award" for Best in Show. The "Professor Plant Award" for **Propagation was won by Kathy Brooks. Melanie Dowell and Kathy Brooks** tied for the "Professor Blossom Award" for Sweepstakes, presented to the individual(s) who had **the highest number of award winning entries in the show**. Participation in the show was outstanding with **34 members submitting entries**. Kudos to the Garden Club of Lexington!

Horticulture

Donna Cornish

As Summer is starting to wind down, I look at our butterfly garden and continue to be amazed at the way Nature works. We start with somewhat of a blank slate in the spring, throw in some seeds and a few plants and hope for the best. It's not often that something turns out to be exactly the way we envision it, but our butterfly garden has done that and more. Last year we had the stately tithonia creating a backdrop against the garden shed wall. This year we have the cosmos that anchored the garden followed by the giant zinnias, the essential milkweed and various plants of salvia, celosia and more. As the garden came to life over the Summer we were rewarded with butterflies, bees, hummingbirds and a praying mantis or two. This Summer was particularly exciting as our efforts paid off to attract the Monarch butterflies. At last count there were **twenty Monarch caterpillars on the milkweed plants**. At some point in the Fall the garden is dismantled and we return to the blank slate. Next Spring with Nature's help we will do it all over, with hopes to entice the Monarchs back again.



Odds & Ends

Zone VII Meeting

"Cultivating a Lasting Legacy"

October 23 - 26

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

If participating, make sure your entry forms are in by Thursday, September 7th!

Seed Share for Shirley Meneice

Lendy and Donna will be attending the Shirley Meneice Conference which begins on **September 24 in Omaha, Nebraska** and we will be wanting to take seeds for the Seed Share. As Summer is beginning to wind down many of our plants are going to seed. I have plenty of small coin envelopes to use for packaging and will be bringing them to the garden on our workdays. The following information is what is needed on the front of the envelopes, which can be handwritten or printed on labels.

GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference Seed Share 2017

Plant type:

Botanical Name:

Common Name:

Hardiness Zone:

Donor's Name:

Club:

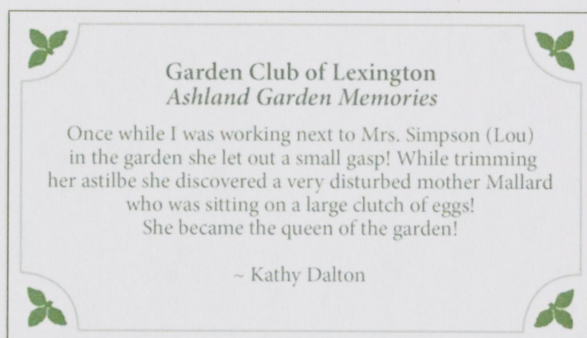
Information:

Kentucky Christmas at Ashland

December 2nd

Holiday Market and Tree Lighting

Activities throughout the day, including greenery sale, prior to tree lighting



Calendar

**General Meeting
September 21st**

10:30

"Paintings and Works on Textiles"

419A Crossfield Dr., Versailles, KY

RSVP Melodye Kinked

melkinkead@yahoo.com or

(859) 873-1734

**Board Meeting
October 2nd**

9:30

Taylor Fister

1636 Ashwood Rd

RSVP ctkfister@gmail.com

Bloomin' News

Scenes from the Annual Garden Party Friday, September 15th



The food for the evening's festivities was from the GCL's cookbook "Entertaining with Bluegrass Winners"



Kim DeCamp photos

Mary Louise Fisher & Joy Hinkle visit with lifelong friend Catesby Clay.

All Things Garden

"We make a life by what we give."

– Winston Churchill

As members of the Garden Club, we give in many ways... our work in the Garden at Ashland, serving on the board and on committees, contributing to the Garden Party, attending GCA meetings, and so much more. By giving and serving together, we make a *life* through our friendships, by sharing the beauty of the Garden with others, and growing in knowledge and character.

We have had a busy summer. The Garden Party was a success and the Garden still looks beautiful. Now it is Fall and time for the Zone VII Meeting in Winston-Salem. Kim DeCamp, our new Zone Chairman will be leading the business meeting. Dottie Cordray and I will go representing our club. Several of you are sending entries for the Flower Show.

The Zone Meeting is a time to hear speakers, tour gardens, have panel and round table discussions, and honor those who have served their clubs and the Zone with special Awards. Our Zone is made up of 18 GCA Garden Clubs in the states of Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina.

This Fall is also the time for the nominating committee to meet to form a slate of officers and committee chairmen for the 2018-2020 term. If you are asked to serve, please say yes. My term as president and each of my past garden club positions have truly been a joy. It takes courage to say yes; it takes time to do the job; but it also makes for a satisfying *life*.

Cheers!

Kathy

Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

GENERAL MEETING



October 19th • 10:30 a.m.

McConnell Springs

• Lexington, KY 40504

A National Registered Historic Site, McConnell Springs has served as the location of a mill, a gunpowder factory, a distillery, and a dairy farm since 1775 when William McConnell and his fellow frontiersmen explored the area. The early visitors had camped at a natural spring in the wilderness of the Virginia territory known as Kentucky when word from nearby Fort Boonesboro that the first battle of the American Revolution had been fought. That battle took place in Lexington, Massachusetts, so in honor of the battle, the group named their future settlement "Lexington."

A box lunch will be provided. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and attire!

Hostesses: Nancy Bishop, Mary Montague

RSVP Nancy Bishop nib1225@aol.com or (859) 266-4980

*The entrance to
McConnell Springs as seen
from Old Frankfort Pike*



Conservation

Lendy Brown

FALL LEAVES

Before you get too busy with those rakes...Some helpful hints from the National Wildlife Federation . . .



Leaves provide habitat for wildlife: frogs, turtles and salamanders rely on leaves for hibernation and moths and caterpillars overwinter in fallen leaves. Leaves provide food for wildlife: creatures like earthworms and millipedes reside in decomposed leaf litter, and they themselves are a source of food for bigger wildlife, such as birds and toads. Leaves

Increase fertility of the soil: decomposed leaves add nutrients to your soil and allows for greater water retention. **Happy Fall!**

Garden Project

Elizabeth Freeman and Martha Trussell



The garden continues to look beautiful and all of your efforts are greatly appreciated!

We have not yet received confirmation of the exact date of the arrival of our fall bulbs, so we have not yet set the date for **BULB DAY**. However, please be on the lookout for an announcement in the coming weeks!

Horticulture

Donna Cornish

Shirley Meneice 2017 Horticulture Conference

Lendy and I were fortunate to be able to attend the SM Horticulture Conference this year in Omaha, Nebraska. We had 2 1/2 days of meetings, speakers, lunches, dinners, gardens and prairies and had a wonderful time with the many garden club ladies we met along the way. While initially Omaha did not sound like a place to host a horticulture meeting, it turns out to be a wonderful, diverse area. One of the highlights was the Glacier Creek Prairie Preserve--424 acres of university maintained preserve with tallgrass prairie and wetlands for research, education and appreciation. The Lauritzen Gardens are Omaha's 100 acre Botanical Gardens which includes a multistory conservatory. The Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, Durham Museum at the old train station and Old Market all added to make this a memorable conference. We picked up multiple seed packets at the Seed Share and I will have them available at the next general meeting.



"Three Gardeners"
Donna Cornish &
Lendy Brown with "Shirley"

Odds & Ends

A *Club Historic Preservation Commendation* was presented to Holly Wiedemann of AU Associates at the annual garden party at Ashland. This award is for Holly's significant work on the preservation of the Fayette County courthouse in downtown Lexington.



September General Meeting

Alex Mason treated us to a delightful presentation at her studio, where she spoke about her growth as an artist and integrating her painting with a textile business. Inspired by Nature, Alex's designs are all hand-painted then produced into fabrics, and now wallpaper, each with a distinct and recognizable organic style.



Kentucky Christmas at Ashland

December 2nd

Holiday Market and Tree Lighting

Activities throughout the day, including greenery sale, prior to tree lighting. GCL is participating this year with a booth!

Calendar

General Meeting October 19th

10:30 a.m.
McConnell Springs

Hostesses: Nancy Bishop,
Mary Montague

RSVP Nancy Bishop
nib1225@aol.com or
(859) 266-4980

Board Meeting November 6th

9:30 a.m.
Amy Kessinger

RSVP amy.kessinger3@gmail.com

Bloomin' News

**Twin City Garden Club
2017 Zone VII Meeting
Winston-Salem, NC
October 13th - 16th**

Flower Show Results by GCL Members

Floral Design

Dottie Cordray

2nd Place in
Challenge Class
"The Brightleaf
Crop" *photo page 5*



Botanical Arts

Martie Mayer

Honorable Mention
"A Refined
Indulgence"

*Martie's Art Deco style
cigarette box for Botanical
Arts class*

Horticulture

Garden Club of Lexington

Honorable Mention
Cut Collection of Fresh Herbs

Brenda Barrett

2 Firsts, 1 Second, 2 Thirds,
and 2 Honorable Mentions in
multiple cut specimen classes
photo page 5

Dottie Cordray

Third in a cut specimen Class

All Things Garden

It's November. The Garden at Ashland has been cut back for the Winter and the bulbs have been planted for next Spring. It is a time to reflect and to plan.

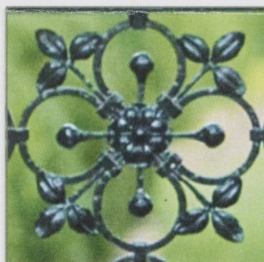
The Friends of the Garden Party was a big success again this year. The investments in our endowment fund have done well. However, our cookbook has not been generating much money these past several years, and our garden expenses have been increasing.

The Garden Club of Lexington is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. Please remember it when making your end of the year gifts (cash or stock), doing estate planning, and when thinking about your will. You may contact our treasurer, Taylor Fister, with any questions. Taylor can also help you make a gift of stock to the Garden Club.

The Garden at Ashland is loved and enjoyed by so many. Thank you for the time you give to working in the Garden and for any additional financial gift you give.

Blessings and best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Kathy



*Ashland neighbor Erritt Griggs took
inspiration from the gates at
Ashland Garden for his elaborate
pumpkin carving.*

Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

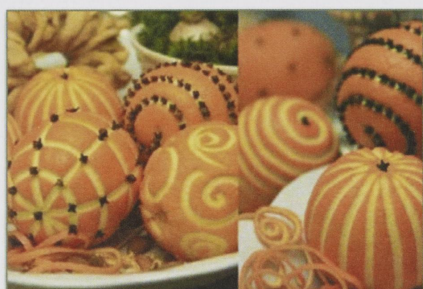
GENERAL MEETING

Floral Workshop

November 16th • 10:30 a.m.
Crestwood Christian Church
1882 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington, KY 40503

Marnie and Jenny are excited to work with us next week at the *floral workshop*, where we will be creating Holiday Centerpieces. **Please forage for greens** at your home. **Greenery staples such as pine, magnolia, eucalyptus and juniper** make for stunning holiday arrangements. Be sure to include a number of contrasting foliage, and unusual textures, such as dried grains, berries and catkins.

We will also be working with fruit, oranges, clementines, lemons, and limes. **Please bring in one type of fruit to share** with the group. **Clippers, a knife and gloves** would be helpful too. Marnie and Jenny will provide more tools and extra greenery as well.



Hostesses: Anne Kraus, Margaret Cowgill & Sheilagh Hammond
RSVP Anne Kraus aptkraus@gmail.com

Get in the Spirit and Help the Garden!
After lunch, please plan to help with the bulbs
we will be selling at our booth at the
"Kentucky Christmas at Ashland" on December 2nd.
If you can, please bring containers
that can be used for the paper whites and amaryllis.



Conservation

Lendy Brown



HEAR YE, HEAR YE, GARDENERS AT THE CAPITAL

Hopefully there will be two Lexington Garden Club members representing the club at the NAL in Washington **Feb.26 thru Mar. 1st**. Added information as to this year's headline topics are: *Take Action for a Healthy Home, Take Action to Protect Pollinators, Take Action for Education and Take Action for Plants.*

These meetings confirm the important work that the Conservation/NAL Committee has done. We do make a difference, and in these informative meetings, you will understand how we garner respect in Washington.

Meet your legislators and senators first hand and personally express your and the GLC's position.

BIRDS VS. CATS



Gardeners, this is just for your information. I am not taking sides!!! However, here are some tips on keeping backyard birds safe from domestic cats.

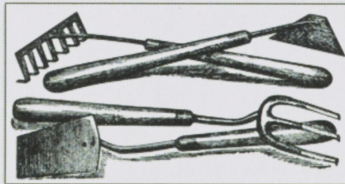
1. Keep cats indoors. We created domestic cats, and there are places they don't belong. They far exceed the numbers of their native predators.
2. Include dense plantings in your backyard where wildlife can hide..
3. Place feeders and birdbaths 10 to 12 feet from where a cat can pounce.
4. Take your feeders down if they are hunting grounds and feed naturally with berry type bushes, etc. and nature's plants.
5. Collars with bells and/or colorful collars do not translate to predators and do little to alert wildlife and birds of lurking danger.
6. Moth balls are toxic chemicals to wildlife, and evidently do not keep cats away.
7. Cats are natural climbers. Very tall smooth fences might help keep cats out, but they are clever.
8. Light detectors might spook cats, and motion detector sprinklers are good deterrents.
9. Feeding feral or wild cats exacerbates the problem and is actually bad for cats. Feeding helps ensure that the stray populations perpetrate themselves.
10. Spray, neuter, adopt!

Shortened by Lendy Brown, Conservation Chair, from *Wild Life Magazine*

Horticulture

Donna Cornish

As the cooler temperatures descend upon us 'garden cleanup' is a good way to keep us outdoors enjoying the crisp fall air. I am somewhat conflicted on how I want to clean up the garden. At the recent *Shirley Meneice Conference* in Omaha, one of the speakers talked about the benefits of leaving some of the plant debris and stems rather than raking it all out. This provides a Winter home for numerous insects and bees, as well as creating your own mulch with compost piles. On the other hand, there is a good argument for removal of yard debris as it helps get rid of many insect and disease problems. Removing the yard waste also allows room for the daffodils and other early Spring flowers. As the SM speaker pointed out, it is a matter of "landscape maintenance versus landscape management." No matter which way you decide to go, the garden continues to draw us outside and for me that is best benefit of all.



Special Projects

Christy Harris

Support us when you shop this holiday season

Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at
[smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile). You shop. Amazon donates.

amazon smile

Please remember to sign up for Kroger Card and to use Smile Amazon when making online purchases for Christmas!



ALSO, Please remember to bring containers to the Floral Workshop/General Meeting so that we can plant paper whites and amaryllis for the ***Kentucky Christmas at Ashland***. This will be a fundraiser for the garden and we will be selling cookbooks, Pomegranate and the bulbs.



Zone VII Meeting in Winston-Salem – *Cultivating a Lasting Legacy*

Kim DeCamp

Two weeks ago, I had the honor of hosting my first Zone Meeting as the Zone Chair of Zone VII. The theme was "Cultivating a Lasting Legacy." It was such a privilege to work alongside the Twin City Garden Club ladies for our three-day meeting in Winston-Salem, a city that reminds me a lot of Lexington, with a unique and rich history along with warm and kind people. I was bowled over by the energy, enthusiasm and hard work of Louise, Courtney and Ashley, the three Zone Meeting Co-Chairs. As with our Zone Meeting in 2013, their club members all came together and worked around the clock for 3 days, so that 80 women from all across the country could enjoy all that Winston has to offer, including areas of historic preservation, conservation, landscape design and art history.



*Garden of
Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Brown*

The venue of the Flower Show was the Kimpton Cardinal Hotel, the former headquarters of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. We also toured the Moravian settlement of Old Salem (the location of Salem College). There were meetings and incredible speakers presenting throughout the week, including Chip Calloway, renown landscape architect (who I am sure is a standup comedian on the weekends). We were also offered a special viewing of the Georgia O'Keefe exhibit, installed at the Reynolds House Museum of American Art, the former country home of Katherine and R.J. Reynolds. The grounds include gardens, walking trails and a "village of boutiques" which offered a lovely chance to spend time outside for a few hours.

At the end of the week, I did take a moment to tour one the Twin City member's gardens (Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Brown). It was simply spectacular! Five acres of meticulously manicured gardens and trees and shrubbery galore.

Special congrats to Dottie and Brenda for bringing home ribbons and making us proud to be a part of the Garden Club of America.



Dottie Cordray wins 2nd place in floral design challenge class



One of two blues for Brenda Barrett in Cut Specimen Classes



Kathy Brooks, Kim DeCamp, and Dottie Cordray at Zone VII Mtg.

Odds & Ends



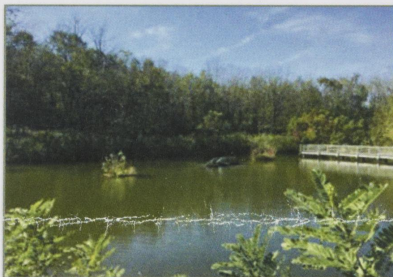
Kentucky Christmas at Ashland

December 2nd
Holiday Market and Tree Lighting

Activities throughout the day, including greenery sale, prior to tree lighting. *GCL is participating this year with a booth to sell cookbooks, Pomegranate, paper whites and amaryllis bulbs.*

October General Meeting

On October 19th, GCL members ventured to **McConnell Springs** to learn about the complex system of sinking springs, the only known such site in Fayette County. This is a series of artesian springs that come to the surface, go underground, reappear, flow along the surface and go back underground. There are two miles of trails, with a half-mile paved loop. In addition, there is an education center located on the park.



Calendar

General Meeting November 16th

10:30 a.m.

Crestwood Christian Church
1882 Bellefonte Rd., 40503

Hostesses: Anne Kraus, Margaret Cowgill & Sheilagh Hammond

RSVP Anne Kraus
aptkraus@gmail.com

Board Meeting December 4th

9:30 a.m.

Christy Harris

RSVP
christycowgillharris@gmail.com

Bloomin' News

All Things Garden

I must admit that I am having a difficult time thinking about decorating for Christmas. I'm really not ready to say goodbye to autumn. The temperature outside is 67 degrees for heavens sake! Elizabeth gave me a half a dozen hyacinth bulbs at the board meeting today, and I was happy to have a reason to be out in my garden.

We also had the most beautiful weather on Saturday for the Ashland Holiday Market. Christy, Taylor and I had such fun selling the bulbs you helped plant in recycled pots and vases, the banana bread many of you made, cookbooks and "garden gate" linens. Leslie, Luanne, Edie decorated the garden with cut greens, wreaths and red bows. Elizabeth, Martha and Mary raked leaves to ready the garden for its many visitors. Thank you to so many of you who came by to visit and buy items. It was a huge success.

I took a break this afternoon for some warm tea and sat on the porch admiring the arrangement we each made at our November floral workshop. Mine still looks great and it's 3 weeks later! Thank you to Jennie and Marnie for so graciously sharing your knowledge and talent with us.

Well, the weather is predicted to rain and become colder tomorrow, so perhaps I will be ready to compost the pumpkins that are on the front porch and put candle lights in the windows. I am definitely looking forward to the Christmas Tea at Celeste's home. Thank you Celeste, Benny, Mott and Philippa for being our hostesses. We will welcome our four new members: Janie Cowgill, Anne Garrett, Margaret Graves and Elizabeth Hemphill. They will each enrich our club with their presence and their knowledge and love of gardening, horticulture, conservation, and floral design.

I look forward to seeing you at the Tea and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

- Kathy



Program

Celeste Neuman / Leslie Baldwin

GENERAL MEETING



Thursday, December 21st • 3:30 p.m.
At the Home of Celeste Neuman

Valet Parking Available

***Hostesses: Celeste Neuman, Martha Nicol,
Philippa Fogg, Benny Williams***

RSVP Celeste lcmn16@gmail.com
or 859.272.6210



Welcome New Members!

Janie Cowgill (Mrs. Larry)

Lexington, KY 40502
859-221-6687 - Cell
mjhcwgill@gmail.com

Anne Garrett (Mrs. David)

Lexington, KY 40502
859-948-3987 - Cell
awgarrett5@gmail.com

Margaret Graves (Jeff Halos))

Lexington, KY 40509
859-396-9575 - Cell
margaretmorrisongraves@gmail.com

Elizabeth Hemphill (Mrs. James)

Versailles, KY 40383
707-812-5281 - Cell
elizabeth@roseandthistle.com

Odds & Ends

November General Meeting

GCL members were treated to a terrific floral workshop on November 16th at the Crestwood Christian Church, led by fellow GCL member Jenny Owens and her business partner Marnie Clay, both extremely talented designers. The workshop resulted in stunning holiday arrangements for everyone to take home and enjoy for Thanksgiving and beyond.

Some members then planted amaryllis and paper white bulbs in containers that members brought and re-purposed. Those bulbs were then sold at the GCL booth at the Kentucky Christmas at Ashland.



Kentucky Christmas at Ashland

December 2nd
Holiday Market and Tree Lighting



Calendar

General Meeting
December 21st
Christmas Tea

3:30 p.m.
1600 Eastwood Lane, 40502
Hostesses: Celeste Neuman,
Martha Nicol, Philippa Fogg,
Benny Williams

RSVP Celeste icmn16@gmail.com
or 859.272.6210

Board Meeting
January 8th
9:30 a.m.
Anne Kraus

RSVP aptkraus@gmail.com

Bloomin' News

Proposed Slate for 2018-2020

President: Anne Kraus

First Vice President: Benny Williams

Second Vice President: Kathy Brooks

Recording Secretary: Donna Cornish

Corresponding Secretary: Edie Gess

Treasurer/Finance: Taylor Fister

Admissions: Betsy Bulleit

Awards: Anne Arvin

Communications: Janie Pappas

Conservation: Elizabeth Schnabel

Flower Show: Joy Hinkle

Founders Fund: Lendy Brown

Garden History & Design: Brenda Barrett

Garden Party: Elizabeth Freeman & Celeste Neuman

Garden Project: Martha Trussell & Janice MacNeil

Historian: Mimi Milward

Horticulture: Any Kessinger

Photography: Sheilagh Hammond

Program: Melodye Kinkead & Shannon Totty

Publication: Christy Harris

Scholarship: Callie Keller

Special Projects: Julie Cashman

Visiting Gardens: Katie Alford

(Kim DeCamp will be an Assistant Club Administrator. This is not a board position.)

GCL Committees

2018-2020

SPECIAL PROJECTS - Chairman - Julie Cashman

Anne Arvin, Kathy Courtney, Melodye Kinkead,
Ellen Chapman, Taylor Fister, Jessica Nicholson

GARDEN PARTY - Chairmen - Elizabeth Freeman & Celeste Neuman

Leslie Baldwin, Melanie Dowell, Christy Harris,
Betsy Bulleit, Philippa Fogg, Marcia Slabaugh

FLOWER SHOW - Chairman - Joy Hinkle

Pattie Broadbent, Callie Keller, Janie Pappas,
Kathy Brooks, Luanne Milward, Ann Roughton,
Margaret Cowgill, Mary Montague, Shannon Totty,
Sarah Davis, Jenny Owens, Mary Wathen,
Elizabeth Hemphill

PHOTOGRAPHY - Chairman - Sheilagh Hammond

Elise Boyd, Anne Kraus,
Lendy Brown, Benny Williams,
Kim DeCamp, Josefine Young,

HORTICULTURE - Amy Kessinger

Katie Alford, Janie Cowgill, Martie Mayer,
Nancy Bishop, Mary Louise Fisher, Judy Philpott,
Libby Brown, Edie Gess, Barbara Young,
Dottie Cordray, Janice MacNeil

CONSERVATION - Chairman - Elizabeth Schnabel

Brenda Barrett, Anne Garrett, Jane Stilz,
Donna Cornish, Betty Kenan, Martha Trussell,
Francis Cox, Mimi Milward, Margaret Graves,
Joan Gaines, Mott Nicol