



The Bloomin' News

The Garden Club of Lexington * January-February 2012 * Kim DeCamp, Editor

From Barbara...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



I must admit, however, that it certainly does not feel like January! What is going on? I guess the good news is that our garden has had plenty of moisture and very few wild swings in temperature...all good in the world of plants.

I also want to draw your attention to the new slate of Garden Club of Lexington board members included in this issue of The Bloomin' News. I think you all will agree that we have nominated a very strong group of leaders for our club. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve. We will be voting on this slate at our scheduled meeting on January 19th.

In addition, I want to thank Callie Keller and Taylor Fister for hosting the Christmas tea....it was just lovely. The food, the decorations and the ambiance were a perfect way to celebrate Christmas and welcome into our club our four new members, Caroline Barrow, Lendy Brown, Donna Cornish and Lolly Martin. Everyone made them feel very welcome and we all look forward to their active participation in our club.

- Barbara Young

Thank you!

A sincere thanks to all who created an arrangement for the Christmas Teat! The arrangements were lovely and added so much to Callie's beautiful home. After the tea they were enjoyed by Mrs. Millward, Mrs. Breckinridge, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Asbury.

- Kathy Brooks

Board News...

No February Board Meeting...

March Board Meeting...

The March Board meeting will be on March 22nd at 9:00am. at Idle Hour Country Club. This meeting will be immediately before the March Annual Meeting. This takes the place of the Board Meeting previously scheduled for March 5th. If you are a Committee Chair, please submit your annual report to Barbara Young by March 20th. You may send this via email (barbarasyoung@gmail.com). If you do not have access to email, please bring your report to the annual meeting.

Garden Club General Meetings...



January General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, January 19th, 10:30am.

Location: Idle Hour Country Club

Topic: Mary Louise Fisher will be doing a slide presentation about Libby Brown's garden.

Members are asked to bring photos of their winter gardens to share with others.

Hostesses: Hostesses: Sarah Davis and Dottie Cordray

RSVP: Dottie (dottiecordray@gmail.com) or 492-5131 (cell).

No February General Meeting and no Bloomin' News in February.

If you have information for the March Bloom, please send to Kim DeCamp (kimberlydecamp@gmail.com) by March 1st, as the Bloom will go out early in March.

March General Meeting...ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 22th, 10:30am.

Location: Idle Hour Country Club

Hostesses: Amy Kessinger, Philippa Fogg and Mary Montague

RSVP: Amy (amy.kessinger@insightbb.com) or 533-0037 (cell) or 971-6488 (home).

-Lauren Van Balen and Martie Mayer

In the Garden at Ashland..

Opening Day in the Garden for Everyone, March 28th.

Meeting for Parterre Heads, April 4 (Spring Break Week).

Everyone in the Garden, April 11 (and every Wednesday thereafter)!

-Brenda Barrett and Jane Stilz

Membership dues...

Annual Dues of \$150 are due in March for both active and affiliate members. Please bring your checks to the March meeting, or you may mail them to Betsy Bulleit, 760 Montclair Drive, Lex., 40502.

-Betsy Bulleit



Dinners for Mimi...

Luanne is coordinating dinners for Mimi Milward. Mimi has suffered a setback following her hip surgery. If you would like to prepare a dinner for Mimi in February, please contact Luanne at 266-4910.

VISITING GARDENS:

Celeste Neuman

GARDEN PARTY:

Katie Alford/Margaret Cowgill

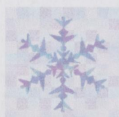


Need a Ride?...

The winter season is upon us. If any member would like to attend a meeting but doesn't feel comfortable driving in the winter weather, please feel free to call Anne Kraus at 266-1446. Anne will help coordinate a ride to the meeting.

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2012-2014 Slate of Officers & Committees...

The new slate of officers will be voted on at the January General Meeting.

Please review the slate below. If you have any questions, please email Barbara Young (barbarasyoung@gmail.com).

OFFICERS & COMMITTEES GCL 2012-2014

VOTING

PRESIDENT:

Martha Nicol

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:

Kim DeCamp

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/ADMINISTRATOR:

Barbara Young

TREASURER:

Betsy Bulleit

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Jane Stilz

COORESPONDING SECRETARY:

Elizabeth Schnabel

ADMISSIONS:

Kathy Courtney

AWARDS:

Mary Louise Fisher

CONSERVATION:

Anne Kraus

FLOWER SHOW/PHOTOGRAPHY

Luanne Milward/Lauren Van Balen

GARDEN PROJECT:

Brenda Barrett/Philippa Fogg

HORTICULTURE:

Martie Mayer

PROGRAM:

Kathy Brooks/Amy Kessinger

PUBLICATON:

Taylor Fister

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Leslie Baldwin

NON VOTING

GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN:

Dottie Cordray

HISTORIAN:

Jessica Nicholson

FOUNDERS FUND:

Lucy Foster

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Sheilagh Hammond

SCHOLARSHIP:

Edie Gess

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From Barbara...

Oh my...how time flies. As I near the end of my tenure as president of the GCL, I am surprised to find that I am actually getting a bit wistful about my departure. I know this is in no small part because of the wonderful support the entire club has given me during the past two years. I could not have asked for a better group work with. When I called, you always answered, volunteered, advised and cooperated in every way possible. You even indulged my indecision and rampant tendency to change the dates of meetings. I really did not know exactly what I was getting into when I agreed to be your leader, but I did find out pretty quickly that it was definitely more work than I had imagined but it also was far more fun than I had anticipated. Thank you for everything....It has been a terrific two years.

Now, a little housekeeping committee chairs please email your committee report to me before our meeting on March 22nd and try to either meet with or talk to the incoming chair of your committee to review your committee's duties and responsibilities.

- Barbara Young



March Board Meeting...

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April Board Meeting...

The April Board meeting will be on Monday, April 9th at 9:30am. Mott Nicol will be hosting the meeting at her home, 1821 Delong Road. If you cannot attend, please email or call Mott (marthagnicol@gmail.com or 321-1987).

March General Meeting...ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 22th, 10:30am.

Location: Idle Hour Country Club

Hostesses: Amy Kessinger, Philippa Fogg and Mary Montague

RSVP: Amy (amy.kessinger@insightbb.com) or 533-0037 (cell) or 971-6488 (home).

- Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger

In the Garden at Ashland...



This photo is of our lovely lemon tree that is stored in our garden shed.

SPRING INTO THE GARDEN

Sharpen your pruners and buy some new gloves! Opening Day in the Garden at Ashland is right around the corner, and soon everyone will receive an email or letter with your garden assignment for 2012. Work in the Garden will begin at 9:30 on Wednesday, March 28, and resume after Spring Break on Wednesday, April 11.

MEETING FOR PARTERRE AND BORDER HEADS

On Wednesday, April 4 at 9:30 there will be a meeting for everyone who is in charge of a parterre or border. This will be a very informative meeting so if you cannot come please send a representative from your assigned area. We will meet in the Keeper's Cottage (the yellow brick building) near the garden. The meeting will be brief. We will spend most of our time in the garden so come prepared to work.

ATTENTION AFFILIATE MEMBERS

We are appreciative of our Affiliate Members who provide refreshments after a hard mornings work. Refreshments will be served at 10:45 (no sooner Please)! To sign-up for refreshments please call Philippa at 552-6040.

-Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg

Membership dues...



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-Betsy Bulleit

Founders Fund...Please vote by March 10th

Please take a look at the amazing projects for this year's Founders Fund Award. Due to the timing of our March meeting, I am asking each of you to email your vote (if you have email). You may put the name of the project you choose in an email and I will tally the votes. Thank you in advance for your vote! Please have your votes to me by March 10. (amy.kessinger@insightbb.com) or 533-0037 (cell).

- Amy Kessinger

2012 FOUNDERS FUND AWARD FINALISTS ~ Vote for One ~

To be voted on by each and every GCA clubs' members. Club Presidents are to submit their clubs vote via the electronic ballot no later than March 15, 2012. The award of \$25,000 will be presented to the winner at the Annual Meeting in Savannah, GA. in April - runners-up will receive \$7,500 each.

An Educational Landscape: A Living Classroom for Growing Minds & Spirits Washington, DC

In 2008, Perennial Garden Club launched a six-year partnership with Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, a tuition-free, inner-city elementary school, in underserved Anacostia, Washington, DC, to grow and sustain educational gardens. Teacher training and hands-on, outdoor classrooms with planting beds, green-roofed supply shed, weather station, rain barrels, in-ground easels, birdhouses, feeders, worm pit and compost bins will foster life-long learning about the rewards of caring for nature.

Living Learning Roof The Green Roof Educational Project Cedar Rapids, IA

The Cedar Rapids flood of 2008 was responsible for the worst library disaster in U.S. history. Out of horrific devastation emerged the dream of a new library, located in a revitalized area with easy access to its facilities. Its Living Learning Roof demonstrates unique environmental and sustainability practices, with an estimated 500,000 visitors per year. It is a destination point in a business and cultural hub, a functioning space for all ages. Our project honors the donations of GCA members and perpetuates the goals of its Founders.

Serenity Park at Gateway Community Services Jacksonville, FL

Gateway is a non-profit drug and alcohol rehabilitation residential/outpatient center housed in an old bleak former motel. It is the only one in Jacksonville housing women with children, thereby necessitating both a healing oasis for mentoring and a joyful safe playground for welcoming the children. The project has already been a catalyst for neighborhood improvement. Its maintenance will be provided by recovering clients in vocational training. The Founders Fund Award will make this healing oasis become a reality.



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From Mott...

For once in my life I am at a loss for words. I begin my "turn" as president following one of the most capable women I know. Barbara dug in with both hands and encouraged all of us to take an active role in the Garden Club of Lexington. It was a very productive two years with many achievements, accolades and laughter.

In March, we recognized two of our active members with club awards. In the area of communication, Kim DeCamp received a well deserved award, and Melodye Kinhead received an award for her inspirational idea for weekly bouquets for nursing home patients. May these ladies provide inspiration to all of us to step-up and dig in as gardeners and members of The Garden Club of Lexington. I look forward to seeing each of you in the garden each Wednesday!

" One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides."

~W.E. Johns

- Mott Nicol

April General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, April 19th, 10:30 a.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church. Parking is available in the lot on Mill Street, across from the main entrance of the church. Carpool if you can. Enter the building through the chapel entrance.

Speaker: Barbie Tafel, of Glenview Garden, will be our speaker

Hostesses: Libby Brown and Elise Boyd. Please RSVP to Libby at 266-3710 or esb1700@yahoo.com.

May Board Meeting...

The May Board meeting will be on Monday, May 7th at 9:30 a.m. Luanne Milward will be hosting the meeting at her home, 317 Holiday Road. If you cannot attend, please email or call Luanne (lmilward@aol.com or 266-4910).

May General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, May 17th, 10:30 a.m.

Location: Cottage in the Woods

Hostesses: TBA

Directions and details to follow in May Bloomin' News

- Kathy Brooks and Amy Kessinger

Flower Show Committee Meeting...April 17th

The Flower Show Committee is having a meeting on Tuesday, April 17th, at 10:00 a.m. at Luanne Milward's home, 317 Holiday Road. The committee will be planning our "In Club Horticulture Show", which will be our June 21st general meeting. Check your Garden Club Yearbook to see whether or not you are on this committee. Luanne will e-mail or call all of the committee members as well to remind them of the meeting. There's not a lot of planning time before the actual show, so Luanne hopes everyone can make it to the meeting.

- Luanne Milward and Lauren Van Balen

In the Garden at Ashland...

Everyone on last year's Conservation Committee adopted a dogwood tree. Don't forget that these adoptions are for life. Please remember to maintain and care for your tree.

-Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg

Membership dues...



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-Betsy Bulleit

Corrections to the Yearbook...

1. Mrs. Farra McRae Alford – change e-mail to read katiesalford@gmail.com
2. Mrs. Caroline Cassidy Barrow – Change cell # to 492-9322. This is also her home number. Add e-mail address of Ashwoodfarm@me.com
3. Mrs. Philip Jackson Baugh – change e-mail to read janekebaugh@me.com
4. Mrs. Thomas Ewing Bulleit, Jr. – change e-mail to read betsy.bulleit@gmail.com
5. Mrs. Thomas Burks Kessinger III – add Mobile: 533-0037 and add e-mail address of amy.kessinger@insightbb.com
6. Mrs. Shelby Carneal Kinkead, Jr. – move "R.R. #1" up one line so it follows the street address
7. Mrs. Collins Romaine – change Colline to read Collins
8. On the In Memory page, Mrs. Thomas Burks Kessinger, Sr. – change Della to Delia

Membership Changes...

June 1st is the deadline for membership status changes. Please send changes in writing to Kathy Courtney.



Mark Your Calendars...Zone Meeting 2013

We are hosting the 2013 Zone Meeting, so mark your calendars and plan accordingly. The dates for the meeting are October 1st & 2nd, 2013. We will need everyone's help for this to be a success!

- Jessica Nicholson

Felco Pruners are available for purchase!

If you are interested in purchasing a pair of Felco pruners, please see Lucy Foster at the garden on Wednesday. The pruners are \$45/pair. Please make checks payable to The Garden Club of Lexington.

Cookbook Update...need new vendors!

Does anyone have a vendor contact who would like to sell our cookbooks, especially before the Derby? If you know of a new store in town, or out of town, who doesn't already sell our cookbook, please send an e-mail to Leslie Baldwin at lesliebb@usa.net.

- Leslie Baldwin

GCA Scholarship Recipients...

The GCA Scholarship Program will distribute \$263,700 to 74 scholars and award recipients for 2012-2013. These recipients will be listed in the June/July GCA Bulletin, so be sure to read about all of these deserving scholars.

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From Mott...

May 2012 marks the 99th birthday of GCA, and the countdown to the Centennial has begun. I am receiving updates on a regular basis and will share them with you at our meetings. I hope everyone will read E-news, the Bulletin, and the GCA website for more information on the special events for May and June 2013. If there is enough interest, we may want to plan a trip to NYC to enjoy some of these opportunities that are being planned.

The peonies came and went in a blaze of pinks and white, and now it is time for the garden to show its own array of color. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work" and there have been many hands digging, weeding, and planting over the last few Wednesdays. It really does not seem like "work" when we are all talking, laughing and gardening together! The garden looks beautiful, thanks to all.

Luanne, Lauren, and the Flower Show Committee are planning a Club Horticulture show for June 21st. There is a class to enter and a job to do for everyone. At our meeting at Betsy Hillenmeyer's house, there will be time to have any questions answered that you might have. Enjoy this beautiful summer weather!

"I guess a good gardener starts as a good weeder."

~Amos Pettingill

- Mott Nicol

May General Meeting...change of plans

Due to our early spring, the peonies have come and gone, so we will not be able to enjoy the peonies at the Cottage in the Woods like we had planned for our May meeting. We have rescheduled this trip for April 2013. In place of this, we will be visiting Betsy and Louis Hillenmeyer's beautiful garden. Louis will show us how to plan and incorporate vegetables into our gardens, and Betsy will demonstrate how to put together entries for our upcoming Horticulture Flower Show, specifically Class 8, which is a class for container plants.

Date: Thursday, May 17th, 10:30 a.m.

Location: Betsy and Louis Hillenmeyer's house, 466 Woodlake Way

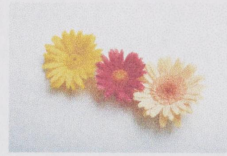
Speaker: Betsy and Louis Hillenmeyer

Hostesses: Martie Mayer and Elizabeth Schnabel. Please RSVP to Elizabeth at 285-0856 or elizabeth_schnabel@yahoo.com

June Board Meeting...

The June Board meeting will be on Monday, June 4th at 9:30 a.m. Kathy Brooks will be hosting the meeting at her home,

If you cannot attend, please email or call Kathy (kathycarpenterbrooks@gmail.com or 268-1055).



June General Meeting...

"For the Beauty of the Earth" in-club flower show

Date: Thursday, June 21st

Location: Christ Church Cathedral

Hostesses: Betty Kenan and Anne Kraus. Please RSVP to Anne at 266-1446 or aptkraus@gmail.com

Flower Show information:

Deadline for entries is Monday, June 11th. Entries will be accepted by Katie Alford, Entry Chairman, at 272-0218 or katiesalford@gmail.com. Provide Katie with your name, and a first and second choice of class.

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

Horticulture

CUT SPECIMENS (Classes 1-5)

One stem, not to exceed 24 inches in length, from your garden. Foliage allowed only if it is attached to the stem.

All specimens must have been in your possession since May 21st, one month before the show.

Class 1. Beauty of each Hour

Annuals – one flowering stem

Class 2. To thee we raise

Perennials – one flowering stem

Class 3. Hill and Vale

Hosta – one leaf, no flower

Class 4. Tree and Flower

Woody and herbaceous shrubs – single flowering bloom

Class 5. Joy of Human Love

Roses – one single stem or spray

CONTAINER GROWN (Classes 6-8)

All plant material must have been in your possession since May 21st, one month before the show.

Class 6. Perfect Gifts of Thyme

Collection of 3-5 herbs, each a different species or cultivars, grown in one container (any shape), but must not exceed 14 inches in diameter or 14 inches in length or width.

Accompanying key card/diagram required.

Class 7. Love from which our Birth

Single specimen grown from seed in a terra cotta pot 4 inches in diameter.

Class 8. Flowers of Earth and Buds of Heaven

A collection of flowering plants and/or foliage plants growing in a single container of any shape, not to exceed 18 inches in diameter or 18 inches in length or width. Accessories allowed. Accompanying key card/diagram required.

Below is a copy of an entry card that must be filled out and turned in with your exhibit. Please have all of the information ready, including the Botanical Name, so the process will go quickly and smoothly.

Garden Club of America		☐ Passed
Horticulture		Award
☐ Novice	☐ Propagated by Exhibitor	
☐ Owned for 6 Months	☐ Grown without pesticides	
Class:	Entry Number:	
Botanical Name		
Family (optional)		
Genus		
species		
'Cultivar'		
Common Name		
Length of Ownership		
Growing Conditions		
Propagation Method (if applicable)		
Judges' Comments		
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Exhibitor		
Club		
Zone		

Corrections to the Yearbook...

1. Mrs. James Robert Boyd – Delete the fax number, and add e-mail address of elisewboyd@gmail.com

Membership Information...

June 1st is the deadline for membership status changes. Please send changes in writing to Kathy Courtney. The deadline for proposing new members is August 26th, the last Sunday in August.

-Kathy Courtney



Founders Fund Award... The Winner is...

An Educational Landscape:
A Living Classroom for Growing Minds & Spirits
Washington, DC

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-Amy Kessinger

Special Projects...Bouquets to Brighten the Day

Dates are: June 13th, July 11th, and August 8th

Please bring flowers, greenery, scissors, clippers and scotch tape with you to the garden. After our work in the garden, we will make 35 arrangements in the shed, then around 1:00 we will deliver them to local nursing homes. Even if you can't stay to assemble or deliver flowers, feel free to participate by bringing flowers and greenery from your gardens, jars with ribbons, or containers (like milk jugs) for water.

Bouquets to Brighten the Day will occur May - August on the second Wednesday of each month. If you have any questions, please call Melodye Kinhead at 873-1734

Conservation...

Please remember to recycle the plastic pots and trays that you receive with newly purchased flowers. Take all this plastic 'stuff' to Lowe's or Home Depot instead of putting it in your Rosie or Lennie!

We are going to continue with our 'Adopt a Tree Project'. This involves cleaning up the area around a "chosen" tree on the Ashland grounds. We will be working with the Ashland Director to locate these trees. Hopefully they will be near the Garden. If you are interested in helping, please sign up at the May 17th meeting or call Anne Kraus at 266-1446!

-Anne Kraus

A Special Message from Kathy Brewer...

Kathy Brewer wishes to thank everyone who has contributed to her recovery from heart surgery with their many kindnesses. She hopes she has thanked you individually, and she thanks you again at this time.

New Editions Gallery Floral Art Show...

Frankie York of New Editions Gallery on Euclid Avenue would like to invite any Garden Club members, who enjoy creating floral arrangements inspired by paintings, to participate in an upcoming Art Opening of Debbie Graviss' floral paintings on June 1st. If interested you may view some of Debbie Graviss' floral paintings at www.neweditionsgallery.com and click on Debbie Graviss. You can also contact Frankie York at Ftyork@windstream.net or cell phone, 489-1454.

Twin Cities Garden Club Flower Show...

The Twin Cities Garden Club in Winston-Salem invites us to come and participate in their Flower Show on May 15th. We know this is last minute, but if anyone is interested please call Mott at 272-1987.



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In the Garden at Ashland... Refreshments

Thank you in advance for bringing refreshments to the hard working ladies of the garden. On your assigned date, please bring refreshments to the patio at 10:45 (no sooner please), and please keep it simple. We still have a few openings in September and October. Please let Philippa Fogg know if you can help! Thanks! Southernfogg@gmail.com or 552-6040

May 23

Amy Kessinger
Ginny May

May 30

Taylor Fister
Bennie Williams

June 6

Edie Gess
Katie Alford

June 13

Anne Kraus
Leslie Baldwin

June 20

Martie Mayer
Lauren Van Balen



June 27

Cathy Snowden
Mott Nicol



July 11

Ellen Chapman
Caroline Barrow

July 18

Anne Arvin
Joan Gaines

July 25

Anne Gay
Kathy Dalton

-Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg

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-Betsy Bulleit



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From Mott...

Horticulture seems to be the buzzword for June. As we look about the garden, several parterres are planting new plants as well as dividing and sharing ones that have out grown their space. The garden is forever changing its look and that is what keeps gardening an exciting and rewarding endeavor. We are also preparing to have our first Horticulture Show on June 21st. We will all have the opportunity to learn, experiment, and enjoy the fundamentals of "showing" cut specimens and container grown plants. It is also time to select a delegate to go to the Shirley Meneice Horticulture workshop in Austin, Texas. The conference is October 22-24, and if you would like to go please let me know ASAP. The definition of a horticulturist is "one who cultivates a garden". I guess, if you use this definition, each of us is considered a horticulturist. Congratulations on your new title!

"What a man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back, with a hinge in it."

~Charles Dudley Warner

- Mott Nicol

June General Meeting...

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Date: Thursday, June 21st

Location: Christ Church Cathedral

Hostesses: Betty Kenan and Anne Kraus. Please RSVP to Anne at 266-1446 or aptkraus@gmail.com

Agenda:

9:00 – 10:15 Exhibits completed and passed

10:30 – 12:00 Judging of Flower Show and Neighborhood Walking Garden Tour

Tour the gardens of the Bodley Bullock House, the Hunt Morgan House, and Joan Gaines

12:00 – 12:30 Flower Show open for viewing by club members

12:30 – 1:30 Meeting/Lunch with Judges Comments

1:30 – 2:00 Exhibits to be removed

Directions:

Take Main Street and turn right on Limestone. Turn left on Church Street. Turn right on Market Street and go past the front door of Christ Church Cathedral, then turn right at the first street/driveway called Cathedral Way. This takes you to the church entrance where you can drop off your entries. Members will be there with carts to put your entries on while you park. Coming off Cathedral Way go right on Upper Street, and take an immediate left into the parking lot at the corner of Upper and Church. Parking is \$5.00 per day and you can pay with MasterCard, Visa, or correct amount of cash. There is no change given. It might be good to carpool if you can. Church's phone number is 254-4497, and Luanne's is 533-4910.

Flower Show information:

Deadline for entries is Monday, June 11th. Entries will be accepted by Katie Alford, Entry Chairman, at 272-0218 or katiesalford@gmail.com. Provide Katie with your name, and a first and second choice of class.

Luanne Milward will have the A-Z Horticulture books in the garden on Wednesdays, for the next 2 weeks, so anyone who needs to look up plant information for their entry cards is welcome to use them. Bring your entry card with your tags and info you have about your specimen and you can work on it. If you Google your plants and the names you have for them, then add Dave's Garden, you will get most all the information you need for your Entry Card. When filling out your card, some names have to be underlined and some put in quotations. Brenda Barrett, Dottie Cordray, and Jessica Bell are very helpful. If you have several plants to list you will need to write small and fit all information on one card. There will be people at the Show to help, but it really is helpful if you have practiced.

Tips for entering a Flower Show:

1. Read the schedule carefully. Choose a class that interests you.
2. Classes 1-5 are Cut Specimens and do not need to be preregistered. Just go out in your yard the day before the Show, early morning or evening, and cut your specimen. Put it in warm water, in a cool, dark place.
3. Reread schedule and be sure you have followed all the rules for Horticulture and your Class.
4. Plan ahead about how you are going to securely get your entries to the Show.
5. Be on time!

Tips for Horticulture Exhibitors:

1. Proper proportion of plant to container is important.
2. Container should be clean and in good condition with no cracks, moss, or sign of salt. You can wash with Murphy's Oil Soap.
3. Container is measured from the inside of the rim.
4. Stakes and ties should be unobtrusive.
5. Labeling for Entry Cards must be correct. Classes 6 and 8 must include a Key Card diagram in waterproof ink.
6. Grooming involves the care taken to have the specimen present the best possible appearance:
 - a. Foliage should be free of dust, soil, and residue
 - b. All dead leaves and spent florets, as well as dead branches, should be removed daily.
 - c. Pollen dust should be removed from cut flower petals.
 - d. Plant should be free of insects and disease.
 - e. No leaf polishing agents should be used.
 - f. Soil surface should be clean. You may top dress your soil with gravel, moss, fine black aquarium sand from the pet store, etc. to present a more attractive appearance.

July Board Meeting...Please note the change!!

The July Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 3rd at 8:30 a.m.** in the yellow cottage at Ashland. If you cannot attend, please email or call Mott (marthagnicol@gmail.com or 272-1987).



July General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, July 19th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Ashland Garden

Speaker: Joseph Hillenmeyer will be talking about hydrangeas

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

In the Garden at Ashland... Refreshments

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-Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg

June 6

Edie Gess
Katie Alford

June 13

Anne Kraus
Leslie Baldwin

June 20

Martie Mayer
Lauren Van Balen

June 27

Cathy Snowden
Mott Nicol

July 11

Ellen Chapman
Caroline Barrow

July 18

Anne Arvin
Joan Gaines

July 25

Anne Gay
Kathy Dalton

Workday Change!!!!

Since July 4th is on a Wednesday, we will be working in the garden on Tuesday, July 3rd!! Mark your calendars now.



Special Projects...Bouquets to Brighten the Day

Dates are: June 13th, July 11th, and August 8th

This month we will be taking arrangements to Mayfair Manor. The ladies who have already signed up to help this month are Ellen Chapman, Kim DeCamp, Betsy Hillenmeyer, Amy Kessinger, and Elizabeth Schnabel. Anyone else who would like to help is certainly welcome.

Please bring flowers, greenery, scissors, clippers and scotch tape with you to the garden. After our work in the garden, we will make 35 arrangements in the shed, then around 1:00 we will deliver them to local nursing homes. Even if you can't stay to assemble or deliver flowers, feel free to participate by bringing flowers and greenery from your gardens, jars with ribbons, or containers (like milk jugs) for water.

Bouquets to Brighten the Day will occur through August, on the second Wednesday of each month. If you have any questions, please call Melodye Kinhead at 873-1734.

Corrections to the Yearbook...

1. Mrs. Shelby Carneal Kinkead, Jr. – add e-mail address of melkinkead@yahoo.com.

Admissions Committee...

The deadline for proposing new members is Sunday, August 26th. If you need a proposal form, please contact Kathy Courtney at Kcourtney@insightbb.com.

-Kathy Courtney

In Kind Donations to the Garden...

If you make in kind purchases for the garden, you are able to deduct those from your taxes. In order to receive a receipt for your records, please e-mail Kim Lake (kimberlybethlake@gmail.com) to make her aware of your donation. Our Garden Club needs these donations, because they help us maintain our non-profit status, so please keep track of your donations, and let Kim know about them.



The Bloomin' News
Taylor Fister, Editor



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From Mott...

My first thought for this message is to express how wonderful the Horticulture show was in June! It took quick thinking, many helping hands and everyone's attention to detail. To "pull off" a show in such a short time frame takes team effort. I commend the entire Flower Show committee, all who participated, and the show's devoted leader, Luanne! It was an enjoyable day and a learning experience for us all.

My second thought focuses on this time of year when we celebrate our country's Declaration of Independence. I am in Idaho and have talked to some of you who are in Michigan, South Carolina, and several other places throughout the country. The freedom to travel is something we often take for granted but something we would dearly miss if we were unable to go and come at will. As you travel about this summer, stop and take a close look at the trees, flowers, mountains/desert/beach, and all the other natural wonders that make each place so special, then come back home and enjoy the beauty of our state, city and gardens. We sometimes fail to appreciate the beauty around us until we are away from it.

Finally, when I connect these two thoughts, I realize I have linked together the theme of our show, "For the Beauty of the Earth", and one of my favorite patriotic songs, "America the Beautiful". Happy 4th of July to each of you, wherever you might be!

- Mott Nicol

July General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, July 19th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Ashland Garden

Speaker: Joseph Hillenmeyer will be talking about hydrangeas

Hostesses: Brenda Barrett, Pattie Broadbent, Kathy Courtney, Kim DeCamp. Please RSVP to Brenda at 269-1307 or brenda@barrettpartnersinc.com

On Wednesday, July 18th, please come work in the garden to help get it ready for Thursday's meeting.

Next Board Meeting...Monday, August 27th at 9:30 a.m. This is in lieu of the September meeting.

Location: Home of Margaret Cowgill,

No General Meeting in August!



September General Meeting...

Date: Wednesday, September 5th

Agenda: This meeting will be a working meeting in the garden to prepare the garden for the party on Thursday the 6th. Come at 9:30 a.m. to work in your parterre. We will have a brief meeting at 10:30 with a talk on composting, and afterward, a light lunch will be served.

Hostesses: Ellen Chapman and Janie Romaine. Please RSVP to Ellen at 233-0678 or ellengchapman@gmail.com

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

"For the Beauty of the Earth" Flower Show...

Our Garden Club hosted a successful Flower Show! Thanks to everyone for their participation, and special thanks to Luanne Milward for chairing the show! It was a lot of fun and hopefully everyone learned a few things. We are now looking forward to the 2013 Flower Show. Please e-mail Luanne with your suggestions and thoughts for next year's show.

Congratulations to our Winners

Class 1 - "Beauty of each hour"
2nd Place-Barbara Young

Class 2 - "To Thee We Raise"

2a Perrenials
1st Place - Betty Kenan
2nd Place - Brenda Barrett
3rd Place - Sheilagh Hammond
Honorable Mention - Joan Gaines

2b Bulbs
1st Place-Melodye Kinhead
2nd Place - Donna Cornish
3rd Place - Betsy Bulleit
Honorable Mention - Sarah Davis

2c Daylillies
1st Place - Brenda Barrett
2nd Place - Sheilagh Hammond
3rd Place - Sheilagh Hammond
Honorable Mention - Ellen Chapman

2d Dahlias
1st Place - Ellen Chapman
2nd Place - Ellen Chapman
3rd Place - Ellen Chapman

Class 3 - "Hill and Vale" Hosta

- 1st Place - Brenda Barrett
- 2nd Place - Kathy Courtney
- 3rd Place - Barbara Young
- Honorable Mention - Brenda Barrett



Class 4 - "Tree and Flower"

4a Annabelle Hydrangea

- 1st Place - Kathy Brooks
- 2nd Place - Kathy Courtney
- 3rd Place - Jessica Bell

4b Other Hydrangea

- 1st Place - Barbara Young
- 2nd Place - Barbara Young
- 3rd Place - Jessica Bell

4c Oakleaf Hydrangea

- 1st Place - Martie Mayer
- 2nd Place - Kathy Brooks

4d Any Other Woody and Herbaceous Shrub

- 1st Place - Janie Romaine
- 2nd Place - Jessica Bell

Class 5 - "Roses" - No entries

Class 6 - "Perfect Gifts of Thyme" - Collection of 3 to 5 herbs

- 1st Place - Lendy Brown
- 2nd Place - Brenda Barrett
- 3rd Place - Katie Alford
- Honorable Mention - Sarah Davis

Class 7 - "Love from which our Birth" - Single seed

- 1st Place - Kathy Brooks
- 2nd Place - Betty Kenan
- 3rd Place - Betty Kenan
- Honorable Mention - Brenda Barrett

Class 8 - "Flower of Earth and Buds of Heaven" - collection of flowering and foliage plants

8a Terrariums

- 1st Place - Mott Nicol
- 2nd Place - Melodye Kinkead
- 3rd Place - Kim DeCamp

8b Foliage

- 1st Place - Kathy Dalton
- 2nd - Kathy Brooks
- 3rd - Betty Kenan

8c Flowering

1st Place - Leslie Baldwin
2nd Place - Melodye Kinkead
3rd Place - Melodye Kinkead
Honorable Mention - Barbara Young
Honorable Mention - Bettie Bos Haggin

Special Awards:

"For the Glory" Best Cut Specimen - Betty Kenan
"Beauty of the Earth" Best Container Grown - Kathy Dalton
"Stars of Light" Best in Show - Kathy Dalton

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-Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg

July 11

Ellen Chapman
Caroline Barrow

July 18

Anne Arvin
Joan Gaines

July 25

Anne Gay
Kathy Dalton

August 1

Mary Louise Fisher
Luanne Milward

August 8

Philippa Fogg
Janie Romaine

August 15

Pattie Broadbent
Lolly Martin

August 22

Sarah Davis
Wende Bell

August 29

Callie Keller
Lucy Calhoun

September 5

Judy Philpott
Anne Gay



Special Projects...Bouquets to Brighten the Day

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This month we will be taking arrangements to Country Place. The ladies who have already signed up to help this month are Margaret Cowgill, Anne Kraus, and Sarah Davis. We need a few more people to help, so if you're interested please call Melodye Kinkead at 873-1734.

Please bring flowers, greenery, scissors, clippers and scotch tape with you to the garden. After our work in the garden, we will make 35 arrangements in the shed, then around 1:00 we will deliver them to local nursing homes. Even if you can't stay to assemble or deliver flowers, feel free to participate by bringing flowers and greenery from your gardens, jars with ribbons, or containers (like milk jugs) for water.

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-Kathy Courtney

Friends of the Garden Party - Ashland Garden

Date: Thursday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Rain Location: Home of Katie Alford, 1875 DeLong Road

Please mark your calendar for our annual Friends of the Garden Party. If there are people who you would like to add to our invitation list, please contact Margaret Cowgill (266-7842). We want to encourage 100% participation from all active and affiliate members. Join us for a lovely evening with friends in the garden.

-Margaret Cowgill

GCL Photography Website...

Our club now has a website to post photographs of Ashland Garden and our Garden Club events. The web address is www.gardencluboflexington.smugmug.com.

You can view photographs taken by our members at this web site. Also, if you would like to load photographs, you are welcome to sign in and do so.

Here are the steps:

1. Login email is kimberlydecamp@insightbb.com; Login password is gogardenclub.
2. Go to top left of screen where you will see +Upload button; click on that choice.
3. Select New Gallery. Name your gallery. Make the name something descriptive that will help identify the photos. Then Click save at bottom right of the screen.
4. On the next screen click the browse button. This will let you select the photo(s) on your computer that you want to upload. You will need to know where the photos are. They can be from your computer, from a disk, or from a memory card that you placed in the memory slot of your computer. You click on the photo and it will upload into smug mug.
5. Once the upload is complete, you can add a description by clicking on "add description" at the top right of the screen.

-Kim DeCamp

Conservation...

The Summer Conwatch has been posted on the GCA website. Click on the Resources tab, then click on Publications. Scroll down to Conservation Watch, then click Summer 2012. There is an interesting article by Linda James called "What Does Climate Change Look Like?" Linda summarizes presentations made at the 2012 Washington, D.C. Conservation Conference by Dennis Dimick, Executive Editor of National Geographic Magazine, and Thomas Karl, Executive for the NOAA. The goal of these presentations was/is to prepare Garden Club members to address climate change at national, state, and local levels. There is a relationship between current research on climate change and practical decision making needs of public and private sectors.

-Anne Kraus

Flower Show/Photography...

As a club, we are required to enter at least one Flower Arranging class (Division I or IV), one Photography class, and at least three Horticulture classes. Some of these require early registration. Look at the following websites for information on their shows, and see if you might be interested in participating.

Greenwich Garden Club – "Viewpoint" a Photography Show is November 8-10. Photography entries are due by October 15th, but the deadline for registration is August 15th. Website for more information is www.greenwichgardenclub.org. E-mail Anne Green at greenwichgardenclub@gmail.com for registration.

GCA Zone VII Flower Show presented by the Winchester-Clarke Garden Club – "Harvesting Our Heritage" - September 25-27 in Winchester, VA. Registration deadline is July 16th. Photography entries are due by August 24th. Website is www.winchesterclarkegc.org. If you are interested in entering a photography class, e-mail Daphne Dunning at dsdtfva@gmail.com to see what classes are still open for entries. As of July 3rd, it looked like the only classes left were the monochrome classes.



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From Mott...

September is the time of year you just want to sit down under a tree and look at all that has been accomplished in the garden. Take a break, and sit down and look at our own garden at Ashland. If it had not been so lovingly cared for by so many working hands there wouldn't be the parterres of vivid colors and the healthy green foliage that grows within the walls of the garden. It will make for a beautiful setting on September 6th at our Garden Party. The work in the soil is not the only work that is going on now, as we get ready for our Annual Party. Katie, Margaret, and their committee quickly pulled together an idea to replace the selling of art at the party, with the selling of 6 auction items of various descriptions. Each of us, as part of a group, has contributed ideas, talents, items and monetary support for a one of a kind auction item. This is a new idea, a change from what has been done, and an opportunity to try a new approach to raising money to care for the garden. This will be fun so bring your friends and come enjoy the evening in the garden after your many long days of hard work!

I would like to share 2 very timely quotes from Marion Hill, president of GCA:

"Our clubs need many eyes, as only by working with people who see things differently can we truly be open to greatness."

"Reconsider the philosophy 'it is the way we have always done it'; a phrase that could cripple imagination and limit potential."

- Mott Nicol

September General Meeting...

The September meeting will be a working meeting in the garden on **Wednesday, September 5th**. Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. to work in your parterre, so we can prepare the garden for the Garden Party on Thursday the 6th. We will have a brief meeting at 10:30 a.m. followed by a short talk by Mary Warren on composting. Tea and sandwiches will be served after the meeting.

Hostesses: Ellen Chapman and Janie Romaine. Please RSVP to Ellen at 233-0678 or ellengchapman@gmail.com

October Board Meeting...

The October Board meeting will be on Monday, October 1st at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Taylor Fister, 1636 Ashwood Road. If you cannot attend, please e-mail or call Taylor (ctkfister@gmail.com or 266-9385).

October General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, October 18th

Location: The Thoroughbred Club

Speaker: Margo Shaw

Hostesses: Linda Carey, Margaret Cowgill, Ginny May & Celeste Neuman

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

In the Garden at Ashland... Refreshments

Thank you in advance for bringing refreshments to the hard working ladies of the garden. On your assigned date, please bring refreshments to the patio at 10:30 and please keep it simple.

September 12
Betsy Hillenmeyer
Dottie Cordray

September 19
Judy Philpott

September 26
Kathy Brooks
Betsy Bulleit

Reminder...

We have one year until we host our Zone meeting, so please take a look at your parterre, and see if it might need some sprucing up. If it has weak areas now, then it probably will at this time next year too. Remove any dead or burnt up plants, and think about replacing them with plants that will do well in September and October. We want our garden to look beautiful next fall for the Zone meeting!

-Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg



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-Margaret Cowgill

Conservation...

Just wanted to increase your awareness of how much GCA is involved with the national parks and their related conservation activities. "Early on, GCA's "Save the Redwoods" campaign raised awareness of the necessity to protect our natural resources. Today, GCA awards **the Sally Brown GCA National Parks Conservation Scholarship** each year to fund a Student Conservation Association (SCA) crew leader at one of the parks. GCA member Elizabeth Putnam received the 2010 Presidential Citizens Medal for launching America's conservation service movements with the founding of the SCA in 1954, when parks were in a crisis similar to today's. Elizabeth proposed, in her senior thesis, the creation of a student conservation corps. GCA agreed to be a sponsor. Sixty percent of the corps members go on to become conservation professionals. GCA has continued to help fund SCA since 1957 with almost a million dollars in donations from members." (Conservation Watch – summer 2012)

If you are interested, there is a workshop being offered at The Arboretum (cost \$5) on Newspaper Gardening on Tuesday, September 11th at 10:00 a.m. Yvonne Henke, from the Lexington Herald Leader, will teach you how to package seeds from your garden, and how to create biodegradable pots for spring planting.

Thank you to the many members who have helped tree conservation at Ashland by cleaning up weeds and debris around designated trees near the garden!!

-Anne Kraus

Horticulture...

At the end of September, Mott will be traveling to Virginia for the Zone VII meeting, and we, as a club, need to send her with some horticulture specimens. Each club is required to enter at least 3 Horticulture division classes. Each item will need a key card with appropriate identification. **Specimens, with key cards, need to be delivered to the home of Kim DeCamp, 228 Barrow Road, on Sunday, September 23rd between 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** The zone meeting is September 25-27th.

Classes 1-3 Annuals
Classes 4-6 Perennials
Classes 7-9 Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, and Rhizomes
Classes 10-13 Roses
Classes 14-16 Native Plants
Class 17 Herbs
Class 18 Boxwoods
Class 19 Fruits and or Vegetables

Container Grown Plants
Class 20 Topiary
Class 21 Greens

Propagation Classes
Class 22 Plant grown from seed
Class 23 Plant grown from cutting
Class 24 Generations

Horticulture tip...This time of year the Dahlias are at their prime. The best way to get them ready for display is to pick flowers at their prime. Remove any flowers that will be below your water line. Recut under water and place in boiling water for 20 seconds, then place in cold water (with a few drops of bleach or alcohol added) overnight.

-Marie Mayer

In Kind Donations to the Garden...

If you make in kind purchases for the garden, you are able to deduct those from your taxes. In order to receive a receipt for your records, please scan and e-mail your receipt to Kim Lake (kimberlybethlake@gmail.com). You may also mail them to her at P.O. Box 22095 Lexington, KY 40522. Our Garden Club needs these donations, because they help us maintain our non-profit status, so please keep track of your donations, and let Kim know about them.



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From Mott...

I was asked to give a club report at the Zone meeting that I attended in September in Winchester, Virginia. The theme of the meeting was "Harvesting Our Heritage", and each president was asked to share one major harvest or success in her club's history or heritage. Below is my report. Enjoy!

In 1950, Garden Club of Lexington was asked to establish and maintain a garden on the grounds of Ashland, the former home of Henry Clay. We gladly took on this job to create an oasis of tranquil beauty, minutes from downtown. The garden is situated in a park-like setting near the historical residence and outbuildings. It began with donations of bulbs and plants from members' gardens. It has evolved into a formal six-parterre garden where members still work every Wednesday during the growing season. The garden is open to the public and is enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year.

In 1986 the club created a second garden at Ashland, on what had been historically a savannah pasture. It is here that over one hundred Saunders hybrid peonies were given and planted by garden club ladies. Henry Clay referred to this rear lawn as the "Pleasure Area" and even stipulated that no animals were to graze there. I think the creation of these two gardens would be in keeping with his wishes. If bounty means "something that is given generously", then this is our club's bounty to all who come to visit.

- Mott Nicol



October General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, October 18th at 10:30 a.m. for brunch, followed by our speaker

Location: Keene Place

Speaker: Margot Shaw, creator and editor of *Flower Magazine*

Hostesses: Linda Carey, Margaret Cowgill, Ginny May & Celeste Neuman. Please RSVP to Linda Carey at 266-7162 or via e-mail at lcarey0319@insightbb.com. **There is only seating for 56 people, so the deadline for member reservations is October 10th. After that, if there are still open seats, we will open the meeting up to guests at the cost of \$25.00.**

November Board Meeting...

The November Board meeting will be on Monday, November 5th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Philippa Fogg, 212 Barrow Road. If you cannot attend, please e-mail or call Philippa (southernfogg@gmail.com or 309-2479).

November General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, November 15th at 10:30

Location: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Speaker: Joy Hinkle will be doing a flower demonstration

Hostesses: Frances Cox and Meg Sprow

Save the Date...

Christmas Tea – December 20th

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

In the Garden at Ashland...

Bulb Day in the garden is Wednesday, October 24th! Rain date is October 31st.

-Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg

Conservation...

As we work in our Garden on the Ashland Estate, we need to be aware of the many beautiful ash trees that surround the estate and the Ashland neighborhood. A tiny little beast called the Emerald Ash Borer is threatening this beautiful canopy of trees. This insect was found in Fayette County in 2010 and is still here! Research is ongoing for best preventions and treatments of ash trees in this battle with the emerald ash borer. Special pesticides can be applied as a "drench" around the base of the tree and have been somewhat effective in preventing and limiting borer infestations. Larger ash trees need to be treated with federally approved insecticides by state-certified pesticide application companies. Treatments are generally applied once a year.

The spread of ash borer larvae is often blamed on firewood that is moved around but there are other ways it spreads. It is important for us to identify our ash trees and to watch for evidence of borers. The adult borers leave unique D-shaped exit holes in the bark of trees. Easier signs to see include evidence of loss of foliage and dead limbs in the upper canopy of ash trees. There may be more woodpecker activity on infested trees. Wild, leafy shoots may start growing from the lower portion of the tree trunk. If pieces of tree bark split off of the infested tree, S-shaped tunnels will appear on the bare tree.

If you want to do something about an ash tree that displays these symptoms, call the state agriculture department's EAB hotline at 1-866-322-4512 or the Lexington forestry program staff at (859) 425-2558.

-Anne Kraus



Zone VII Flower Show...Club Winners

Ellen Chapman and Benny Williams won a Red ribbon for their entry in Division I, Class 4 – Crazy, an Interpretive design. (See above photo).

Kim DeCamp won 3rd place in Photography, Class 5 - Now the day is over, Night is drawing nigh, Shadows of the evening, Steal across the sky.

Brenda Barrett won 1st in Horticulture: Herb class, 2nd with a Japanese Anemone in Perennials: Japanese Anemone class, and 3rd with her goldenrod "firecracker" in Native Plants: Perennial class.

Mott Nicol won a 3rd with a Japanese Anemone in Perennials: Japanese Anemone class
Congratulations to all of our winners!

Special Projects...

Leslie Baldwin is working on promoting our cookbooks at various Holiday Open Houses around town. She needs a few volunteers to make an appetizer or sweet to have on hand at these Open Houses to aid in promotion. She also needs people to help man the booth as well. Volunteers would offer shoppers something to taste, talk about our wonderful cookbooks, and explain what the proceeds go toward. People seem to like to work in pairs, so grab a friend and sign up together. Call Leslie at 269-7472 or e-mail her at lesliebb@usa.net if you can help.

Visiting Gardens...

Below is some information on Visiting Gardens. Two of the three trips for 2013 are booked, but I have been told that if you are interested in one of them, please sign yourself up on the Interest List. (See information below.) The first two trips are to Palm Beach, Florida on March 1-5, 2013 and the Island of Sicily on April 7-17, 2013. The third trip, to the Gardens of Cashiers and Highlands in North Carolina on July 15-19 isn't booked yet as the details aren't finalized. All of the information on these trips is available on the GCA website under Visiting Gardens. If you are interested in any trip listed, put your name on the Interest List because people do drop out. If you need any help with this, contact Celeste Neuman at lcnn46@gmail.com.

What is an Interest List?

- An Interest List is a list of people interested in participating in one of the Visiting Gardens planned trips. The list is maintained by a vice chairman of the national Visiting Gardens Committee.
- Trips are announced well in advance in several ways: by your club VG chairman; on the GCA website; in the GCA Bulletin; and in the GCA eNews.
- Preliminary information will include the destination and dates, but no details about price or itinerary. At that point you will have the opportunity to put your name on the Interest List.
- There is absolutely no obligation, but when the itinerary is ready, everyone on the Interest List will receive the itinerary by email on the same day and at least one week before the information is posted on the GCA website and sent to club VG chairmen.

How Do I Sign Up?

- As soon as you hear of a trip that interests you, please send your name, address, telephone, email, GCA club name and the particular trip of interest to gcainterestlist@gmail.com.
- Only emails are accepted for the Interest Lists and each trip has its own Interest List. No reservations are taken by fax or phone.
- We will acknowledge receipt of your email. If you do not receive acknowledgement, please resend.

How Does It Work?

- The trips usually accept 20-30 people and often fill up quickly. If your name is on an Interest List, you will receive an "Alert" informing you that the itinerary is close to completion. Usually the itinerary is sent by email one week following the Alert.
- When you receive the final itinerary, mail your application and deposit immediately, advisedly the same day.
- Reservations will be processed in the order of postmark. Fed Ex and Express Mail are accepted but not necessary.
- If the trip is already filled, you may be placed on the waiting list. There is usually some attrition so you may still have an opportunity to go. Waiting List order is also determined by postmark.

-Celeste Neuman

Corrections to the Yearbook...

1. Mrs. Caroline Cassidy Barrow – change home and cell phone number to 492-9322.
2. Mrs. Louis Edward Hillenmeyer III – change email to read betsyhillenmeyer@gmail.com.
3. Mrs. Stephen Clark Snowden – change email to read beehivelexington@aol.com.

Login Procedure for GCA Website

Many members still haven't ever logged into the GCA Website. The website is full of information, so we need to take advantage of it and use it. Below are the initial login instructions from GCA:

1. Go to the GCA website at <http://www2.gcamerica.org/index.cfm>
2. Click on the link called **Member's Login** in the upper left corner of the screen
3. In the **Username** box, type in: your iMUS iD – that odd combination of letters and numbers that we used on the old site. You can get this ID from your club's First Vice President or Club Administrator.
4. In the Password box, type in: **TempPass1**
5. Once logged in, please follow the instructions on the screen. You will be asked to create a **new password** (it must be at least 6 characters long with no spaces and should contain at least one number and one capital letter)
6. Then **update** your email/contact information if necessary, and add your photo if you would like.
7. Finally, remember to scroll down to the bottom of the screen and click the **Save** button.
8. Once you complete your initial login, all subsequent logins will be as follows:
 - **Username:** your email address
 - **Password:** the password you created

Please start saving any empty green glass bottles that you may have, for next year's Zone VII Flower Show, which we are hosting. These can be wine bottles, Perrier bottles, or any other green glass bottle. Soak off the labels, and store the bottles because we will need to use them for the flower show next year.



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From Mott...

November is the month that we, traditionally, focus on Being Thankful for our many blessings. The opportunity to live in this great country is certainly a blessing that is at the top of my list, and to live in the part of the country where we experience four seasons is a blessing as well. Fall is here and winter is on the doorstep, not to be let in too quickly. It is a time to put gardens to bed and get off our knees, to enjoy crisp cool days and a bouquet of fall colors. It is time to be thankful that we can still get on our knees to garden awhile longer and get up again! In the words of Margot Shaw, our wonderful speaker at the October meeting, this is the time of year that calls us "indoors like a mother at dinnertime." She continued to say that fall is a time of "peace in the land that helps us rest and regroup for the inevitable blast of the holidays." I join our community in being forever grateful for all that each of you does at Ashland Garden and for being good stewards of this earth. Enjoy these final few days of autumn and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

- Mott Nicol

November General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, November 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Speaker: Joy Hinkle will be doing a presentation on flower arranging

Hostesses: Frances Cox and Meg Sprow. Please RSVP to Meg at 361-4662 or megsprow@gmail.com.

December Board Meeting...

The December Board meeting will be on Monday, December 3rd at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jane Stilz, 420 Bristol Road. If you cannot attend, please e-mail or call Jane (jpstilz@windstream.net or 266-5915).



Christmas Tea...

Date: Thursday, December 20th, at 3:30 p.m.

Location: The home of Jessica Bell,

Hostesses: Jessica Bell, Wende Bell, Jessica Nicholson, Benny Williams

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

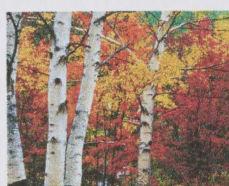
In the Garden at Ashland...

Just a reminder that if you're collecting coffee tree pods for our Kentucky Coffee Tree Project, don't close the pods up in a sealed plastic bag because they will mold. The pods can be stored in your garage or house, in a paper bag or an open plastic bag.

-Brenda Barrett and Philippa Fogg

Corrections to the Yearbook...

1. Mrs. James Gatewood Bell – change email to read Wendebell@gmail.com.
2. Mrs. E. Thompson Courtney – change email to read kftcourtney@gmail.com.



GCA News...

In the latest GCA e-News there is information on the new entry cards for Horticulture exhibits. If you go into the GCA e-News, click on Flower Show, then click on Flower Show Entry Cards, and then Horticulture Card. There you will find the new entry card and instructions on how to fill them out correctly.

If you are not receiving any emails from GCA, please contact Barbara Young and she will try to help you solve the problem.

Zone Meeting 2013...

Mimi Milward is the Treasurer of our zone meeting, so any expenses for the **zone meeting** need to be sent to her and not Betsy Bulleit.

Garden Club of Lexington Photography Website...

The Garden Club of Lexington has a photography website! Please log on to www.gardencluboflexington.smugmug.com to view photos of events, the garden at Ashland, and other photographs from our members. For questions regarding the website, please contact Kim DeCamp at kimberlydecamp@gmail.com or 859-539-6899.

In Kind Donations to the Garden...

If you make in kind purchases for the garden, you are able to deduct those from your taxes. In order to receive a receipt for your records, please scan and e-mail your receipt to Kim Lake (kimberlybethlake@gmail.com). You may also mail them to her at P.O. Box 22095 Lexington, KY 40522. Our Garden Club needs these donations, because they help us maintain our non-profit status, so please keep track of your donations, and let Kim know about them.

-Betsy Bulleit



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From Mott...

Father Time says it is December, but Mother Nature begs to differ, as she has given us a few days of unusually warm weather. It makes the cutting of greens, and hanging of wreaths and garlands a much more enjoyable task, however I am ready for it to look and feel like Christmas, not the 4th of July. Father Time and Mother Nature need to get on the same schedule!

In a few weeks we will celebrate the season with our Christmas Tea at the home of Jessica Bell. It is always something I look forward to as we gather to visit and enjoy the camaraderie that was shared while on bended knee during the summer. It is also a time to celebrate the addition of new members who will be joining our club. **I am thrilled to announce that Shannon Greely Totty and Elizabeth Gay Freeman have accepted our invitation to join this garden club.** Please join me in welcoming them both into our "fold". These ladies are eager to learn, work, and enjoy all that we do at Ashland and in our community.

"May your house be blessed
with the laughter of children,
the warmth of family,
hope for the future,
and fond memories of the past."

Merry Christmas to one and all!

- Mott Nicol



Christmas Tea...December 20th

Date: Thursday, December 20th, at 3:30 p.m.

Location: The home of Jessica Bell,

Hostesses: Jessica Bell, Wende Bell, Jessica Nicholson, Benny Williams

RSVP to Benny at Benny@bellgroupky.com or 621-9256.

Valet Parking will be available at the tea. Members are encouraged to carpool if they can. Also, if anyone needs a ride, or is willing to provide a ride, please let Benny know, or call Mott at 272-1987.

January Board Meeting...

The January Board meeting will be on Monday, January 7th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Barbara Young, 208 Barrow Road. If you cannot attend, please e-mail or call Barbara (barbarasyoung@gmail.com or 266-6761).

January General Meeting...Art in Bloom

Club members will create an arrangement interpreted from artwork provided by John Milward. Pictures of the artwork will be available to preview at the Christmas Tea. Members can sign up to work in groups, if they wish, to create an arrangement based upon their interpretations of the artwork. Boxed lunches will be provided.

Date: Thursday, January 17th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Luanne Milward's home,

Hostesses: Caroline Barrow, Lucy Calhoun, and Luanne Milward. Please RSVP to Caroline at Ashwoodfarm@me.com or 859-492-9322 by January 10th.



-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

Kentucky's Least Wanted...

If you are like me, you have always enjoyed the Sweet Autumn Clematis for its abundant creamy white blooms. It has been a reliable bloomer in my fall garden year after year. Unfortunately, this climbing vine is native to Japan, so the Kentucky Exotic Pest Plant Council has named Sweet Autumn Clematis, *Clematis terniflora* (often sold as *C. paniculata*), Kentucky's Least Wanted Plant for 2012.

-Brenda Barrett

Conservation...

GCA encourages us to pay attention to state legislation that concerns conservation. We should be aware of two bills introduced by the National Green Schools Caucus to the KY General Assembly. They are House Bill 146, which promotes the use of environmentally acceptable cleaning supplies in the schools, and House Bill 255, which promotes energy efficiency in school buildings. Other tips on going 'Green' can be found at: info@bluegrassgreenworks.org.

-Anne Kraus

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Kim DeCamp! Kim won two third place awards in photography for the photographs that she entered in the Greenwich, Connecticut Flower Show. Way to go Kim!

Tidbit...

If you have urns outside that you would like to fill with fresh greens during the winter here's a bit of advice. Fill the pots with moist dirt, not potting soil, place your fresh cuttings in the dirt, and they will last for quite a while.



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From Mott...

January is here and a new year has begun. I look out the window at my own garden for inspiration on what to write and realize that I forgot to mulch, didn't cut back some of the perennials, and see some Jonquils pushing their heads up through the soil. This provides no inspiration. However, I will say that the "bare bones" of a winter garden and a country landscape are inspirational. I can forget about the chores I failed to finish, and enjoy the winter garden for what it is. I went to Ashland and it too is bare, without the color our other three seasons provide. It looks beautiful! When someone says that a woman "has good bones" it is meant to be a compliment. Ashland, like our own gardens, has good bones. A beautiful garden changes color, like a woman changes clothes, but it is her innate character, her inner strength, that one notices and admires through the seasons of time. Before the buds start to pop, walk through your garden and appreciate its true character as you see it in winter.

- Mott Nicol



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No February Board Meeting or General Meeting!

If you have information for the March Bloomin' News, please send to Taylor Fister (ctkfister@gmail.com) by March 4th.

March Board Meeting...

The March Board meeting will be on Monday, March 4th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Ellen Chapman,

If you cannot attend, please e-mail or call Ellen (ellengchapman@gmail.com or 797-9410).

March General Meeting...Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 21st at 10:30 a.m.
Details will appear in the March newsletter

No April Board Meeting!

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

Membership Dues...

Membership dues of \$150 are due in March for both active and affiliate members. Feel free to go ahead and send those to Betsy Bulleit now. Her address is 760 Montclair Drive, Lexington, KY 40502

-Betsy Bulleit

Zone Committee Meeting...

There is a Zone VII Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Buster Givens, Please RSVP to Ellen Chapman at ellengchapman@gmail.com or 797-9410.

-Ellen Chapman



Horticulture...Amaryllis

This time of year everyone enjoys their amaryllis. The winter season can be dull and gray but these beautiful flowers bring a little joy into our homes. For the first time, last year I decided that I was going to see if I could bring them back for the next winter season.....and yes it worked, and they have been beautiful the past couple of weeks.

Once your Amaryllis has finished blooming, cut the flower stalk to 1 to 2 inches above the bulb, and keep the plant with the long leaves growing through summer. I kept them watered and in good sunlight in a corner on my patio. The first of September I placed the bulbs, with the leaves removed, in a paper bag, and stored them in a dark cool space...my crawl space under the house. The first of November I took them out, re-potted them, put them in a sunny spot, and they all came back just as beautiful as last year. Happy New Year!

-Martie Mayer

Middleburg Horticultural Symposium...

On Saturday, February 23rd there is a horticulture symposium in Middleburg, VA, sponsored by the Fauquier & Loudoun Garden Club. Cost is \$125 if you register by February 4th, and \$140 after February 4th. For more information contact Susan Wallace at susan@hedgewoodfarm.com or 540-338-3514.

For your information...

There are some interesting articles in the February/March issue of the GCA Bulletin on both the Founders Fund and the Centennial Tree Project.



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From Mott...

This is the beginning of my second year as President and I am slowly getting the hang of it, which is probably what each of you are saying as you, too, start the year as a committee chairman or member of a committee. It takes time and patience to work as a team, but it continues to be fun working with all of you and seeing the good and beautiful things we do in our community and beyond. This year will be a busy one, and I appreciate everyone wearing several hats, juggling more than one responsibility, and willingly doing so. The first day of work in the garden is around the corner, and we are expecting a Garden Club from Texas on April 5th for a visit. In May, Ashland Estate is having their annual Garden Tour and Peony Sale (not our Peonies), and we will be one of the gardens on the tour. The school Coffeetree Project is up and going in a number of schools in the Lexington area, thanks to Brenda, Elizabeth and their team. Elise and Melodye are organizing a plan for those going to NYC for the Centennial in June. It will be fun! The Zone Meeting is on the horizon, and there is a lot of planning that goes into hosting 100+ women in Lexington this September. If you do not have a job or two, please let Ellen or Jessica know, as they have job opportunities available! On the flip side, if you feel like you have too much on your plate, ask someone to help you or let me know. As the saying goes, "This is not your mother's garden club," it is better! I look forward to seeing you on March 21st!

- Mott Nicol

March General Meeting...Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 21st at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Idle Hour Country Club

Hostesses: Kathy Brooks, Betsy Bulleit, Philippa Fogg, Melodye Kinkead, and Louise Parker

RSVP to Philippa at 552-6040 or southernfogg@gmail.com

Please bring your favorite vase (no flowers), and on a plain, white index card say why it's your favorite vase, along with your name. We will display these as "ideas to share."

No April Board Meeting!

If you have any information to put in the Bloomin' News, please send it to Taylor Fister by April 8th.

April General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, April 18th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Cottage in the Woods

Details to follow in the April newsletter

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

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As of April 1st, we will have a new administrative assistant. After many years of hard work, Kim Lake will be leaving us, and Nancy Hehr will be taking her place. Nancy's phone number is 859-351-1103 and her e-mail address is nancyhehr@gmail.com.

-Betsy Bulleit

In the Garden at Ashland...

Opening day in the Garden at Ashland is **Wednesday, March 27th** at 9:30 a.m. The following week is Spring Break, but if you're not traveling anywhere, please plan on coming to work in the garden that week. Parterre assignments will be arriving in the mail this week, so be on the lookout for those.

-Brenda Barrett & Philippa Fogg

Horticulture...

This is the time of year to cut back perennials and ornamental grasses. Most grasses may be divided at this time. Feed Bulbs a balanced fertilizer now to promote nice blooms next year. Do not cut leaves down after flowering. They provide food for the plant. Let them die naturally.

How to pick a daffodil...Do not cut the stem. Brent Heath of Brent and Becky's bulbs in Gloucester, Virginia says the bloom will last longer in water if you use your thumb and finger to snap off the stem at the base. Happy Spring!

-Martie Mayer



New Members...

Again, we want to welcome our new members and give you their information to add to your Yearbook.

Elizabeth Gay Freeman (Mrs. George)

Lexington, KY 40502

Home: 268-7223

efreeman@insightbb.com

Shannon Greely Totty (Mrs. Seward)

Lexington, KY 40502

Home: 268-8673, Cell: 361-7211

shannontotty@yahoo.com

Founders Fund

In honor of the 100-year anniversary of GCA this year, GCA teamed up with the Central Park Conservancy to refurbish the East 69th Street area entrance of Central Park for the 2013 Founders Fund Project. This refurbished portion of the park will have year-round blooming plants, new Victorian benches, and 10,000 "Garden Club of America" spring blooming daffodils covering a 2-acre area. Because of this, Mayor Bloomberg has made daffodils the official flower of New York City. It will be officially finished and dedicated on June 3rd, 2013. All 200 Garden Clubs throughout the country supported this project.

To read more about this go to:

<http://www.gcamerica.org/centennial-celebration-2013-founders-fund.cfm>

- Lucy Foster

Centennial Dedication Celebration...

The Centennial Dedication Celebration will be held on Monday, June 3, 2013 in Central Park at 1:30 p.m. The deadline for registration is March 14, 2013. Please call Melodye Kinhead at 873-1734 if you want to attend. You may also refer to the application in the February-March Garden Club of America Bulletin, on page 11.

Calling all Photographers...

Zone VII is responsible for providing the photos to appear in the April GCA eNews. This is the perfect chance to show off all the photography talent we have within our club!

They are looking for two types of photos:

1. A colorful, seasonal photo in landscape format to be cropped for the banner.
2. A smaller, colorful, seasonal photo, in a compatible color palette, to be used in the body of eNews. This photo may be in horizontal or vertical format.

You may send in either type or both! The deadline for entries is April 7, 2013.

Please email your photos to Laura Simpson at lsimpson2@comcast.net with eNews Photo in the subject line. Include your name, club, and zone in the email. Photos should be attached as a file in jpeg or tiff format. (Kim DeCamp can give you help with this if you need it!)

Please do not send photos with people or pets; photos that have won a blue ribbon or special award in a GCA photography show are not eligible. Photos not used will be archived for future use.

- Lauren Van Balen



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From Mott...

I am writing this note after an absolutely beautiful spring day! It is amazing what a clear day in early April can do for one's spirits. Yesterday was our first workday in the garden and the warm sunshine brought us out of our burrows to weed, rake, and prune inside the garden walls at Ashland. We have a wonderful opportunity to create and maintain a garden that provides great pleasure for those who gather to work, as well as for those who come to visit. Our April meeting takes us to The Cottage in The Woods, "the birth place" of our Saunders Peonies. Here we will see and learn about the original stock from which our peonies came. They say a gardener's education is never completed. I can think of no better classroom than a garden!

"A modest garden contains, for those who know how to look and to wait, more instruction than a library."
Henri F. Amiel

- Mott Nicol

April General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, April 18th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Cottage in the Woods (Ashland's origination of peonies),

This is the home of Melissa and Paul Sullivan. Please park in the driveway. If you can carpool that would be helpful.

Hostesses: Mott Nicol and Kathy Courtney

RSVP to Kathy at 227-7732 or kffcourtney@gmail.com

May Board Meeting...

The May Board meeting will be on Monday, May 6th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Celeste Neuman, 1600 Eastwood Lane. If you cannot attend, please e-mail or call Celeste at lcnn46@gmail.com or 272-6210.

May General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, May 16th

Location: The home of Dottie Cordray

We will learn all about orchids and tour Dottie's gardens. A light lunch will follow.

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

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June 5

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2. Anne Gay

-Brenda Barrett & Philippa Fogg



"Spring is Nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party!'"

Robin Williams

Conservation...

THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE will meet soon (TBA)!

There will be a sign up sheet on the garden shed door to 'ADOPT A TREE' on the Ashland grounds. Anyone or everyone can do this. It will be a donation of time and good will to the Henry Clay Foundation and the grounds committee at Ashland. You will commit to tending to the area at the base of your adopted tree for our gardening season – pulling away weeds, invasive winter creeper, etc. It shouldn't be a lot of work. A team effort is encouraged!

We are again going to try to "save" the buffalo clover from the weed-eaters, lawn mowers and clumsy feet. Buffalo clover is native to this area and has become endangered as our landscaping attempts have become more sophisticated and native environments have been developed.

As you get rid of unwanted household items, remember that conservation begins with you. The Urban County Division of Waste Management (www.keeplexingtonbeautiful.com) has several programs in place to help you with this:

Free Paper Shredding - Tuesday, March 26, June 25, August 27 - 1631 Old Frankfort Pike.

Mulch Giveaways - Saturday April 13 and 20th, 8 a.m. to 12 noon - 1631 Old Frankfort Pike.

Free Waste Disposal Day - Saturday, April 20 - Bluegrass Alliance Transfer Station, 1505 Old Frankfort Pike - can take up to one truck load of bagged landfill waste or bulk materials.

Med Toss - Saturday April 27 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - www.LexingtonKy.gov/medtoss.

-Anne Kraus

Bouquets to Brighten the Day...

Bouquets to Brighten the Day will begin in May. Please sign up at our next general meeting to participate. After our work in the garden, we will make arrangements in the shed, then deliver them to local nursing homes. Even if you can't stay to assemble or deliver the flowers, feel free to participate by bringing flowers and greenery from your gardens, jars with ribbons, or containers (like milk jugs) for water.

The dates are **Wednesday, May 8, June 12, July 10, and August 14th**. Please mark your calendars and bring flowers to arrange on those dates. We hope you can visit the nursing homes too. If you have any questions, please call Melodye Kinkead at 873-1734.

-Melodye Kinkead

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June 1st is the deadline for membership status changes. Please send changes in writing to Elizabeth Schnabel at 121 Fairwood Lane, Lexington, KY 40502.



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From Mott...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sending Margaret and me to the GCA Centennial Meeting. We met in Philadelphia where so many historical firsts have taken place, including the first GCA meeting, 100 years ago. We heard lectures from such noteworthy conservationists as Amy Freitag, Executive Director of the NY Restoration Project, and Alice Waters, chef, author, and co-creator of The Edible Schoolyard Project. It was a busy three days of garden and historical tours, workshops, lectures and of course lots of socializing with women from all 200 GCA clubs. Both of us came away more enlightened about the broad scope of influence GCA has on conservation and horticultural practices throughout the country.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our club at this meeting.

- Mott Nicol

May General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, May 16th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: The home of Dottie Cordray,

Midway, KY

We will learn all about orchids and tour Dottie's garden, followed by a light lunch. Dottie will be selling orchid care products at wholesale prices, so bring your checkbooks.

Hostesses: Betsy Hillenmeyer and Jane Stilz

RSVP to Jane at 266-5915 or jpstilz@windstream.net

Directions to Dottie's:

FROM LEXINGTON:

TAKE LEESTOWN RD (W. MAIN ST.) TOWARD FRANKFORT.

GO APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES, PAST NEW CIRCLE RD AND JUST PAST THE TURNOFF TO I-64 (ON RT)

TURN LEFT TO GO TO MIDWAY (SIGN ALSO POINTS TO VERSAILLES).

GO AROUND CURVE AND UP OVER RAILROAD TRACKS, THEN DRIVE THREE MAIN BLOCKS

TURN RT ON W. STEPHENS (MIDWAY COLLEGE IS TO LEFT)

TAKE **SECOND LEFT** ON GAYLAND DR.

YIELD RT ON GAYLAND

LEFT ON MERRYWOOD DR

LAST HOUSE ON RIGHT

859.492.5131

June Board Meeting...

The June Board meeting will be on Monday, June 3rd at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Katie Alford, 1875 Delong Road. If you cannot attend, please e-mail or call Katie at katiesalford@gmail.com or 272-0218.

Glenview Garden Club Garden Tour...

The Glenview Garden Club invites you to the

Town and Country Garden Tour

Entertaining in the Garden

Six Outstanding Gardens with Themes for Entertaining

Saturday, June 1st, 2013 - 10:00-5:00

Sunday, June 2nd, 2013 - 12:00-5:00

Tour \$30.00 Rain or Shine

For garden descriptions, maps, and more information visit our website

www.glenviewgardenclub.org

Purchase tickets on the website, in the gardens, at all Paul's Market locations, Digs, St. Matthews

Feed and Seed, and Starview Nursery in LaGrange

Box lunches by Gracious Plenty available both days from 12:00-2:30 for \$10, reservations not needed.

Questions: call 502-893-2255

Visiting Gardens...

Springtime in the Bluegrass

May 18 through 22, 2014

... a winsome journey

through Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky

If you have never been to Kentucky in the springtime, 2014 will be the year to do it!!

Lexington is one of the host destinations for the Visiting Gardens trip in May 2014. Participants will tour Keeneland, a horse farm, a bourbon distillery, and Ashland. If you know of someone in another GCA club who might be interested in attending, Encourage them to sign up on the GCA Interest List at gcainterestlists@gmail.com with no obligation.



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Container Class Workshop - June 11th

Join fellow garden club members on **Tuesday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Louis' Flower Power Shop** on Tates Creek Road. We will gather to pot up plants for the Horticulture Classes for our upcoming Zone Meeting. Please consider entering one or more of the following:

Class 29 - The Blooming Garden

Class 30 - The Green Garden

Class 31 - The Edible Garden

Class 33 - The Garden Path (only 6 entries allowed)

Bring your own container or purchase one at the flower shop. It is nice to have an entire garden center of plants to choose from as you design your containers. Everyone will just need to keep track of the tags on the plants they use so that they can pay for the materials they use. It is also helpful to keep the tags, and then you will know what plants you have used when you enter the Flower Show in the fall. This is not an instructional workshop, but an opportunity to get your hands dirty and learn from doing it yourself. You may want to pot up several containers to see what works!

RSVP to Brenda Barrett. Phone 269-1307 or email brenda@barrettpartnersinc.com.

Brenda Barrett, Dottie Cordray, and Donna Cornish went to Black Mountain, Kentucky's highest peak, on April 29th for a wildflower walk with wildlife specialist Tom Barnes. Pictured below is a Southern Red Trillium, *Trillium sulcatum*.



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-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

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June 26

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2. Edie Gess

-Brenda Barrett & Philippa Fogg

Corrections to the Yearbook...

Please mark these corrections in your yearbook, and change them in any group e-mails you may have.

1. Mrs. James Arthur Cornish – change e-mail address to read goldenisland@aol.com

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From Mott...

June is the month when we once again create and deliver Bouquets to Brighten Your Day. Several years ago, Melodye had this wonderful idea, and came up with a way our garden club could make it happen. She encouraged each of us to give a little time, talent, and our own garden flowers to create small arrangements for residents of local nursing homes. Those of us who have helped by bringing vases and flowers, or have helped deliver these bouquets know the rewards of giving an arrangement to someone who may rarely get out into a garden, or have a visitor bringing a vase of flowers for no particular reason or occasion. The smiles and sincere appreciation one receives from these older people is a gift that warms your heart. I would like to ask each of you to become involved in any way you can with this outreach project. Bouquets of thanks to Melodye and all of you who continue to help with this thoughtful endeavor. You can contact Melodye at 433-3551 or by e-mail at melkinkead@yahoo.com to volunteer! See you in the garden!

"It is very difficult to give away happiness. It keeps coming back to you".

- Mott Nicol

June General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, June 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: The home of Georgia Rodes, 966 Mason Headley

Mrs. Rodes' gardens were featured in Jon Carloftis' *Beautiful Gardens of Kentucky*. We will tour her gardens and then have a light lunch. Due to limited parking, please try and carpool.

Hostesses: Lendy Brown and Marcia Slabaugh

RSVP to Marcia by text or e-mail. Text her at 859-552-8386 or e-mail at Marcia.Slabaugh@gmail.com

July Board Meeting...

The July Board meeting will be on Monday, July 8th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mary Louise Fisher, 265 South Hanover Avenue. If you cannot attend, please e-mail or call Mary Louise at lulufisher265@yahoo.com or 269-8463.

July General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, July 18th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: In the garden at Ashland.

This is our Conservation meeting, so Judy Ogar, from Ashland, will be giving us a tour of the grounds of Ashland and telling us about the history of its trees. The meeting will be followed by a picnic lunch.

Hostesses: Kathy Brewer, Kathy Dalton, and Lolly Martin

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

In the Garden at Ashland...

The Garden Refreshment assignment list is posted on the bulletin board in the shed at the Garden. There are still several spots available, so if you haven't signed up for one yet, please do so. You can sign up on the list in the shed, or let Philippa know (southernfogg@gmail.com or 552-6040). On your assigned date, please bring refreshments to the patio at 10:45 a.m. (no sooner please), and keep it simple.

June 12

1. Mary Louise Fisher
2. Luanne Milward

June 19

1. Ellen Chapman
2. Barbara Young

June 26

1. Lauren Van Balen
2. Edie Gess

July 3

1. Taylor Fister
2. Callie Keller

July 10

1. Anne Kraus
2. Martie Mayer

-Brenda Barrett & Philippa Fogg

Corrections to the Yearbook...

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1. Mrs. Anthony Lee Barrett – delete the e-mail address lexbarrett@iglou.com

Don't Forget! Container Class Workshop - June 11th

Join fellow garden club members on **Tuesday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Louis' Flower Power Shop** on Tates Creek Road. We will gather to pot up plants for the Horticulture Classes for our upcoming Zone Meeting. Please consider entering one or more of the following:

Class 29 - The Blooming Garden

Class 30 - The Green Garden

Class 31 - The Edible Garden

Class 33 - The Garden Path (only 6 entries allowed)

Bring your own container or purchase one at the flower shop. It is nice to have an entire garden center of plants to choose from as you design your containers. Everyone will just need to keep track of the tags on the plants they use so that they can pay for the materials they use. It is also helpful to keep the tags, and then you will know what plants you have used when you enter the Flower Show in the fall. This is not an instructional workshop, but an opportunity to get your hands dirty and learn from doing it yourself. You may want to pot up several containers to see what works!

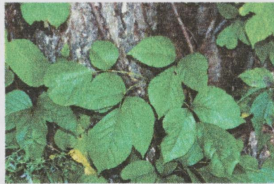
RSVP to Brenda Barrett. Phone 269-1307 or email brenda@barrettpartnersinc.com.

Bouquets to Brighten the Day...

After our work in the garden, we will make arrangements in the shed, then deliver them to local nursing homes. Even if you can't stay to assemble or deliver the flowers, feel free to participate by bringing flowers and greenery from your gardens, jars with ribbons, or containers (like milk jugs) for water.

The dates are **Wednesdays, June 12, July 10, and August 14th**. Please mark your calendars and bring flowers to arrange on those dates. We hope you can visit the nursing homes too. If you have any questions, please call Melodye Kinhead at 873-1734.

-Melodye Kinhead



Conservation...

Many thanks to all those who have adopted trees surrounding our garden! As you start to clean up around the base of your "very own" tree, don't panic when you see poison ivy! Here are some tips:

1. Consider pulling the plant out - only if you or someone else isn't very allergic to poison ivy.
2. Kill it with herbicide such as: St Gabriel Labs' Ivy Defoliant - organically made from plant oils; fly phosphate-based herbicides such as Roundup, Kleenup or a specific poison ivy killer; mixed-concentrate of regular herbicide to 3 times its normal strength placed in a spray bottle & labeled.

Use chemicals on a day that is not windy or about to rain. Spray solution thoroughly **ONLY** on poison ivy leaves. Avoid other plants, tree bark or tree roots.

Treated poison ivy should turn yellow and die in a couple of weeks.

Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, plastic gloves over cotton, socks and fully enclosed shoes/ boots.

For poison ivy high in trees, cut the vine off 6 inches above the ground and treat the stump with the glyphosate solution after cutting. Spray any leaves that resprout.

If it keeps coming back on the ground, look up in some nearby trees. It will keep reseeding itself as long as you don't get the parent plant.

When plant seems dead, dig down into soil at least 8 inches and remove roots. Be sure to wear thick plastic gloves! Stuff roots into a plastic bag before throwing away.

Smother the area where the poison ivy was growing to prevent regrowth. You can use cardboard, black plastic, newspaper, mulch, etc.

****Clean yourself up carefully!!** Cleansing with rubbing alcohol, vinegar or mineral spirits **BEFORE** washing with soap and water is a good idea!

SEE SHED DOOR for further information.

Conservation Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 12th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: In the garden, after your parterre work

-Anne Kraus

Ashland Lawn Party...

Saturday, June 22nd

5:30 Cocktails and Silent Auction, Live Jazz, Mansion Tours

7:00 Dinner by Dupree Catering

8:00 Live Auction

Come support Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate at their annual Lawn Party. Individual tickets are \$100 each.

There are many fun and interesting auction items to bid on, a delicious dinner being served, and it will be an overall enjoyable summer evening supporting a worthy cause. Call 266-8581 for ticket information, or ask Philippa Fogg if you have any questions.

Visiting Gardens...

The Low Countries in Bloom – Belgium and The Netherlands

June 15 through 27, 2014

The flourishing gardening tradition of the Low Countries is perhaps insufficiently appreciated worldwide and this unique tour – specially designed for members of the Garden Club of America – should be an eye-opener for even the keenest visitor of European gardens. Nearly all the gardens we will visit are in private hands and only open by special appointment. Several have been created by the owners themselves, others by internationally famous landscape designers. From French-influenced formal to cutting edge contemporary, we will explore a range of garden styles, complemented by a timeless landscape, which echoes the paintings of the Old Masters. In addition to admiring glorious gardens at their peak, we include a focus on the art and architecture of Amsterdam and Brussels and smaller historic towns and villages, such as the enchanting medieval Bruges. Luxury hotels have been carefully chosen to enhance the overall experience.

Sign up on the GCA Interest List at gcainterestlists@gmail.com with no obligation.



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From Mott...

July has arrived with very atypical weather, with many days of "nonstop" rain in Kentucky. I am in the high desert of Idaho where it is hot, sunny and 24% humidity. I am forever amazed at the different landscapes and weather patterns that exist in our country all on the same day of the year. The wild flowers have been spectacular this summer. Their beauty seems more amazing because of how they grow as native plants on rocky ledges, in open meadows, and along streams and rivers. These flowers were not planted, sprayed, watered, or fertilized, but come back each year without any help from mankind! I guess some could be called invasives or weeds but their existence in the natural environment is absolutely beautiful. As we try to become more aware of our environment, and adjust our gardening practices to an organic approach, we might be able to learn something from the lowly "wildflower". Wherever you are this summer, take a closer look at the amazing beauty and remarkable adaptation of wildflowers to their environment.

"The earth laughs in flowers." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

- Mott Nicol

July General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, July 18th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: In the garden at Ashland

This is our Conservation meeting, so Judy Oggar, from Ashland, will be giving us a tour of the grounds of Ashland and telling us about the history of its trees. The meeting will be followed by a picnic lunch.

10:30 – gather under the tent

10:45 – Judy Oggar will give history and tour of the grounds

11:30 – lunch and business meeting

Hostesses: Kathy Brewer, Kathy Dalton, and Lolly Martin.

RSVP to Lolly at 948-4991 or lolly.martin@insightbb.com

Next Board Meeting...Monday, August 26th at 9:30 a.m. This is in lieu of the September meeting.

Location: The home of Martie Mayer,
at martiemayer@aol.com or 527-9882.

If you cannot attend, please email or call Martie

No General Meeting in August!

Admissions Committee...

The deadline for proposing new members is **Sunday, August 11th**. If you need a proposal form, please contact Kathy Courtney at [kfcourtney@gmail.com](mailto:kf Courtney@gmail.com).

Corrections to the Yearbook...

Please mark these corrections in your yearbook, and change them in any group e-mails you may have.

1. Mrs. Linda Woodall Carey – change the e-mail address to lwcarey1@gmail.com

Zone Meeting...

Amy Kessinger needs members to send her pictures & measurements of any non-functioning gates that you may have available for her to use at the Zone Meeting. They will be used for decorations. You can e-mail her at amy.kessinger3@gmail.com.



Piedmont Garden Club presents James Farmer...

The Piedmont Garden Club is bringing James Farmer to The Middleburg Community Center on October 8, 2013 at 11 am. James is a Southern garden and floral designer, author, and cook, who has been featured on NBC's The Today Show and HGTV. He is Editor-at-Large for Southern Living magazine and a garden-to-table lifestyle expert. He's on The Garden Club of America's 'Raves & Faves Report' - a list of each zone's most popular speakers. With Southern charm, James will talk about the art of elegant garden living.

Tickets are \$55 and include a box lunch featuring recipes from James' new cookbook. All of his books, *A Time To Cook*, *A Time To Plant*, *Sip & Savor*, *Porch Living*, and *Wreaths For All Seasons*, will be available for sale starting at 10 am. For more information, contact Aline Day at piedmontgardenclub@gmail.com

Conservation...

"Fracking" is a new and trendy method of extracting natural gas that we need to better understand. Its impact on our environment and potentially our lives is huge. Through a chemically intensive method, fracking is a way of extracting natural gas trapped in shale. It is very different from the older methods of vertical drilling over large, free-flowing pockets of gas. The intense methods used in fracking can vary. No government regulations have been put into place to regulate safety measures, yet the lucrative demand for more and cheaper natural gas is making fracking popular.

Studies looking at the environmental impact of fracking are alarming. According to a recent Cornell University study, "the sum process appears to be worse for climate change than the coal industry and is more toxic to the environment and human health. One fracking well uses an average of 2 million to 8 million gallons of water and 10,000 to 40,000 gallons of chemicals. **The water used is contaminated forever.** Sixty percent of those chemicals used in fracking can harm the brain and nervous system, 40 percent are known endocrine disrupters, 30 percent are suspected carcinogens, and 30 percent are developmental toxicants." After reviewing such informational sources, the Garden Club of America's Conservation Committee has taken a stand against fracking.

- Anne Kraus

September General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, September 19th in the evening

Location: Caroline Barrow's Black Barn Winery

Hostesses: Jane Baugh, Joan Gaines, and Lauren Van Balen

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

In the Garden at Ashland...

The Garden Refreshment assignment list is posted on the bulletin board in the shed at the Garden. There are still several spots available, so if you haven't signed up for one yet, please do so. You can sign up on the list in the shed, or let Philippa know (southernfogg@gmail.com or 552-6040). On your assigned date, please bring refreshments to the patio at 10:45 a.m. (no sooner please), and keep it simple.

July 17

1. Philippa Fogg
2. Shannon Totty

July 31

1. Betsy Bulleit
2. Linda Carey

July 24

1. Kathy Brewer
2. Margaret Cowgill

August 7

1. Lucy Calhoun
2. Celeste Neuman

Volunteers are still needed for August 14th and 21st.

-Brenda Barrett & Philippa Fogg



Bouquets to Brighten the Day

taken by Betsy Bulleit

Bouquets to Brighten the Day...

After our work in the garden, we will make arrangements in the shed, then deliver them to local nursing homes. Even if you can't stay to assemble or deliver the flowers, feel free to participate by bringing flowers and greenery from your gardens, jars with ribbons, or containers (like milk jugs) for water.

The dates are **Wednesdays, July 10, and August 14th**. Please mark your calendars and bring flowers to arrange on those dates. We hope you can visit the nursing homes too. This week we will be going to Lexington Country Place. Shannon Totty, Kathy Brooks, Brenda Barrett, Donna Cornish and Jessica Nicholson are signed up to help. If you have any questions, please call Melodye Kinkead at 873-1734.

-Melodye Kinkead



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From Mott...

Ready, set....the opening day for the Zone Meeting is almost here!

Somewhere along the way we have all participated in an event where the "prep/practice" time takes longer than the event itself. This seems to be the case with all the planning and work that has gone into orchestrating the Zone Meeting. For over a year, members of our club have scrutinized details for these two days. It is almost here and we seem to be ready for the influx of people and the scheduled events. Now is the time to take a deep breath, pat yourself on the back, and thank a fellow member for what she has done. It is amazing what a group of dedicated women can do, without being prodded, coaxed or bribed, which is finish the job on time and stay within a budget.

I would like to encourage you to come hear one or both of the wonderful speakers, have lunch at Ashland, or join the group for cocktails and/or dinner Wednesday night. The committee will let us know in the next few weeks if there are openings for these events and if there is a cover charge. It is always nice to have the Host club's members in attendance, if possible. This will be a fun and educational few days!

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!

- Mott Nicol

September General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, **September 19th** at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Caroline Barrow's Ashwood Farm and Black Barn Winery, 4200 Newtown Pike

Come and sample some of Black Barn Winery's fabulous wines! Travel out Newtown Pike, past Iron Works Pkwy, go another 1½ miles, and look for a sign on your right. There will be torches out to guide your way to the barn. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a wrap if the night is cool.

Hostesses: Caroline Barrow, Jane Baugh, Joan Gaines, and Lauren Van Balen

RSVP to Lauren at 338-6796 or lsyb@windstream.net

October Board Meeting...

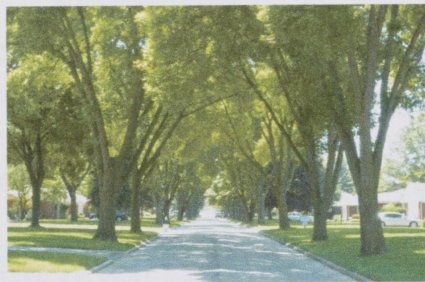
The October Board meeting will be on Monday, **October 7th** at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Elizabeth Schnabel,

If you cannot attend, please email or call Elizabeth at 285-0856 or elizabeth_schnabel@yahoo.com.

No General Meeting in October!

Due to our hosting the Zone VII meeting, we will not have a general meeting in October.

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger



Conservation...

Our "Adopt a Tree Project" has continued to be greatly applauded by the Ashland Foundation. It has been a wonderful way to show support for our "neighbor" organization. It is also helping to improve the first impression that our garden makes as visitors approach the garden walls. I urge all of those involved with the project to make an extra effort to keep up with your 'chosen' tree(s) during September as we approach our zone meeting. If you have any problems following up with your good intentions, please let me know.

I found a wonderful article in the September issue of *National Geographic*, which I urge all of you to read. It is called "Rising Seas", and it gives some very clear insights into climate change and how it is affecting our weather patterns. Studies by Columbia University siting changes in glaciers and ice sheets are explained. Recommendations for property near the ocean, as well as cities such as New York, are made. This article is really worth your time and attention!!

Below is a letter from Carol Carter concerning the Save the Pollinators Act of 2013, followed by a link to a letter that was submitted by Lindsay Marshall, Chairman of GCA National Affairs & Legislation Committee, to U.S. Rep. Blumenauer and all co-sponsors of this legislation. Please read to find out what GCA is doing to support the bees:

Hi all,

This legislative update concerns House Bill 2692, known as the Save the Pollinators Act of 2013, co-sponsored by Earl Blumenauer and others.

It is worth checking on "Bill Tracker" to see if your Representative is co-sponsoring it also. If so, membership could call to thank them. If not, call to ask for their support of the bill. The letter in the link has some good verbiage to use in a phone call or email to a Representative. It is such an easy way to get your Club's toe in the water to support the GCA's Conservation mission!

Cheers!

Carol

If you copy and paste this URL into your web browser, it will open, but if you try to open it by clicking on the address it won't work.

<http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1110378510490-67/BlumenauerLetter082613.pdf>

- Anne Kraus

Reminder... Do not share our GCL member list for anything other than GCL information!

In the Garden at Ashland...

Philippa needs a few more volunteers to bring refreshments to the garden in September. If you haven't already brought snacks, please let Philippa know (southernfogg@gmail.com or 552-6040). The open dates are September 11th and 25th. Ladies who signed up for September 18th are Pattie Broadbent, Lendy Brown, and Lolly Martin.

On **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH** everyone is asked to work a double shift in the garden to prepare it for the Zone meeting, followed by a light lunch.

-Brenda Barrett & Philippa Fogg

Corrections to the Yearbook...

Please mark these corrections in your yearbook, and change them in any group e-mails you may have.

1. Mrs. Thomas Burks Kessinger III – change e-mail address to amy.kessinger3@gmail.com
2. Mrs. James Edward Parker III – change name to Mrs. Herbert Davis Sledd and change e-mail address to loumba@twc.com

Zone Meeting...



With less than 30 days until Zone Kickoff we are all busy with final details. The entire club has been unbelievable in their outpouring of support and hard work to make this Zone Meeting a success. We are encouraging all members to try and attend as many of the events listed below as she can. Flower Show, Interesting Speakers, Ashland, and the Awards Dinner should not be missed! Plus, members from the other clubs of Zone VII want to meet the membership who has worked so hard.

Flower Show: Hyatt Regency Ballroom #1 and #2

Tuesday, October 1st, 1:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, October 2nd, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Flower Show will be free and open to all members and the public.

Speakers: Hyatt Regency Ballroom #3

Wednesday, October 2nd 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

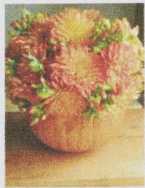
Speaker: Doug Tallamy

Mr. Tallamy has written several books, one of which he will speak on, *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens*.

Wednesday, October 2nd 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Paul Cappiello.

Dr. Cappiello is the current Executive Director of Yew Dell Gardens in Crestwood, Kentucky. He will speak on Native Plants for Ornamental Use.



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From Mott...

Dear Members of the Garden Club of Lexington,

This letter is addressed to all of you, as without each and every helping hand and carefully thought out plan, the 2013 Zone meeting would have never taken place in such a perfect way! When I took the job as president, it was contingent on the agreement that Ellen and Jessica would co-chair this meeting. It was a winning combination and I knew I would have the leadership that could gather our members together to execute this large task. "We did it" and thanks to them, and each of you, it was a huge success. The words of praise during the meeting and on into the days that followed were amazing. I continue to receive letters, phone calls, and e-mails congratulating our club on the Flower/Horticulture/Photography Show, speakers, tours, dinner parties, and every detail of the meeting's presentation (they even commented on the burlap around the boxwoods).

Thank you for letting me have the opportunity to receive all of this well deserved praise, centered around each of you, and all you did as a club. It should make you very proud to know that your hard work and creative thought paid off. I do hope the hours we spent side by side have created a bouquet of fond memories for each of you to carry home. It certainly has for me!

Thanks again for all you do,
Mott

No General Meeting in October!

Due to our hosting the Zone VII meeting, we will not have a general meeting in October.

November Board Meeting...

The November Board meeting will be on Monday, **November 4th** at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Taylor Fister, If you cannot attend, please email or call Taylor at ctkfister@gmail.com or 266-9385.

November General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, November 21st at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Sarah Davis will be demonstrating flower arranging

Hostesses: Leslie Baldwin, Nancy Bishop, and Anne Kraus

Save the Date for the Christmas Tea! It will be held on Thursday, December 19th at the home of Katie Alford.

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

In the Garden at Ashland...

October 30th is the last day to work in the garden! Thanks to everyone for all of their hard work this year, especially this past month, to make the garden at Ashland look so beautiful!

-Brenda Barrett & Philippa Fogg



Photo of Ashland Garden taken by Blair Matthews Louis

Corrections to the Yearbook...

Please mark these corrections in your yearbook, and change them in any group e-mails you may have.

1. Mrs. William Martin – change e-mail address to lmartin@bgsir.com

Zone Meeting Wrap-up...

If anyone donated flowers for the zone meeting, your containers are in the shed at the garden, so please pick them up next Wednesday.

-Amy Kessinger

Zone Meeting 2013 - Photos

Ladies, many congrats to our club for hosting the most amazing Zone Meeting ever!

A special thanks to our fearless leaders, Ellen and Jessica, and to Flower Show Chairs, Leslie and Kathy.

It was a true team effort by all of our members! If you would like to see photos from the Zone Meeting, please go to our photography web site (www.gardencluboflexington.smugmug.com). You can click on the specific album that you are interested in viewing, as there are multiple albums (i.e. Flower Show Winners, Awards Banquet, etc.). Flower show photos are already on the web site and more photos will be loaded each day. Well-done ladies!

-Kim DeCamp

Aprons for Sale!

Flower Show aprons are available for purchase, and you can pick one up in the garden on Wednesdays. There are three different patterns: blue and green floral, pink and green floral, and green gate. They are \$15 for members and \$21 for non-members, and checks are to be made payable to the Garden Club of Lexington.

-Kathy Brooks

Thanks so much to everyone who helped out and worked extra hard in the garden to prepare for the Zone VII meeting! Many of you were there clipping, weeding, and sweeping every day during the meeting, so our garden would look spectacular for all of our guests.

-Anne Kraus

Through the Garden Gate Awards...

Below, are the results of our club's flower show entries at our Zone VII show, Through the Garden Gate. We had a total of 56 entries, the most of any club in the zone, which resulted in 44 awards, also the most of any club in the zone. As the hosting club, we should have had a great showing and we did! As well, we had a whopping 316 entries overall for the show with all the clubs entries combined!

Zone VII Flower Show Entry Results:

FLORAL DESIGN:

PHILIPPA FOGG & LOLLY MARTIN
SARAH DAVIS
MARTIE MAYER

CLASS 2 - THE WATERING CAN 2ND
CLASS 2 - THE WATERING CAN HM
CLASS 2 - THE WATERING CAN HM

HORTICULTURE:

DONNA CORNISH
MOTT NICOL
BRENDA BARRETT
JANIE PAPPAS
DOTTIE CORDRAY
MOTT NICOL
KATHY BROOKS
ANNE KRAUS
JANIE PAPPAS
ELLEN CHAPMAN
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KATIE ALFORD
LOLLY MARTIN
BETSY BULLEIT
DOTTIE CORDRAY
KATHY BROOKS
ANNE KRAUS
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LUANNE MILWARD
ANNE KRAUS
KATHY BROOKS
BRENDA BARRETT
DONNA CORNISH
MOTT NICOL
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MELODY KINKEAD
DOTTIE CORDRAY
DOTTIE CORDRAY
ELLEN CHAPMAN
MOTT NICOL
BRENDA BARRETT
MELODY KINKEAD
BRENDA BARRETT
MOTT NICOL

CLASS 10 - FALL-BLOOMING IRIS, BULBS... 10 1st 1ST
CLASS 13D - OTHER - BULBS... 14 2nd 1ST
CLASS 13D - OTHER - BULBS... 9 2nd 2ND
CLASS 13D - OTHER - BULBS... 7 3rd HM
CLASS 19B - ILEX 1ST
CLASS 19B - ILEX 2ND
CLASS 19B - ILEX 3RD
CLASS 20A - MAGNOLIA 2ND
CLASS 20B - MAGNOLIA 1ST
CLASS 21B - CALICARPA 3RD
CLASS 22A - VIBURNUM 2ND
CLASS 23C - HYDRANGEA 1ST
CLASS 23D - HYDRANGEA HM
CLASS 24 - HOSTA HM
CLASS 25 - HELLEBORUS 2ND
CLASS 26 - EPIMEDIUM 1ST
CLASS 26 - EPIMEDIUM 3RD
CLASS 28 - OTHER - GREEN FOLIAGE 1ST
CLASS 28 - OTHER - GREEN FOLIAGE 2ND
CLASS 29 - THE BLOOMING GARDEN 2ND
CLASS 2A - ZINNA 3RD
CLASS 30 - THE GREEN GARDEN 1ST
CLASS 30 - THE GREEN GARDEN 3RD
CLASS 30 - THE GREEN GARDEN HM
CLASS 31 - THE EDIBLE GARDEN 2ND
CLASS 31 - THE EDIBLE GARDEN 3RD
CLASS 32 - SEEDLINGS CHALLENGE CLASS 2ND
CLASS 33 - THE GARDEN PATH 3RD
CLASS 33 - THE GARDEN PATH HM
CLASS 34 - PAR CLASS 1ST
CLASS 34 - PAR CLASS 2ND
CLASS 35B - OTHER WOODIES 2ND
CLASS 35C - OTHER WOODIES 2ND
CLASS 4B - OTHER ANNUALS 1ST
CLASS 4C - OTHER ANNUALS 3RD
CLASS 5 - JAPANESE ANEMONE HM
CLASS 7 - SALVIA 2ND
CLASS 8 - SEDUM 3RD
CLASS 9 - OTHER PERENNIALS 2ND
CLASS 9 - OTHER PERENNIALS HM

GCA ZONE FLOWER SHOW AWARDS:

GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON

THE CORLISS KNAPP ENGLE HORTICULTURE SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

This award is given to the club with the highest number of points earned from all competitive horticulture classes in a GCA Zone Flower Show.

BRENDA BARRETT

THE ROSIE JONES HORTICULTURE AWARD

This is given to a horticulture entry of exceptional visual appeal that reflects the spirit of growing with joy and enthusiasm and inspires others to propagate, grow, show and share horticulture. Brenda won this with her entry in Class 30, The Green Garden.

LENDY BROWN & BETTY KENAN

THE MARION THOMPSON FULLER BROWN CONSERVATION AWARD

This award is given for an outstanding conservation exhibit at a GCA Flower Show that contains exceptional educational and visual merit, which increases knowledge and awareness of the environment. Lendy and Betty won this for their Bluegrass Conservancy exhibit.

Conservation...

The Garden Club of Virginia is sponsoring a Conservation Forum on Climate Change in Charlottesville, VA on October 30th. It is sure to be an informative and well-planned event. If you happen to be in the area, or have friends in the area who might be interested in attending, you can register through the Garden Club of Virginia's website (www.gcvirginia.org). Charlottesville is beautiful in the fall and this forum is being held at Montalto, which is part of the Monticello complex. The forum is also open to the public.

-Anne Kraus

Book Review...

A must read for every member: If you didn't get to hear our first speaker at the Zone VII Meeting, Doug Tallamy, from Pennsylvania, you missed a vitally important message conferred in a very thought provoking, compelling presentation. In Doug's presentation, he challenged us to plant more natives and more importantly, to not be seduced by alien ornamentals offered at garden centers and further, to be judicious about eliminating alien invasives - for reasons we've never even considered before.

With a background in entomology, Doug's research has proven that where alien species exist, other species decline. Period. The reason is that our insects, so vital to the food chain, cannot adapt themselves to feed on these alien species - sometimes to the point of extinction. Plants are the only living thing (for all practical purposes) that can take the energy from the sun, and through photosynthesis, create oxygen for us all to breathe. Without plants, and insects, and the animals that depend on them, life, as we know it, would cease to exist.

Further, Doug challenges us each to be the stewards of our own nature preserves in our own yards (front, side and back). He charges that each and every one of us can make a difference in this world by providing the vital sanctuaries for important plant and animal species that we humans are so rapidly displacing with our suburbs and developments.

Please buy Doug's book, *Bringing Home Nature - How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*. Read it yourself. Buy it for your grown children so they have this valuable point of view as they make landscape choices. Make sure your favorite landscape gurus have a copy, as well as anyone involved in land conservation and development.

I myself am going to order multiple copies to give away. I would be happy to order copies for anyone in the club at the same time. Amazon is showing it at \$12.76 currently. I paid \$17.95 buying it from Doug. I currently have orders from Anne Kraus and Elizabeth Schnabel. If you are interested, please contact me at dottiecordray@gmail.com or call 859.492.5131. I will take orders until Wednesday, October 23rd. Go Native!

-Dottie Cordray

Horticulture...

Another opportunity to grow! The Shirley Meneice Horticulture conference will be held in Washington, DC on October 21-23. Donna Cornish is our representative. They have put together a seed exchange, and Mott thought it would be a good idea to gather coffeetree seeds, or any seeds that members wish to send, and send them to the conference. Information on Seed Share 2013 can be found on the Horticulture page on the GCA website (Seed Share tab on the top of the page) and under the Shirley Meneice Conference. Anyone who would like to contribute seeds please let Donna or Martie know as soon as possible.

-Martie Mayer

Paducah Garden Club presents Mary Cappleman Zahl

The Paducah Garden Club has invited us to come hear Mary Cappleman Zahl on Friday, November 15th. The lecture will be held at Market House Theater, in historical downtown Paducah, at 1:00 p.m. Mary is originally from Florida, but has lived and worked in Charleston, SC, where she designed flower borders and supervised complete landscape renovations after Hurricane Hugo, as well as England, where she worked as a garden consultant to Lambeth Palace, the London home of the Archbishop of Canterbury. For over 25 years, she has been designing gardens for clients wherever she lived, with most of her work being residential design in the Deep South.

If you are interested in attending, contact Jan Crawford, Corresponding Secretary, at (270) 554-3606 or pongo249@aol.com. Also, let Mott know if you want to go, and she'll put you in touch with others who may want to carpool.

Save the Date...Splendor in the Grass

A Hunt Country House and Garden Tour

Sunday and Monday, April 27 & 28, 2014

Middleburg & Upperville

Part of the Garden Club of Virginia Historic Garden Week



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From Mott...

I just Googled Thanksgiving and one of the sources said, "It is the day that precedes Black Friday." Commercialism has struck again at one of our country's oldest holidays. It seems the market place jumps from Halloween right into Christmas, leaving Thanksgiving in a very sheltered position. I cherish this commercial over site as it keeps this special day out of the spotlight or storefront. We have had a busy summer and a gorgeous fall and for that I am thankful. The garden at Ashland has been put to bed. This comes with mixed emotions as I will miss seeing all of you every (or almost every) Wednesday, but I look forward to having a free day to catch up on, or begin, something I have only thought about doing. The November meeting is a "make and take" with our talented Sarah Davis. The Christmas Tea will be at the home of Katie Alford, and I encourage you to look over our list of members, both past and present, and offer to bring someone who might need a ride to the party. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks, and friends are a precious blessing. I can honestly say our club is made up of friends, and this is something we can all be thankful for!

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

~ William Arthur Ward

-Mott Nicol

November General Meeting...

Date: Thursday, November 21st at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Speaker: Sarah Davis is kind enough to teach us how to make a gorgeous holiday arrangement. Sarah is generously providing wicker cornucopias for everyone that are 17 ½ inches long, 5 inches tall, with an opening of 6 ½ inches. Please bring cuttings from your gardens, or any florals you may want to include in your holiday arrangement. Items such as acorns, tiny gourds, fruit nuts, seed heads, ivy, grasses, and berries would all work well. Just use your imagination!

Hostesses: Leslie Baldwin, Nancy Bishop, and Anne Kraus. Please RSVP to Leslie at 421-6660 or lesliebb@usa.net.

December Board Meeting...

The December board meeting will be on Monday, December 2nd at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mott Nicol, If you cannot attend, please let Mott know (272-1987 or marthagnicol@gmail.com).

Christmas Tea - December 19th...

Date: Thursday, December 19th at 3:30 p.m.

Location: The home of Katie Alford, 1875 Delong Road

Hostesses: Katie Alford, Ann Arvin, Judy Philpott, and Barbara Young

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

Zone Meeting Wrap-up...

Dear Garden Club of Lexington ladies, one and all,

WOW!! Your ears must have been ringing and your hearts must be proud. Thanks to ALL of you all, we managed to put on one whale of a Zone meeting!! The attendees can't stop raving about what a wonderful meeting it was. They were all so impressed that we ALL participated and were so friendly to boot!! They praised the garden and how beautiful it is. The dinners in the members' homes were truly great experiences. They were blown away by the Horse Park and again by Keeneland. . . . cocktails trackside, at dusk, kind of a no-brainer. They'll be talking about the Flower Show for a couple of years to come. The Augusta Garden Club in Staunton will be the host next year, and they think we've raised the bar too high!! We both are so proud of all of you all and just SO appreciative of all the efforts each and every one of you made to show Zone VII what we're made of!! Thank you so much to all the committees for all of your hard work. It really paid off!!

Ellen and Jessica

Aprons, Tablecloths, and Napkins for Sale!

Flower Show aprons are available for purchase. There are three different patterns: blue and green floral, pink and green floral, and green gale. They are \$15 for members and \$21 for non-members. The tablecloths are \$25 each, and the napkins are \$5 each. Checks are to be made payable to the Garden Club of Lexington. Ellen will have these items at the November General Meeting for purchase

We sold \$1200.00 worth of cookbooks at the Zone Meeting! Great job Leslie!!!

Also, at the Zone Meeting, our club was responsible for seconding the Zone Conservation Award that was presented to Nana Lampton, Glenview Garden Club. We proposed Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill for the Zone Commendation for Historic Preservation, as well.

-Mary Louise Fisher



Conservation...

Euonymus is also called "Wintercreeper" because it continues to thrive in the winter when other plants are dormant. According to many sources, late fall and early winter are good times to eradicate Wintercreeper because aggressive measures can be taken while causing less harm to native vegetation.

Young euonymus plants should be dug up by the roots, bagged, and disposed of in such a way that it won't reestablish itself someplace else. If root system is well established, it is more challenging! Cut vines back leaving a few leaves. Spray with Round-up. A 20-percent concentration has proven effective. A squirt bottle may be used for spot treatment, or individual stumps can be painted by hand using a sponge applicator. In large areas where there is heavy infestation, foliar spraying with Crossbow (mixture of 2,4-D and triclopyr) after the first frost can greatly reduce this invasive plant.

See this website for other ideas!

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/indiana/journeywithnature/wintercreeper.xml>

-Anne Kraus



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From Mott...

Tis' the Season when we are all putting the cornucopias away and beginning to deck the halls for Christmas. It can be overwhelming for the most organized person among us, especially this year when Thanksgiving came at the very end of November. Hopefully, your gardens are tucked in for a long winter's nap, and you can enjoy the view from your window of the plants that give it structure all year long. Once again we will decorate the Garden at Ashland for the holidays. I hope you will take your family and friends by to see how lovely it looks in winter. Beautiful winter photographs of the garden have been published on page 233 in *Canal House Cooks Every Day*, and on page 21 in *Beautiful Gardens of Kentucky*.

I am pleased to announce that we have 3 new active members: **Martha Trussell, Melanie Dowell, and Christy Harris**. In addition to these ladies, we welcome **Ann Roughton** as a new Affiliate member. They will join us at our Christmas Tea on Thursday, December 19th. Please welcome each of these new members to our club! I look forward to seeing you all at the Tea!

"May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!"

Author unknown

-Mott Nicol



Christmas Tea...

Date: Thursday, December 19th at 3:30 p.m.

Location: The home of Katie Alford,

Hostesses: Katie Alford, Ann Arvin, Judy Philpott, and Barbara Young

RSVP to Katie at katiesalford@gmail.com or 272-0218

January Board Meeting...

The January board meeting will be on Monday, January 6th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Margaret Cowgill, 783 Chinoe Road. If you cannot attend, please let Margaret know (266-7842 or margcowgill@aol.com).

January General Meeting...Holly Hill Inn

Date: Thursday, January 16th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Holly Hill Inn, 426 N. Winter Street, Midway, KY

We will be cooking with herbs, followed by a delicious lunch!

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

Admissions...

We would like to welcome our new Active members, Melanie Dowell, Christy Cowgill Harris, and Martha Trussell, as well as our new Affiliate member, Ann Faulkner Roughton.

Melanie is an active gardener, as well as tennis player, and she also enjoys cooking, travel, and entertaining. For several years, she has worked on Art in Bloom. She is married to David, and they have three grown children.

Christy loves to garden, travel, and read. She oversaw the planning and building of the garden at Crestwood Christian Church. She is married to Mike, and they have three daughters, ages 14, 11, and 9.

Martha enjoys playing golf and tennis, traveling, doing interior decorating, and gardening. She has lived in Lexington all of her life, and is married to Bob. They have 3 children.

Ann was a member of the GCA in Virginia for many years before moving to Lexington, a few years ago, with her husband. She is an expert in flower arranging, and has done many altar flowers in both Virginia and Lexington. She has taken part in Art in Bloom for at least three years.

-Kathy Courtney

2014-2016 Slate of Officers and Committees...

The new slate of officers will be voted on at the January General Meeting. Please review the slate below. If you have any questions, please direct them to Mott Nicol at marthagnicol@gmail.com.

Executive Committee:

PRESIDENT – Kim DeCamp
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – Kathy Brooks
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT – Mott Nicol
RECORDING SECRETARY – Leslie Baldwin
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Melodye Kinhead
TREASURER – Betsy Bulleit

Standing Committees

Voting:

ADMISSIONS – Taylor Fister
AWARDS – Katie Alford
CONSERVATION – Lendy Brown
FLOWER SHOW & PHOTOGRAPHY – Kathy Courtney & Amy Kessinger
GARDEN PROJECT – Philippa Fogg & Elizabeth Freeman
HORTICULTURE – Donna Cornish
PROGRAMS – Margaret Cowgill & Lolly Martin
PUBLICATION – Anne Kraus
SPECIAL PROJECTS (Cookbooks & tablecloths) – Cathy Snowden

Standing Committees

Non-Voting:

GARDEN HISTORY & DESIGN – Kathy Dalton
HISTORIAN – Dottie Cordray
FOUNDERS FUND – Sheilagh Hammond
PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – Mimi Milward
SCHOLARSHIP – Brenda Barrett
VISITING GARDENS – Ellen Chapman
GARDEN PARTY – Luanne Milward & Marcia Slabaugh

In the Garden at Ashland...

If you want to stay in your parterre next year, or if you would like to change, please let Philippa know at southernfogg@gmail.com.

In Memoriam...

We were saddened to lose three valued members this past year. Wende Bell, Jessica Bell, and Anne Turner all gave so much of their time to the Garden Club of Lexington, and they are truly missed.



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From Mott...

This January message goes out on one of the coldest evenings I can remember. I feel that many of us who are in town are either huddled by the fire or under a warm blanket. In a few weeks, the Winter Games will begin with the torch lighting Ceremony in Sochi, Russia, the culmination of the Olympic Torch Relay. It was lit in Olympia by the sun's rays and will be carried to this site as a symbol of the connection between the Ancient and modern Games. In a much simpler way, we too will be passing the torch, between the Old GCL Board and Committee chairmen, to the new, this March. The women that have presided in these positions have done a wonderful job and brought new insight and energy into the jobs they acquired 2 years ago. Each one will pass her torch to the woman that will take her place. There will be no flaming caldron or Olympic ceremony at the IHCC in March...sorry to say. We will gather for our annual meeting and lunch to honor those who have led our garden club and welcome those who "take the torch" for the next term of office.

Stay warm and I look forward to seeing you on March 20th.

-Mott Nicol

January General Meeting...Holly Hill Inn

Date: Thursday, January 16th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Holly Hill Inn, 426 N. Winter Street, Midway, KY

We will be cooking with herbs, followed by a delicious lunch!

Hostesses: Mary Louise Fisher, Elizabeth Freeman, Anne Gay, and Mimi Milward

RSVP to Mimi at msmilward@aol.com or 533-1155 **by Monday, January 13th**

No February Board Meeting or General Meeting!

If you have information for the March Bloomin' News, please send it to Taylor Fister (ctkfister@gmail.com) by March 3rd.

March Board Meeting...Joint Boards

The March board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th at 9:30 a.m. at the Idle Hour Country Club, before the General Meeting. This is a joint board meeting, so both the outgoing board and the incoming board members need to attend. If you cannot attend this meeting, please let Mott know (marthagnicol@gmail.com or 272-1987).

March General Meeting...Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Idle Hour Country Club

Hostesses: Ellen Chapman, Philippa Fogg, Jessica Nicholson and Mott Nicol

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

In the Garden at Ashland...

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Conservation...

Think 'GREEN' and 'CLEAN' in the New Year!
TIPS FOR DISPOSING JUNK FROM THE PAST

There are 4 LFUCG free disposal days at the transfer station at 1505 Old Frankfort Pike (6 a.m. - 2 p.m.) This is for large items or smaller items in bags. Jan. 19, April 20, July 20, Oct. 19.

Don't ever flush unwanted meds down the toilet. They can pollute our water. LFUCG is having a Med Toss day April 28. Take unwanted medications to: KY Am Water Co. (Richmond RD), Dunbar HS, WalMart (Hamburg), Div. of Police (Centre Pkwy). If you want to dispose of meds before then, here are some tips: Pour or place medication into a sealable plastic bag. If medication is in a pill or capsule form, crush and/or add liquid to it. Add kitty litter, coffee grounds or other solids to the medication to make it less appealing to children, pets, etc. Seal the plastic bag and put it in the trash. Remove/destroy all personal information on labels and containers before throwing away.

Don't keep all of your unwanted electronics. Recycle them! Places like Best Buy, The Apple Store, and Staples can offer you several options to donate or recycle. They can help you take out the SIM Card with all your info. They can show you how to set it back to manufacturers settings and disconnect it from i-cloud. You should also remove any batteries, as they should be recycled separately. Best Buy and some other stores will dispose of TVs under 32 inches.

Check earth911.com for other ideas for donating and recycling your unwanted "stuff"!! Save time, money and environmental resources with their inspiring ideas!

-Anne Kraus

Membership Dues...

Membership dues of \$150 are due in March for both active and affiliate members. Feel free to go ahead and send those checks, made out to Garden Club of Lexington, to Betsy Bulleit now. Her address is 760 Montclair Drive, Lexington, KY 40502.

Directory Changes...

If you have any changes to your name, address, telephone numbers, or e-mail address please send them to Elizabeth Schnabel at elizabeth_schnabel@yahoo.com or call her at 285-0856. She's working on the new directory now.

Coffeetree Project...

We will be holding our coffeetree project again this year. This is when we take coffeetree pods and seeds, along with dirt and pots, as well as a teacher information packet, to 4th grade classrooms around Fayette County. If you have helped in the past, either by collecting pods or by delivering supplies to a school, and you would like to help again, please let Elizabeth Schnabel know (elizabeth_schnabel@yahoo.com or 285-0856). She would love to have members who have never done it before sign up as well. It's really not hard - you don't teach the class, you just deliver the supplies - and the kids really enjoy it. Elizabeth will have sign up sheets at the January general meeting, and hopefully you all received the e-mail that was sent out about it too.

Thank You...

A big thank you goes out to those members who made small arrangements to take to our affiliate members who were unable to make it to the Christmas Tea. Luanne Milward received many lovely letters and phone calls from these ladies saying how much they appreciated the beautiful arrangements.

Tomato Soup Recipe...

Many of you requested Nancy Bishop's Tomato Soup recipe after eating it at the November General Meeting. It's actually from Jennifer's at The Woodlands, and it is delicious and easy to make. Enjoy!

Jennifer's Tomato Soup

½ c. chopped onion
2 T butter
1 can Campbell's Tomato Bisque Soup
28 oz. can diced tomatoes, plain
Half 'n Half, up to 3 cups
¼ tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. dill weed
2 T Parmesan, freshly grated
1 T butter
Salt/Pepper to taste
Dash of Tabasco, optional

Saute chopped onion in 2 T butter, then add all the other ingredients. Adjust the amount of Half 'n Half to taste, so more for a creamier soup, and less for more tomato taste. Cook until very hot, but not boiling. Garnish with grated Parmesan.



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From Mott...

Last week was hopefully the last day I will shovel snow this winter! It is also the last time I write a message for the Bloomin' News as President. It is hard to believe my term is over and even more amazing to think of all we have done over the last two years. I won't recite the list of accomplishments, but you can all be very proud of our club. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your President. I have learned a little more about gardening and a great deal about the joy of digging and weeding together. I have learned to see nature differently through the lens of a camera and how to arrange flowers in a container that is not just for the kitchen table. Conservation now plays an important part in how I view the environment. Yet, the most memorable experience I take with me from these two years is getting to know and appreciate the members of our club. Each of you is a valuable part of the Garden Club of Lexington, and everyone contributes in a different way. I now hand over the Trowel to Kim, who has boundless energy, new ideas, insight, and endless patience. She will lead us forward into our 98th year as a garden club. Thank you for this opportunity. Finally, as "they" told me when asking me to be President, and I relay to you when you are asked to do a job, "It's your turn!"

"Love of gardening is a seed that once sown never dies."

Gertrude Jekyll

-Mott Nicol

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March General Meeting...Annual Meeting

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Location: Idle Hour Country Club

Daffodil Show at our March General Meeting! We know there is snow covering the spring daffodils (Narcissi) today, but I saw some starting to push up in the garden last week. Hopefully they will be blooming by our March general meeting. Please cut and bring any of yours that are blooming to enter in a very small horticulture show with just the one Division. Put each stem in a small Perrier bottle. We will help you match yours to the different classifications. We promise you will not have to fill out an entry card. Can't you just imagine all those bright Daffodils welcoming our members and announcing Spring!

Hostesses: Ellen Chapman, Philippa Fogg, Jessica Nicholson and Mott Nicol

RSVP to Jessica at 223-4044 or jessica.nicholson@insightbb.com

April Board Meeting...

The April Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 7th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Kim DeCamp, If you cannot attend, please let Kim know at 266-9540 or kimberlydecamp@gmail.com.

-Kathy Brooks & Amy Kessinger

Conservation...

Betsy Bulleit and I have just returned from an interesting trip to Washington, D.C. and the National Affairs and Legislation Conference! We were two of over 300 GCA ladies who were loaded down with two days of information from the lectures and presentations of over 20 speakers. Climate Change was the umbrella topic under which most other conservation topics were linked.

Armed with our stack of info, our nametags, and not enough courage, we were sent to meetings on Capitol Hill! Andy Barr and Mitch McConnell, as well as their staffs, smiled and feigned fascination as we discussed GCA's positions on clean water, clean air, clean energy, and climate change. We left them with an article on "The Plight of the Honeybee", and thanked them for compromising enough to get a Farm Bill passed.

It was really an interesting time and we will try to share our stories and information with you at one of our spring meetings. Thank you for sending us!

-Anne Kraus

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In the Garden at Ashland...

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Daffodils

Daffodils are among the first flowers to bloom in the spring in the Garden at Ashland. Although they are native to Europe and North Africa they have become naturalized throughout Kentucky. The name daffodil is often used interchangeably with the names narcissus and jonquil. As a rule daffodils have flat leaves with larger flowers borne on single stems. Jonquils are characterized by rounded foliage and smaller fragrant flowers with more than one flower on a single stem. If you stick with calling all of these pretty spring flowers by their scientific name, Narcissus, you will be safe! The flower Narcissus is named after the hunter Narcissus. He is the character from Greek mythology who was so obsessed with looking at his reflection in the water that he fell into the pool and drowned.

The Garden at Ashland has many unknown varieties of narcissi as well as two known varieties. The two known varieties are Narcissus 'Tete-a-Tete' and Narcissus 'Garden Club of America'.



Narcissus 'Tete-a-Tete' is an early blooming, dwarf daffodil with reflexed yellow petals and a trumpet-shaped dark yellow cup. Tete-a-Tete is an heirloom variety that was developed by Alec Gray in 1949. It was most likely created by pollinating N. 'Cyclataz' with N. *cyclamineus* and selecting the best seedlings. The name, Tete-a-Tete, means Head-to-Head and it indicates a conversation between two people. This name not only indicates that both parents are the same cultivar, it also reflects the fact that each stem usually has two blossoms.



Narcissus 'Garden Club of America' is a late season bloomer. It has bright white petals; and a yellow cup with a

green eye and a reddish pink rim. These daffodils were named in honor of the Garden Club of America's 100-year anniversary. They were bred by Brian Duncan, who is one of the most recognized daffodil hybridizers in the world. Its parentage is N. 'Raspberry Ring' x N. 'Fragrant Rose'. Not all daffodils are created equal, and Garden Club of America, with its long blooming period is proving to be one of the very best.

For the purpose of classification, narcissus are divided into thirteen divisions. Each cultivar belongs to one of the first twelve divisions, while wild forms of narcissus or species are placed in Division 13. Tete-a-Tete is in Division 12 – Other Cultivars. This division is reserved for those narcissus that do not fit the criteria of any of the previous Divisions. The Garden Club of America Daffodil is in Division 2 – Large Cup. Daffodils in Division 2 have one flower to a stem, and the cup is more than one third, but less than equal to the length of the petals.

Regardless of their division all daffodils have the same cultural requirements. They need to be planted in well-drained soil in an area that will receive at least a half a day of sun. They benefit from an application of bulb fertilizer when planted, and a re-application of fertilizer in the fall. Never cut back or tie up the leaves after flowering. Allow the foliage to turn yellow or brown before removing. The foliage is required so that the bulbs can store up the energy needed to produce next year's flowers. If planted in the proper place and treated with a minimum of care, daffodils will bring joy to the garden for many years. They will thrive long after other perennial flowers have exhausted themselves and no longer exist in the garden. Many of the daffodils in the Garden at Ashland have been growing there for more than fifty years.

-Brenda Barrett

Work in the Garden...

Opening day in the Garden at Ashland is **Wednesday, April 9th** at 9:30 a.m. Bring your clippers and be prepared to work!

Founders Fund...

It is time to review the finalists for this year's Founders Fund. The winner will receive \$30,000 from GCA, and the two runners-up will each receive \$7500. We will vote on these projects at our March Annual Meeting. **If you know that you will be unable to attend the March meeting, please email your vote to Mott at marthagnicol@gmail.com**

Founders Fund Finalists:

THE BIG GREEN TIME MACHINE

Proposed by Peachtree Garden Club, Zone VIII

Seconded by Junior Ladies Garden Club of Athens, Zone VIII

"For the past 46 years, Peachtree Garden Club has worked continuously to develop, plant, fund, share and care for the 10-acre native plant woodland known as Swan Woods on the grounds of the Atlanta History Center in the heart of downtown Atlanta.

The History Center, a thriving 86-year-old institution serving 225,000 visitors annually, including 60,000 school children, is an essential partner of the Atlanta Public School system in the education of the city's youth.

This year, thanks to the gift of a pristine 1830's hand hewn log cabin by long time Peachtree member Pat Hartrampf, Swan Woods has a new teaching venue for the thousands of school children who visit each year. Generous donations by Peachtree members and their families are funding all the costs associated with the relocation of the structure to Swan Woods.

As the cabin's inaugural program, the Education Department of the History Center has developed "In Their Moccasins" which dramatically tells the story of early settlers' first contact with the Cherokee Indians.

A Founders Fund grant would provide trail improvements, site interpretation and create an historic landscape visibly separating the cabin from existing modern structures.

The Wood Family Cabin is a gift to the city that will be used by Atlanta's school children for many generations to come. If awarded the Founders Fund, the Wood Family Cabin project will have been made possible solely through the generosity of the Peachtree Garden Club and the Garden Club of America.

RESTORATION OF THE TEMPLE OF LOVE: UNTERMYER PARK AND GARDENS

Proposed by Garden Club of Irvington, Zone III
Seconded by The Little Garden Club of Rye, Zone III

Photographed by GCA club members in the 1920's, featured in *The Golden Age of American Gardens* by Griswold and Weller, and extolled in 1922 as "America's Most Spectacular Garden," Untermyer Gardens (UG) in Yonkers, NY, fell on hard times after its owner Samuel Untermyer's death in 1940.

Now a Yonkers park, the Welles Bosworth-designed landscape, like the city itself, is undergoing a renaissance. Since 2010, architect Steve Byrns' UG Conservancy has been restoring the garden to its original glory, starting with the Indo-Persian walled garden, the only such garden in North America. The GCA slides and others, now in the Archives of American Gardens, are serving as blueprints.

When a group of Yonkers children were taken into the walled garden recently, one exclaimed, "Is this really in Yonkers?" It is a green oasis and much-needed source of pride for this reviving multi-cultural city.

The most romantic feature of UG is The Temple of Love, a filigree gazebo on a rock promontory overlooking the Hudson River, originally built with tumbling water features. The Founders Fund award would provide funds to re-establish these cascades. FF money will also help UG earn a matching NY state grant. With advice from renowned horticulturist and volunteer advisor Marco Polo Stufano, our clubs will grow perennials to plant along the restored watercourses; members serve as UG docents.

This project will bring GCA's involvement full circle and fulfill GCA's missions of civic improvement, stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening and preserving and restoring the environment.

SAFEGUARDING THE AMERICAN ELM; PRESERVING NEW HAVEN'S ROOTS

Proposed by The Garden Club of New Haven, Zone II
Seconded by The Middletown Garden Club, Zone II

Introduced to New Haven in the Eighteenth Century, the stately elm was planted along streets, in parks and in yards throughout the city, leading to its identity as the "Elm City." By the mid twentieth-century, 90 percent of the elms were lost to disease, hurricanes and ice storms. The Garden Club of New Haven is determined to reverse this devastating decline.

We have begun successfully repopulating our city with American elms and have created engaging, self-directed audio and brochure-based walking tours and a historical documentary about the New Haven Green, the site of the city's first elms. Our project aims to expand our educational and horticultural reach by developing a school curriculum that includes growing and planting disease-resistant elms, conducting teacher workshops, and bringing students to the Green to experience its historic and environmental importance first-hand.

Eventually, we will relocate the trees grown by students to permanent locations along city streets, in schoolyards and parks, and at homes throughout New Haven. An internship at the Yale School of Forestry will be established to GPS map and monitor the health and growth of each new tree.

The walking tours and the documentary film about the history and trees on the Green will be central to the students' educational experience. This media will also inform residents and visitors about the importance of the Green, its design and plantings.

This transformational project aligns with our civic outreach goals. We hope to preserve the American elm and, at the same time, educate and engage our community.



Congratulations!...

Congratulations go out to Kim DeCamp for winning a first place in an online Photography show called "The Sky's the Limit". The class that she entered was "Medusa's Folly". The entry had to be a monochrome photograph of a garden statuary. She photographed a little child statue from her back yard (during the one day in January that it didn't snow!). She used a software program called Topaz Effects to make the photograph look "painterly".

Annual Meeting Scarf...

Add a pop to your Spring wardrobe and support the 2014 GCA Annual Meeting!

The 2014 Annual Meeting Scarf, manufactured by the Worth Collection, is a 12" x 72" oblong, silk chiffon design, depicting the rivers, flora, and wetlands of Louisiana in an aqua and green watercolor design.

To purchase, return this form to:

Mrs. Anne Lynne Charbonnet

8141 Maple St., New Orleans, LA 70118

Quantity: _____ @ \$100 each + \$7 S&H= \$ _____

Name: _____

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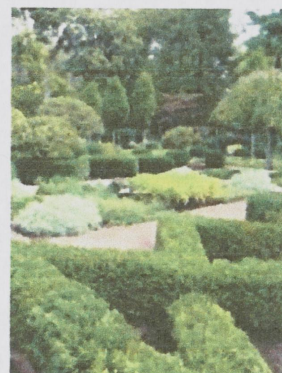
Garden Club of Lexington
April 2014

Letter from Kim -

Many thanks to Mott and her incredibly talented group of officers for their steadfast work over the past two years. I am amazed and impressed with each one of our members. The example that you set at our fall Zone Meeting was inspirational and up-lifting. I am honored to serve as your President for the next two years. Thank you for your positive encouragement!

When I think of spring the word that most quickly comes to mind is renewal; the state of being made new, fresh or strong again. Spring is a time for renewal of our relationship with our lovely Ashland Garden and renewal of our friendships and cooperative work for our Garden Club of Lexington members.

I look forward to seeing you in the garden each Wednesday (beginning April 9th) to renew our partnership with our earth, our garden and our friends.



"April....hath put a spirit of youth in everything."
William Shakespeare

Our next general meeting will be:

Thursday April 17th
10:30
Lexington Country Club
The Program will be 'All Things GCA'!
Hostesses:
Donna Cornish, Kathy Dalton, Caroline Barrow, Margaret Cowgill
**RSVP to Donna - 269-8138

Our next Garden Club Board Meeting:

Monday, May 5th - 9:30
at
Lendy Brown's

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

June 1st Deadline
Send changes in writing to:

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Conservation: Chair, Lendy Brown

Brenda Barrett	Betty Kenan
Jane Baugh	Anne Kraus
Lucy Breathitt	Lolly Martin
Betsy Bulleit	Mary Montague
Kathy Dalton	Jessica Nicholson
Melanie Dowell	Mott Nicol
Taylor Fister	Jane Stilz
Elizabeth Freeman	Martha Trussell
Joan Gaines	Lauren VanBalen
Sheilagh Hammond	

Flower Show/Photography: Chairs, Kathy Courtney & Amy Kessinger

Nancy Bishop	Callie Keller	Lucy Calhoun	Kim DeCamp
Elise Boyd	Melodye Kinhead	Ellen Chapman	Philippa Fogg
Patti Broadbent	Luanne Milward	Margaret Cowgill	Lucy Foster
Kathy Brooks	Mimi Milward	Sarah Davis	Christy Harris
Celeste Neuman	Ann Roughton	Barbara Young	

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Katie Alford	Joy Hinkle
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Leslie Baldwin	Janie Pappas
Caroline Barrow	Judy Philpott
Libby Brown	Elizabeth Schnabel
Dottie Cordray	Marcia Slabaugh
Frances Cox	Cathy Snowden
Mary Louise Fisher	Shannon Totty
Edie Gess	Benny Williams
Betsy Hillenmeyer	



CONSERVATION - Lendy Brown

As I write my first Conservation article for the Bloomin' News, I realize our first Ashland Garden weeding and digging for 2014 is very close, April 9th. A time for new and old friendships, garden chatter, tasty snacks after a good work day and bright spring buds rewarding our last year's efforts. There is also, returning to the medicine cabinet every garden Wednesday, for a dose of Advil to medicate lax winter muscles that have been put back to use.

One definition of Conservation is; Preservation or restoration from loss, damage, or neglect. Or how about; The maintenance of a physical quantity, such as energy or mass during a physical or chemical change.



An old Italian gentleman lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament.

Dear Vincent, I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days. Love, Papa.

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Papa, Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried. Love, Vinnie.

At 4 a.m. The next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Papa, Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances. Love you, Vinnie.

So, with these old bones I am pondering which will it be...Advil or watching "them" find the bodies!!

In the Garden at Ashland

Brunnera



Brunnera macrophylla occurs throughout the mixed borders in the Garden at Ashland. This lovely plant was discovered in 1800 in the Caucasus Mountains. These are the mountains east of Sochi, Russia where the 2014 Winter Olympics were held. *Brunnera* was named in 1851 in honor of the Swiss Botanist Samuel Brunner. Brunner was born in Bern, Switzerland in 1790 and he spent his life collecting plants throughout the Caucasus Mountains, Italy, North Africa and Siberia.

The second part of *Brunnera*'s scientific name, *macrophylla*, means with large leaves in Latin. The large leaves of this plant also have a rough texture, and for this reason it is often called by the common name Bugloss. Bugloss is from the Greek words meaning ox tongue. *Brunnera* leaves are covered with short, bristle like hairs that feel like sandpaper (I guess this is what an ox tongue feels like). The leaves emerge in the early spring and they become darker, bigger, and more heart-shaped as they mature.

In April and May *brunnera* is covered with beautiful azure blue flowers whose brilliance is out of proportion to their tiny size. The flowers resemble the flowers of *Myosotis* or forget-me-nots, and they are often called false forget-me-nots. Although they are two distinct species both *Brunnera* and forget-me-nots are in the *Boraginacea* Family, a group of plants that are often called the harsh-leaved plants. Other members of this plant family are borage, comfrey, lungwort and Virginia bluebells. Sometimes you will hear *Brunnera* called *Anchusa*. It was originally assigned to this genus, and it can still be found (albeit incorrectly) in catalogues and literature under that name.

Brunnera thrives in cool locations similar to its native habitat, but it also performs well in Central Kentucky in spite of our hot humid summers. It is an easy to grow compact perennial with a height of 12-18", and a nearly equal spread. It requires an area with full or filtered shade and evenly moist soil, but it will tolerate dry spells once established. *Brunnera* is deer resistant and relatively pest free except for the occasional slug or snail. If the leaves become damaged by bugs, late spring frosts or too much sun; put on some gloves and simply remove the leaves. This will stimulate the growth of lush new foliage, and you will have a beautiful informal ground cover for the rest of the growing season. *Brunnera* will self-seed in moist locations, but it is not invasive. Division is generally not needed for 6-10 years or longer, but if necessary this can be done in the spring.

Brunnera is a great plant that brightens up the shady spots in the Garden at Ashland. It combines well with the ferns, lady's mantle, solomon's seal, astilbes and other shade loving flowers. It is one of those rare plants that is valued not only for its flowers, but for its foliage as well.

Note: Interest in Brunnera has increased in recent years with the introduction of many new varieties. Although it is not found in the Garden at Ashland, the cultivar 'Jack Frost' was named Perennial Plant of the year in 2012. Jack Frost is distinguished from the straight species by its delicately veined, silver and mint-green leaves. It is a handsome plant that would be a welcome addition to any garden.

Brenda Barrett

Historic Garden Week 2014

Middleburg & Upperville, VA
Sponsored by the Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club
& Leesburg Garden Club
Sunday, April 27, 1pm.-5pm.
Monday, April 28, 10am.-5pm.

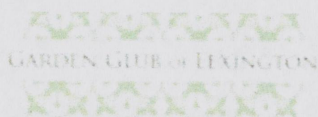
Please join us in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.
The five properties on the tour, two of which predate the Civil War,
are comprised of a variety of estates and gardens that will inspire all gardeners.

Tickets may be purchased for \$40.00 on tour days.
Advanced tickets may be purchased online at www.vagardenweek.org.
For questions, please contact Daphne Cheatham at dwcheathan@aol.com

Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference

"Growing A Legacy"
in Louisville, Kentucky
Monday September 29 to October 1, 2014

Contact Donna Cornish or Kim DeCamp if you would like to go!!



PRICE SHEET FOR GCL MEMBERS

TABLE SET (40) \$24.00
TEA SET (40)
APRON \$21.00
TEA TOWELS \$12.00
OVEN MITTS \$10.00
POUCHES
POUCHES \$4.50 EACH
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The Garden Club of Lexington is selling a special 'Garden Gate' design of Pomegranate items.
Call Cathy Snowden (229-8363) to place your order or stop by her store, The Bee Hive!

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NEXT GENERAL GARDEN CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY MAY 15th

Our own Visiting House and Garden Tour in Louisville

Space limited to 40 people, sign up quickly!

Cost \$50 includes transportation and lunch at 21C

Leaving Lexington around 9, returning by 5. More exact details to follow.

***We will be touring Matt and Fran Thornton's house and gardens
Bridge 4***

The Fischer Penthouse and Garden

The Penthouse gardens and apartment at 21C

The Jenkins Penthouse gardens and apartment at The Harbison

Churchill Downs Southern Living Garden

All made possible by Jon Carloftis

Acceptances to Margaret Cowgill, no later than Sunday, May 11 533-8286

margcowgill@aol.com

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Send changes in writing to:

Melodye Kinhead

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

Martha Trussell - E-mail address - mot@rbinvestments.com

Philippa Fogg - Call only on her cell - 859-552-6040.

In-Kind Donations

Save your receipts of plant materials, etc. used in the Garden to Betsy Bulleit for a tax receipt .

CONSERVATION

by LENDY BROWN

THE TREE BOARD IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDING THAT TREE TOPPING BE PROHIBITED IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS. WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF LEXINGTON-FAYETTE COUNTY? I GUESS FIRST THINGS FIRST. IT IS NOW ILLEGAL TO TOP STREET TREES AND TREES ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTY.



THE TREE TOPPING STREET TREE ORDINANCE SAYS: TOPPING IS DEFINED AS THE SEVERE CUTTING BACK OF LIMBS TO STUBS LARGER THAN THREE INCHES IN DIAMETER WITHIN THE TREE'S CROWN TO SUCH A DEGREE AS TO REMOVE THE NORMAL CANOPY AND DISFIGURE THE TREE."

DIRECTIONAL TREE PRUNING BY PROFESSIONAL ARBORISTS, TO MAINTAIN TREES NEAR OVERHEAD UTILITY EASEMENTS, IS ACCEPTABLE.

DECAY, INSECTS AND DISEASE RESULT FROM TREE TOPPING, HENCE A DEAD TREE.

TREES SHOULD ADD TO THE BEAUTY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS NOT BE REDUCED TO EYESORES.



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Photography Fun 101

Kim will be hosting a Photography 101 workshop on Tuesday, June 10th, from 1:30-3:30pm - The Family Room at Idle Hour CC. Please RSVP to Kim no later than June 6th (kimberlydecamp@gmail.com).

This workshop will focus on the basics of photography (Photography tidbits and terms of the trade). There will also be a discussion on how to enter a GCA Photograph Show.

This is not a hands on workshop. We will try to follow this workshop with a summer hands on session in the garden in July. Both of these sessions will help us prepare for our speaker, Denise Ippolito, who will join us for our September meeting. Kim's workshop will be similar to the one that she did last June.



HORTICULTURE - Donna Cornish

2014 The Garden Club of America Plant of the Year:
Montine McDaniel Freeman Award

A native American plant receives an award every spring from The Garden Club of America at its Annual Meeting in the Spring. This year GCA celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Freeman Medal in its hometown. It honors Montine McDaniel Freeman, a member of the New Orleans Town Gardeners Club and was given in her memory by her son and daughter-in-law, Louis and Judy Freeman in 1995. The intention of this award is to increase the use and availability of native plants and their cultivars, not only in the nursery trade, but in the gardening public. Currently the plants that may be nominated rotate every other year between trees, shrubs and woody vines as one group and the large number of North American herbaceous perennials and vines as the other. It is the only Garden Club of America award given to a plant.

The Garden Club of America Plant of the Year for 2014 was chosen from 11 herbaceous plants nominated by member clubs with the concurrence of their members, naturalists or horticulturalists. The award winning species chosen by the Freeman Selection Committee is *Asclepias tuberosa* which was submitted by Doris Durbin Heard, Garden Club of Houston, Texas. The Committee also chose as Honorable Mention, *Polemonium reptans* 'Stairway to Heaven', submitted by Lynn Steiner, St Paul Garden Club, Minnesota. **Special Recognition was awarded to *Symphyotrichum oblongifolium* var. *angustatus* 'Raydon's Favorite', submitted by Caroline Borgman of Glenview Garden Club, Kentucky.**

The 2014 Freeman Medal winner, *Asclepias tuberosa*, Butterfly Weed, is a native plant that merits recognition for its combined beauty, hardiness, and environmental value. The brilliant clusters of fiery orange flowers are fragrant, long lived, and attract a wide variety of butterflies, beneficial insects, and birds. Once established in a well drained and sunny location, it can live around 20 years. Root hardy in USDA Zones 3 to 9, the Butterfly Weed is drought tolerant. Its

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greatest value, however, is serving as the larval host plant to the endangered Monarch butterfly that migrates from Mexico to Canada every year. . . .

Honorable Mention is awarded to *Polemonium reptans*, 'Stairway to Heaven'. In the judgment of the Freeman Selection Committee, it is the best variegated Jacob's Ladder ever introduced. It is vigorous and heat-tolerant. Clusters of lightly fragrant blue-lavender bells-shaped flowers rise above the foliage in mid to late Spring and attracts butterflies and other insects. In the spring the leaflets are a blend of white, pink, and light and dark green. The variegation is enhanced by cool weather creating a showy plant in the Autumn.

In the Garden at Ashland Lady's Mantle



Lady's Mantle is found scattered throughout the shady borders in the Garden at Ashland. It is a beautiful perennial plant that is native to the mountains of south Eastern Europe. Today it can be found in cool and temperate locations throughout the world. First documented in the *History of Plants* in 1532 Lady's Mantle has long been recognized as an attractive ornamental plant as well as an important medicinal herb. Throughout history all parts of the plant have been utilized for a multitude of health benefits.



Alchemilla mollis is the scientific name of Lady's mantle. The name *Alchemilla* is derived from the Arabic word *al-kemelyah* or *alchemy*. This name reflects one of the most unique characteristics of this plant, and that is the ability of its leaves to retain beads of moisture after it rains. These beads were thought by alchemists to be the purest form of water. The name *mollis* means soft or soft hairs, and this is descriptive of the soft fuzzy leaves of the Lady's Mantle.

The leaves of Lady's Mantle also contribute to its common name. Like many plants of the Middle Ages this plant was associated with the Virgin Mary. The scalloped shaped leaves are said to resemble Mary's cloak, and that is why it is Lady's Mantle not Ladies' Mantle. The velvety gray green leaves of Lady's Mantle are always an attractive addition to the garden, but after a rain it is time to grab your camera and take a picture while the water droplets on the leaves sparkle like crystals in the sunshine.

Beginning in May and continuing on into June, Lady's Mantle is covered with chartreuse flowers. These tiny individual flowers are inconspicuous, but together they are borne on attractive large, branched clusters. The flower clusters are good for cutting, and they make great fillers in flower arrangements.

Lady's Mantle is a clump forming plant with a height of 12-18 inches, and a spread of up to 24 inches. It is not terribly particular about moisture requirements, and it will thrive unless the soils are completely dried out or water logged. Lady's Mantle has no serious insect or disease problems. It is hardy in zones 1-7 where it prefers partial to full shade. It will grow in full sun, but the leaves can scorch and turn brown. Scorched leaves can be removed with pruners. This de-leafing will improve the appearance of the plant and promote the emergence of lush new basil foliage.

Additional maintenance includes deadheading the faded flowers. If the flowers are not deadheaded Lady's Mantle may self-seed. This can be invasive in some situations, but it has not been a problem in the Garden at Ashland. However, to keep plants looking there best, the faded flowers should be deadheaded by cutting the stem down to the basil growth. Deadheading and de-leafing Lady's Mantle in mid-summer will rejuvenate the appearance of the plant, and you can enjoy this beautiful garden perennial for the rest of the growing season. If needed, plants may be divided in spring or early fall.

Lady's Mantle is a wonderful addition to the front of the shaded borders. It has an informal loose shape that softens the path, and it is the perfect foil to the leggy stems of the larger plants in the middle of the borders.

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Garden Club of Lexington

Letter from Kim

Summer is here and this change of season brings many occasions...graduations, weddings, vacations, and a multitude of warm weather activities. Our work in the garden is at full speed and the garden has never looked so beautiful. The GCA Visiting Gardens



group spent May 22-23 in Lexington and by all accounts it was a huge success. A special thanks to Ellen and everyone who played a part in this event! As I think of summer, I think of one of my favorite words... APPRECIATION (the recognition and enjoyment of the good qualities of someone or something). I want to express my appreciation to my fellow garden club members for the honor to represent you at the GCA Annual Meeting in New Orleans last month. Leslie Baldwin and I spent three days with 700 women from across the United States. It was an

exuberant and energetic group of women, each with their own set of impressive talents and interests. It is amazing what can be accomplished when people work together with a common mission. We listened to interesting speakers, visited beautiful public and private gardens and enjoyed dinner in a beautiful private home in the Garden District. Leslie will give you more highlights at our June general meeting. Thank you for the privilege to learn more about the Garden Club of America and to network with women in our Zone and across the US.

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 19th 10:30

Three Toads Farm and lunch at Graze

RSVP to Elise Boyd - 269-5600

JULY BOARD MEETING

Thursday July 17th 9:30 at Ashland Garden

JULY GENERAL MEETING

Thursday July 17th - 10:30

Picnic at Ashland

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BOUQUETS TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

Wednesday June 11th

Bring flowers from your garden for the Homestead Nursing Home!

CHANGES

E-mail address for Caroline Barrow - ashwoodfarm.caroline@gmail.com

THE PASSENGER PIGEON

from

Lendy Brown - Conservation

Huge flocks of Passenger Pigeons once flew across the skies. Millions of birds would pass overhead blocking the sun. Because there were so many, no one dreamed they could become extinct. But because of a need for food and a growing population, hunters nearly killed them all. On March 24th, 1900 a boy in Pike County, Ohio shot the last recorded wild Passenger Pigeon.



Fourteen years later, in 1914, the last captive Passenger Pigeon, Martha, died in the Cincinnati Zoo.

The story of the Passenger Pigeon extinction reminds us that our natural world is more fragile than we think. To connect more deeply with the earth through this story, go to lostbirdproject.org. Or look for the book "A Feathered River Across the Sky: The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction".

The Coffee Tree Project

from

Donna Cornish - Horticulture

The Coffee Tree Project was taken to 10 schools this year which targeted 730 children. Elizabeth Schnabel has spearheaded the project and made it the success that it is. Packets are put together which include potting soil, pots, seeds/pod, nail file to rough up seeds before planting, plastic bags for the children to take home the pots, a bookmark for children on how to care for the seeds and an information packet for the teachers which explains how to propagate the coffee tree and the history of the coffee tree in Kentucky. These packets are then taken to the schools for the teachers to distribute to the students. Many thanks to Elizabeth and all those that helped in getting these to the schools.



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***Flower Show/Photography
from
Kathy Courtney/Amy Kessinger***

The Flower Show and Photography committee will meet at the garden on Wednesday, July 11, 2014 (after we work in the garden) to discuss the upcoming year. We will meet near the snack table and chairs. Please check the 2014-2015 committee lists to find your committee. Please contact Kathy Courtney 859-227-7732 if you have any questions.

How to enter a GCA Photography Show

The June 10th Photography 101 workshop at IHCC has been postponed until this winter. However, if you are a budding photographer and you are interested in learning how to submit a photograph for a GCA photography show, I will be having an informal (1 hour) get together **at my home on Thursday, June 12th from 1:30pm.-2:30pm.**

The Zone VII meeting is coming up in October in Staunton, VA., October 27th-30th.

Our club is required to have at least one photography entry in the show.

So, if you would like to consider entering, I will help you!

On June 12th, I will talk about the guidelines for the Zone Meeting photography show and walk you through the entire process (which isn't as daunting as you might think). Please RSVP if you would like to attend. (kimberlydecamp@gmail.com).

Kim

Founders Fund Winner - Safeguarding the American Elm

In March, each GCA club placed a vote based on the three finalists for the 2014 Founders Fund.

The 2014 winner was Safeguarding the American Elm: Preserving New Haven's Roots. This project was proposed by The Garden Club of New Haven and seconded by The Middletown Garden Club.

Introduced to New Haven in the late eighteenth century, the American Elm was planted in large numbers and in yards throughout the city, leading to its identity as "Elm City." By the mid twentieth century, 90% of the elms were lost to disease, hurricanes and ice storms. The Garden Club of New Haven is determined to reverse this devastating decline. Garden Club members are partnering with schools to propagate disease resistant elms,



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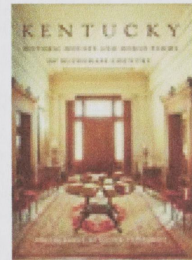
conducting teacher workshops and bringing students to the New Haven Green for walking tours and educational sessions on the historic elm tree. This project aligns with the New Haven Garden Club's civic outreach goals while educating and engaging the surrounding community about the preservation of the American elm.

Ashland Lawn Party - June 21st

The Annual Ashland Lawn Party is June 21st at 5:30pm. Please consider attending if you are in town! Elise and Jim Boyd are the Honorary Chairs for this wonderful event. The evening will include cocktails, silent/live auction, dinner and dancing. Contact Ashland for more information (266-8581).

Ashland Garden Featured in New Book - Kentucky Historic Houses and Horse Farms

Hot off the presses! "Kentucky Historic Houses and Horse Farms of Bluegrass Country." This new book includes many of the homes and gardens that we all know and love. The photographs by Pieter Estersohn are stunning and the introduction by Gay Reading is very engaging. The Henry Clay estate and our very own Ashland Garden is featured as the first house and garden in the book. Pieter Estersohn captures the beauty of our garden in a unique aerial photograph.



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Garden Club of Lexington

Letter from Kim -

Happy 4th of July! This month, my thoughts turn to a word that conveys deep meaning...Patriotic (expressing devotion to and vigorous support for one's country). I feel that our dedication to the Garden Club of Lexington and to the mission of the Garden Club of America is truly patriotic. Take a moment to read our GCL mission statement: "To stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to aid in the protection of trees, plants and birds; and to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment".



We are, indeed, in our own way, patriots who are devoted to preserving the beauty of our land. Oh beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain....for purple mountain majesty, above the fruited plains....America! We are fortunate to have many freedoms and unlimited opportunities. I hope you enjoy the freedom that summer offers...to garden, to relax and enjoy home, to travel and to spend time with family and friends. **There will be no general meeting in August, but we will continue our work in the garden.** Please mark your calendars for our annual Friends of the Garden party on Thursday, September 11th. Happy summer!

Kim

NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 17TH
10:30 at Ashland

Speaker: Becca Self will tell us about her project 'FOODCHAIN'
A Picnic in the Garden will follow the meeting!!

Hostesses:

**Taylor Fister ctkfister@gmail.com or 266-9358
Brenda Barrett, Margaret Cowgill

NEXT BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 17TH

9:30 - before the general meeting
in the Garden or the Keepers Cottage

THE AUGUST / SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING
Monday August 25th at 9:30
at Lolly Martin's

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ADMISSIONS

Taylor Fister wanted to let everyone know that we currently have 60 active members, so, according to our bylaws, we will not be able to accept any applications for new members this year.

BOUQUETS TO BRIGHTEN THE DAY

Bouquets to Brighten the Day Wednesday July 9 Everyone bring flowers and greenery for Richmond Place. These people signed up to work: Kathy Dalton, Mary Montague, Brenda Barrett, Judy Philpott, Ann Arvin and deliver at one. Melodye

Melodye Kinhead and Judy Phillpott and the Garden Club of Lexington received an award from Mayfair Manor Nursing Home in recognition for their outstanding volunteerism in providing such beautiful bouquets of flowers to the Mayfair residents!

CONSERVATION - Lendy Brown MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

Monarch Butterflies need our help. These amazing butterflies winter in Sierra Nevada, Mexico, then return north where generations of butterflies complete a complex lifecycle, returning back to Mexico the following year. They only eat milkweed however, development, drought and herbicides are contributing to the decline of this food source. Guidelines for creating a monarch habitat can be found on www.monarchwatch.org/waystations.



Milkweeds for the garden would be Butterfly flowers, Swamp milkweed, Horsetail milkweed, Lance-leaf milkweed, and Showy milkweed. Caterpillars only eat milkweed, but the butterfly enjoy the nectar from such flowers as Lantana, Zinnias, Butterfly Bush and Cornflower. A sunny location of most any size, planted with milkweed plus native nectar plants, will provide a monarch habitat.

BUFFALO CLOVER

Tara will be at Ashland on July 16th at 10:30 to work with the Conservation Committee on our buffalo clover project! The clover is now in the seed stage, but she says it is an interesting period. She will also bring a few plants if anyone is interested in starting their own patch. These plants have been grown at the Cincinnati Zoo. All are welcome to join us!

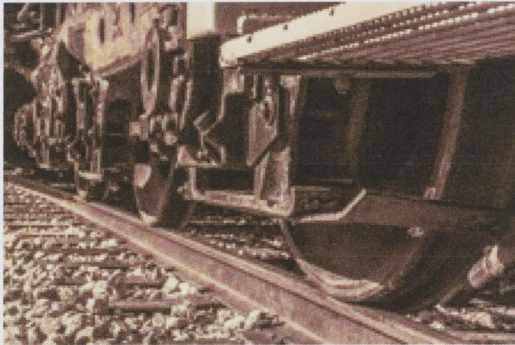
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TREE PROJECT

In our informal conservation meeting in the garden, it was called to my attention that the Adopt a Tree Program should be renewed for 2014. I will be posting a sign up sheet on the board for those that wish to again sign on for their 2013 tree, and hopefully there are those that wish to help in this project for the first time. The responsibilities are minimal...keeping the weeds and undergrowth away from the trunks, and trimming the low small dead branches. Thanks so much for your participation!!! LENDY

A WINNER!!!

Kim DeCamp recently won a blue ribbon in a GCA Major Flower Show. The Portland Garden Club hosted "Urban Treasures, A Celebration of Portland Parks". Kim's entry was in the category of "Parks for Play", a monochrome photograph featuring a train or a train track. Kim's photograph was printed in Sepia tone, printed on metallic paper and presented with a white mat.



Flower Show/ Photography Committee 2014-2016 Kathy Courtney & Amy Kessinger

The Flower Show and Photography Committee (please check the committee list) will meet Wednesday JULY 9 (after garden work) to discuss the upcoming year. We will meet near the snack table and chairs. Kathy C.

How to enter a GCA Photography Show

If you are a budding photographer and you are interested in learning how to submit a photograph for a GCA photography show, I will be having an informal (1 hour) get together at my home on Monday, July 21st from 10:30am.-Noon.

The Zone VII meeting is coming up in October in Staunton, VA. (October 27th-30th). So, if you would like to consider entering one of your photographs, I will help you! On July 21st, I will talk about the guidelines for the Zone Meeting Flower/Photography Show and walk you through the entire process (which isn't as daunting as you might think). Please RSVP if you would like to attend. (kimberlydecamp@gmail.com)

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Photography Web Site Has Been Updated!

Take a look at our photography web site to see photos from our spring activities! Several Albums have been added, such as Spring in the Garden, the Annual Meeting, Our Beautiful Peony Bed, Visiting Gardens Guests and Fieldtrip to Louisville Gardens with Dale Fisher. The web site is - www.gardencluboflexington.smugmug.com.

Hostesses for Refreshments in the Garden!

July 2

Jessica Nicholson

Lucy Breathitt

July 9

Marty Mayer

Pattie Broadbent

July 16

Kathy Courtney

Mott Nicol

July 23

Taylor Fister

Christy Harris

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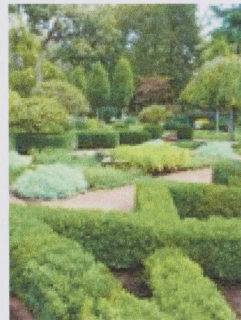
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P.S.

Additions to the June BLOOMIN' NEWS!!!

PLEASE think about volunteering your house for the rain location for our September 11th Garden Party!! Call Marcia Slabaugh if you would like to volunteer your home. 269-4515 or Marcia.Slabaugh@gmail.com



Reminder to RSVP to Elise Boyd for June 19th General Meeting at Three Toads Farm (Winchester) and lunch at Graze! elisewboyd@gmail.com or 269-5600. Directions and more details to follow.

'Bouquets to Brighten the Day' is being canceled this Wednesday June 11th due to the stormy weather forecast.

Here is the list of people who have volunteered to bring refreshments to the Garden. Call Philippa or Elizabeth if you have questions or changes.

June 11

Nancy Bishop
Caroline Barrow

June 18

Joan Gaines
Betsy Hillenmeyer

June 25

Martha Trussell

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Cathy Snowden

July 2

Jessica Nicholson
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Letter from Kim . . .

Summer is coming to a close; vacations and family reunions are a sweet memory; children are back in school and we begin our fall "routine". I would like to thank each one of you for your conscientious and faithful work in the garden this summer. The weather was a bit ornery, but it did not deter you from working in our garden, even in the 85 degree heat. Even after a very harsh winter, I don't think our garden has ever looked so beautiful. For many (me included), fall is a favorite season. The beginning of fall is highlighted by our annual Friends of the Garden Party on September 11th from 6:30-8:30pm. I hope you will join me for this lovely evening to celebrate our summer and give a toast to our fall season. Many thanks to Callie and Fred Keller for their kind generosity to offer their home as our rain location.

- Kim



By all these lovely tokens September days are here, with summer's best of weather And autumn's best of cheer.

- Helen Hunt Jackson

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 18th

10:30am. at Idle Hour Country Club

Speaker: Denise Ippolito is a GCA approved photographer.

Denise has traveled the world offering professional workshops and presentations on flower, bird and landscape photography.

Hostesses: Callie Keller and Libby Brown

RSVP to Callie - 269-3035, calliekeller@windstream.net



*Denise will offer an afternoon photography workshop (hands on with camera) from 1:30-3:30pm. in Ashland Garden (Sept 18th). RSVP to Kim DeCamp, kimberlydecamp@gmail.com. The fee for the afternoon workshop is \$50 (Make check payable to the Garden Club of

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Lexington). www.deniseippolito.com

GARDEN PARTY

SEPTEMBER 11th - 6:30 to 8:30

Rain Location Fred & Callie Keller 1680 Lakewood Drive

(Please bring food to garden shed between 5:30 & 6:15 on a 'silver' tray with serving utensils as needed. Call Luanne or Marsha for more details.)

BOUQUETS TO BRIGHTEN THE DAY

September 10th

Bouquets to Brighten the Day will deliver flowers to Lexington Country Place on Wednesday, September 10 at one p.m. These people signed up to help: Kathy Brooks, Barbara Young, Amy Kessinger, Elizabeth Freeman, and Judy Philpott. Will all members bring flowers and greenery? Last time we took over 70 arrangements to Mayfair manor. Many thanks to our members.

Melodye

Next BOARD MEETING

Monday October 6th - 9:30

Kathy Dalton's -

ZONE MEETING

October 28 & 29th - Stanton VA

ANDY BARR & CONSERVATION



Last Wednesday our lovely Ashland Garden was the scene of a conservation question and answer hour with garden club members and our U.S. House of Representatives from the 6th District, Andy Barr. We had the opportunity to learn Andy's positions on our GCA garden club Position Papers especially regarding clean air and clean water.

President, Kim DeCamp led off introducing Representative Barr, and gave a brief summary on the Ashland Garden and, as gardeners, how we stood regarding protecting the environment. Three prepared questions were asked by garden club members, Betsy Bulleit, Lendy Brown and Anne Kraus. Following are brief summaries of his replies.

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BETSY: We support coal, and have the lowest energy costs in the nation. Clean coal technology would help ensure that future generations would have access to a healthier living environment. How can you help preserve the coal industry and preserve the environment?

ANDY: This is a very sensitive issue because of jobs. This is a global issue. USA is advancing in clean coal technology and if we shut down coal, we shut down our leadership role in exporting fossil energy research and technology. Entrepreneurship not regulation.

LENDY: How can the EPA be more balanced with its writing of regulations and its enforcement of these regulations as well as appearing less partial?

ANDY: Politicians should rely on scientists. Scientific basis should partner with cost benefit analysis.

ANNE: Natural gas has changed the US energy landscape. While this alternative puts the USA in a much better position regarding energy independence, fracking appears to be very under-regulated while coal is perhaps over-regulated. Do you see regulations changing in the future to better address the environmental issues surrounding fracking?

ANDY: Gave positive statistics regarding safety. Qualified his statements that there were individual instances to refute these numbers. Would rather have state regulations rather than federal.

There was a short meet and greet after the talk and many questions yet addressed. Andy referred to his staff, office or personal emails for additional information. (859-806-8683, info@andybarrforcongress.com)

9 WATER CONSERVATION TIPS: SOME SEEM OBVIOUS, BUT GOOD REMINDERS

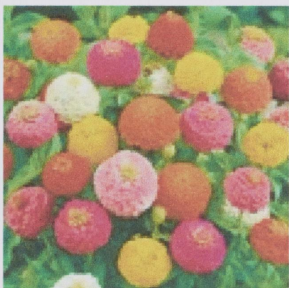
from Lendy Brown

1. A standard water hose and nozzle, because of mist, runoff and evaporation, is less efficient than a soak hose or sprinkler wand.
2. Over watering is just as bad as under watering. A rule of thumb is a lawn needs an 1" of water per week and perennial plants need an 1" or 2" of water a week. However, the gardener must regard wilting conditions.

3. Soaking a plant's foliage does little good. Stop watering when runoff or puddling. Water lawn not driveway.
4. Break up crusted mulch to let water soak in ground.
5. Test for moisture. Poke a screw driver or "sexier" gauge into soil. The drier the soil, the more resistant.
6. Best to water in the early morning. Watering in the evening runs the risk of fungus formation.
7. If you must conserve water or have rationing, water front of house first for curb appeal. The rest of the lawn will have to take care of itself.
8. Don't stress plants with hot water from a hose that has been lying in the sun. Store hose in the shade or let water run till cool.
9. Give lawn and perennials large amounts of water at longer intervals rather than small amounts frequently. Shallow watering encourages shallow roots.

LILLIPUT ZINNIAS

Did you know that 'Lilliput' zinnias attract more butterflies than any other variety of zinnia? In 2009 researches at the University of Kentucky studied this over a period of 7 weeks. Mixed-color plantings were replicated in plots using a variety of cultivars. Butterflies were counted in the morning and again in the evening.



Based on a total count of 2,355 butterflies representing 30 species of butterflies, more than twice as many butterflies visited 'Lilliput' than any other cultivar of zinnia. 'Lilliput' is an heirloom plant that dates to the 1870's. Fortunately it is still widely available so consider 'Lilliput' zinnias when you are buying your seeds next spring.

Brenda Barrett

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HORTICULTURE

from Donna Cornish

As many of you know, the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference takes place in Louisville at the end of September. They are once again having their Seed Share event which has become very popular in recent years. The Seed Share is a fun program that offers an opportunity to share our plants with others and to expand our horticulture horizons by growing something new. Caroline Barrow and I will be attending the conference this year and we will be taking seeds from the Baptisia plant at Ashland. If any of you have plants you would like to share we would be delighted to take them with us.

The seeds need to be clean and dry, then packaged and labeled. The most common packaging is small #3 coin envelopes (available at office supply stores). These work for most seeds, however, larger seeds would need larger envelopes. Last year I took the coffee tree seed which was quite thick and I used zip lock plastic bags. For very small seeds, you may wish to first put them in a glassine envelope prior to placing them in a larger envelope. The packets need to be labeled with the following information:

1. Botanical Name
2. Common Name
3. Hardiness Zone
4. Type of Seed - indicated in the upper right hand corner
Tree-Shrub-Perennial-Biennial-Annual-Vine-Grass-Vegetables-Misc.
Add an asterisk if it attracts pollinators, e.g. Perennial*
5. Your Name and your Club Name
6. Any useful growing information you can share to increase the chances of success

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The Seed Share and Propagation page of the GCA website, which you can reach from the Horticulture Committee page, is a good resource for this information.

Conservation - etc.

For the first time in 4 years, the Division of Waste Management will be conducting a household hazardous waste collection event. This is an opportunity for you to properly dispose of hazardous materials you've been holding on to under your kitchen sink, in

FALL HAUL 2014

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday, October 18 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m.
1631 Old Frankfort Pike

www.lexingtonky.gov/FallHaul



Most-commonly received items

Acids	Cylinders (propane, helium)	Kerosene	Polyurethane coatings
Adhesives (floor, tile, etc)	Degreasers	Lead paint	Rodenticides
Aerosol cans	Diesel fuel	Linseed oil	Roofing Tar
Alcohols	Disinfectants	Mercury	Rust removers
Algaecides/fungicides	Dyes	Metal primer	Solvents
Ammonia	Fertilizers	Mineral spirits	Spackling (drywall compound)
Antifreeze	Finishes	Moth balls/flakes	Swimming pool chemicals
Ballast pcb	Fire extinguishers	Motor oil and filters	Transmission fluid
Batteries (auto, boat, etc)	Floor waxes	Oil & transmission additives	Turpentine
Carburetor cleaner	Fuel oil	Oil-based paints	Varnishes
Caulking	Furniture strippers	Paint removers and thinners	Windshield cleaner fluid
Chlorine	Gas & diesel additives	Pet flea & tick products	Wood preservatives
Cleaners (engine, carpet, etc)	Gasoline (old)	Polish (furniture, metal, shoe, etc)	Wood sealers
Correction fluid	Herbicides/weed killers		
	Insecticides		

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basement and/or garage. Detailed information for the event, including what items will and will not be accepted can be found at www.lexingtonky.gov/fallhaul.

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Letter from Kim...

Autumn has arrived! Soon we will plant bulbs in the garden and put our parterres to bed for the season. It has been a beautiful year in Ashland Garden and we are fortunate that we could share our garden with so many GCA friends and visitors over the past several months! Thank you to everyone for your dedication each week.

I will miss our Wednesdays together in the garden, but the change of the season offers some rest and rejuvenation, then makes us yearn for spring.

I am going to switch gears a bit and talk about the future. We began my term in April with a program, "All Things GCA". That program sparked my interest and desire to visit our GCA Headquarter in New York City. So, I made a spontaneous stop at GCA headquarters during a recent visit to the city. The visit ended up being a family affair as Elise and Patterson were with me on our way to Central Park. We were greeted by Magda Cruz (Finance and Registrations Assistant) and Anne Butler (Receptionist for 16 years).

Their gracious generosity and hospitality made our tour fascinating and extremely informative. The history of this incredible organization over the past 101 years is alive and well in the halls and on the walls of the Garden Club of America. The GCA has multitude of resources. I would encourage you to take some time this winter to peruse the GCA web site. One of the GCA themes in 2015 is GCA: Educating for the Future. Let's make a commitment together to learn about how we can reach beyond our local community and utilize the resources of the GCA to make this world a better place to live, whether it is in conservation, horticulture or national affairs.

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

-Albert Camus



NEXT MEETING

Thursday October 16 - Idle Hour Country Club

Tablescapes by 'us' - Set up begins at 10:00

Meeting Followed by light lunch

Hostesses

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**Betty Kenan (221-2165), Kathy Courtney, Martie Mayer

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday November 3rd - 9:30 - Taylor Fister's -

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ZONE VII MEETING

The Zone VII Meeting is in Staunton, VA from October 27th-30th, hosted by Augusta Garden Club. Kim DeCamp and Kathy Brooks will be representing our club. The Zone Meeting Flower Show will include: Floral Design, Horticulture, Photography and Botanical Arts. We are required to enter a Floral Design Class and at least three horticulture classes. Please consider entering a horticulture class! Classes 1-15 are the cut specimen classes which do not require pre-registration. except for the cut specimen classes 1-15 (which can be entered upon arrival at meeting). Specimens for horticulture classes should be in a conditioned bottle or vase that can be easily transported along with the information sheet about the specimen. Donna will ave some information forms at the Oct 16th meeting. **Bring entries to Kathy Brooks' home (1621 Lakewood Dr. on Sunday Oct. 26 between 2 and 5 pm.** See details below for class categories.

Class 1 Annuals

One stem, except where noted, not to exceed 24" in total length. Any foliage must be attached to the stem.

Classes 2 – 6 Perennials Grown for Foliage

One stem, except where noted, not to exceed 24" in total length. Any foliage must be attached to the stem.

2. Ferns
3. Epimedium
4. Hellebore
5. Grasses
6. other

Classes 7 - 8 Native Plants

One cut stem of a plant native to North America showing bloom, fruit, seed or foliage. Stem not to exceed 24" in total length. Any foliage must be attached to the stem.

7. Trees, Shrubs and Vines
8. Annuals and Perennials

Classes 9-11 Trees and Shrubs (Deciduous)

One specimen not more than 26" in total length.

9. Fall Color – a branch with colorful fall foliage
10. Berried Branch – a branch displaying berries or fruit
11. Blooming Branch- a branch with at least one fully opened flower.

Classes 12-15 Trees and Shrubs (Evergreen)

One cut specimen not more than 26" in total length.

12. Holly – Male
13. Holly – Female
14. Broadleaf Evergreens other than Holly
15. Conifers

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In the Garden at Ashland



Have you seen our newest Garden Helper?? Watch for 'The Bunny' next time you are there!!

Scientific Name: *Sylvilagus floridanus*
Common Name: Eastern Cottontail Rabbit
AKA: The Bunny

Brenda Barrett

CONSERVATION - Lendy Brown

ARE YOU AWARE OF OUR FUTURE TOWN BRANCH TRAIL?

I personally was very surprised at the magnitude of this project until I read the article in the Herald Leader. I usually bitch at our politicians, so I wanted to give applause to these forward thinking environmentally concerned government officials,. This additional mileage to the Town Branch Trail, connecting the horse country to the Oliver Lewis Way, will make for lovely pedaling or a brisk beneficial walk. These greenways encourage alternative transportation, outdoor recreation and exercise. Van Meter Pettit, a Lexington architect, spearheaded the concept and helped raise the funds for this project . He wished to elevate Lexington' s profile as a trail city that appreciates its assets, its history and its natural resources. Federal transportation money was used for this project, ear marked for congestion and pollution mitigation, and to help promote alternative forms of transportation.

And...have you walked or ridden the beautiful Legacy Trail? Jump on your bike or put on your sneakers to experience this amazing route though our countryside from the Loudon YMCA to the Horse Park. If you still have any breath or strength, ride to the Horse Park Farm House for a delicious meal. A great goal and a wonderful way to have an outing in our fabulous Lexington Bluegrass on a beautiful fall day.

PHOTO
by Denise Ippolito



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Denise wrote a glowing thank you letter expressing her gratitude for such wonderful Garden Club hospitality! She really enjoyed everything that was done for her here.

"Kim DeCamp is the president of the Garden Club and she was instrumental in getting me to Lexington. Kim was on top of everything, she made sure that every detail was taken care of. She drove me to the airport and even made time to stop for a quick shoot at the barn featured above. To create the barn image above I first placed a "cloudy sky layer" on top of the original image and that now becomes my base image. I often times shoot cloudy and or stormy skies just to lay on top of a plain sky image. Next I added a blue painterly texture to my new base image. Then I used Alien Skin's Snap Art for the final painterly look. With all of my positive adjectives can you tell I enjoyed my visit!!"

Denise Ippolito

POMEGRANATE

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 photography layout.



The Pomegranate "Garden Gate" Collection is now on the Pomegranate Web site for retail purchase. Please encourage your friends and other GCA members to purchase. Please go to www.gardencluboflexington.com and you will see a link to the Pomegranate site. Proceeds go toward the maintenance of Ashland Garden. A huge thanks to Benny Williams for making this possible along with the wonderful ladies at Pomegranate! Big news...now all Garden Club of Lexington members may also purchase from the web site! Visit and click on the link to the "Garden Gate" Collection. When you check out you, there is a place to put in a coupon code (GARDENLEX). You will receive the wholesale price as a Garden Club of Lexington member. This is on the honor system so please use this code for member purchases only.



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SOUP RECIPES from WEDNESDAY TEAS IN THE GARDEN

Cucumber Soup

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon butter
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 clove garlic, finely minced
1 yellow onion, sliced very thin
3 large cucumbers, seeded and chopped
3 cups chicken broth
salt, pepper, thyme

Sauté garlic and onion in butter and olive oil until onions are translucent. Add more olive oil as needed. Then add the cucumber and continue to cook until they are tender to the fork. Add the chicken broth and cook a little bit longer. Add the seasonings. Using an emulsion blender, puree the soup. If you do not have one, cool the soup completely, and puree in blender in small batches. Cool overnight in refrigerator, taste, and adjust seasonings as needed. Serve cold. Enjoy! Kathy Brooks

Mel's Greek Tomato Soup

Tomato soup with feta, olives and cucumbers. A Greek salad as a cold soup. The original recipe is in the Sept. 2014 issue of Food and Wine.

This is the version served at the garden on 9-3-14. (1 recipe serves 4-6)

6 T extra virgin olive oil
1/2 small Texas sweet onion
2 T oregano or basil leaves (I used basil)
3 T red wine vinegar
1 T sherry
1 small cucumber, peeled and sliced
1 T honey or sweetener
5 tomatoes, peeled and chopped
2 oz feta cheese crumbled (1/2 cup)
V-8 juice to thin
Tabasco or Red hot sauce
Kosher or sea salt
Pepper and/ or garlic pepper
3/4 cups GREEK OLIVES



In a soup pot heat: olive oil, add thinly sliced onion, olives, and herb leaves. Cook over medium low heat, stirring until the onion is soft - about 7 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in vinegar and wine. Cool and add to cuisinart or blender with cucumber, tomatoes, and feta. Return to soup pot and season to taste with: salt and pepper sweetener hot sauce V-8 to thin BON APETITE! Melodye Kinkad

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A PHOTOGRAPHY TRAVEL ADVENTURE



7 1/2-Day/8-Night: A Creative Adventure ~ Tulips & A Touch of Holland
Instructional Photo-Tour - **April 9 -April 16, 2015** - \$4995 Limit: 8 photographers
Keukenhof—Delft—Amsterdam--Flower Fields—Kinderdijk

Join Denise Ippolito, the author of "Bloomin' Ideas," and "The Art of Flower Photography" for a great trip to Holland in mid-April 2015. Day 1 of the IPT will be April 9, 2015. We will have a short afternoon get-together and then our first photographic session at the justly-famed Keukenhof. Our last day, Day 8, April 16 will be a full day of photography.

Contact Denise at photographybydenise221@gmail.com

HORTICULTURE

Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference held at the Seelbach Hotel, Louisville
We were honored last week to have Shirley Meneice visit Ashland Garden
following the conclusion of the conference in Louisville. Shirley is 92 years old. She is the inspiration behind the creation of the GCA's Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference, which began in 1996. This conference is an annual conference organized by the GCA Horticulture Committee. Held in cities with beautiful public parks, arboretums and botanical gardens, this conference features renowned speakers, workshops and tours. The 2014 conference concluded on Wednesday of last week and Shirley and two close friends were given a private tour of Ashland Garden by Brenda Barrett. Many thanks to Brenda for sharing our garden's precious history with a GCA icon of horticulture.

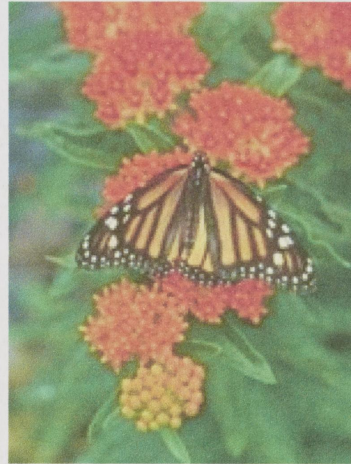
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Letter from Kim -

Kathy Brooks and I were honored to represent our Garden Club last week at the annual Zone VII meeting in Staunton, Virginia. The meeting was educational and inspiring. Katie Heins, (President of GCA) encouraged us to focus on education, which is the cornerstone of all progress. She challenged us to think about ways to reach children through our programs and projects, as children will be the guardians of our land and our natural resources in the future. Katie also encouraged each club to consider the creation of a pollinator project, as the monarch population has declined by 90% in the Eastern U.S. (over the past 20 years).



I am always in awe of the talent, intellect and energy of the women in the Garden Club of America. The Augusta Garden Club of Staunton worked tirelessly to make our week eventful and fun. In addition to tours of the charming historic city of Staunton, we attended roundtable discussions, listened to engaging speakers and participated in a beautifully organized Flower Show. My sincere thanks to all of you who entered the Show! We had winners in all three categories: Flower Design, Horticulture and Photography. Please take the time to see our list of awards below and congratulate the winners.

In the spirit of education, I will post a "quick fact" each month about the Garden Club of America. What is the name of the only GCA award given to a plant and not a person or organization? What native plant received this award this year?

Answer: The Montine McDaniel Freeman Horticulture Medal. The Butterfly Weed; Asclepias tuberosa

NEXT MEETING

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th - 10:30
MAKE-AND-TAKE with Anne Roughton
at**

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH 1882 Bellefonte Dr.

Cost \$20 per person, each person will take home a pair of topiary type arrangements. You only need to bring clippers. Please reply to Amy Kessinger amy.kessinger3@gmail.com or 266-8286 or 533-0037

NEXT BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 5th - 9:30 at home of Anne Kraus

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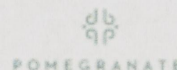
A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

Every year we put together a basket for Mary Warren, in appreciation for all of her hard work and knowledge. If you have something that you would like to contribute, please drop it off to Elizabeth Freeman by December 10th.

Thank you! ~ Philippa and Elizabeth

AN INVITATION

Angela Beck and Pomegranate would like to invite the Garden Club of Lexington to a Preview Sale Day on Tuesday, December 2 from Noon-5pm. They will offer our GCL members a 30% discount off of the Warehouse Sale price!



CONSERVATION - Lendy Brown

CBS News reports that the world's wildlife is disappearing far more rapidly than previously understood. The populations of 3,000 species, including mammals, birds, reptiles amphibians, and fish have fallen 52 percent, on average since 1970.

Our little corner of the world might help the butterfly by some creative planting to encourage their life cycle, but keep our garden integrity pure and not encourage any weedy types. Isn't it worth a look?

Letter from Zone Chairman Carol Carter

As you may know, the GCA is working hard to encourage pollinator conservation. Many of our clubs in Zone VII already have pollinator related projects underway. If you don't, please consider incorporating pollinators/pollinator habitat in your project planning. This isn't a requirement, but wouldn't it be great if all 18,000 members somehow participated in pollinator conservation?! The upcoming ConWatch will focus on them and GCA will be highlighting various club projects

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around the country in future communications. For a GCA pollinator related resource list contact Lendy Brown.

HORTICULTURE - Donna Cornish

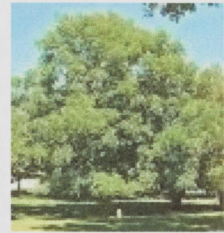
I recently read through a newsletter from the Fayette County Cooperative Extension Service (thank you Mott) that had some good information about pruning, cleaning and just general maintenance of our plants and garden tools. It talked about the fact that plants have entered into winter dormancy when plants are "relatively inactive in terms of metabolic processes (photosynthesis, respiration and transpiration, for example)". These processes slow during dormancy, but do not cease altogether. "Going dormant is the way plants survive the cold of winter. It is important that landscape maintenance activities not interfere with the plant's natural process of becoming dormant". Pruning is one example. "Fall is considered a poor time to prune most woody perennials. Pruning will remove terminal buds that help to maintain dormancy in many species. The presence of the terminal bud, even in a seemingly inactive state, suppresses the growth of lower buds through a process called apical dominance, a type of dormancy imposed on the lateral buds. If you remove the apical bud, it may encourage lateral buds to initiate growth in a plant that has not yet fully entered a dormant state. Once lateral bud growth is initiated, dormancy will be hard to achieve, even with the advent of shortening day length and cooler temperatures. So pruning in the fall may trigger new growth that delays dormancy and predisposes the plant to winter injury." The article goes on to talk about pruning in late winter and other tips for maintenance in the garden. If you would like to read more on this go to www.fayetteextension.com, click on the Horticulture site and scroll down to the "By The Yard" newsletter.



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COFFEE TREE PROJECT

It is not too early to be thinking about the Coffee Tree Project and collecting seeds. We would like to get the packets to the schools earlier this year, either late December or early January so the teachers can add it to their lesson plans. If you have coffee trees would you please go ahead and start gathering them. Please contact me when you have collected them and I will arrange to have them picked up. If you would like some help with collection of the seeds, I can arrange that as well. DONNA



Zone Meeting Flower Show Awards – October 2014 Staunton, Virginia

Participants:

Flower Design: Kathy Brooks, Yellow Ribbon (3rd Place)

Photography: Kim DeCamp, Honorable Mention

Horticulture:

Brenda Barrett (8 entries) – Two Red Ribbons (2nd Place); One Yellow Ribbon (3rd Place); and One Honorable Mention,

Kathy Brooks - Honorable Mention

Ellen Chapman (5 entries) – Two Red Ribbons (2nd Place) & Yellow Ribbon (3rd Place)

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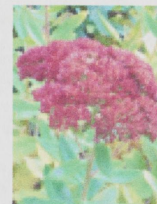
Melanie Dowell

Anne Kraus – Red Ribbon, 2nd Place

To view photos from the Zone Meeting Flower Show, please go to
www.gardencluboflexington.smugmug.com.



SCHEDULE FOR 'IN CLUB' PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW - 2015 Photography Division A Year in the Garden



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.

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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.

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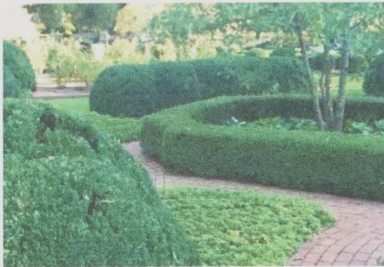
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This is a copy of the ad that appears in the current **Flower Magazine!**

In the Garden at Ashland Boxwood



The boxwoods are the backbone of the garden at Ashland. These stately evergreen shrubs stand out particularly during this time of year when the flower borders have been put to bed. There are hundreds of varieties of boxwoods. Most including the boxwood in the Garden at Ashland are a hybrid or cultivar of Littleleaf Boxwood or Common Boxwood.

The large older boxwoods in the Garden at Ashland are Common Boxwood which are native to the Mediterranean Area. Common Boxwood, also called American Boxwood, is a large shrub that can grow to 15'

tall. It is hardy in zones 5-6, but some varieties will grow further south. It has ½ to 1" oblong leaves that are a lustrous dark green. *Buxus sempervirens* is the Latin name for Common Boxwood. *Buxus* means box and *sempervirens* means evergreen. This is the variety of boxwood that keeps a good evergreen color throughout the winter.

One of the most popular of the Edging Boxwoods is a variety of Common Boxwood known as *Buxus sempervirens* 'Suffruticosa'. Besides being known as Edging Box it is often called English Boxwood. This is a very slow growing plant that can ultimately reach 3' in size, but Edging Boxwood with its tiny leaves can be maintained at only a few inches in height.

Littleleaf Boxwood is a small 3-4' plant with 1/3 to 1" leaves that are more rounded than the Common Boxwood. It is hardy in zones 6-9, but some varieties will grow further north. The leaves are a medium green in the summer, but the plants can look like they are dying in the winter as the leaves of many varieties will turn a rusty green color. *Buxus microphylla* is the Latin name for Littleleaf Boxwood. *Microphylla* literally means small leaf. Littleleaf Boxwood are of Japanese origin, but they are not found in the wild.

Hybrid crosses of Littleleaf Boxwood with Common Boxwood have resulted in some of our most useful garden plants. These plants exhibit the hardiness and compactness of Littleleaf Boxwood and the good leaf color of Common Boxwood. Today boxwoods are one of our most popular garden shrubs. Mature boxwood are found throughout many old historic gardens in Europe and in America, and indeed they are one of the world's oldest cultivated plants. Boxwood could be found in Egyptian Gardens as early as 4000 BC.

The wood of boxwood is strong, supple, and good for carving. In the past it has been used to make musical instruments, hair combs, small toys and of course small ornamental boxes. Today boxwood is one of the most popular evergreens used for making Christmas decorations. Thanksgiving weekend is the perfect time to give boxwood a good thinning. So clip all those fresh greens and turn them into wreaths, topiaries, etc. Cut boxwood inserted into oasis will stay fresh and green for at least 2 months. After the holidays when you let your oasis dry the boxwood will dry nicely and you can repurpose your arrangement for the New Year.

Happy Holidays!

Brenda Barrett

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BLOOMIN' NEWS

Garden Club of Lexington

Letter from Kim

Tis the season to put our gardens to bed for the winter and enjoy time with family and friends. Hopefully the change in season also offers a time for indoor hobbies such as reading, needlepoint, spin class or going to the movie. Don't forget that our garden at Ashland is also beautiful in the winter! A walk after a fresh dusting of snow can be invigorating! Bring your camera or your iphone to capture the moment! Many thanks to the ladies in the rose garden parterre for offering to decorate the garden for the holidays (Leslie, Sheila, Luanne, Edie, Taylor and Mimi). Our beloved Crutcher topiaries will put you in the holiday spirit adorned with their red bows and greenery. I look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Tea on December 18th at 3:30pm. at the home of Missy and James Lang. Lolly and Shannon will join me in hosting this lovely tradition. Happy Holidays to all!



CHRISTMAS TEA at the home of Missy Lang

Thursday, December 18th - 3:30
Hostesses

*Lolly Martin (948-4991), Shannon Totty, Kim DeCamp



Next Board Meeting
January 5th - 9:30 - Anne Kraus'

Bouquets to Brighten the Day - Melodye Kinhead

December 15th we will take flowers to Morning Point on Richmond Rd.

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CONSERVATION - Lendy Brown

Neonicotinoids, a class of insecticides related to nicotine, can persist in plants that we purchase from our garden centers for 18 months or more. It is absorbed by the plant and then expressed in all parts of the plant. A dose of 192 parts per billion will kill a honey bee and lower doses can impair ability to fly, navigate, forage and reproduce. This means that we purchase and plant in an effort to help SAVE pollinators but inadvertently harm them.

Neonics can be found in greater concentrations in our garden products than agricultural products. Neonics are water-soluble and easy to administer by soil drenching, spraying, trunk injection, and coated seeds. Commercial nurseries apply pesticides to protect their investment, and levels can persist in plants and soil well after the home gardener has planted the plant, possibly harming earthworms and soil beetles along with pollinators.



Visiting Gardens - Ellen Chapman

There are three amazing 'Visiting Gardens' trips to put on your Christmas List: Newport, Tuscany and Natchez, Mississippi! All may be signed up by the Interests List on GCA website.

The upcoming trips are in the November ENews and you can also read about them on the GCA website. They are: Newport - June 18-23, 2015; Mississippi - April 10-15, 2016; Tuscany - May 3-13, 2-16.

The procedure for signing up for the Interests List has instructions on the Visiting Garden Landing Page. Email the Interests List giving name and trip you are signing up for. No money required! An announcement will follow later informing you of price and the itinerary. You can make a decision then if you wish to go.

Other news: There is now a new link to the GCA Courtesy Clubs in the sidebar on the VG landing page.

Both the Indochina (January 23-February 10, 2015) and Ireland (June 6-14, 2015) trips are now full. It's too late to add anyone to the Indochina trip even if a space opens up, but there continues to be a Wait List for the Ireland trip.

Meet Sarah Barney - by Brenda Barret

Sarah Barney is a 2013 recipient of the GCA Clara Carter Higgins Scholarship for Summer Environmental Studies. This scholarship enabled her to travel to Indonesia to



participate in a Tropical Agro Ecology and Sustainable Development program. Her interdisciplinary field study focused on exploring the boundaries between the ecology and culture of sustainable agriculture in three unique regions: Sumatra, Java, and Bali.

Sarah is a native of Lexington and a graduate of Lafayette High School. This spring she graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies from the College of Agriculture. After graduation she wanted to continue to travel and pursue opportunities to work and learn in an environment with less structure so Sarah packed up and headed south to explore the wonders of Ecuador and Peru. She began her post-college adventure by volunteering on an organic farm and ecotourism lodge in Tarapoto, Peru. She then traveled to the Amazon to work as a research assistant for a macaw conservation project.

Environmental Issue - Dottie Cordray

It is part of the **mission statement of the Garden Club of America to... restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment.** It is my hope for each of you this holiday season to give you a better understanding of two totally unregulated industries and the potentially carcinogenic ingredients that are not only impacting our environment but our own health and well being, on a daily basis.

Have you ever wondered why SO many people have cancer these days? There has to be a reason, a primary cause. According to the American Cancer Society the top **five causes of cancer are: 1/ Poor diet and nutrition 2/ Tobacco 3/ Infections 4/ Occupational exposures 5/ Environmental pollution.**

Each and every day, **we are bombarded with pollutants** in the form of chemicals, many toxic and carcinogenic. I'm going to concentrate on just those we can control such as the cleaning products we use in our house and the personal care products we use daily.

First on my hit list is perfume. Most of us here in Kentucky know the significance of "the canary in the cave". But since the coal industry is in serious decline and a younger generation may NOT know the significance OR in case this goes viral – and I hope it will – here it is:



Life for an actual [canary](#) in a [coal](#) mine could be described in three words: "short but meaningful." Early coal mines did not feature ventilation systems, so legend has it that miners would bring a caged canary into new coal seams. Canaries are especially sensitive to [methane](#) and [carbon](#) monoxide, which made them ideal for detecting any dangerous gas build-ups. As long as the bird kept singing, the miners knew their air supply was safe. A dead canary signaled an immediate evacuation.

Ladies, I AM the canary in the coal mine - I guess that makes me 'special'! I can't walk down the aisle of cleaning products at the grocery without getting a headache or getting nauseated. Perfume today is NOT your grandmother's perfume. It is no longer made from flowers in the garden. Ladies, **WAKE UP AND SMELL THE CHEMICALS!!!** You are special too as are your friends, family, husbands, sons,

daughters, daughter-in-laws, and grandchildren. We all deserve to know what ingredients are in the products we buy so we have the choice of buying them – or NOT, exposing our loved ones to them or NOT. The average perfume is apparently made up of approximately eight thousand “notes”. Consider that a lot of these “notes” are harming you, me, those you love AND the environment.

I'm challenging each and every one of you to re-think your buying habits and commitment to “going green” for the sake of your lives and those you love as well as our earth/environment that already has so many challenges facing it. (More useful info to come next year! Dottie)

GCA Computer Log-In Procedures - Mott

If you are trying to access the new Member Area on the GCA website for the first time, please follow this procedure:

1. Go to the GCA website at <http://www.gcamerica.org>.



2. Click on the link entitled “Member’s Logging” or ‘members area’ in the corner.

3. in the Username box, type in: **your iMIS ID - that odd combination of letters and number that we used on the old website.** You can get this ID from your zone vice chair, club administrator, communications zone rep or by emailing: websupport@gcamerica.org or calling (212)753-8287.

4. In the Password box, type in: **TempPass1**

5. Once logged in, please create a new password (it must be at least 6 characters long with no spaces.)

6. Update your e-mail / contact information if necessary.

7. Click the “Save” button towards the bottom of the screen.

8. **Important Note: Upon completing the steps above, you will always use the following to login: USERNAME:** this is your email address - **Password:** new password you’ve created.

9. If you ever forget your username or password, simply click on the Help link at the bottom of the login screen: ‘Help’ ‘I can’t sign in’ or ‘I forgot my username / password’. **Any more questions? Contact** websupport@gcameroca.org or communications@gcamerica.org

GCA Quick Fact

Q: If you visited the Garden Club Headquarters in NYC during the holiday season, what would you see in the lobby?

A: A beautifully adorned holiday tree with an ornament from each of the 200 GCA clubs across the U.S.A.

Kim

