



# *Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee*

AT CHEEKWOOD ESTATE & GARDENS

DECEMBER 2020 SPECIAL EDITION



## From our President Carla Nelson

Like almost everything this year, Christmas wasn't typical for our family just as I'm sure yours required adjustment as well. Arriving in-person with beautifully wrapped presents, sharing a traditional Christmas dinner, and opening gifts by the tree wasn't happening in 2020! Most of the gifts we sent and received were from Amazon. Not knowing if they were wrapped we placed the boxes we received directly under the tree. Somehow it seemed appropriate this year. We got together on Zoom in our matching Christmas t-shirts and were grateful that we were able to be together, even if only virtually. I look forward to when we can all gather in person. I miss you all and look forward to seeing you in 2021!



*Carla*



# Sparkle

**Many memories of Sparkling tabletops and holiday cheer are shared by Garden Club friends and Horticultural Society members.**

**The 2020 format was quite different, yet we were able to continue the tradition of enjoying beautiful tablescapes via pictures submitted by garden club members. Thank you to the clubs and friends who provided generous monetary donations.**

# Sparkle

**At Blenheim Palace in England and the Executive Residence in Tennessee, the halls may not be decked as much, but the tables were set ready to give a warm welcome.**



# Cyparkle

**Horticultural Society members still set the prettiest tables!**



Sparkle

*May your days be*

**MERRY  
& BRIGHT**



# Sparkle

**Some members set the table for two different gatherings in thier home.**



*love and joy*



# Sparkle

**Some members set the table for two different gatherings in thier home.**



JOLLY HOLIDAY



# Sparkle

Members of one one Garden Club shared these pictures from their homes.



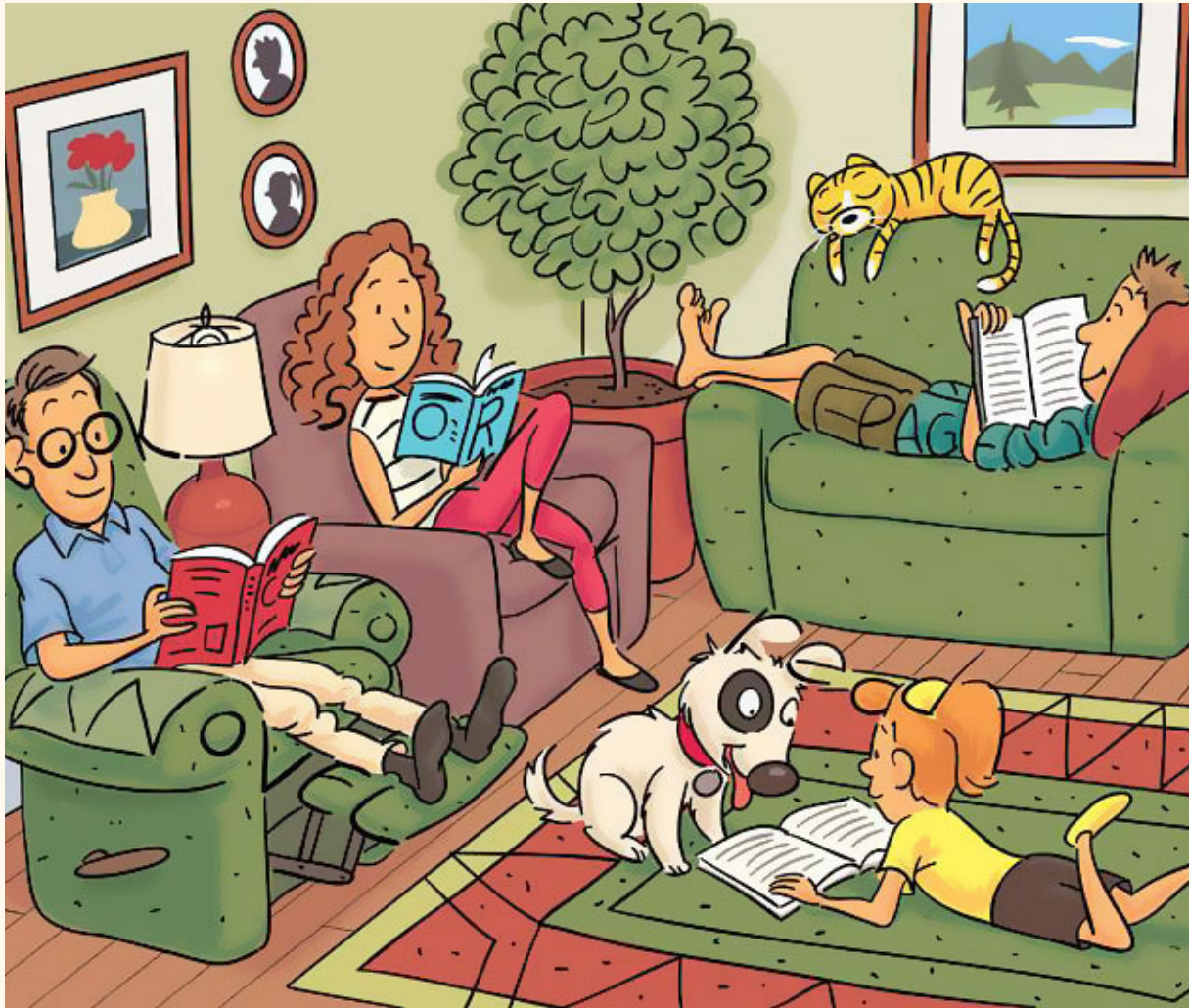
Can you identify this piece of jewelry?  
Answer on next page :)





# CySparkle

Maybe your Christmas looked more like this?  
Can you find 6 hidden words?



**Answer:**  
**Sterling tree from early  
days of the gift shop at  
Cheekwood.**

Sparkle

Or you're hoping for this?



**More hidden words**

*Sparkle*

**Thank you to the following  
Garden Clubs who contributed**

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**All Seasons**

**Belmont**

**Brook Meade**

**Dubious Diggers**

**First Saturday**

**Garden Lovers**

**Grapevine**

**Hendersonville**

**Oak Valley**

**Sew N Sow**

**Town and Country**

**Tyne Meade**

**Valley Green**

**Wilson County Town & Country**

# SUPPORT US

Become a patron  
of the  
Horticultural  
Society of Middle  
Tennessee

*Thank  
you!*

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In this past year of social and financial challenges, we ask for your help. Each year, we are honored and sincerely grateful for all the support given us, but this year the need is greater than ever. Since 1931, The Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee, one of Nashville's oldest non-profit organizations, still maintains its founding principles.

- a clearing house to coordinate the horticultural interests of garden clubs
- collect and diffuse information on all topics relating to the culture and care of plants
- encourage the conservation of trees, native plants and birds
- promote widespread interest in the beautification and landscaping of public and private grounds
- foster civic improvements
- stimulate cultural interests garden

In 1960, The Horticultural Society was one of three founding entities of Cheekwood, and continues to maintain these principles today. We are asking you to contribute to The Horticultural Society so that our organization can fulfill its purpose of landscaping and beautifying public and private spaces. This year, we were honored to make a financial donation to support numerous horticultural activities as well as special plantings at Cheekwood. This would not have been possible without the generosity of donors like you.

Please help us continue this tradition. We continue to stay in contact with our members despite cancellations and postponement of in-person gatherings such as our Special Events, membership meetings and the Community Flower Show organized by incredible HSMT clubs. Through newsletters and information on our website [www.HSMTN.org](http://www.HSMTN.org), you can learn more about our organization as well as find event registration and horticultural information.

You can also make your donation safely on this site by clicking the Donate Button on the Contact/Donate page. In addition, we urge you to participate in one of our "at home" events such as the very popular Doorstep Dinners.

On behalf of everyone in The Horticultural Society, we thank you for your financial support of HSMT and its goal of connecting people with clubs, organizations and events, providing research-based quality information to the public, and sharing all things horticulture in the community especially at Cheekwood.

We certainly look forward to resuming our numerous activities and seeing you very soon!

Susan Edwards  
Patron Chair

Dixie Powell  
Patron Chair

Carla Nelson  
HSMT President



## Doorstep Dinners- fundraising reimagined



As unforeseen postponements of HSMT's 2020 fundraisers became a reality and the advent of staying at home became a norm, the idea of DOORSTEP Dinners was born. By partnering with caterer Danielle Kates who prepares and delivers gourmet dinners (to your doorstep), HSMT has offered 4 opportunities for members to order, generously allowing our organization to maintain a flow of donations that would not have been realized due to the cancellations of our scheduled events.

Watch for the email notice of another DOORSTEP dinner scheduled for January 2021. Think about a cozy meal at home and watch for a feature on the HSMT Doorstep dinners thanks to **Ted Clayton and the Nashville Social Reveal.**



The upcoming Cheekwood Book is scheduled for delivery in March, 2021  
Here is the editor's final version of the section on HSMT.

**The Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee (HSMT), a volunteer-based organization composed of more than fifty garden clubs, is a distinguished contributor to the advancement of Cheekwood. As part of Cheekwood's founding, HSMT dedicated both financial contributions and thousands of volunteer hours in order to realize the institution as a center for the study and education of horticulture. Today, HSMT still plays an active role through a variety of fundraising events, including Sparkling Settings and Martinis and Mistletoe.**

# Volunteers Needed!

**WE NEED YOU!!!**

Are you a talented writer? Or have computer skills? Maybe you enjoy chairing events, serving on committees, meeting with and speaking to groups, working on mailings or helping in the office when needed. No matter what talents you have or what you enjoy doing, HSMT needs you!

- Update and Upload materials to the HSMT website as needed, Computer skills are very helpful
- Write articles and event information for the website and digital newsletters
- Produce digital newsletters using the HSMT template. Computer skills are very helpful
- Outreach and speaking engagements
- Help with mailings
- Work on the HSMT Directory
- Help at the HSMT office when available
- Chair an event or serve on the committee



**WE WANT YOU!**

*Here are just a few projects where we need your talents and abilities. If you don't see the right one for you, we'd love to hear your ideas! HSMT is only as strong as its members and volunteers. You make a difference.*

