

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

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From our President Dean Reeves



Dear Members and Friends of HSMT:

After four years as President of the Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee, the time is drawing near for me to step down. It has been a very special and wonderful time in my life to serve HSMT in this capacity. I want to thank all of you as you helped to make it so. I could never have made it through the past four years if it had not been for you, your group, Dixie Powell, and Lisa Ward-Smith.

I hope you will keep the momentum going and assist the incoming President Carla Nelson every way you can.

Cheekwood and HSMT are wonderful and special in so many ways. I appreciate all the support you have shown over the past four years. I look forward to what the coming years bring and hope that you know what it all means to me.

Sincerely,

Susan James presented Dean with a beautifully engraved tray at the January HSMT meeting for her four years as President .

Dean—Thank you for all you have done for HSMT!

2015-2019





HSMT Fashion Show & TEA

MONDAY, April 15th 10:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:30 Botanic Hall

Join us for a very special Spring Meeting, TEA, and FASHION SHOW. Cheekwood will be “In Bloom.” Shop at our French Shoppe Boutique, and purchase one of the stunning centerpieces created by members of *Tyne Meade Garden Club*

TICKETS \$30 PER PERSON

The Spring TEA is Catered by *Crumb de la Crumb* and Features :

Mini Tea Sandwiches - Chicken Salad on croissants and our Green Goddess sandwich (avocado, goat cheese, pesto)

Fresh Fruit

Mini Quiche - Spinach, Tomato, Feta and Ham/Cheddar

Broccoli Salad/Pasta Salad

2 mini desserts - Lemon Bar Bites and Mini Strawberry Shortcake Shooters

Fruit Tea and Vanilla Bean Lemonade



Deadline for reservations is Thursday, April 11 at NOON.

For Credit Cards—REGISTER ONLINE at <https://HSMTN.org> OR

Complete and Mail your Check with the RESERVATION FORM below. Register Early.

To reserve an entire table of 8 - 10, please list all names on the form to be seated at the table

If Registering Online you only have to pay for your own ticket but list your table attendees or club

NO TICKETS will be sold at the door

REGISTRATION FORM—HSMT Fashion Show TEA 2019

Name _____

Garden Club _____ Phone _____

Number reservations: _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____ (\$30 per person)

Check # _____ Check Date _____ GARDEN CLUB: _____

Names of Additional Guest you are paying for : _____

DEADLINE for PAID Reservations NOON April 11th

Please return this form with check to

HSMT 1200 Forrest Park Dr. Nashville, TN 37205

There Is HUMOR in Gardening

"Gardening and laughing are two of the best things in life you can do to promote good health and a sense of wellbeing". David Hobson , a gardening humorist.

To help you promote good health and a sense of wellbeing, I am sharing some gardening humor with you.

God blesses my garden but he doesn't weed it.

An addiction to gardening is not all bad when you consider all the other options.

A garden is a thing of beauty and a job forever.

Maxine says: I was in a garden club once. My nickname was "Snapdragon".

Time to plant my garden or as the local bunnies call it my "all-you-can-eat-buffet".

You Know You Have Been Gardening Too Long When:

You deadhead flowers in other people's gardens.

You plan your vacation around the nurseries you want to visit.

You visit a friend and start weeding her garden.

Your garden is tidier than your house.

You forget and wear your gardening hat to church.

You think you must plant every kind of flower known to man.

Seed catalogues are your favorite magazines.

You cannot throw away any gardening magazine and keep them for years.

You are envious if your neighbor's garden has more flowers.

You bought so many flats of flowers you do not have any more room for the plants.

Neighbors complain, "Please no more sharing of vegetables."

You name all your daughters with names of flowers.

What the Directions on Seed Packets Really Mean

"A favorite of birds", really means avoid planting near cars, sidewalks, or clothes lines.

"Grows more beautiful each year", means expect to look like road kill in the foreseeable future.

"Zone 5 with protection" is a variation on the phrase "Russian Roulette".

"May require support" means your daughter's engineering degree may finally pay off.

"Carefree" refers more to your plant's attitude than your workload.

"Vigorous" is code for "has a Napoleonic compulsion to take over the world".

Remember leave room in your garden for the fairies to dance.

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Recap of our Fall & Holiday Events

Fall Harvest Dinner

Raised \$10,005.14

Martinis & Mistletoe

Raised \$27,729.40

Sparkling Settings

Raised \$13,884.91



2019 Fall Harvest Dinner
Chairmen—Nancy Russell &
Anne Shepherd



Martinis and Mistletoe
Chairmen: Murray Benson &
Natalie Coleman



2018 SPARKLING SETTINGS

AWARD WINNERS

- Whimsey At It's Best** Babs Freeman *Christmas Ball*
- Holiday Delight** Tyne Meade *Birds of Winter*
- Devine Design** New Neighbors *Christmas in India*
- Most Creative** Town & Country *Feliz Naughty Dog*
- Sparkling Star Award** Town & Country *Feliz Naughty Dog*



Christmas Ball



Birds of Winter



Christmas In India



Feliz Naughty Dog



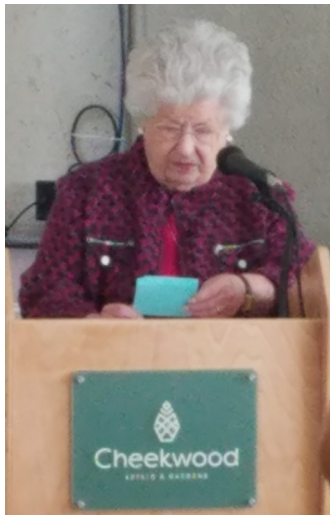
January Meeting Re Cap

If you missed the January Membership Meeting here are a few of the highlights.



Beth Murdock, Cheekwood COO, presented changes that apply to HSMT Garden Clubs. Details were provided to all club presidents.

Dean Reeves thanked the membership for all their support of her and HSMT over the past 4 years.



Bobbie Wolcott greeted members with raffle tickets and sold the new HSMT T Shirts.



The board provided refreshments for the meeting. Tiny Little Donuts were a hit as was a cake that everyone asked for the recipe. If it was your cake please send it to Lisa to share.

In addition, the 2018 Events were discussed. It was a successful year of fund raising. If you have any suggestions for something new or changes to existing events, the new board would love to hear from you.

Mona Hitch presented a revolutionary new way to garden with Tower Gardens. No weeding, bending, or bugs. Turn your kitchen, sunroom, patio, office, or child's classroom into a nutrient dense and tasty garden all year round. For any purchases of a tower through HSMT, \$20 per tower will be donated to HSMT. Please contact Lisa in the office for details on ordering yours. 615-353-6978



LOCAL SOCIETY PLANT SALES

Native Plant Sale

Join The Garden Club of Nashville for the 11th annual Native Plant Sale at Cheekwood. The annual sale will take place inside Cheekwood's Botanic Hall on *Saturday, April 6*, and will offer a variety of wildflower treasures perfect for local gardens. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Howe Garden at Cheekwood during its 50th anniversary celebration.

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 9:00 AM

Tennessee State Fairgrounds

April 6: 2019 Perennial Plant Sale, The Fairgrounds, Nashville.

Door open at 9:00 a.m. Arrive by 8:30 for best selection. Free admission. Parking fee \$5.

More plants than ever! Over 450 new and tried and true varieties of plants for gardens big and small.

Plus expert advice on choosing and growing in Middle Tennessee. All profits from the sale support horticulture education and scholarships. For more details and a full plant list visit www.ppsmtn.org. Questions? Email mariwynevens@att.net

The Herb Society of Nashville

Saturday, April 13th, 2019, 9 AM – 2 PM

Tennessee State Fairgrounds

Sports Arena Building

Featuring heirloom vegetables and rare varieties of herbs and perennials—fresh from the growers' greenhouses. Gardening advice and shopping assistants are available to help you make selections for your edible landscape.

<https://www.herbsocietynashville.org/pages/view/plant-sale/>



FRONT



HSMT TSHIRTS

\$15.00

CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD



BACK

That's right. HSMT now has T Shirts. Show the gardening world you are a proud member of the Horticultural Society of Middle TN. The shirts are a nice quality 50/50 blend. They do not bleed or shrink. Shirts are available at all HSMT meetings and in the HSMT Office Size S to XXL available

NEW BOARD ELECTED FOR 2019-2021

President	Carla Nelson	Auxiliary Member
1st VP	Harriet McHenry	Valley Green GC
2nd VP	Sylvia Ganier	Town and Country GC
Recording Secretary	Melanie Fuson	Sew 'n Sow GC
Corresponding Sec	Debbie Bryan	All Seasons GC
Treasurer	Kim Looney	Auxiliary Member
Director	Virginia Casalone	Belmont GC
Director	Marlene Key	Tyne Meade GC
Director	Anne Shepherd	Highland GC
Director	Patsy Weigel	Sew 'n Sow

New committees are forming. If you would like to get involved and volunteer for a committee or event, please contact Lisa in the HSMT office.

We need new chairpersons for the 2019 Events. Please consider sharing your talents and help HSMT have another successful fund raising year. The annual HSMT donation to Cheekwood depends on the success of the annual events.

Bellevue Garden Club sponsored a lovely tribute at their Sparkling Settings table and requested their donation of \$60 be given to the new Bracken Foundation Children's Garden in Memory of Florence Ann Ketelsen - a long time member of Bellevue GC, Belle Wood GC, the Judges Council, and HSMT.



SAVE THE DATE



[Howe Garden 50th Anniversary Celebration](#) April 27 Thanks to a renovation from *The Garden Club of Nashville*, visitors can see the original Wildings garden, a state-of-the-art rain garden.

HSMT 2019 SPECIAL EVENTS

April General Membership Meeting—Fashion Show & TEA **Monday, April 15**

October Membership Meeting— **Thursday, October 24**

Martinis & Mistletoe— **Friday, November 29**

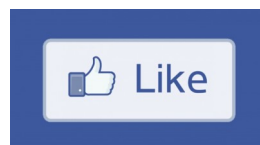
Sparkling Settings—**Monday, December 2**



Remember that we now have a beautiful WEBSITE that has all the answers to your questions and ALL registration forms. Check it out!

HSMTN.ORG

& ON FaceBook @HorticultureSocietyMidTN



**GARDEN CLUB
PRESIDENTS
and AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

Renewals are DUE

APRIL 1

If you did not receive your renewal application,

contact HSMT office:

615-353-6978 or

LWardSmith@HSMTN.org

**HSMT Board Meeting and
Luncheon
for current & new Board
members**

Monday April 8th

11:00 a.m.

The Centennial Club

RSVP - LWardSmith@HSMTN.org



Happy 90th Anniversary to Belmont & Pulaski Garden Clubs

Belmont Garden Club Launched their anniversary year with a club meeting celebration in February.



Lisa Ward-Smith presented Carol McDonald, Belmont Garden Club President, with a Proclamation from HSMT for their 90 years of service and support to HSMT and the gardening community.

Pulaski Garden Club

Invites all HSMT Garden Club members and friends to celebrate their 90th Anniversary

**Sunday, May 5, 2019
from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

**The celebration will take place in
The Garden and Fellowship Hall at the
First Presbyterian Church**

**202 South Second Street
Pulaski, TN 38478**

Established in 1929, what a testament to these clubs and their members to still be going strong after 90 years. Their early focus set a precedent for the many years to come. Strategies to promote civic improvements, beautification, and the preservation of wildlife and native plants, as well as flower shows with emphasis on horticulture.

Congratulations, we are so proud of all your accomplishments and service to the horticultural community through out Middle Tennessee.

CHANGES AT CHEEKWOOD THAT AFFECT HSMT GARDEN CLUBS

- ◇ Cheekwood is no longer offering 1 free meeting room per year per club
- ◇ Discounted room rate applies to HSMT garden clubs only
 - ⇒ \$50 per daytime meeting—to cover staff & utility costs
 - ⇒ \$100 per after-hour meeting—to cover staff & utility costs
 - ⇒ Room options: Potter Room (under 50 guests), Massey Hall (over 50 guests)
Classroom (under 30 guests if sink or easy clean floor needed)
 - ⇒ Rooms available: Daytime—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
After hours—Tuesday & Wednesday evenings only
- ◇ Black out Dates: March, October, December; & November evenings during Holiday Lights
- ◇ Club Member Roster and payment required to confirm meeting date
- ◇ Calendar bookings must be submitted between October 1—November 31 for following year
 - ⇒ All bookings subject to cancellation/change of room for a full price revenue opportunity
 - ⇒ No special request room set up changes—1 layout per club per year
- ◇ Cheekwood staff speakers must be requested a minimum of 1 month in advance
- ◇ All catering must be provided by a Cheekwood preferred vendor
 - ⇒ Clubs may bring in their own food for meetings or eat at Café 29
- ◇ Any shows, program, or event charging an admission fee or ticket will be charged the full rental rate

Membership at Cheekwood

We have arranged with Cheekwood for all HSMT members to purchase a CW new membership OR renewal of an existing CW membership for a special discounted price. Using code HSMT2019 all HSMT members receive a \$10 discount on any membership level!

Cheekwood Membership Benefits:

- Unlimited free admission to Cheekwood for one full year (a surcharge may apply for special exhibitions/ events)
 - Free Parking (excluding select special events)
- Reciprocal admission to nearly 200 botanical gardens, arboreta, and conservatories nationwide, and over 60 museums in the Southeast
 - Invitations to Member-Only events and exhibition previews
 - Discount for select special events, including *Holiday LIGHTS* and *Spring Art Hop*
 - Discount on classes and workshops
 - Priority registration for children's camps. Family and Society level memberships also receive a discount.
 - 10% discount at the Cheekwood Gift Shop and Café 29
 - Subscription to our quarterly Member Newsletter

If you are not a member of Cheekwood take advantage of this special offer today!