



*Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee*  
AT CHEEKWOOD ESTATE & GARDENS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF HSMT



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## From our President Carla Nelson

I'm so thankful for the many people who shared their talents this past fall and winter at our membership meetings and fundraising events. In October, we welcomed the queen of southern cuisine Nathalie Dupree who was both charming and informative! Next were the holidays with the sold-out Martinis & Mistletoe chaired by Becca Factor and Elizabeth Ragan and the stunning Sparkling Settings chaired by Jeannine Briley and Nancy Goodrich featuring the much beloved Waterford Crystal Christmas Tree! In January we welcomed Seema Prasad, owner of Miel Restaurant, who discussed her cutting edge sustainability practices and her vision of eliminating food waste through advanced composting. At each event, we enjoyed the beautiful music provided by Debra Williams

I'm so excited and anxious for Nashville's beautiful Spring Gardens to arrive, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the April Membership Meeting & Fashion Show, June 18th Ladies Night Out and the May 31st Sunday Brunch event!

# Meet Elizabeth Ralph

## HSMT ADMINISTRATOR

Elizabeth Ralph joined the Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee office as Administrator in January 2020, and we couldn't be more excited. She has over 35 years of experience as a community volunteer for various organizations, and for the past 11 years held the role of Special Events Coordinator for FiftyForward, successfully raising funds and coordinating volunteers for many events. She is already effectively working with volunteer chairmen to coordinate the upcoming Spring membership meeting and Garden Party Tea, a Special Summer Brunch for HSMT members and guests, as well as the winter fundraisers, Martinis and Mistletoe and Sparking Settings.



*"I am honored to accept the position as Administrator and look forward to successfully assisting the HSMT coordinate the horticultural interests of the Garden Clubs"*

Elizabeth is a founding member of All Seasons Garden Club of which she has served in leadership roles including President. She enjoys her gardens both here in Nashville and at her weekend home in Beersheba Springs. Elizabeth and husband Will have raised 5 now young adult children.

Please join us in welcoming Elizabeth to HSMT.

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# A Garden Party Tea Spring Membership Meeting & Fashion Show

Chairs - Beth Fabel & Jordan Shumate

MONDAY, APRIL 13, BOTANIC HALL

- 10 AM - MEETING & FASHION SHOW
- 11 AM - TEA BY RESERVATION

Join us for a very special Spring Membership Meeting, GARDEN PARTY TEA and FASHION SHOW. Shop at our BOUTIQUE, bid on our SILENT AUCTION items, and purchase one of the stunning CENTERPIECES.



*Tea will include elegant  
Sweet Treats & Savory Bites*

*All guests attending the Tea will receive a gift  
bag filled with special goodies*

*Spring Membership Meeting & Fashion Show Registration*

*Online at [www.hsmtn.org](http://www.hsmtn.org) or print/mail by April 8, 2020*

*1200 Forrest Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37205*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Garden Tea Party Tickets @ \$18 each \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest Names (continue on back if needed)

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Garden Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_



# Community Flower Show

FRIDAY, APRIL 17  
BOTANIC HALL

"The Gardens of Cheekwood" HSMT's 2020 Community Flower Show continues the Annual Nashville Flower and Garden Show tradition once held at The War Memorial Auditorium that brought about the formation of HSMT in 1931.

When The Horticultural Society joined with the Exchange Club to create Cheekwood in 1960, the flower show was redesigned to fit the scope and mission of Cheekwood. Since then it has been held every two years as a major national flower show based on The National Federation of Garden Club Standards and is open to anyone in the community who would like to showcase their Horticulture Specimen or Design. In addition to the standard awards, Cheekwood presents two additional major awards selected as the top horticulture and top design entry.



*This year's theme is "The Gardens of Cheekwood"*

**There is no fee to enter the show.** It is open to anyone who has a beautiful plant, floral, or design to share. Entries for horticulture and design are to be delivered **Thursday, April 16, 8:00 - 3:00** to Botanic Hall at Cheekwood. A full schedule will be emailed to any interested parties. The show will be open to the public **Friday, April 17, 12:00 noon - 3:00** after judging is completed in Massey Auditorium of Cheekwood's Botanic Hall. There is no additional charge to Cheekwood visitors to view and enjoy "The Gardens of Cheekwood" Show. It is included with your admission. Join us and discover the most beautiful and intriguing specimens from cacti to orchids being grown in Middle Tennessee.

For more information:  
Contact Denise Thorne, chairman  
615-289-2138  
[denise2tec63.com](http://denise2tec63.com) or visit [HSMTN.org](http://HSMTN.org)

# Sunday Brunch

**MAY 31, 2020, 12 NOON - 2 PM**

**GREEN DOOR GOURMET**

**7007 RIVER ROAD PIKE**

**\$50 PER PERSON**

**SHUTTLE AVAILABILITY**

Chairs - Elene Cazana & Tracy Austin

Wine and Dine with all your favorite HSMT friends and guests at Green Door Gourmet's fabulous 350 acre farm and event venue. Enjoy Brunch, a Summer Beverage Bar featuring Bloody Marys & Mimosas and music in the barn or step outside and take in the beautiful countryside.

Roundtrip shuttle availability with a 32 passenger minimum. The additional cost is \$20 per person.



## *Sunday Brunch Registration*

*Online at [www.hsmtn.org](http://www.hsmtn.org), or print/mail by May 20th*

*1200 Forrest Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37205*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets @ \$50 each \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Shuttle Tickets @ \$20 each \_\_\_\_\_ (refunded if we do not meet the 32 passenger minimum)

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# Ladies Night Out

**JUNE 18, 2020, 4 PM - 7 PM  
AT THE BEAUTIFUL GREEN HILLS  
HOME OF KIM AND BOB LOONEY**

**\$50 PER PERSON**

Wine and Dine with all your favorite girlfriends at the stunning Green Hills home of Kim and Bob Looney. Enjoy dinner and music inside or step outside and take in the beautiful scenery around the pool.

You do not have to be an HSMT member to attend this event.



## *Ladies Night Out Registration*

*Online at [www.hsmtn.org](http://www.hsmtn.org), or print/mail by June 11th*

*1200 Forrest Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37205*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets @ \$50 each \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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# HSMT & Cheekwood Calendar

March 7, 2020	Bracken Children's Garden Opening
March 28, 2020	Japanese Garden Opening
March 28 - 29, 2020	Daffodil Show at Cheekwood
April 4, 2020	Native Plant Sale at Cheekwood
April 13, 2020	General Member Meeting & Fashion Show
April 16, 2020	Community Flower Show Set up
April 17, 2020	Community Flower Show
April 25 - November 1	Chihuly Exhibition
May 31, 2020	Sunday Brunch
June 18, 2020	Ladies Night Out
October 19, 2020	General Member Meeting
October-December	Patron Donations Campaign
December 4, 2020	Martinis and Mistletoe
December 7, 2020	Sparkling Settings



# Sparkling Settings

Event chairs Jeannine Briley and Nancy Goodrich, with the help of Vice President Harriet McHenry, surprised attendees with the HSMT Waterford Crystal Christmas Tree including pieces from Trees of Christmas past. It was a beautiful homage to the HSMT Christmas tradition. Congratulations Jeannine and Nancy on a stunning Sparkling Settings!





# Sparkling Settings





# Martinis and Mistletoe

Congratulations to Becca Factor and Elizabeth Ragan for chairing a very fun and successful Martinis & Mistletoe. The event was over-sold-out and raised over \$21,000 for HSMT! Thank you to event donors Lipman Brothers, Bakersfield, Hattie B's, Chick-fil-A, Bacon & Caviar, Newk's, Sambuca, Two Boots Nashville, Marigold, and Please Be Seated.

Thank you David Heimbach, Fadds Entertainment, for the wonderful event photos.



Elizabeth Ragan and Becca Factor



Laura Huff, Madeline Stavrum, Sara Jordan Jacobson, McKenna Monk



Katie Schimmel and Josh Lynn



Jarad and Mallory Grashnick



Callie Mayo, Read Heredia, Hootie Webb, Madeline Stavrum, Taylor Wallace

# 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.*





# Herb & Plant Sale

THE HERB SOCIETY OF NASHVILLE

Saturday, April 11th

8 AM - 2 PM

Tennessee State Fairgrounds Sports Arena Building  
Featuring heirloom vegetables and the best varieties of herbs and perennials, fresh from our growers' greenhouses.

Gardening advice and shopping assistants are available to help you make selections for your edible landscape.

An updated plant list and information about the sale can be found at:

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



## Weed Wrangle Nashville Asks for Volunteers for March 7 Event

Weed Wrangle is hosting its sixth annual Weed Wrangle Nashville on Saturday, March 7 and is asking for volunteers. With the help of volunteers, the organization helps rescue our public parks and green spaces from non-native invasive species through hands-on removal of especially harmful trees, vine and flowering plants.

The public is invited to participate and possibly even put together a group of friends to Weed Wrangle Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. – noon.

Register online at:

[Hands On Nashville](#) for Nashville area sites or [Tennessee State Park and Natural Areas](#) statewide.

For more information visit [Weed Wrangle](#).



# Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Epidemic in Nashville

WRITTEN BY JENNIFER SMITH

To find out more about EAB in Nashville schedule a free speaker for your community or work group. The presentation will review how to identify ash trees and management options. Also discussed will be the tree owner's responsibility and how to hire an arborist. This presentation can be 20 to 45 minutes and be either a power point or flip chart presentation. The type of presentation format depends on the set-up at the meeting location. Allow additional time for questions. Also refer to the EAB website, [trees.nashville.gov](http://trees.nashville.gov), to download a Managing the Emerald Ash Borer in Nashville brochure or call, 615-862-5000 to have one mailed to you. To schedule a free EAB presentation, register at [trees.nashville.gov](http://trees.nashville.gov) or contact Metro Horticulturist, Jennifer Smith at 615-862-8708.



## Nashville Tree Sale Ordering Deadline March 17, Delivery week of March 30

In an effort to grow and improve Nashville's urban tree canopy, the Nashville Tree Conservation Corps and the Metro Tree Advisory Committee are presenting the third annual Tree Sale. This sale makes it easy to plant a tree in your yard and, not only do something good for your family, but help to improve the health, beauty and well-being of the entire community. The trees sold will be mapped for the Root Nashville tree canopy campaign to plant 500,000 trees by 2050. Featuring freshly dug nursery trees and delivered to your home, these trees can be planted by family, friends or for an additional fee, by a planting service. Canopy, understory and evergreen trees are being offered. Residents are encouraged to plant a canopy tree where there is space and there are no overhead utility lines. Check your chosen tree's mature height and width to see if it is appropriate for your space. Price includes a balled-and-burlapped tree, approximately 6' tall and 1.5" caliber (trunk width), 1" for small trees, delivery, bag of mulch and planting and watering instructions On-line  
Ordering: [www.treeconservationcorps.org/tree-sale](http://www.treeconservationcorps.org/tree-sale). The on-line ordering site features: tree photos, tree planting video and diagram, NES flier of Planting the Right Tree in the Right Place, and the 811 Call Before you Dig free service information.

# Easy but Fun Gardening

WRITTEN BY GAYLE JAGGERS

Many of us are getting where we are not physically able or emotionally motivated to get outside and spend hours digging up and weeding gardens. At the last Bellevue Garden Club meeting we had David Cook from the Tennessee Agriculture Extension Department as a speaker. His presentation on container gardening was one of the most interesting and informative ones we have had in fourteen years. So, I want to share with you ways you can continue your love of growing plants without heavy or physical work.

One type of gardening he exhibited was pyramid or tri-level gardening. This can be done with stacking different size pots or galvanized tubs or with commercial kits of wooden pyramid planters that require assembly. Herbs, vegetables, and flowers can grow in these planters. The stacked levels allow root systems to take advantage of deep and large soil volume. They are easy to reach for planting, tending, and harvesting the plants. David suggested that a commercial soil for potted plants is best for this type of gardening. The pyramid planters are for outdoor placement or good for a porch or patio. Add castor rollers to change position of the planter for adequate sun exposure if placed on a porch or patio. Google pinterest for stacked container ideas. A website, [mrstacky.com](http://mrstacky.com), has some great stacked planters. For the wooden tri-level pyramid planters, access the following: [hayneedle.com](http://hayneedle.com), [eartheasy.com](http://eartheasy.com), [houzz.com](http://houzz.com), [etsy.com](http://etsy.com), or [homedepot.com](http://homedepot.com).

David shared another type of indoor and year round gardening with Aero planters with grow lights. These planter kits come with the container and grow light hood plus seed pods and liquid plant nutrients. Veggies, herbs, and flowers can grow in these planters. They have a control panel that indicates when the plants need food or water. An automatic on/off 15-hour light controls the amount of light needed for the plants. David said he grew cherry tomatoes in his planter and enjoyed having access to them year round. Check [aerogarden.com](http://aerogarden.com) for details.

Hope these ideas will make your gardening easy and fun.



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