



Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee
AT CHEEKWOOD ESTATE & GARDENS

FALL 2023



From our President, Carla Nelson

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are enjoying the fall weather! I have some news to share regarding the upcoming HSMT Board elections and the HSMT Administrator position.

The HSMT Nominating Committee chaired by Denise Thorne will be meeting soon to slate our next HSMT officers and directors. The slate will be voted on at the January 2024 general membership meeting and will take office in May. We want representation from numerous garden clubs on the Board and ask for your help in making this happen. Please let Denise (denise@tec63.com) or me know if you or anyone in your club would be willing to serve on the HSMT leadership team or chair a committee or event. I hope that you will continue to support HSMT and serve in a leadership role.

Our fabulous administrator, Elizabeth Ralph, has decided to retire to spend more time with her family. Please join me in thanking Elizabeth for taking on far more than an "administrator" role. She has gone above and beyond, and I am so grateful to her! It will be difficult finding anyone to fill her shoes. We'll be interviewing candidates immediately. If you know of anyone who you believe would be a good fit, please ask them to email me, CarlaKNelson@Comcast.net.

Carla



Sparkling Settings - December 4

Save the Date!

Many memories of sparkling tabletops and holiday cheer have been shared by Garden Club friends and Horticultural Society members, but the more informal new setting begun 2021 is a continued success and members voted to hold this more relaxed format of the fundraiser again in 2023.

green door
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tickets \$65 - register online at

HSMTN.org

includes lunch, festive beverages and shopping



Garden Club Spotlight

Grapevine Garden Club hosted a Fall party for friends and special guests at the home of Felice Oldacre.



Garden Club Spotlight

Tyne Meade hosted a membership meeting with a noted flower show judge.



Carol Ann McCormick,
National Garden Club (NGC)
Master Flower show judge, (level4)



Members brought specimens
or designs for judging.

Garden Club Spotlight

Seed and Weed hosted a Fall meeting at Cheekwood, Frist Learning Center.



Nathalie Lavine, VP of Education and Outreach at Cheekwood has been a part of the staff for 7.5 years and presented a very informative program to educate members about the many happenings at Cheekwood.



Elizabeth Ralph, HSMT Administrator added comments and history of the Horticultural Society and the longstanding relationship to Cheekwood.



HSMT Happenings

The HSMT Fall membership meeting and luncheon included a fashion show.



Murray Clayton, chairman

Other Highlights:

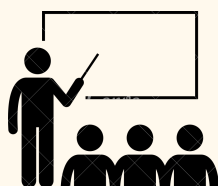
The former garden gift shop is now Cheekwood's Courtyard Classroom, a space dedicated to lecture-style adult education classes.

Cheekwood is currently piloting a variety of garden classes in the Courtyard Classroom in anticipation of the launch of the Cheekwood Gardening School in spring of 2024.

Below is the Adult Education lineup for the remainder of Harvest:

Saturday, October 21

- **Bulbs for Spring (9:30am-11:30am)**
- **Cold Hardy Plantings for Overwintering (12:00pm-2:00pm)**



The newly renovated HSMT office space in Botanic Hall is open and ready for you to stop by to say hello.



HSMT Clubs

as of 10/2023

All Seasons

Bellevue

Belmont

Brentwood

Brook Meade

Country Homes

Dubious Diggers

First Saturday

Friends and Flowers

Garden Club of Nashville

Garden Lovers

Gateway Acres

Grapevine

Harpeth Bend

Hendersonville

Iris City

Lebanon Road

New Neighbors

Oak Hill

Oak Valley

Optimistic

Pulaski

Rachel Jackson

Seed and Weed

Sew 'n Sow

Shelbyville

Town and Country

Tyne Meade

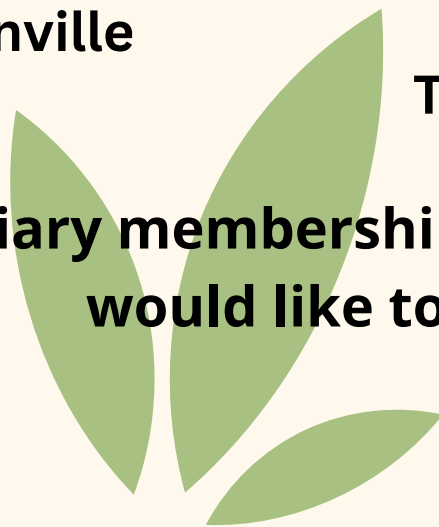
Volunteer

Warner Park

Wilson County -

Town and Country

HSMT Auxiliary membership is open to all who
would like to join



Benefits of HSMT membership

Informative meetings with speakers and refreshments hosted by HSMT leadership - no charge to members. Door prizes or gifts at most meetings.

Discounted Cheekwood membership with special code HSMT2023 (\$15 discount)

Access to curated list of speakers for club meetings

Invitation to participate in or attend Flower Show (free), Sparkling Settings event

Electronic newsletters promoting garden tours, plant sales, and other community or volunteer opportunities





Gardening with the Grimaldis

Join Peter Grimaldi, Cheekwood's Vice President of Gardens and Facilities, and Megan Grimaldi, a garden expert from Moore & Moore Garden Center, to explore ways design, build, and maintain better outdoor spaces. The four-part series will progressively establish a methodology for creating a space of your own and cover topics including garden resources, design, and maintenance. With over 40 years of professional gardening experience between them, Peter and Megan can answer any question and help gardeners take the next step in their educational journey.



Location: Botanic Hall – Massey Auditorium
Nonmembers: \$200
Members: \$160

www.cheekwood.org/calendar-events

Recommended Speakers for your club meetings:

If you are looking for program ideas for your club, contact the HSMT office for a list of suggestions.



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