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From our President, Dean Reeves



Wow! I can't believe it's finally Spring 2018. We experienced quite an unusually cold winter but it's been a wonderful year! So many people have given their time and talents to our three great events and membership meetings. I could never thank them all enough. I do want to give a special thanks to Dixie Powell who served as our HSMT Administrator for twelve years. She retired in January and we wish her many happy years with her grandchildren. However, she has promised to stay on the Board. Lisa Ward-Smith has joined us as our new Administrator. We are so happy to have her. The transition has gone well. Please make sure to stop by the office or at a

function to meet and welcome Lisa. She is working on a lot of wonderful new things.

We welcomed fall with our *Fall Harvest Dinner* in October. This year's chairs Anne Shepherd and Nancy Russell did an amazing job amongst the Scarecrows and Pumpkins at Cheekwood. Then we moved right on into the holidays with Martinis & Mistletoe chaired by Casey Horton and Ann Ralls Neiwold and the always amazing Sparkling Settings chaired by Brenda Moore, Susan James, and Judith Bracken. Jennie Bowman and her committee presented a wonderful assortment of gift baskets donated by the garden clubs for auction. I also want to give a special thanks to Wendy Allen for all her hard work with the luncheon.

HSMT General Membership Meeting Luncheon and Fashion Show

MONDAY, April 16th 10:00 a.m. Botanic Hall

Join us for a very special Spring Meeting, Luncheon and FASHION SHOW. Cheekwood will be "In Bloom." Shop at our French Shoppe Boutique at HSMT discounted prices, and purchase one of the stunning centerpieces hand made by members of *Tyne Meade Garden Club*

The spring luncheon is catered by *The Rawlings* and features ...

A Spring Salad Luncheon Served Buffet Style:

- Mesclun Salad - Honey Lime Dressing
- Fresh, Seasonal Fruit Compote
- Chicken Salad
- Minted, Cucumber/Bean Salad
- Tiny Rolls- Butter
- Red Velvet Parfait
- Fruit Tea and Unsweetened Iced Tea



Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 11 at NOON.
Please complete and mail the **RESERVATION FORM** included inside. Get your reservations in Early.
To reserve an entire table of 8 - 10, please list all names on the form to be seated at the table
NO TICKETS will be sold at the door

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So now we think of spring and getting back out into our gardens as well as enjoying the myriad of blooms at Cheekwood. I hope you will join us April 16th for our HSMT General Membership Meeting and ever popular FASHION SHOW. Its always a big hit and fun time chaired by Lynne Wallman.

On May 4th HSMT presents its biennial Community Flower Show in Botanic Hall. For more information, contact Juanita Allinder at 615-824 - 4417 or ejallinder@bellsouth.net .

Thanks again to so many who helped make our year so successful. If you would like to help with an event or volunteer in anyway, please call me, Lisa, or a Committee Chair. There are so many ways to get involved with HSMT.

Dean

COMMUNITY FLOWER SHOW



"The Wonders of Cheekwood"

Sponsored by HSMT and Cheekwood

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018

1:00 PM - 5 PM

**SET UP THURS, MAY 3 NOON TO 5
AND FRI, MAY 4 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM**

CHEEKWOOD'S BOTANIC HALL

Contact Juanita Allinder 824-4417 or ejallinder@bellsouth.net

Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee

2018 Membership Meetings and Special Events

<i>Spring Membership Luncheon and Fashion Show</i>	Monday, April 16 (Reservation form on Page 5)
<i>Community Flower Show</i>	Friday, May 4
<i>Fall Harvest Dinner</i>	Sunday, October 7
<i>Fall Membership Luncheon</i>	Thursday October 25
<i>Martinis & Mistletoe</i>	Friday, November 30
<i>Sparkling Settings</i>	Monday, December 3

TICKETS will be available online in the fall

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HSMT had another successful **Sparkling Settings Basket Auction**, raising almost \$5,000! Thank you to the garden clubs and auxiliary members donating baskets and other valuable items. Creativity abounded with something for everyone.

We will have a basket auction at this year's Sparkling Settings, so start thinking about what you would like to do and begin collecting things through the summer as you see them. *It has been suggested that instead of 1 large expensive basket, clubs consider making 2 or more in the \$50 - \$100 value range.*

And a special thank you to committee volunteers Harriet McHenry, Virginia Waddey, Susan Ward, and Larrie Wilson.

Jennie Bowman



Native Plant Sale - Saturday, April 14

Botanic Hall - 9:30 a.m. until all plants are sold!

Come early for the first pick of our wide selection of native plants.

Native Plant Sale and Howe Wild is sponsored by The Garden Club of Nashville

**Mid-TN Perennial Plant Society Plant Sale
Saturday, April 7**

The Mid-TN Perennial Plant Society will once again offer you the most beautiful, diverse, and healthiest garden plants in Tennessee at The PPS Plant Sale. The annual event held at The Fairgrounds Nashville, is a great place to get the jump on summer with new plant varieties or to replace the beloved favorites you lost to this cold, cold winter.

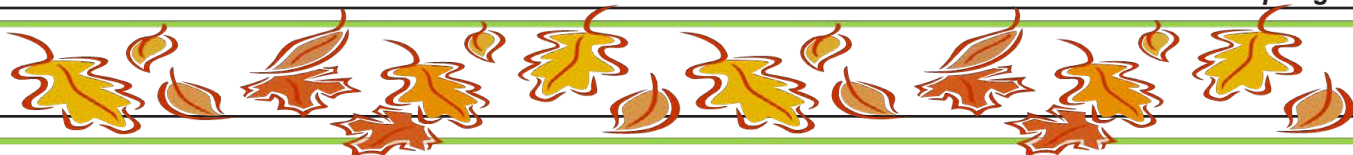
The Sale, now in its 27th year, is one of the largest sales in Tennessee and supports local scholarships for Tennessee horticulture students and free public gardening programs at Cheekwood every month.

The PPS plant sale offers a huge selection of newly released and hard-to-find perennials from top local nurseries. "We use growers within 150 miles of Nashville, so that plants will already be adapted to our challenging climate," says Plant Sale Acquisitions Co-Chair Mickey Newman. Plus expert "plant guides" will give you advice on what to buy, how to plant it, and how to keep it alive.

Admission to the sale is FREE; Metro charges \$5 for parking.
No carts, strollers or pets, please.

Background: The Perennial Plant Society of Middle Tennessee promotes the use of perennial plants in the landscape and offers education to local gardeners and scholarships to area horticulture students. The annual plant sale is the group's major source of funding for these activities. The group holds free monthly education meetings, which are open to the public. It also offers garden tours to members. For more information & a complete plant list visit www.ppsmt.org.

Contact: Mariwyn Evans
Cell: 312-259-6350
Email: mariwynevens@att.net



Mark Your Calendars!
FALL HARVEST DINNER

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Cocktails on the Rose Terrace
Dinner in the Robertson Ellis Color Garden

Dine within a breathtaking display of 5000 fall-hued
chrysanthemum plantings during Cheekwood Harvest.

Chairs Ann Shepherd and Nancy Russell

Proceeds to benefit the Horticultural Society and Cheekwood

HSMT Membership Meeting, Luncheon & Fashion Show
Monday, April 16th 10:00 a.m. Botanic Hall

Name _____ (please attach list for multiple names)

Garden Club _____ Phone _____

Number reserved: _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____ (\$25 per person)

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____ ZIP CODE _____

Name on Credit Card (Printed) _____

**** NO Tickets Will Be Sold At The DOOR ****
Groups of 8-10 may request a reserved table.

DEADLINE for PAID Reservations **NOON April 11th**
Please return this form with check or CC info to
HSMT 1200 Forrest Park Dr. Nashville, TN 37205

2018 National Convention and Show of the American Daffodil Society

We are pleased to invite you to attend the National Convention and Show of the American Daffodil Society from April 5 – 8, 2018. The Convention and Show will be located at the newly renovated Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin TN 37067 just 20 minutes south of Nashville.

The Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society will celebrate their 60th anniversary by hosting this event. View a beautiful daffodil show including horticultural exhibits, photography and floral designs. Participate in educational sessions and enjoy spectacular outings to local attractions, historic houses and gardens. Visit a Presidential home and its historic gardens, Cheekwood Estate and Gardens, and Carnton Plantation and gardens. All these are a part of the convention activities and we do encourage each of you to attend the entire convention to see what fun a national daffodil convention can be. It will likely be some time before there is another one so close.

Every national daffodil convention is a special opportunity to see world-class flowers, to get to know gardening enthusiasts from all over the US and even the world, and to learn more than you ever imagined about daffodils! The special hotel room rate of \$129 is available until Sunday, March 5, 2018 or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. For reservations call 1-615-261-6100 and mention the group code DAFDAFA or to make reservations online: 1. Visit the website at marriott.com/BNACS. 2. Enter your requested arrival and departure dates. 3. Under special rates enter the following group code: DAFDAFA.


HERE IS WHAT'S FREE TO THE PUBLIC Even if you don't choose to register for the convention, there is a lot you can participate in. On Thursday afternoon show staging begins for the daffodil horticulture exhibits. Anyone can enter daffodils in the show with no prior notice. Daffodil staging begins at 3:00 on Thursday afternoon and, believe it or not, doesn't end until 9:00 am Friday morning! Yes, some daffodil enthusiasts will be staging all night long and, even if you're not bringing flowers to enter, dropping in to see the flowers being staged is part of the fun. Just don't interrupt someone who is staging a large collection unless they seem extra friendly and willing for a distraction. Photography and floral design entries will also be accepted on Thursday afternoon beginning at 3:00. Floral designs require pre-registration, photography does not, but check in before the date to be sure you are meeting the requirements for how to enter your photographs.

To sign up for floral designs contact Bonnie Campbell at shade007@bellsouth.net or Pam Braun at braun3@earthlink.net. For information on photography entries contact Anne Owen at annio1203@comcast.net. A daffodil boutique will also be open to the public during the Convention.

More information and registration will be available on the ADS website at www.daffodilusa.org.

The Annual Herb Sale
Saturday, April 14th 9 am - 2 pm
Fairgrounds, Nashville - Sports Arena Building

Visit HerbSocietyNashville.org for more information
Sponsored by the Herb Society of Nashville



Director District II - 2018-2019
Kathy Kennedy-Crownover - Ph 931-308-9271

TFGC District II Calendar of Events Chairman
Kathy Rychen - Ph 615-406-5716
(Flower Show Judges Only Meeting)**
(Updated February 17, 2018)



TFGC DISTRICT 11 Calendar of Events

March 11, 2018 - Sunday - Spring forward to Daylight Savings Time.

March 18-21, 2018 - Sunday-Wednesday - Deep South Garden Club Convention
"Gardening Southern Style" Held at the Holiday Inn University of Memphis, 3700 Central Avenue,
Memphis, TN 38111. For Hotel Reservations call 901-678-8200

March 29, 2018 - Thursday - 10:00 am - TFGC District II Spring Membership Meeting, held at The
Barn at Sycamore Farms, 4866 Murfreesboro Road, Arrington, TN 37014 - 9167
David Robson a NGC Instructor, from Springfield, IL will present a Design Program,
"Creativity With This That and the Other Thing"

Registration Deadline Friday, March 16, 2018 - Registration Fee is \$26.00 per person.
Make check payable to TFGC District II and to:
Kathy Rychen, 3353 Earhart Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122-3727.

**April 2, 2018 - Monday - 10:00 AM - T.A.G.S. Study Club meeting at Through the Grapevine
630 Broadmor Blvd., Suite 190, Murfreesboro, TN 37129-0902.

October 2, 2018 TFGC Fall Board Meeting

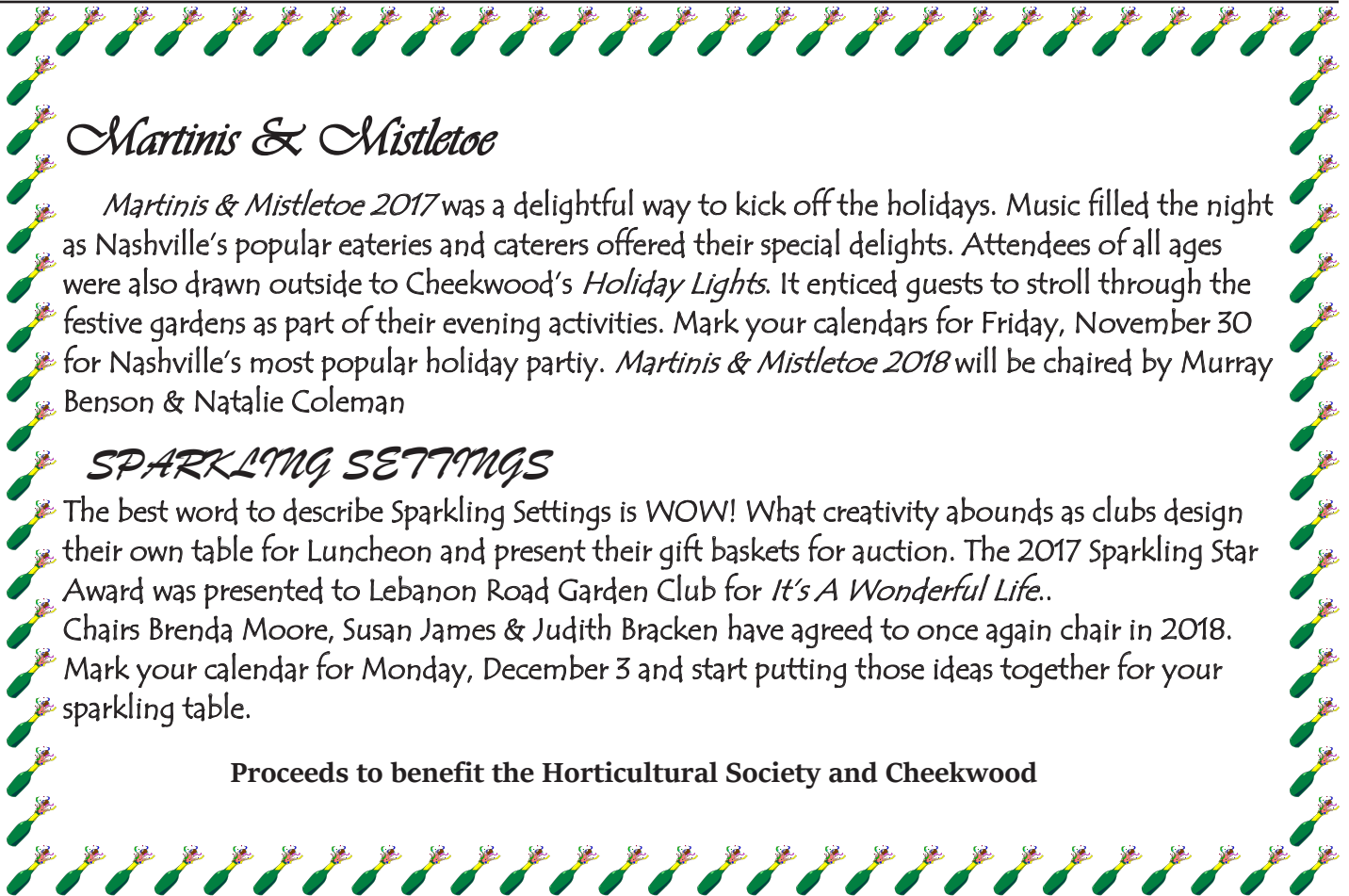
October 3-4, 2018 TFGC Conservation Camp Date -

HSMT RECOMMENDED SPEAKERS LIST

Do you know a wonderful speaker that other clubs would like to hear?
Email or Call the office with your speaker's contact info so we can share it with others.

Need a speaker rec or idea—call or email Lisa
615-353-6978 LWardSmith@HSMTN.org





Martinis & Mistletoe

Martinis & Mistletoe 2017 was a delightful way to kick off the holidays. Music filled the night as Nashville's popular eateries and caterers offered their special delights. Attendees of all ages were also drawn outside to Cheekwood's *Holiday Lights*. It enticed guests to stroll through the festive gardens as part of their evening activities. Mark your calendars for Friday, November 30 for Nashville's most popular holiday party. *Martinis & Mistletoe 2018* will be chaired by Murray Benson & Natalie Coleman

SPARKLING SETTINGS

The best word to describe Sparkling Settings is WOW! What creativity abounds as clubs design their own table for Luncheon and present their gift baskets for auction. The 2017 Sparkling Star Award was presented to Lebanon Road Garden Club for *It's A Wonderful Life*. Chairs Brenda Moore, Susan James & Judith Bracken have agreed to once again chair in 2018. Mark your calendar for Monday, December 3 and start putting those ideas together for your sparkling table.

Proceeds to benefit the Horticultural Society and Cheekwood

Like Our New FaceBook Page

**That's right. HSMT has a new Face Book Page!
Like Us and Follow. You can post pictures of Your
Garden Club Activities and Events there too.**



**The Address is @HorticultureSocietyMidTN
We will post information about HSMT Meetings and Events there
so you can get up to date information on the go.**

**We are listed as Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee
The image is our logo and the cover picture is of the color garden at Cheekwood.**

(Don't go to THE Horticulture Society with the Brown Tree. That one is no longer functioning.)

Appreciating and Protecting Our Great Diversity

Tennessee has one of the most unique ecological and biophysical environments in the United States. Seven of the eight most biologically diverse rivers in North America flow through Tennessee. Our state has the most caves in the US. Many of the caves, more than 10,000 in number, contain species found nowhere else in the world. Tennessee is known as the most biologically rich inland state with 300 plus species of fish, at least 89 mammal and 60 reptile species, and 70 types of amphibians including over 40 salamander species. Three hundred forty birds habitat in Tennessee.

Article II of the HSMT Constitution and By-Laws states that the Society shall act as a clearing house to coordinate and diffuse information on all topics relating to the culture and care of plants, and to encourage the conservation of trees, native plants and birds. Often times our focus is on gardening and horticulture, but an important object of HSMT includes conservation of natural resources. Each of us should stay informed on ways we can individually practice conservative efforts in our daily lives. Wise and safe use of energy, water, soil, air, and native plants by everyone can have a major impact on protecting and saving our natural resources. Around 40 states now have serious water shortages. If Tennesseans don't practice daily conservative use of water, our state can become one that needs water. Unplugging all cell phones, lamps and electrical appliances when not in use and adjusting the thermometer to lower degrees in winter and higher degrees in summer conserves energy. Planting more trees improves clean air, prevents soil erosion runoff to streams, and provides homes for animals and birds.

Active volunteering in conservation groups such as TN Conservation Voters, The Nature Conservancy, TN Wildlife Federation, Harpeth River Watershed Association, Sierra Club, TN Bluebird Society, TN Parks and Greenways Foundation, and the North American Butterfly Association promotes important conservation movements, but financial contributions also help support these and other conservation groups.

Our children and future generations will need a clean and green environment to survive. Sharing and teaching conservation practices with our youth is one of the best ways to insure that they will continue to enjoy the natural resources of our state. Setting an example by the way we use our resources is a great way to stress the importance of conserving nature's gifts that are so vital to our lives.

Gayle Jagers

NEW FACES

***There are a couple of new faces we would like for you to know
Lisa Ward-Smith HSMT Administrator & Shanna Jones Plant Collections Manager***

Dean introduced **Lisa Ward-Smith** at the January meeting but for those not in attendance here is little bit about her. She is a native Nashvillian, attended Crieve Hall & Oak Hill Schools & graduated from Harpeth Hall. She is the daughter of Bessie & Cecil Ward whom some of you may know as active members of the Nashville Rose Society and Master Gardeners. Her family also owned Pic & Pac Market in Green Hills until 1978. Lisa went to Texas for college (SMU Undergrad & UT Austin for MA) and returned to the Nashville area 11 years ago. She has an extensive background in Luxury Sales, Education (Pre K - College), & as a small business owner. In 2007-2008 Lisa was at Cheekwood as the School & Outreach Program Coordinator.

She has been married to Scott Smith for 29 years, and they have one son Hunter who is a jazz musician finishing his Master of Music in May at New England Conservatory in Boston. Lisa is a member of WOW Women of William-son, a service organization working to better the lives of women and children in the local community. This past year Lisa joined Tyne Meade Garden Club. It was through this group of dynamic gardeners that Lisa was introduced to HSMT and decided she would like to help out with the administrative side of the organization as well. Currently Lisa is going through the Master Gardener Certification Program in Williamson County to continue the family tradition as well as be a better horticulturist.

Shanna T. Jones is the new Plant Collections Manager at Cheekwood. This is a newly restored position with a slightly updated description. Not only will the Plant Collections Manager (PCM) uphold the highest standards of botanical interpretation and diligently steward the collections program, she will also serve as the primary liaison to the Education Department. Supporting programming and special events, she will curate garden-based content to best engage guests and enhance their overall experience.

Shanna earned her B.S. in Horticulture from the University of GA. She began her career in the public garden realm at the UGA Trial and Research Garden under the direction of Allan Armitage. Later she would go on to work in the private sector managing a small trail garden at a perennial plug production company where she conducted re-search for various plant breeders as well as inhouse trials. Most recently, Shanna was the Garden Supervisor at Chihuly Garden and Glass in Seattle, WA. She is very happy to be back in the South and thinks that Cheekwood al-ready feels like home. She lives with her husband, 2 cats, and her dog, a boxer.

For those who have not heard, **Sarah Lowe**, Botanical Garden and Horticulture Manager has left Cheekwood. She has accepted a position in the gardens at The Governor's Mansion. Sarah will be greatly missed by everyone. We wish her well on her new gardening adventure. There has been no word on if or how Sarah's position will be filled.



Be a Cheekwood Volunteer

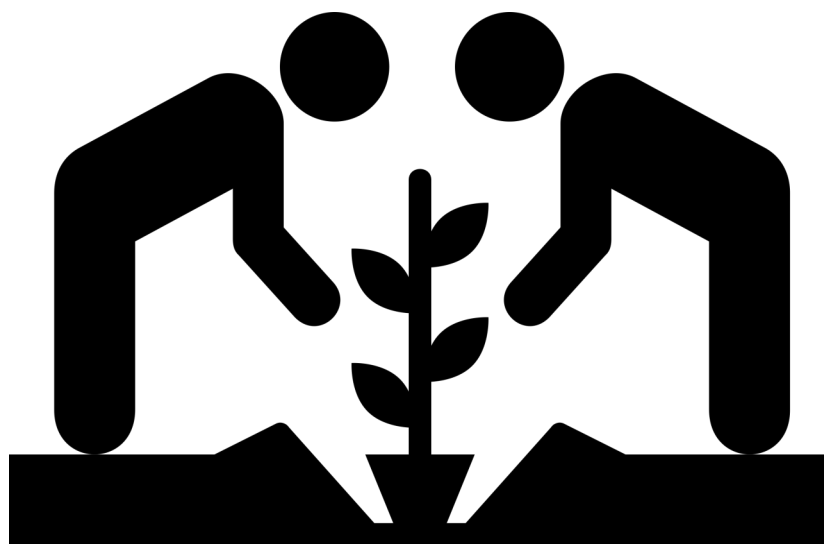
Are you looking for something fun and new to do? Cheekwood is currently recruiting volunteers and docents! Cheekwood volunteers can engage in a lot of different ways to match your interests and talents like hands-on garden tasks, help with special events, art projects, education programs, and outreach. Docents are trained to give museum and garden tours, and help with school programs. Some do both!



*Prospective Cheekwood volunteers can email **Amy Walter**, the Volunteer & Community Engagement Manager to learn more about available opportunities at*

on the web page at volunteers@cheekwood.org or <https://cheekwood.org/support/volunteer/>

Groups can also volunteer for an individual service project at different times during the year. The Group Application is also located on the volunteer web page. We need at least a month advance notice and groups are typically sized up to 15 people. We always invite our group members to enjoy Cheekwood as our guest once their project is completed.





**87th
YEAR!**

**Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee
at Cheekwood
1200 Forrest Park Drive
Nashville, TN 37205
(615) 353-6978**

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HSMT NEWS

**GARDEN CLUB
PRESIDENTS
and AUXILIARY**

**Renewals are DUE
APRIL 1**

If you did not receive your
renewal application,
contact HSMT office:
353-6978 or
LWardSmith@HSMTN.org

Mark your Calendar!

The deadline for articles for the
Fall Newsletter is **Aug 6**

**HSMT Spring Meeting,
Luncheon and
FASHION SHOW
MONDAY, April 16th
(reservation form inside)**

**HSMT Board
Meeting and
Luncheon**

**Monday April 9th
11:00 a.m.**

The Centennial Club

**RSVP
353-6978
LWardSmith@hsmtn.org**

Spring Art Hop

March 31

***At Cheekwood -Volunteer or
Bring the Kids***