

LPMGA JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday

February 1, 2017— 6 PM

Lafayette Public Library
301 W. Congress St.

Cindy Wiley Presents:

The Azalea Trail

Lafayette, Louisiana

After-mtg social—Alesi's

LPMGA BOARD MEETING

1 PM MONDAY,

FEBRUARY 23, 2016

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LPMGA January General Meeting

The speaker for the February 1 Master Gardener meeting will be Cindy Wiley. She will be sharing information about this year's Azalea Trail. She will be showing a Power Point presentation that provides history about the Azalea Trail and efforts to revitalize the trail. Cindy



Cindy Wiley

will also talk about the upcoming celebration of the Azalea Trail on March 18!

Cindy has been a Lafayette Master Gardener since 2005. She took a front seat in helping get Lafayette successfully certified as an Azalea City by the Azalea Society of American, last year.



AVOID THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNPAID 2016 DUES

For those who have still missed paying their 2016 dues, \$25 needs to be paid to our new treasurer, Debbie Garrene. This can be brought to the general meeting, Wednesday, February 1 at 6 p.m. or mailed to her at 119 Bellridge Drive, Lafayette, 70506. The amount includes the \$5 late fee we were warned about. We should also bring the committee form that was also included in the December newsletter (if we have not already) for Cindy Wiley, so she can record all the committee assignments for 2017. Otherwise, mail your committee forms to Cindy at 815 St. Thomas Street, 70506.

Those who have not paid their 2016 balance before the end of January, expect your member status to change to "Inactive." Best to avoid this.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Charles Turner

February is another slow month in the garden. It is time to start looking at the winter clean up and planning the spring garden. The propagation committee is still working getting ready for the spring sale, and painting the cottage.

It is also time for some of the committees to start their plans for the year. We would like the committee chairs to provide a short outline of your plans for the year to the board.

The February general membership meeting will be held at the downtown [library](#) at 6 PM. See you there! An optional social gathering will take place at Alesi's immediately following the meeting.



EVENTS, REPORTS, AND BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



2017 LPMGA Meetings:
(First Wednesday
Except in July)
Daytime—noon/Evening—6 pm

2017 LPMGA Board
Meetings, 1 pm:
(Fourth Monday except for
July & Dec.)

FEBRUARY 1, 6 pm

FEBRUARY 27

MARCH 1, Noon

MARCH 27

APRIL 5, 6 pm

APRIL 24

MAY 3, 6 pm (Social)

MAY 22

JUNE 7, 6 pm

JUNE 26

AUGUST 2, Noon

AUGUST 28

SEPTEMBER 6, 6 pm

SEPTEMBER 25

OCTOBER 4, Noon

OCTOBER 23

NOVEMBER 1, 6 pm

NOVEMBER 27

DECEMBER 6, 6 pm (Social) DECEMBER 18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer's Report: The LPMGA starts the year with \$28,626.93. The board approved an allocation of \$500 to the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center which it has given traditionally. The Ira Nelson Horticulture Center's only fundraiser for the year is Festival des Fleurs, which is scheduled for April 1.

Master Gardener Service Hours: The board has approved service hours for gardening-related work with several groups for the year and some specific events. These include helping **Acadiana Native Plant Project** propagation at the Bayou Vermilion District (more on page 4), helping to revitalize the path for the **Azalea Trail**, especially the plot at St. Mary and Parkside, helping as a needed "stand-in" tour guide at homes participating in **Avec Souci**, helping to work beds at the "doctor's house" at **Acadian Village**, and assisting with bed preparation for the **Southern Garden Fest**. Some of these groups have educational programs on garden-related topics that will count for an education hour credit, such as the presentation by Dr. Brassier on Louisiana native plants that took place at Judice Inn. According to the board, these can be counted retroactively, beginning in January, 2017. **Festival des Fleurs** will also be among the events for service hour opportunities.



LAFAYETTE PARISH MASTER GARDENERS



We need 2 members to be on the website Committee. This is easy to learn. Call or email Karen Willingham if you would like to learn a new skill. Get in some of your work hours at home.
webmaster@lpmga.org

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Mission Statement: The Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association, Inc. assists the LSU AgCenter in educating Lafayette and surrounding areas about horticulture and environmental stewardship through the transmission of factual research-based information.

Vision Statement: Growing a vibrant, green, and healthy community through Horticulture Education

THE DEVENPORT REPORT



Effects of Cold Weather On Citrus

You may be wondering what you should do to your citrus trees after the recent cold weather we experienced. In a typical year, trees receive gradual colder weather that when coupled with shorter day length, promote hardiness within the plant. The recent warm temperatures and colder than expected weather has caused some damage to your trees. Fruit and leaves have begun to fall off your trees prematurely as the result of the freezing temperatures they received. Some fruit became damaged beyond use but others with thicker skin like grapefruit appear to be fine.

I have been getting calls regarding the pruning of limbs and branches that are showing some signs of damage and I am advising homeowners to have patience and wait until spring to prune. Warmer temperatures will promote new spring growth, Mother Nature will tell how much damage she caused, and you will be able to determine how far back you may need to prune back the branches on your trees. In addition, pruning often promotes new growth and I am sure that winter is not over and new growth is more susceptible to damage from freezing temperatures than older growth. Your trees may look bad and you cannot stand to look at them, but again, be patient.

If you want to be productive, rake the fallen leaves and fruit from under your trees if you are able to do so.

Lemon and lime trees are less hardy than kumquat and satsuma trees. All other citrus fall somewhere in between the two hardiness levels.

Once spring has arrived and you address the damage, use a citrus/fruit tree fertilizer to help your plants bounce back from the winter.



TreesAcadiana Planting Rescheduled

February 18, at 9 AM, meet and park at Brown Park staging area. We will be planting Native Trees along the newly opened Pont des Mouton Blvd between Louisiana and Moss St. Bring gloves, water, shovel, rake, and if you have a wheel barrow that would be helpful for moving compost around.

Sarah Schoeffler



EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE

BRING YOUR REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE TO MASTER GARDENER FUNCTIONS!

LIVE OAK SOCIETY TREE NOTED ON MLK DAY



The Martin Luther King Oak stands next to the sidewalk on Lee Street behind Lafayette's Rosa Park Center. Buses pass by every day but few were likely to know about the registered oak number 6861 until this year. The tree was added to the membership as a live oak that is "100 years old or older," on December 15, 2011. As a tree that is growing on public lands, the tree could have been registered by anyone. As it turns out, whoever submitted the information about the tree, chose to name it after Martin Luther King.

There was another oak registered that same day. The smaller Rosa Parks Oak was certified to be worthy of membership. Smaller, the companion live oak was classified as a Junior member of the Society.

The Live Oak Society was founded in 1934 by the first president of the Southwest Louisiana Institute (an institute of higher learning which morphed to eventually become the University of Louisiana - Lafayette). Dr. Edwin Lewis Stephens' first trees included live oaks growing on campus. To be members, the trees must be at least eight feet in circumference; however, to be ranked among the centenarian members, the tree exceeds a circumference of 16 feet -- as does The Martin Luther King Oak.

The easiest way to register a favorite live oak is to search for "Live Oak Society" on the Internet. The Live Oak Registration Form can be printed with instructions for the process

What Plant Am I?

I'm a perennial climbing vine native to Mexico, although I've naturalized in the southern United States of America. I climb by means of tendrils which need the support of a trellis or fence of some kind. Porches needing shade from summer sun provide me with a chance to show off my lacy pink flowers. I'm also available in white, but am less cold-hardy than the pink. Zones 8 to 10 suit me best, with sun and well-drained soil, and I can grow to 30 feet or more.

My heart-shaped leaves are up to 4 inches long, and are alternate and bright green.

I am propagated by seed and root divisions. Start my seeds in early spring when the soil temperature is 65 to 70 degrees.

I should germinate in 21 to 30 days. This will allow my tuberous roots to develop before the first frost. I will then re-grow the following spring. Fertilize me sparingly in late winter. Excessive fertilizer will result in heavy vegetation and fewer flowers.

Bees and butterflies love me, and I supply ample nectar for their little bodies.

Do you know who I am?

MEET OUR 2017 PARTNERS FOR SERVICE HOURS



ANPP Invites Us to Greaux Native!

Submitted By Janice Eaton Akers

Do you have a special interest in our region's beautiful native plants? Are you enthralled by the idea of planting gardens and public spaces in lush layers like a natural landscape, to give our birds and wildlife food sources and habitats where they can flourish? Are you interested in plants that help mitigate the effects of flooding and can survive weather extremes? Did you know that there is currently a critical shortage of native plant material, and that it's important to take steps to preserve the genetic heritage of plants best adapted to our ecozone, an area within 50 to 100 miles of Lafayette?

Acadiana Native Plant Project invites us to join in pursuit of a mission to encourage the use of native plants in our landscapes through education, propagation, and demonstration gardens.

Be part of hands-in-the-dirt workdays starting at 8:30 am on Saturday, January 28 where there will be planting and mulching Vermilionville's rain garden, replacing plants that were wiped out in the floods. On Saturday, February 11 there will be a tree planting and native bed creation on the Azalea Trail, at West St. Mary and Parkside. These projects and other opportunities are increasing, as Lafayette residents and neighborhoods decide they want to Greaux Native!

Founded in early 2016 by a group of scientists, naturalists, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, members of TreesAcadiana and interested citizens, ANPP is actively recruiting volunteers and has a formal agreement with Bayou Vermilion District/Vermilionville to use its greenhouse and outdoor propagation area to grow and distribute plants and conduct educational events. ANPP was recently awarded a \$500 grant by Louisiana Native Plant Society.

ANPP officers include Sarah Schoeffler, Governing Board chair; Janice Eaton Akers, president; Heather Q. Baldwin, Vice President; and Heather Warner-Finley, Secretary/Treasurer. Bill Fontenot chairs the Technical Advisory Board.

For more information, visit www.GreauxNative.org, contact us at mail@GreauxNative.org or write to ANPP, Box 453, Carencro LA 70520. Meetings take place every third Thursday of the month at the downtown Lafayette library on West Congress Street. The open board meeting begins at 5:30 and the general meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

What Plant Am I? ANSWER:

Antignon leptopus:
Rose of Montana, coral vine



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LPMGA Calendar FEBRUARY 2017 & more

January 28: MGGNO.com Winter Garden Symposium, New Orleans
Museum of Art, 8—noon
January 28: Native plant propagation at BVD, 300 Fisher Road, 8:30 a.m.
February 1: General Master Gardener Meeting, Main Library m 6 p.m.
February 2: Groundhog Day
February 14: Happy Valentines Day
February 20: Presidents Day
March 18: Azalea Trail
April 1: Festival des Fleurs
April 8: Spring Plant Sale
April 21-22: Southern Garden Fest



Gardener's Gazette is issued to all members of the Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners' Program. All members are encouraged to submit news, educational features, and photographs. The deadline for all submissions is the 17th of each month for publication in the next month's issue unless otherwise noted.

Please send newsletter items to:

Theresa Rohloff newsletter@lpmga.org Please include:

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Please note: All meeting and event dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

