<u>MEETING</u> <u>Wednesday</u> <u>Nov. 5, 2014 - 6 p.m.</u> South Regional Library 6101 Johnston St., Lafayette

LPMGA BOARD MEETING 1 PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

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LPMGA Election of Officers to be Voted at our November Meeting

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The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee will be elected at the November meeting. The slate is as follows: President – Heather Warner-Finley, Vice-President – Linda Beyt, Treasurer – Sandy Scheuermann, Recording Secretary – Jay Ruffin, and Corresponding Secretary – Carolyn Rink. There were no nominations from the floor at the October meeting therefore the slate will be approved by the membership by acclamation. Juan Nieto was nominated by the membership for the member-at-large position in October. There were no other nominations from the floor. Juan, too, will be approved by acclamation.



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Be sure to turn in your reservation form (page 9) by the November 24 deadline. More details can be found on page 7 and page 10.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



invite you to send your suggestions to any board member or to attend the November Board meeting for discussion. The issue at hand: New Project Proposals. Our organization has increasing received project proposals from members and the community. The procedure is to complete a project proposal form, submit it to the board for approval and then seek members to carry out the project. We are finding that we do not always have volunteer interest for particular projects. One solution would be to email an interest survey to members before approving a project. A number of volunteers
would have to agree to work on the project before we commit to it.

Our LPMGA has experienced healthy growth in all areas over the past

decade. We are an enthusiast group and strive to improve our community

in keeping with our mission. We are now faced with a new challenge and I

Babette Werner

Additionally, our members represent 7 parishes in Acadiana. Although our title is the Lafayette Parish Master Gardener Association, our bylaws and handbook do not limit the scope of our work to Lafayette Parish. Members residing in other parishes are able to submit proposals also. Your thoughts on the subject are appreciated. We want to provide the community with strong, well supported programs that educate, innovate and improve lives.

Babette Werner

GERALD'S CORNER

Hello Gardeners,

Fall is an excellent time to enjoy gardening activities! With the arrival of cooler temperatures comes the ideal time to begin planting cool season annuals for winter and early spring colors in the landscape. One of the issues we sometimes have to cope with in the Fall is a lack of rainfall. Realize that it has been couple of weeks since we've received appreciable rainfall. Transplanting cool season annuals without adequate moisture is going to cause plants to get off to a slow start, that delays establishment. During dry periods, supplemental watering is highly recommended for root system establishment. Slow deep watering is a lot more effective than shallow watering. Additionally, adding a water soluble fertilizer will aid in critical root system establishment. It is also recommended that cool season bedding plants be mulched as soon as they are planted. Mulching helps to control weeds and also conserve moisture.

Along with temperature moderations comes the problem with Brown Patch Disease. The pathogen that causes brown patch disease is Rhizoctonia solani. Conditions that usually prompt brown patch disease are cool temperatures and moisture, yet the fact that we've had a dry weather pattern doesn't seem to be hampering this disease in lawns. I'm receiving numerous calls, daily,regarding brown irregular patches in St Augustine, Centipede, and Zoysia lawns. It seems like St Augustine lawns are the most susceptible; although, all warm-season lawn grasses can be affected. We must also realize that if our weather pattern changes from dry to wet, we can expect the disease to become more aggressive. According to Dr. Ron Strahan, in order to suppress or slow down the spread of this disease in lawns, homeowners have the option of applying fungicides. Make two broadcast applications about 14 days apart. Several fungicides are labeled for lawn applications including Fertilome's F – Stop (active ingredient myclobutanil), Scott's Lawn Fungicide (active ingredient thiophanate methyl) and Heritage (active ingredient azoxystrobin). These fungicides are effective. While Heritage has been most effective, it is also the most expensive. Follow the label directions in terms of timing and rate of applications. Because brown patch disease can be active all winter and into the spring, a broadcast application of a fungicide next March may be helpful. However, if a rainy weather pattern develops and moisture is consistently present, brown patch will be much more aggressive.

I am also getting calls from homeowners regarding whether home lawns can benefit from an application of a fertilizer to winterize their lawns. There are those who believe that adding potash to lawns will help to increase winter hardiness which would allow the lawn to withstand cold injury and recover quicker in the spring. First, we must realize that our winters are not long and harsh enough to severely injure lawns. Secondly, many of the winterizing fertilizers are too high in nitrogen which could lead to decreased hardiness by promoting growth and also increasing the lawn grass's susceptibility to brown patch disease. The LSU AgCenter recommends the application of potash to warm season lawns at this time of the year **only** if a soil test indicates low potassium. If so and a homeowner chooses to add potash, it should be in the form of 0-0-60 which is a fertilizer formulation only containing potash.

Now I will address bamboo and blueberries.

Utilizing bamboo for screening purposes in residential lawns can prove to become a problem because of the invasive nature of bamboo as it spreads and grows. Every year, I receive calls from homeowners who have questions about controlling bamboo in their yards that are encroaching from bamboo that neighbors have planted. Before planting bamboo, do your research before making a decision. Bamboo is available as running types and clumping types, with the running types being the most invasive. In fact, it is not recommended that the running types be planted unless bamboo barriers are installed at the time of planting.

The first fruit plant to be named as a Louisiana Super Plant is the Rabbit Eye Blueberry (Vaccinium ashe) which is a dual purpose shrub, native to Louisiana. Blueberries require an acid soil similar to azaleas, camellias, and gardenias. The best performing blueberries in Louisiana are the rabbit eyes which do well across the State. Some popular varieties are Climax, Tifblue, Brightwell, and Premier. Remember more than one variety should be planted to ensure adequate pollination.

Finally, if you notice that certain plants are showing signs of leaf spot or leaf drop, there is no reason to be concerned about applying fungicides. This occurs among pecans, oaks, figs, and magnolias trees. Among the broadleaf evergreens often affected are gardenias, citrus, azaleas, and hollies. This is common at this time of the year and there is no reason to be concerned.

Happy Gardening!!!Happy Gardening!!!Happy Gardening!!!

Gerald P. Roberts Horticulturist/Master Gardener Program Coordinator LSU AgCenter 1010 Lafayette Street, Suite 325 Lafayette, LA 70501 GRoberts@agcenter.lsu.edu Office (337) 291-7090 Fax (337) 291-7099 Rabbit Eye



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EVENTS, REPORTS, AND BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE

BRING YOUR REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE TO MASTER GARDENER FUNCTIONS!

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	75 S. Regional Library 1 Johnston Street * 6 p.m.	Nov. 17 @ Ira Nelson Horticulture Center * 1 PM
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Louann McClelland-Long, Jeanell Menard and Anita Petitjean created the display for the state of Louisiana at the Regional Master Gardener Conference in Baton Rouge. It truly reflected all of our MG Associations across the state. Our members as well as all attendees looked forward to the basket of candy at breaks.

<u>2-DO LIST</u>: General Meeting learn about worms; Second Saturday Class-holiday decorations. (No 2nd Saturday in December.) Pay dues. Complete forms. Reserve spot for Christmas Social, Dec. 3 at Petro Club.

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Rusty Wilson of the Acadiana Worm Farm will be the Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association speaker at the November general meeting. Rusty's goal is to educate Acadiana on the benefits of vermicomposting and using the resulting byproduct, worm castings, as a natural fertilizer and growth medium. Rusty is a member of the Louisiana Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, in the auditorium at the Lafayette South Side Library. Start time is 6:00 P.M. Come out and find out how to vermi-charge your garden!

2014 Southern Region Master Gardener Conference October 21 – 24, 2014

Sponsored by: East Baton Rouge Master Gardener Association LSU AgCenter Louisiana Master Gardener Program



Look what LouAnn, Jeanell and Anita did for us!



In The Garden

Katherine McCormick, one of Joey Durel's assistants, will be sharing information about "PROJECT FRONT YARD" — the clean up and beautification initiative launched last month.

Watch <u>first run</u> on November 6 at noon! Master Gardeners who help produce the show include Nancy Rowe, Cheryl Crow, Geneé Foley, Marie Jones, Vivian Katz, Lois Manuel, Gary Trahan and Peggy Voorhies.

This monthly TV Show broadcasted by AOC Community Media, is targeted to run LIVE, every first Thursday at noon, with reruns each week throughout the month on LUS Channel 3/Cox Channel 15. The show is streamed by computer through AOC One and will now be accessible upon demand through YouTube! That's a new AOC perk!

LAFAYETTE PARISH MASTER GARDENERS



Second Saturday Gardening Class

"Holiday Decorating with Garden Greens" is the topic to be presented by Nancy Richard and Judy Keller at the Second Saturday Gardening Class on November 8, at 10 a.m. The class is held in the Green T. Lindon Elementary School cafeteria, 603 Avenue B, in Youngsville.

Nancy Richard opened DOORS AND MORE, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, in 2010. Judy Keller joined her in 2011. Together they create holiday decorations for homes and businesses.

The presenters ask that we bring a container (to make your arrangement in) and any supplies such as greenery, ribbon, grape vines, etc to the class so we can make our own personal creations.

For more information contact Sherlyn Larrison at 985 513-2777 or Jackie Carlisi at 337 277-0027.

OUR FRENCH CONNECTION

2015 is the international year of the rose. Philippe Gustin, of *Le Centre International de Lafayette*, has been in touch with Alain Baraton, groundskeeper at Versailles. Could we help host him for several days, perhaps in March 2015? He would come on a Monday, probably, and leave on Saturday (or perhaps Friday). Contact our Master Gardener sister, May Waggoner, if you are interested.



PAGE 4 NEW CALENDARS

If you order the LSU AgCenter's 2015 Get It Growing calendar at the October meeting, it will be available at the LPMGA meeting on Wednesday, November 5. The list price for this beautiful and informative calendar is \$12.00. Members may purchase the calendars for \$10.00. Check your gift list. Calendars make great presents especially for the holidays. Get yours at the upcoming November meeting!



What Plant Am I?

Imagine walking through a lightly shaded woodland in Springtime and breathing in the scent of strawberries and apples. You look around and see no strawberry plants, no apple trees. What you do see are flowers about 2 inches across, which are really sepals, surrounded by leathery dark green foliage. I'm an upright oval shrub, with multiple stems. I 'm about eight feet tall, and if you rub my leaves, whose undersides have a brownish fuzz, you get a scent described as camphor-like by some, and cinnamon by others. In fact, my bark was used in the past as a seasoning.

I am native to the Southeastern states, from Virginia to Florida and across Louisiana, in zones 7 to 9. I like moist, acidic soil, and in the wild I usually grow in colonies. I am not readily available in nurseries, but can be propagated by my suckers, softwood cuttings in summer, or hardwood cuttings in fall. Leaf mold and peat moss incorporated into the moist soil will help me root.

My fruit is obovoid or oblong, and about two-and-a-half inches long. They start out green, then turn brown, with red seeds lining the inner walls. These seeds are said to be poisonous, and when planted, often produce mutations which do not have the fragrance of the parent plant.

I am long-lived and pest free.

Do you know what plant I am? See page 10 for the answer.

LAFAYETTE PARISH MASTER GARDENERS



Junior Master Gardener growing good kids...

School Garden Initiative and Junior Master Garden

October is a very important month for School Gardens. This is the month when new gardens get planted , established gardens are growing, and garden projects are still being completed. The School Garden Initiative group went to all 10 of the contracted schools to meet with the students and teachers to set student and teacher goals for their gardens. Each student group set goals for themselves that included: what they want to grow, when to grow their vegetables and how to grow their vegetables. Students wanted to know about soils, composting, good bugs vs bad bugs, how to water their gardens, and how long until harvest .



Students ranged from 1st grade to high school and each school group came up with their own goals. The students also had to decide on a service goal. All groups wanted to eat their harvest, as well as share their harvest with teachers, other students or the elderly. Some schools were going to hold canned food drives, donating food to a homeless shelter or to an assisted living facility. Some students were holding a science fair and wanted to teach a junior master garden lesson to the school.

The second component of the monthly meeting with the schools was to teach a Junior Master Gardener lesson. School Garden Initiative members taught a lesson on the Water cycle to the student garden ambassadors. In turn, the student ambassadors were going to teach other students. A Junior Master Gardener lesson will be taught at the monthly school meetings. Master gardeners will coordinate with the teachers to teach Junior Master Gardener lessons throughout the school year while working with the students in their gardens.

If you are interested in joining the School Garden Initiative program or Junior Master Gardeners please contact Sherlyn Larrison or Candy Bienvenu.



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Completed and recorded all continuing education hours required for membership during 2014

Lafayette Parish Master Gardener Association, Inc. <u>Annual Dues</u>

Year 2015 annual dues are to be paid before <u>January 1, 2015</u>

A \$5 late fee will be assessed for payments received after January 1, 2015

The MGIT graduating class do not pay 2015 dues

Send the Dues Payment Form with your check for \$10.00 to Sandy Scheuermann, 305 Keeney Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70501 or submit the forms and payment at the November general meeting.

The check should be made payable to "LPMGA".

December Social Reservations

This is an Adults Only Function

- The December Social and MGIT graduation will be held at the Petroleum Club on <u>December 3, 2014</u> at 6:00.
- Your reservation for the December Social is to be made by completing and submitting the enclosed form by <u>November 24th</u>
- There will be a \$20.00 charge to attend the December Social for all categories of Active membership, including Meritorious, Sustaining, and Members-on-Leave. The organization will subsidize \$10 for each active member. Please return the form and payment in advance.

Cost of the dinner for Inactive* members is \$30.00.

MGIT graduates attend free of charge. Only their guests pay.

- You may invite one or more guests to join you at the December Social. Cost per guest is \$30.00.
- Send the December Social Reservation Form and your check, if applicable, to Sandy Scheuermann, 305 Keeney Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70501 or submit the forms and payment at the November general meeting.

The check should be made payable to "LPMGA".

If applicable, you may combine the dues payment check and the Social reservation check. If you do so, please return by <u>November 24th</u>.

*Inactive members are those who are not current with annual dues and/or volunteer service or continuing education hours.

Lafayette Parish Master Gardener Association, Inc.

Year 2015 Dues Payment Form

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Your status for 2015	Amount Due	Enclosed

Dues: Please check one

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NAME:

Check number: ______ Make checks payable to "LPMGA"

> Please return this form and payment to Sandy Scheuermann

> > 305 Keeney Avenue

Lafayette, LA 70501

Or, you may pay and return form at the November General Meeting

Year 2015 Annual dues are payable prior to January 1, 2015 A \$5 late fee will be assessed for payments received after January 1, 2015

Membership is valid January 1 through December 31, 2015. Membership cards will be issued to members who have paid dues for 2015 and completed and recorded all volunteer service hours and continuing education hours required for membership during 2014. MGIT class members do not pay 2015 dues

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Lafayette Parish Master Gardener Association, Inc.

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Calycanthus floridus:

Sweet Shrub, Carolina allspice.



DON'T FORGET TO POST YOUR VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATION HOURS!

The LPMGA Christmas Social and Master Gardener Class of 2014 Graduation December 3, 2014 6pm to 9pm Petroleum Club 111 Heymann Blvd, Lafayette Cocktails, Graduation & Award Ceremony, Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres with Dessert 2014 Graduates Gratís Active Members \$20 Guests and Inactive members \$30 All payments should be made in advance. **Contact Linda Broussard for** additional information



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Attention: All LPMGA Committee Chairmen

We would like to include any information that you can provide regarding the accomplishments, recognitions, and awards of your committee, as a whole, and/or of individual committee members.

Only information that you provide to me will be included on our website. Please take time to send me any pertinent information/pictures, including years in the past. Also, feel free to e-mail anything of this nature that you would like added to the website.

Jay Ruffin— Ipmgacalendar@gmail.com

LAFAYETTE PARISH MASTER GARDENERS

BETWEEN THE ROWS

VEGETABLE GARDENING WITH MARY ANN ARMBRUSTER



The weather has finally broken and it's cool and comfortable for the first time in a long time. I don't know about you, but I could take this all year long. Now that the temperature has dropped, the peppers and tomatoes are setting fruit again and we can happily plant the cool weather transplants that we either grew ourselves or bought from the local nurseries.

Through the end of October, you can continue to plant Swiss chard and kohlrabi. The Ag Center recommendation is to plant celery from seed and radishes through early November, but I like small, fresh radishes a lot, so I like to space my radishes out and will try planting them every two to three weeks as long as the temperature is above freezing. Sometimes the weather gets them, but then, sometimes I continue to have fresh, sweet radishes all winter. You can continue to plant carrots, garlic, mustard greens, shallots, spinach and turnips throughout November. Don't forget to add some flowering plants among or around your veggies to bring in the pollinators. Some of the plants that flower during the next few months are sweet alyssum (*Lobularia maritime*), candytuft (*Iberis sp.*), sweet pea (*Lathyrus odoratus*), or calendula (*Calendula* officinalis). Calendula petals are edible themselves if grown organically.

There's an organization I think you should know about. It's the All American Selections section of the National Garden Bureau. This organization does a great job evaluating flowers and vegetables for suitability in our gardens. To do this they have a wide variety of gardeners all over the country grow the plants. Independent judges then judge the flower or the vegetable for certain traits. In the case of vegetables, they even judge for taste/flavor, something that is all too often forgotten by commercial growers. The growers that test these seeds are small gardens, commercial gardens, university gardens, master gardeners' demonstration gardens, and everything in between. If a plant gets the AAS designation after its name, you can be sure that it will produce well in your garden no matter where you grow.

There's something else we haven't talked about before - that is, plant varieties. I've said, "Plant carrots, or tomatoes on such and such a date" and just left it to you as to which variety to plant, but it's good to know that not only does the Ag Center recommend when to plant vegetables, it also recommends the varieties that testing has shown to grow best in our climate. For example, the carrots they recommend are Danvers 126, Thumbelina, and Purple Haze (AAS). For garlic they recommend Creole (produces medium sized white cloves that store moderately well), Italian (produces small pink cloves that stores well and has the strongest garlic flavor) and for large heads, Elephant or Tahiti (same plant under different common names. This giant garlic has the mildest flavor but does not store well.) Now remember to get your garlic planted before the end of November, because it needs 210 to 230 days to mature those nice big heads we like so much. Other recommendations useful now are Early Purple Vienna, Early White Vienna, and Winner Kohlrabi; Candid Charm, Cumberland, Freedom Snow Crown, Incline, Majestin, and Wentworth cauliflower; Jade Cross E, Long Island Imp., and Royal Marvel Brussels sprouts. All the recommended varieties can be found in the *Louisiana Vegetable Planting Guide* at http://www.lsuagcentter.com/en/communications/publicatins/Publications+Catalog/Lawn+and+Garden/Vegetables/planting_guide/Louisiana+Vegetable+Planting+Guide.htm

Until next time, Good gardening!



Jor the latest research-based information on just about anything, visit our Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com

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Nov 1st: All Saints Day!

Nov 5nd: LPMGA General Meeting — South Regional Library @ 6 p.m. Nov 6th: "In the Garden" on AOC, LUS Ch. 3/Cox Ch. 15 @ noon Nov 8th: Second Saturday Class, Green T. Lindon Elementary, Youngsville, 10 a.m. Nov 10th: Medicinal Garden tour for 3rd graders, Vermilionville, 9 a.m.—2 p.m. Nov 11th: Veteran's Day ... Fly your flag, Salute a Veteran! Nov 17th: Medicinal Garden tour for 8th graders, Vermilionville, 9 a.m.—2 p.m. Nov 17th: MG Board meeting, Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, 1 p.m. Nov 24th: Deadline for Christmas Social Reservations—See page 7 & 9 instructions/ form Nov 27th: HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Nov 29th: "Small Business Saturday"

Dec 3rd: Christmas Social

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FALL PINE STRAW BALES!

Fall Pine Straw orders were picked up at the Ira Nelson shade house on Friday, October 31 and Saturday, November 1, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day. Be aware that UL Homecoming may impact your normal route to the shade house, on Saturday. Much thanks to Teresa Gore for organizing the orders, delivery and distribution, again, this year.



straw, delayed slightly due to traffic accident on I-49. Arrived at 8:20 a.m.

Jr. AgCente

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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 24th of each month for publication in the next month's issue

unless otherwise noted.

Please send newsletter items to: Theresa Rohloff thescottherald@aol.com Please include:

"MG NEWSLETTER" in your subject bar.

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