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GENERAL MEETING
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WEDNESDAY
APRIL 3
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SPEAKER
MAZIE MOVASSAGHI

IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE
CENTER (INHC)
LPMGA BOARD MEETING
1 PM TUESDAY APRIL 16
IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE CENTER
(INHC)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners

Well it looks like spring is here the grass is growing and the propagation crew is busy working. Great to see everyone every Wednesday. If you have not been there in a while, please come by and join this hard-working family of Master Gardeners, no special invitation required, just show up. Our first garden talk was a big success, special thanks to Mrs. Theresa Guidry. Festival Des Fleurs is around the corner and there are plenty of volunteer spots still available. We will attempt to provide some power point presentations, I am still looking for three speakers besides myself. No one has asked me to start getting volunteers for the setup, but if you are free on that Friday, stop by. As always feel free to text, e-mail or call if I can be of service to you.

Juan Nieto, President LPMGA

**Master Gardener's
Spring Picnic**

May 1, 2019

Pam Womack's home
1018 Bayou Tortue Rd.
Broussard, LA 70518

Picnic Style Menu

Fried Chicken fingers

Potato salad & green salad

Lemonade/water

Various desserts (volunteers to bring)

Watermelon

*****Bring chairs and other refreshments,
if you like**

May 1, 2019

5 7:30

\$10

**Please R.S.V.P. with
name & money
by April 26 to Debbie Dupuy**
119 Bellridge Dr.,
Lafayette, LA 70506

Spread the News!

2019 LSU AgCenter Master Gardener Class Applications
Are being accepted until May 31st

Contact the AgCenter at 1010 Lafayette St, Suite 325 Lafayette or
(337) 291-7090 for more information

MEETINGS, REPORTS AND BOARD

2019 LPMGA General Meetings First Wednesday Monthly Except for July Daytime: 12:30pm Evening: 6 pm or 6:30pm	2019 LPMGA Board Meetings 1pm on Third Tuesday of each month Except for July
<i>Dates, times, topics and locations are subject to change</i>	
APRIL 3	APRIL 16, 1 pm
MAY 1 SPRING SOCIAL	MAY 21, 1 pm
JUNE 5	JUNE 18, 1 pm
AUGUST 7	AUGUST 20, 1 pm
SEPTEMBER 4	SEPTEMBER 17, 1 pm
OCTOBER 2	OCTOBER 15, 1 pm
NOVEMBER 6	NOVEMBER 19, 1 pm
DECEMBER 4, 6PM SOCIAL/GRADUATION	DECEMBER 17, 1 pm

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Congratulations MG 2018 Paul Manuel



Paul has achieved his 40 hours and received his Certificate of Completion and gold name badge.

KUDOS

To

Jeanell Menard

All of us who have experienced the problems with the emails sent to us on behalf of LPMGA want to thank Jeanell Menard for her patience and diligence working to fix our email problems. It seems she may have done it!

As an organization we are dependent on the information we receive through email for the multiple projects we volunteer for.

Thanks Jeanell for never giving up!

THE DEVENPORT REPORT



Nothing Better than Eating Fresh, Home-grown Peaches

If you have ever tried buying fresh peaches in the grocery store, you know it is a hit or miss on quality and taste. Usually it is a miss! Although it may take a little more time in pruning and spraying, you cannot beat the flavor of a peach that you have grown yourself!!

In south Louisiana, drainage is one thing that you will need to address when planting peach trees. I like to use the "pitcher's mound" method of planting peaches for good external drainage. The mound should be at least 1-1.5' high and 6' in diameter. A mixture of sand and topsoil with a little organic matter makes a great planting medium for your peach trees. Trees should be pruned to an open center, allowing sunshine to reach the inner part of the tree for better ripening and spraying purposes. Trees need to be planted in full sun, on land that is well drained and does not hold water. Due to soil borne fungi such as Armillaria root rot, peach trees should not be planted where hardwood trees had once occupied the area.

Choosing the right variety of peaches depends on chilling hours you receive each winter. This number is based on how many hours in the winter we received temperatures of 45 degrees and lower. In south Louisiana, we are looking at somewhere around 400-650 hours as the target number in determining the right variety based on chilling hours received. Recommended varieties for our area include Florida King (cling), La Felecia (Freestone), La Festival (Freestone), La Peche (Semi Free-stone), Sam Houston (Freestone) and June Gold (Free Stone)

Peach trees will need to be sprayed on a regular schedule as you would if growing roses. Spraying begins at petal drop up until a week or so before harvesting. The Louisiana Home Orchard is an excellent reference for learning about peaches and many other fruit trees for Louisiana.

LSU AgCenter Dan Devenport

WHAT PLANT AM I?

I'm an evergreen tree with oval leaves, thick bark and a berry fruit which is inedible. I'm mainly grown in Sri Lanka, formerly Ceylon, and Indonesia. I produce a product found in most kitchens around the world. I was highly prized in the ancient world. My source was kept secret to preserve the monopoly of my distributors. I produce small white flowers in spring. I was considered a gift worthy of a king, or even a god. I was used to embalm mummies, and I appeared in a poem by Sappho in the 7th. century B.C.

I'm propagated by seeds, vegetative cuttings, or grafting. I need well-drained, acidic soil which is allowed to dry slightly. My seeds must be planted immediately because they lose their viability rapidly. Home cultivation is possible, and depending on the size of the pot I'm grown in, I can reach 8 to 10 feet in full sun to partial shade. The main reason I'm grown is for my inner bark. My stems must be processed immediately while my inner bark is still wet. My outer bark is scraped off, then my branch is beaten evenly with a hammer to loosen my inner bark, which is then pried off in long rolls. Only 0.02 inches of my inner bark is used. It dries completely in 4 to 6 hours in a well-ventilated area and forms rolls or quills. Once dry, it is cut into 2 to 4 inch strips. Some scientific studies suggest I may help lower blood glucose and cholesterol, but more research is needed to confirm that.

Do you know what plant I am? Look for the answer on page 6

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SARAH'S SOUTHERN GARDEN FESTIVAL MAY 4TH

Volunteers are needed for this year's Southern Garden Festival at Sarah Schoefflers Saturday May 4th. There are several areas where volunteers are needed. One is preparing the gardens for the event during the month of April. Other areas needing volunteers are servers in the Garden Room on Saturday, assistance with the children's scavenger hunt, Sherlyn Larrison can be contacted for more information and for ask a Master Gardner sbellar@gmail.com. Contact Sarah at cadistyle@aol.com for a schedule. This event will provide volunteer hours for Master Gardeners.

GARDEN STROLLS

"My wonderful Garden Stroll Committee and I have planned these fabulous strolls for you. Thanks to the home owners for inviting us to tour their gardens!

Kay Hampton's Garden - located at [127 Western Lane, Lafayette, La. 70507](#)

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 10:00 to 12:00

Julie Rabalais's Garden - located at 220 Cambridge, Lafayette, La. 70503

Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 1:00 to 3:00

Fabian Patin's Garden - located at [104 Randy Circle, Lafayette, La. 70501](#)

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 10:00 to 12:00

If you would like to offer your garden for a Stroll, please contact Cindy Wiley for more information.

337-207-6424 or cindy4wiley@yahoo.com

Garden Strolls earn one hour of Continuing Education credit.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FESTIVAL DES FLEURS CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

12-2 AND 2-4

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH

PLEASE CONTACT CAMILLA
DROBISH TO JOIN THE
FESTIVAL DES FLEURS TEAM

DORBISHC@YAHOO.COM

LPMGA Garden Talk

April 20th 10am

ALL SEASONS NURSERY
2974 Johnston St, Lafayette

Garden Talks are back!

3RD SATURDAYS AT 10AM

The Featured Speaker for April:
MARY GLADNEY
BASIC ORCHID CARE

Ask A Master Gardener table opens at 9:45
Our Garden Talks series offers an important educational outreach of LPMGA. Please contact Linda Beyt if you would like to become involved as a speaker or helper, or to volunteer for the Ask A Master Gardener table.

Garden Talks earn one hour of Continuing Education

Master Gardeners Lecture Series At The Eastside Library

LPMGA is offering a
continuing lecture series at the
Eastside Library

215 La Neuville Road, Youngsville

**LEARN THE BASICS OF
GARDENING IN THE SOUTH**

The Tuesday, April 9th,
presentation will begin at 6:30pm.
The lecture series earns 1 hour of
Continuing Education for MGs.

Please contact the Library at
(337) 445-3168 for more details

These lectures earn one hour of Continuing Education credit



The Society for Louisiana Irises will hold their annual convention in Lafayette, LA, from April 4 through April 7th at the Hilton Garden Inn next to the Cajun Dome. Garden tours will take place by tour coach on.. Thursday, April 4th and will include: Botanical gardens in Baton Rouge; Dr. Wayne Stromeier's Estate Lake Martin in St. Martin Parish.

Garden tours on Friday will be Ron and Eugenie Betzer's gardens in Lafayette; Louisiana Iris Gardens in Lafayette; Avery Island Jungle Gardens.

Friday night there will be a dinner at the hotel and a slide show on recent Louisiana iris hybrids. Saturday there will be an iris show at the hotel. Entries will be received from 7 AM to 10 AM. The show will be open to the public from 12:30 to 4 pm on Saturday and from 9 AM to 2 PM on Sunday. *Anyone can enter an iris in the show.* There are requirements, such as knowing the name of the iris. Saturday night there will be an awards banquet, silent auction and live auction of many recent hybrid LA irises and other iris related items.

Please contact me for additional information. You can visit SLI's web site at www.louisianas.org and click the "conventions" tab on the right side for schedules and registration forms. The convention is open to everyone. You do not have to be a member of SLI to partake. Persons interested can register for any or all of the events.

Please spread the news of this great event. Let me know if you need more info, especially about entering an iris in the show. Doing so is great fun and ribbons and prizes will be awarded to the winners of the many classes.

Ron Killingsworth, Treasurer of SLI and Registrar for the convention. (retmigt@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events of Interest

Continuing Education Opportunities

The Louisiana Garden Club Federation
is holding its State Convention in
Lafayette at the Doubletree Hotel on
April 2-3, 2019.

Both days speakers will present a variety of topics.

Several of the speakers are LPMGA members.

Attendees will have to pay the registration fee for each day attending the talks.

Registration information and speaker bios can be found at

www.lgcfinc.org/2019-lgcf-convention

Contact Babette Werner for questions-

337-258-6411

babsverwerner@aol.com

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS

9-9:45am In The Garden Of My Dreams-Garden Journaling-Anita Petitjean LPMGA

10-10:45am Real Good Roses-BJ Abshire Acadiana Rose Society

11-11:45am Saving Heirloom Vegetable Seeds-Louann McClelland-Long LPMGA

2:15-3pm Succulents: Tips For Successfully Growing And Propagating These Unique Plants-Tina Jumonville LPMGA

3:15-4pm The Art Of Mounting Bromeliads-Sandra Creswell LPMGA

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

9-10am Let's Learn To Thrill, Fill and Spill-Give Your Containers A WOW Factor-Andy Chidester National Representative for FoxFarms

10:10 – 10:50am Daffodils and Crinum For The Deep South-Annette Parker, American Daffodil Society

11:00 – 11:45am Hydroponics-Kohlie Frantzen Helical Holdings Managing Partner

MARCH GARDEN TALK AT ALL SEASONS

Master Gardener Theresa Guidry, was the speaker at All Seasons Nursery in March. Theresa was the first Certified Teacher for Square Foot Gardeners in the State of Louisiana. So what better topic for her to present. This was one of the best attended talks they have had at All Seasons.

Giving these presentations are a great way to earn volunteer hours or if you attend, you get education hours. Theresa told me she had a great time with great people.



“HEALERS GARDEN” HOST TWO EVENTS AT VERMILLIONVILLE!

Gardeners, here are two dates you might want to put on your calendar. Vermillionville will be celebrating Sunday, Earth Day on **April 14**. On that day, our Master Gardener Healer's Garden Committee will be there giving tours. We will explain all about the history of the garden, how the plants were chosen, and how they are used medicinally. The weather should be beautiful so come on out and plan to learn a lot about native Louisiana medicinal plants.

The next date for your calendar will be **May 18**. That is the day that the Healer's Garden Committee will once again host its popular speaker series, “Healing Traditions of Acadiana.” The series is in its fifth year and is still going strong. On this day our speaker will be our own Mary Ann Armbruster, your former president, and, along with Mary Perrin, is co-chairman of the Healer's Garden. She will be giving an in-depth talk about every plant that is currently in our garden, what its medicinal qualities are (some of them have antibiotic properties, some are anti-inflammatory, some stop bleeding, some soothe an upset stomach and one even lowers blood sugar), and how it is used. So if you were ever curious about medicinal plants, please come and join us. It's at 11 AM on Saturday, May 18, in the Performance Center at Vermillionville.

Admission is free, but a five dollar donation is suggested.

Mary Perrin

WHAT PLANT AM I ANSWER

Cinnamon:
Cinnamomun verum (Ceylon)
Cassia cinnamon (Indonesia)



St Thomas Moore SGI harvesting their lettuce.

The STM Options students are learning how Mother Nature can affect their gardening outcomes. The Mardi Gras freeze burnt the foliage on their newly planted potatoes, but the potatoes should be fine by eating time in May. They learned they need to eat their yummy strawberries before the birds do, and to check the soil for dry conditions.

The students are looking forward to planting their spring crop of squash, basil, rosemary, and tomatoes.



For more information about the IMG Search For Excellence and about Conference registration, lodging, and activities at the Conference please visit:
www.internationalmastergardener.com/about/international-master-gardener/

Acadian Orchid Society 2019 ORCHID SHOW AND SALE

Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Sunday, April 14, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center



"Jewels of the Jungle"

ORCHID DISPLAYS

ORCHID VENDORS

PLANTS FOR SALE

CULTURAL ADVICE

Visit us at: www.acadianorchidsociety.org

Want to get the word out about your MG project or event?

Need a way to earn Continuing Education hours at home?

Missed the latest Garden Talk?

Don't Worry. You can catch up on YouTube

Coming Soon to a computer or phone near you...

LPMGA will be posting videos of our presentations, events, and activities on our new Youtube channel!

It's a great way to earn CE, promote our organization, and to promote horticultural knowledge. The account is currently under construction—but keep an eye out for more info next month.

Observations From Outside

THE AZALEA TRAIL

Azalea are a part of Louisiana gardening history. Each year in early March, the Azalea Trail committee host the "The Azalea Trail Day". On this day classic car clubs and biking clubs are invited to ride the trail. The local folks living on the trail welcome the riders by hosting parties and activities. This year the committee brought back the award for "Best Azalea Display ". This is fun time for families and friends to enjoy the short Louisiana spring weather and our beautiful Azaleas.

A NOTE FROM THE AZALEA TRAIL COMMITTEE:

The azaleas have been beautiful this year! The Azalea Trail committee hopes you have taken the time to drive the Historic Azalea Trail and enjoy the floral display. Our committee has been busy fundraising, planting, mulching, fertilizing, and promoting azaleas in Lafayette. We have partnered with UL and planted in several locations on the UL campus. Plantings have also taken place at the Lafayette Visitors Center and Lafayette Middle School. We have partnered with All Seasons Nursery to plant along Coolidge Boulevard in the Oil Center. MG members can attain hours by helping us plant. Let me know if you would like to be a part of one of our projects.

Cindy Wiley



Cindy with this years winners



If you would like to share your Observations From Outside, send your musings on gardening and nature to the Editor at newsletter@lpmga.org



SPRING PLANT SALE FESTIVAL DES FLEUR OUR PROPAGATION VOLUNTEERS ARE READY!

Look at these busy people! The propagation committee is working feverishly to get ready for our Spring Plant Sale at Festival des Fleurs. Expect to see some hardy perennials including beautiful Hummingbird attractors like Salvias and Red Shrimp plants. We also have stunning succulents and interesting natives like Strawberry Bush.

Heather Warner-Finley



Tiarella



Cuban Oregano



Mrs. Dudley Cross



"Amsonia" Blue Star



Copper Iris



"Salvia" Rose Leaf Sage



Cape Primrose



Eyelash Begonia

School Garden Initiative Cook Off

THANK YOU MG Volunteers

Dear Master Gardener,

Words cannot express how grateful we are for the tremendous job you did in volunteering for our recent *On Cuisine du Jardin Cook-Off*. The entire event ran smoothly and was a huge success in large part to your hard work and efforts. Your willingness to assist in a variety of roles giving of your time and talents are appreciated.

The cook-off was featured on KATC website on the cook-off. The links are as follows: <https://katc.com/news/around-acadiana/lafayette-parish/2019/02/16/students-prepare-healthy-meals-as-part-of-on-cuisine-du-jardin-cook-off/> In addition, several photos from the cook-off were posted on the Lafayette 4-H Facebook page. The link is as follows: <https://www.facebook.com/lafayette4h/>

On behalf of the many youth, parents and community supporters, we want to thank you for your contribution to its success. Your support of the LSU AgCenter and 4-H program contributes greatly to enhancing the total parish program and to the success of many of our special activities. Once again, we want to thank you for your dedication to the youth of the program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 291-7090.

Sincerely,

CHARLES HEBERT

Charles Hebert County Agent/Parish Chairman 4-H Youth Development Lafayette Parish

Volunteer Hour

Totals for 2019

Each month the newsletter will include our hour totals, plus reasons for, and ideas about, earning and recording hours.

If you need help recording or finding ways to earn hours, please contact

Volunteer Coordinator
Louann McClelland-Long
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LPMGA VOLUNTEER/CONTINUING EDUCATION HOUR REPORTS JAN/FEB 2019

LMG REPORT NAME:
ACTIVITY HOUR TOTALS BY DETAILS

	Jan 1-31 2019	Feb 1-28 2019
4H & Other Youth Activities	33	62.40
Attending Bus/Admin Meetings	10.50	46.50
Civic & Community	311.25	325
Continuing Education	5.50	0
Extension Activities	44	46.50
LMG Teaching Activities	7	8
Volunteer Activities Totals	411.25	488.50 (Report Rounds Up)
Continuing Education Totals	92.05	86

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CATION .**

APRIL 2-3—LA GARDEN CLUB CONTINUING ED OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL 4-6 —SOCIETY FOR LOUISIANA IRISES CONVENTION LAFAYETTE

APRIL 6—KAY HAMPTON GARDEN STROLL

APRIL 9—LECTURE SERIES AT THE EASTSIDE LIBRARY

APRIL 10—JULIE RABALAIS GARDEN STROLL

APRIL 13—FESTIVAL DES FLEURS 8AM—4PM

APRIL 13-14 ACADIAN ORCHID SHOW

APRIL 14 —VERMILIONVILLE HEALERS GARDEN EARTH DAY TOURS

APRIL 20—ALL SEASONS GARDEN TALKS

MAY 4-FABIAN PATIN GADEN STROLL

MAY 4-SARAH'S SOUTHERN GARDEN FESTIVAL

**MAY 18—HEALER'S GARDEN SPEAKER SERIES, "HEALING TRADITIONS
OF ACADIANA**

JUNE 17-21—INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

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.

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If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in our meetings, please call the LSU AgCenter at 337-291-7090. Please note: All meeting and event dates, times, and locations are subject to change.