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GENERAL MEETING

12:30 PM WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 6

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LPMGA BOARD MEETING

1 PM TUESDAY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners:

February is almost here, so some warmer weather cannot get here fast enough for me. Thank you all who made it to our general meeting. If you could not make it to the January meeting and missed our speaker, Dr. Allen Owings, he will be coming to a nursery near you on the first sat in March.

Plenty to discuss at our monthly Executive Board meeting, some hard decisions had to be made. We made them as one body, with the understanding that we will continue to have dialog on what is best for our membership, be assured that our members are our top priority, however we have By -laws and guidelines that we must follow, which includes guidelines set by the LSU Ag Center.

The LSU Ag Center is trying to arrange a meeting with Master Gardeners from around the state. If that does happen, we will be ready. We will have a list of candidates who will speak strongly on our behalf.

On a lighter note, Ellen, Jay and Debbie have been putting in some long hours to get our Membership Roster in order. The Discount cards should be at the printer by now, hopefully allowing us to distribute them at our next general meeting. A simple thank you when you see them, would be nice.

Also included in the newsletter you will see a list of Sustaining Members, I want to thank every single one for all their contribution throughout the years, and hopefully they will continue to inspire us. Their dedication is the main reason we are one of the top Master Garden programs in the state.

The Lafayette School Garden Initiative program, which I have been proudly a part of for ten years, is putting together "On Cuisine du Jardin Cook-Off." Our Recording Secretary, Patricia Soileau has agreed to be our MC, special thanks to her for taking the time. Come and support the great group of Master Gardener, teachers, and young gardeners of the future. More details available in the newsletter, great job Mary Gladney!

Juan Nieto, President LPMGA

LPMGA POLICY CHANGE FOR 2019

Our 2019 MG Executive Board has voted to approve the following change to our Policies: Beginning January 1, 2019 we will work to become in compliance with the LSU AgCenter guidelines. LSU is requiring all members (including those designated by LPMGA as Sustaining Members) to enter their volunteer and continuing education hours.

If you were a sustaining member in 2018, and have paid your dues for 2019, you will be considered active in 2019. To remain an active member in 2020, you will need to record your volunteer and continuing education hours before the December 2019 deadline.

We apologize for any confusion caused by the changes being required by LSU. We will work to assist you in recording your hours, if needed. Remember, it is important to keep a copy of your entries (screen shot) because there are occasional glitches in the system.

We are grateful for the hard work and dedication that you devote to our program and we are working to address your concerns while adhering to our By-Laws.

Following is an excerpt from our By-Laws, revised September 2017:

"ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP Section B. Volunteer Commitments

The Board shall determine and formulate the commitment obligations of members, which may include:

1. Volunteer hours on Master Gardener-approved projects
2. Continuing education hours.

Members must also meet state requirements. The complete list of volunteer responsibilities set by the LSU AgCenter is included in the Policies and Procedures Handbook of the Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association."

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

Your LPMGA 2019 Executive Board:

President:

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Colette Anzalone

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Ellen Garacci

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Jay Ruffin

Member-At-

Large: Marsha Bayer

Recording Secretary:

Patricia Soileau

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>	
FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 19, 1 pm
MARCH 6	MARCH 19, 1 pm
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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**Wishing
You
A Very
Happy
Mardi Gras**



**100% Chance Of Rain....Even with Propagation
cancelled because of rain, some devoted team
members still met up at the greenhouse.**

THE DEVENPORT REPORT



Since the end of the year, there has been a lot of discussion regarding active membership, continuing education hours, volunteer hours and the reporting of hours for Sustaining Members.

Jay Ruffin and I along with State Master Gardener Coordinator, Sara Rogers Shields, have been discussing many of the items our membership has been inquiring about. We want to keep an open dialogue with our members on all of these issues. Please feel free to contact Jay or myself to address any of your concerns.

Sara let me know that she's planning on holding monthly conference calls with all Parish Master Gardener Coordinators and will also be setting up a conference where individual parishes will be able to elect and send representatives to discuss our great program.

As soon as I get more information, I will share with you at our general membership meetings or through the Gardener's Gazette. Until then make sure to let Jay and I know what is on your mind that we can help you in the future.

LSU AgAgent Dan Devenport

ERNEST GALLET GARDEN PROJECT

Master Gardeners Pat Tracy, Stephanie Vallot, Don Weintritt and Marsha Bayer recently met at the Ernest Gallet School Garden in Youngsville to help solve a problem. With our rainy weather there are many days of the school year when Ms. Hannah LeBlanc's third grade class cannot get to the garden.

Right before Christmas break Lowe's delivered 180 - 12x12 inch cement stepping stones/pavers.

We met up to lay them out around our garden tubs. We laid a path around the tubs for easy and dry access.



Then we laid a path from the sidewalk near the classroom to the garden. The children and Ms. LeBlanc were very appreciative!!

WHAT PLANT AM I?

I'm a slow-growing needled evergreen conifer, native to China and Japan. My height ranges from 20 to 40 feet. My leaves are leathery, soft-textured dark green that are pleasantly fragrant when crushed. I'm said to be hardy from Zones 7 to 9, but there is a very old (estimated to be 80 years) and large specimen of me in Zone 10 or 11 (Key West). I like a rich, slightly acidic soil, well drained. Chlorosis may develop in alkaline soils.

Since my seeds can take up to 24 months to germinate, I'm usually grown from soft-wood cuttings taken in June or July. Cut me in the early morning when my stems are moist and firm. I should root in potting soil in a fairly short time.

My cones are borne on a short stem with 2 to 4 scales, 1 or 2 of which are fertile. Each fertile scale bears a single apical seed. The scales swell up and become reddish-purple, fleshy and berry-like. These are eaten by birds, which then scatter my seeds in their droppings. My ripe cone anils are edible, but my seeds should not be eaten as they are slightly poisonous.

My wood is resistant to termites and water and are used for home-building in Okinawa. I am highly regarded as a Feng shui tree in Hong Kong, giving me a high market value. Because of this, in recent years illegal digging has become a problem. I am also prized by people who train me into bonsai house plants.

I have no serious insect or disease problems, although I may develop scale if grown inside. Known as Kusamaki in Japan, I am the state tree in Chiba Prefecture.

Do you know what plant I am? Look for the answer on Page 9

Master Gardeners Lecture Series At The Eastside Library

LPMGA is offering a
continuing lecture series at the
Eastside Library
located at
215 La Neuville Road in
Youngsville.

The Tuesday, February 12th,
presentation will begin at
6:30pm and will feature

Fruit ^{The} Trees

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ture series earns 1 hour of
Continuing Education for MGs

LPMGA Garden Talks Return March 16th

ALL SEASONS NURSERY
2974 Johnston St, Lafayette
3RD SATURDAYS AT 10AM
BEGINNING MARCH 16TH

Ask A Master Gardener table
will open at 9:45

Our Garden Talks series offers an important educational outreach of LPMGA. Please contact Juan Nieto or 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*

VOLUNTEER HOUR TOTALS FOR 2018

We were a very busy group of Master Gardeners in 2018...

LPMGA members can always be proud of the work that our MGs put into LPMGA's wide variety of programs and projects, but sometimes we lose track of just how much time is spent in service to our community. The table (above) of Volunteer Activity Totals for 2018 illustrates just how much time we have devoted to that service.

It also illustrates the importance of recording your volunteer hours.

If you do not have computer access for the LSU AgCenter site, it might be a good idea to have a friend who has a computer help you open a Volunteer Hours account and then help record your hours as you accomplish them. If you prefer, the LPMGA Volunteer Handbook includes a copy of the Volunteer Hours Reporting Form. Fill out a copy of the form as you accomplish your hours and turn it in to our Volunteer Coordinator, Jay Ruffin. If you need assistance recording your hours, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jay Ruffin. He will be able to answer your questions, help you with the recording process, and walk you through recording your hours. If you have questions about which category to record your hours under, Jay can help clarify that for you.

Throughout 2019, the newsletter will feature volunteer opportunities, address questions that our members may have about volunteer hours and our various projects, and gently remind members to record their hours.

Some Pointers For Recording Hours:

General Meetings with an educational component count as one hour of Continuing Education and we can count our travel time to and from meetings and volunteer activities.

Please remember that we do not count Socials for CE.

Reading monthly Home and Garden magazines does not count toward CE. Viewing recordings of our AOC program, "In The Garden" counts as one hour of CE. Copies of the program are available for check out at

LPMGA VOLUNTEER HOUR TOTALS 2018

VOLUNTEER HOURS	CONTINUING ED HOURS	TOTAL
9966.83	1638.95	11605.78

the LPMGA office, or see page 3 of this issue for more viewing choices. There are many "webinars", online classes, and other options for CE at the LSU AgCenter website and many other land grant colleges.

Record hours spent attending Board and Committee meetings under "Parish Programs". If you are attending a meeting, please include "LPMGA Board Meeting" or the name of the committee under "Comments".

Round to the nearest 15-minute increment (.25, .50, .75) when recording your hours.

If you have an idea for a new project, please fill out the Project Proposal form in your LPMGA Handbook with information about your project, and contact LPMGA President Juan Nieto. In order for volunteer hours to count, a project must be pre-approved by the LPMGA Board.

2018 Louisiana Master Gardeners State Totals



Total Volunteer Hours

94,820

Total Value of Vol. Hours

\$2.569 M

ST. TAMMANY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

19th Annual Northshore Garden & Plant Sale

Friday & Saturday
March 15 & 16, 2019
9 am – 4 pm

St. Tammany Parish Fairgrounds
1301 N. Florida St, Covington, LA

Adults \$5 / Under 18 Free
All Police, Fire, & EMT – Free

Under Pavilion – Rain or Shine
Free Parking – ATM – Food Trucks
60+ Plant & Garden Art Booths
LSU "Plant Doctor" Table
Seminars & Cooking Demo
Educational Exhibits
Children's Activities
Wagons Available or Bring Your Own

LSU AgCenter (985) 875-2635
www.stmastergardener.org

Friday's Speakers

- 10:00 Dr. James King, "Publication Emphasizing Smart Publication"
- 11:15 Dr. Audrey Long, "An exploration of why what's it like to be a white in our garden?"
- 12:30 Dr. Ray Smith, "Plant Disease Management"
- 1:45 Dr. Ron Graham, "Wide World of Weeds"

Saturday's Speakers

- 10:00 Mr. Buddy Lee, "Plants for Your Southern Garden"
- 11:15 Mr. Anne Ribbeck, "Landscape Plants – A Tour of Woodland Nursery"
- 12:30 Mr. Bill Allen, "Spring Super Plants"
- 1:45 Mrs. Carla Partridge and Mrs. Jo Babin, "Grow your own, Eat your own"

LSU AgCenter

Master Gardener

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/



INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE
June 17–21, 2019
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Upcoming Events of Interest

Lafayette

2019 Society for Louisiana Irises Convention Schedule

PRELIMINARY TIMELINE - ALL CONVENTION ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

- 7:30 AM gardens
- 12:00 PM Lunch at Oak Lodge in Baton Rouge
- 4:00 PM Arrive at Hotel
- 6:00–7:00 PM Welcome Mixer (Location TBD)
- 7:30–8:30 PM SLI Board Meeting - (Location TBD)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

- 8:00 AM Bus departs Hotel for tours of Ron and Eugenie Belzer's and Jim and Kathy Leonard iris gardens and Avery Island Jungle garden.
- 4:00 PM Return to Hotel
- 5:30–6:30 PM Cocktail Hour - Cash bar (Location TBD)
- 6:30–9:00 PM Dinner and Slideshow (Location TBD)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- 7:00–10:00 AM Show entries accepted
- 10:15 AM–11:30 AM Show Judging
- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM General Membership Meeting - (Location TBD)
- Symposium - Speakers: Charles Perilloux - Update On The Species Preservation Project & Elizabeth Brooks, Executive Director for Moncus Park
- 11:30 AM–12:30 PM Show opens to SLI members only for voting on SLI awards
- 12:30–4:00 PM Show and rhizome sale opens to General Public
- 5:30–6:30 PM Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar and Silent Auction
- 6:30–9:00 PM Dinner, Awards Banquet, and Live Auction

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 8:00 AM–10:00 AM Judges Training Show
- 9:00 AM–2:00 PM Show

CONVENTION ENDS

This year the Society For Louisiana Irises convention is in Lafayette. For more information and registration forms please visit louisianas.org and click on "Conventions" or contact Ron Betzer or Jim Leonard at (337) 232-0823

SOCIETY FOR LOUISIANA IRISES

Sabine Master Gardeners presents

The 2019 Down and Dirty Gardening Seminar

Saturday, February 23, 2019

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Registration and vendors open at 8:30. Program begins at 9:30

\$35 per person, includes lunch catered by Cypress Bend Resort

Limited seating – advance reservations required

Cypress Bend Resort

2000 Cypress Bend Parkway (Off Hwy 191, south of Hwy 6)

Many, Louisiana 71449

*Limited number of hotel rooms available at Cypress Bend Resort – 318-590-1500

Featured speakers:

MIKE SHOUP, Author and Owner of Antique Rose Emporium, presents "How I was schooled by an Old Rose"

KATHRYN FONTENOT, Author and Horticulturist, presents "Fresh from the Garden"

SUSAN HALTOM, Author and Curator, presents "One Writer's Garden - Eudora Welty's Home"



Register today – Email us at sabinemastergardeners@gmail.com

OR detach and mail this form with your check payable to "Sabine Master Gardeners" to:

Junie Jamison, 425 Brandon Estates Rd., Many, LA 71449

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

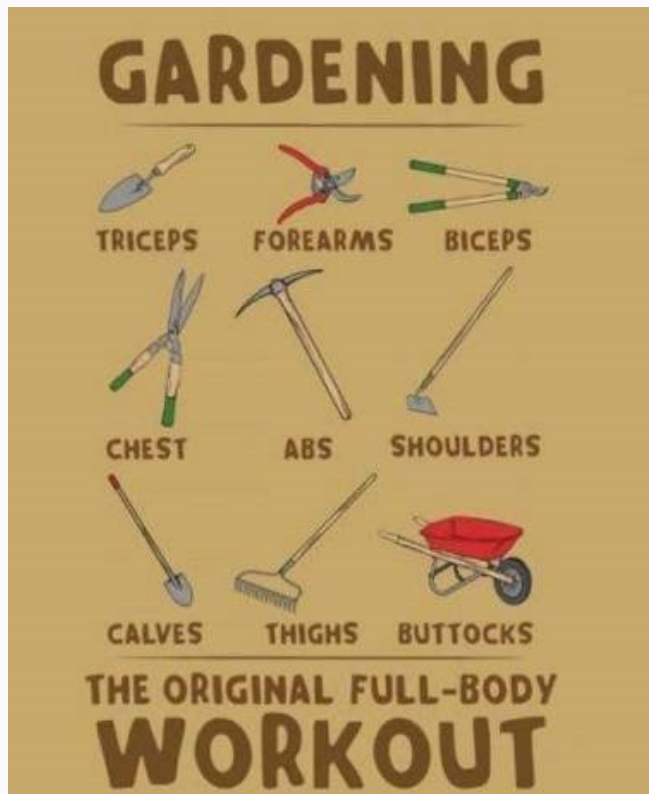
Phone: _____ Total # Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Additional Attendees Names: _____

Email address: _____

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List Of Free Seed Catalogs

The Farmers Almanac website has a listing of 40 free seed catalogs with contact information for ordering them. Visit: www.almanac.com/content/garden-seed-catalogs-mail to see the list.

While you are planning your gardens and beds, remember that there will be a LPMGA Plant Swap featuring a Seed Swap in a few months.

Order an extra pack to swap, share or donate to school or

It's time to get those cuttings rooted and seeds packed labeled for the

LPMGA SPRING PLANT & SEED SWAP SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

The Spring Plant and Seed Swap will be taking place on Saturday, March 2nd from 8-noon. Due to construction at Moncus Park, the Swap will be held at the home of MG Sarah Schoefler

3502 E. Simcoe

Check your email for a Swap flyer with more details to be sent out soon!

ANYONE NEEDING A REPLACEMENT NAME BADGE SHOULD CONTACT DAN DEVENPORT BY

FEBRUARY 28, 2019. DAN CAN BE REACHED AT THE LSU AGCENTER

337-291-7090.

From the Grower to Your Landscape Shared By Christine Devenport

Allen Owings was the speaker at the January LPMGA general meeting. Allen worked for the LSUAG center for a number of years and now represents a wholesale grower, Bracy's Nursery and a retail nursery, Clegg's. His presentation showed our members the plants that he believes will be the most popular this spring. He listed the following plants: Limelight Hydrangea, Vista Supertunia, Bubblegum Petunia (a LSU Super Plant), Lemon Sedum, Lime Sizzler Firebush, Dianthus Jolt Pink Magic (2019 Super Plant), Pink Mulhy Grass, and Encore Azaleas.

Dr. Owings explained that the new trend in home landscapes is moving toward the use of woody plants for color in our gardens verses perennial and annuals. He showed the group slides that showed the value of using butterfly bush, drift roses, knockout roses and a proven winner rose "At Last". These shrubs are compact, robust, disease resistant and have a long growing season.



Having a little dirty fun in the sun



The LPMGA Propagation team meets each Wednesday morning at the Ira Nelson demonstration beds.

If you have not attended one of their work days you should consider doing so. Some of our most experienced gardeners are there to share their knowledge with each other.

There is always coffee and some type of snack to share. The work is rewarding and the comradery between the gardeners is a pleasure to be a part of.

There is no better place to make new friends!





Observations From Outside

It's 8:15 am on Jan. 23. MG Propagation is cancelled this morning due to bad weather. The temperature is 53 and falling as a cold front arrives. It is cold, wet, windy, gray and dreary with periodic rain. It's too yucky to be outside, but it is the absolute perfect weather for bird watching from my windows!

At first glance this morning, there are Goldfinches, House Sparrows, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Wrens, Col-lared Doves and White Winged Doves eating on multiple feeders, tables and the ground. I imagine an international avian airport with their constant landing and taking off. I pick up my binoculars and ID 2 female Purple Finches (which aren't purple at all) on two different feeders. Two are thrilling for me as only one has been hanging around the last two weeks. If there are two females, there are likely two males (which are raspberry purple) in the area. I have seen one male a few times lately. I move my binoculars to a flash of movement on the ground. There are two tiny Inca Doves running around scarfing

up seed that has dropped from the feeders. The Incas hail from Mexico and are the smallest of the dove species around here. They have dark scal-
lops at the end of their feathers, making them the cutest birds ever. We might see Incas a couple times in a week and then not for several weeks, so their visit is always a treat. Moments later, a Red Shouldered Hawk dives low across the yard causing all the other birds to scatter. A quick text to my husband reveals that said hawk was perched on the lowest corner of our roof when he left for work only 20 minutes earlier. As Mr. Hawk terror-
izes my other birds, he screams a familiar call that Blue Jays love to imitate. It is quiet and still for five or ten minutes, then slowly my feathered friends come back. The Cardinals are the bravest, first one and then two, followed by a few House Sparrows, then Goldfinches, and eventually the rest. Before long there are 200 birds in the yard again, from treetops to feeders to ground. Several House Sparrows find the bird bath and splash around till all are cleansed. It always amazes me that birds will bathe on a chilly day, but they do. Before the day is out, Chickadees will chatter hap-
pily and swoop down to steal a seed or two, a Mockingbird will visit a plate of meal worms and a Downy Woodpecker will gobble a suet cake. Crows will land in our tall trees and talk to each other, and later the cleanup crew Pigeons will land on our roof waiting to vacuum the ground below the feeders. If I'm really lucky, an Orange Crowned Warbler, Ruby Crowned Kinglet or Yellow Rumped Warbler might put in an appearance too. I keep a diary and note the species and their counts many days a week. I usually have 10-25 species a day.

I've been seriously enjoying birds for five years and have noted over 75 different species here in that time. Along the way, I've learned a few things. Invest in a good pair of binoculars and a complete eastern US bird book with multiple photographs of each species. One bird bath is a must but more are better. Keep them clean and filled. Use multiple feeders throughout your yard but place them close to large shrubs and trees for cover. Multiple feeders scattered about interrupt aggressive birds' tendency to hog a feeder. Tray feeders are enjoyed by all species and are the easiest to fill and clean. Add plants that produce birdseed--beautyberry, crape myrtle and coneflowers. Plant berries, figs and citrus and don't mind sharing some with the birds. Don't obsess over the squirrels. They have to eat too and few feeders are squirrel proof. Corn and sunflower seeds at the base of trees will keep squirrels happy and give the birds a chance at the feeders. Try different kinds of food--a premium seed mix, lots of sunflower seeds, deer corn, meal worms, old fruits or berries that you are ready to toss, peanuts, plus suet and thistle seed in winter. Keep your feeders filled daily and your birds will stay and attract more birds, as well as nest and multiply. Most importantly, ENJOY the avian visitors to your beloved garden!

Betsy Palmer MG 2016

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



LPMGA Board members welcomed a special guest when Bailey Bayer, "son" of Member at Large, Marsha Bayer attended the January Board meeting

What Plant Am I?

ANSWER:

Podocarpus macrophyllus :

Yew Plum Pine,
Buddhist Pine, or Fern Pine



IN RECOGNITION OF OUR SUSTAINING MEMBERS!

LINDA ALESI
GLENDA BALLIVIERO
CANDY BIENVENU
CHRISTINE BUTTS
LAUREN DASPIT
GENEE FOLEY
RUTH GASPARD
ELLEN GROTE
CHRISTINE GUILLORY
DAVID HEBERT
VIVIAN KATZ
JENNIFER LACOMB
LOIS MANUEL
JEANELL MENARD
MAZIE MOVASSAGHI
YVETTE NEVITT
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PATRICIA SOILEAU
PEGGY TAYLOR
KATHY TROYANOWSKI
GAIL WAKEFIELD
CINDY WILEY

Thank you all for your contributions and continuing support of
Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association.
Our Volunteers are our foundation of our organization
and your commitment to the Mission and goals of LPMGA is truly appreciated.



Lafayette School Garden Initiative

Cook Off Needs MG Volunteers

5th Annual On Cuisine du Jardin Cook-Off

"We Cook from the Garden"

Saturday, February 16, 2019

10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy

805 Teurlings Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501

The goal of the Lafayette Parish School Garden Initiative On Cuisine du Jardin Cook-Off is to provide youth participants hands-on cooking experiences using vegetables grown from their school gardens and /or local produce and knowledge of healthy food choices that make up MyPlate. Top recipes will be shared with schools throughout Lafayette Parish. Teams should arrive to set-up by 9:00 a.m.

All teams will prepare their MyPlate on-site at David Thibodaux Stem Magnet Academy on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 pm.

The winning team will have their MyPlate menu included on the Lafayette Parish School System (LPSS) school menu for all LPSS schools participating in the program.

There are few things more rewarding than seeing the pride of accomplishment on a child's face. As a Master Gardener volunteer at the School Garden Initiative Cook Off, you'll see plenty of pride, with a lot of smiles thrown in for good measure.

Volunteers are needed in several positions at the Cook Off on Saturday, February 16th.. Please use the attached Volunteer Form to view jobs and hours where MGs are needed, or contact Juan Nieto for more details. It's a great way to earn volunteer hours, and an even better way to support School Gardens.

And while you're thinking about volunteering for the Cook Off, please consider joining our MG volunteers with School Garden Initiative program.

Please Contact Juan Nieto to volunteer for the 2019 Cook Off
See the 2018 Sign Up Sheet Below for Reference only.

There are many positions open.
The 2019 Sign Up is attached to this LPMGA Newsletter email

Master of Ceremonies 1. [Mary Kramer](#) 2. assistant [Dan Devenport](#)

Set-Up Committee Friday Afternoon 1-3 and Clean-Up [Sherlyn. Celeste, Mary Kramer, Candy, Audrey, Charles, Linda Beyt](#)

Signage (directions to restrooms, event parking, easels, LSUA signs etc. 8:00 [Nick Long](#),

Registration (sign in) Saturday 8-10:30 1. [Cindy Wiley](#) 2. [Theresa Guidry](#) 3.

Float/Hall Monitor 8:30-12 1. [Sherlyn Larrison](#) 2. [Candy Bienvenu](#)

Photographer/videos 9-12 1. [Alice Blakewood](#) take picks/brief videos for later use

Timekeeper 9:30-11:30 1. [Chris Butts 9:30-10:30](#) 2. [Sandy Rhodes 10:30-11:30](#)

Educational activities: 9:30- 11:30

Blender Bike

1. [Marsha Beyer](#) 2. [Charlee von Aspern JMG](#) 3. [Harmon Hall](#)

Seed Necklace

1. [Linda Beyt](#) 2. [Audrey Cosgrove](#)

Blast Off interactive video

1. [Melanie Francois](#) 2. [Carole Broussard 1015](#)

Rethink Your Drink

1. [Mary Waguespack](#) 2. [Dean Kopfler](#)

Taste Testing of Vegetables

1. [Yvonne Alexander](#) 2. [Nick Long](#)

School Spirit Hats

1. [Mary Sigal](#) 2. [Gabby Palmer JMG](#)

3. 4.

Unsure where you want to serve? Contact me at 573-9755 or sbellar@gmail.com for further information. We will appreciate any assistance that you may provide.

Participating Schools: Ernest Gallet, Alice Boucher, L Leo Judice, Charles Burke, one other ?

Need: posters for signage for educational activities, markers, tape, scissors, string, table cloths (I am bringing 3 denim table cloths)



LPMGA CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2019

- FEBRUARY 1**— LA Native Plant Society Meeting 5:30-9pm
114 Harpers Ferry, Boyce LA (318) 793-8064 For details
- FEBRUARY 6** — LPMGA General Meeting 12:30 pm
Downtown Library 301 W. Congress
Speaker Beth Mayeau of Eden Scape
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Eastside Library 215 La Neuville Road Youngsville
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David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy 805 Teurlings Drive
- FEBRUARY 19** — LPMGA Board Meeting 1 PM-Ira Nelson Horticulture Center
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Home of Sarah Schoeffler 3502 E Simcoe, Lafayette
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