



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LPMGA
GENERAL MEETING
 6 PM
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6
SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
6101 Johnston St. 70503

IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE
CENTER (INHC)
LPMGA BOARD MEETING
 1 PM TUESDAY
MARCH 19
IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE
CENTER (INHC)

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners

I want to begin to first thank the propagation for inviting me to lunch at the gardens, Becky's gumbo was so good and so was all the other stuff that made to my plate. These ladies know how to work and cook. I also wanted to thank all the Master Gardeners that helped at the cook off, I have heard nothing but good things about it. I am sorry for skipping out on you however, I had to make an unexpected trip down to South Texas to see about my Mother. Thanks Again for picking up my slack.

It seems we are off and running on our spring activities, so if you are looking for volunteer hrs. You not have any trouble getting them. For those that have not heard, we lost Jay Ruffin to a job offer he could not turn down. The Board has voted Lou Ann Long to replace him. If you have any questions on this matter please feel free to text me or e-mail me, I get so many telemarketers calls I do not answer my phone unless I recognize the number.

Yours Truly
 Juan Nieto

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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: Juan Nieto	Vice President: Colette Anzalone	Immediate Past President: MaryAnn Armbruster
Treasurer: Debbie Dupuy	Corresponding Secretary: Ellen Garacci	Recording Secretary: Patricia Soileau
Member-At-Large: Marsha Bayer		Volunteer Coordinator: Louann McClelland-Long

MEETINGS, REPORTS AND BOARD

<p>2019 LPMGA General Meetings First Wednesday Monthly Except for July Daytime: 12:30pm Evening: 6 pm or 6:30pm</p>	<p>2019 LPMGA Board Meetings 1pm on Third Tuesday of each month Except for July</p>
<p><i>Dates, times, topics and locations are subject to change</i></p>	
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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**Volunteer Coordinator
Change**

Sadly, our Volunteer Coordinator, Jay Ruffin, has had to resign from the 2019 LPMGA Board. Jay has served in several Board positions, and is well known for his professional approach to his work, his commitment, his kindness and compassion. He truly went above and beyond, and his service to LPMGA is greatly appreciated. We wish Jay all the best in his future endeavors and look forward to seeing him again.

Louann McClelland-Long will be serving as Volunteer Coordinator for the remainder of his term. For questions about volunteer hours, please contact her at mglouann@gmail.com



KUDOS

To
Ellen Garacci

For excellent performance as the head of both the committee's for Horticultural Hints and Plant/Seed Swap. Ellen is, also, LPMGA Corresponding Secretary with a number of responsibilities, which include keeping our roster up to date and updating information to the Electronic Communication Liaison. *Thank you Ellen!*

THE DEVENPORT REPORT



I just wanted to remind you of some upcoming events that you can earn educational hours. On the third Saturday of March, April, and May there are Garden Talks at All Seasons Nursery beginning at 10:00 am. These talks resume in September, October and November; however, check dates /times talks will be given.

On Friday March 22nd and Saturday March 23rd is the Southwest Garden Conference & Expo in Lake Charles, where you can earn educational hours on many horticultural topics from the Specialist with the AgCenter. The event is held at the Burton Coliseum (wear MG badge and get in free). If you are interested in attending, I think there will be a sign up sheet at the cottage for possible carpooling. In addition, there is a Master Gardeners Lecture Series at the Eastside Library where you can earn one educational hour (see newsletter for more information).

Upcoming events for earning Volunteer hours include: 4-H Achievement Day judging, which will be on Saturday March 16, 2019 at Lafayette Middle School. You can contact Vic-

toria Dupuis in our office (337)291-7090 for sign-up/details. Judges should be at the school around 8:30 am and it ends around 11:30 am.

Contact Juan Nieto, he needs help with the Ask a Master Gardener Table at the Southern Garden Festival that will be on May 4, 2019 at the home of Sara Schoeffler, 3502 E. Simcoe and perhaps manning a table for the Garden Talks held at All Seasons.

In the past two years, MG class members were required to develop a horticultural talk as part of their grade. These presentations were awesome and could be used again to earn volunteer hours.

LSU AgCenter Dan Devenport

LPMGA GENERAL MEETING NEWS



If you are not in the habit of attending the LPMGA monthly meetings I would encourage you to check them out. The February meeting featured Beth Mayeaux of ColorScapes. Beth covered the Basics of Container Gardening. She spoke to us about creating a balance of colors, textures, scents and even including some edibles amongst the options we used. We were treated to information on preparing our containers, assessment of the soil, how to revitalize the soil in our containers and then given tips on how to design our pots.

Beth recommended the following web sites:

Proven Winners (www.provenwinners.com/catalog)

Ball Seed (www.ballseed.com/catalogsbrouchers/)

Joe Lamp on YouTube (www.youtube.com/watch?v=o86pTAjqlDE)

We were reminded to be sure to log our Education and Volunteer hours, there will be volunteer sign up sheets at all future meetings for anyone who wants to use them, instead of the internet.

Dan Devenport encouraged us to attend the South West Garden Show at the Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles on Saturday and Sunday, March 22-23, from 9am-5pm each day. There are multiple speakers and it is a fun way to get needed educational hours.

If you wear your name badge you could even get in for free.

What Plant Am I?

This month our What Plant Am I? columnist, Karen Trahan, is on the road.

Go to Observations From Outside on page 9 to find out how What Plant Am I? turned into a special

Where Am I?

LPMGA Garden Talk

March 16th 10am

ALL SEASONS NURSERY
2974 Johnston St, Lafayette

Garden Talks are back!

3RD SATURDAYS AT 10AM

The Featured Speaker for March:
THERESA GUIDRY
SQUARE FOOT
GARDENING

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

Consider Hosting a GARDEN STROLL

Garden Strolls are popular events on the Master Gardener calendar. They provide a fun and enjoyable way to share your garden, showcase favorite plants and spend time

socializing with fellow MGs.

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

Master Gardeners Lecture Series At The Eastside Library

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

The Tuesday, March 12th, 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

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AZALEA TRAIL

BICYCLE & CLASSIC CAR CRUISE

CRUISE THROUGH LAFAYETTE AND EXPLORE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES AND HISTORIC LANDMARKS

<p>CYCLISTS - 1:00 PM PARC SAN SOUCI \$15 INCLUDES FOOD & DRINKS UNDER 12 FREE 2 MILE FAMILY RIDE 6.5 & 13 MILE OPTIONS</p>	<p>CAR CRUISE - 2:00 PM LAFAYETTE VISITORS CENTER \$25 INCLUDES FOOD & DRINKS FOR 2</p>
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REGISTRATION & INFORMATION
WWW.LATRAIL.ORG/AZALEATRIL
 JOIN US AFTER THE RIDE FOR THE 3PM PARC SAN SOUCI
 SOCIAL & VINTAGE COSTUME AWARDS

HELMETS REQUIRED

NEED A BIKE? VISIT WWW.LATRAIL.ORG TO RENT A BICYCLE.

WWW.AZALEATRIL.ORG



Upcoming Events of Interest

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"

<p>ORCHID DISPLAYS PLANTS FOR SALE</p>	<p>ORCHID VENDORS CULTURAL ADVICE</p>
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Visit us at: www.acadianorchidsociety.org

South West Garden Show

March 22 to 23, Lake Charles

The 20th annual Southwest Louisiana Garden Conference and Expo will be held March 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in the Burton Coliseum at 7001 Gulf Highway in Lake Charles.



The event will feature gardening, flowers, trees, shrubs, garden accessories, books, demonstrations, educational lectures and general garden tools.

Area, regional and interstate exhibitors and vendors will be there to assist with plant and garden needs.

Hours for the event are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
 Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children 12 and under.

For more information, contact Robert Turley at
 337-721-4080 ext. 6502 or email
rturley@agcenter.lsu.edu

Continuing Education Opportunities

The Louisiana Garden Club Federation is holding its state convention in Lafayette, LA at the Doubletree Hotel on April 2 -3, 2019. Both days speakers will present a variety of topics. See the schedules below. 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: <https://www.lgcfinc.org/2019-1gcf-convention.html>

Call or email Babette Werner for questions. 337-258-6411 cell, babsverwerner@aol.com

Tuesday Workshops

9:00 – 9:45 AM	<i>In the Garden of my Dreams, Garden Journaling</i> – Anita Petitjean, LPMGA
10:00 – 10:45 AM	<i>Real Good Roses</i> – B.J. Abshire, Acadiana Rose Society
11:00 – 11:45 AM	<i>Saving Heirloom Vegetable Seeds</i> – Louann McClelland-Long, LPMGA
2:15 – 3:00 PM	<i>Succulents: Tips for successfully growing and propagating these unique plants</i> – Tina Jumonville, LPMGA
3:15 – 4:00 PM	<i>The Art of Mounting Bromeliads</i> – Sandra Creswell, LPMGA

Wednesday Workshops

9:00 – 10:00 AM [Let's Learn to Thrill, Fill and Spill – Give your Containers a WOW Factor](#)

Andy Chidester, national representative for FoxFarms

10:10 – 10:50 AM	<i>Daffodils and Crinum for the Deep South</i> – Annette Parker, American Daffodil SOC
11:00 – 11:45 AM	<i>Hydroponics</i> – Kohlie Frantzen, Helical Holdings Managing Partner

How Long Do Seeds Last?

With good storage, garden seeds can last 3-12+ years...



Beans	5-8 years	Lettuce	3-6 years
Beets	6-10 years	Melons	5-8 years
Broccoli	5-8 years	Onions	2-4 years
Cabbage	4-7 years	Parsnips	2-4 years
Carrots	3-5 years	Peas	3-6 years
Cauliflower	5-8 years	Peppers	3-6 years
Celery	8-12 years	Pumpkins	6-10 years
Celeriac	8-12 years	Radish	5-8 years
Chard	6-10 years	Spinach	5-8 years
Flint Corn	6-12 years	Squash, Summer	6-10 years
Sweet Corn	3-5 years	Squash, Winter	6-10 years
Cucumbers	10-14 years	Tomatoes	5-10 years
Kale	4-7 years	Watermelon	5-8 years
Leeks	3-5 years	Zucchini	6-10 years

www.kaitsgarden.com

Contributed by Lynn Dubois

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 Schoeffler
3502 E. Simcoe

Check your email for a Swap flyer or contact Ellen Garachi for more details.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
FESTIVAL DES FLEURS
SATURDAY APRIL 13TH
PLEASE CONTACT CAMILLA
DROBISH TO JOIN THE
FESTIVAL DES FLEURS TEAM**





SPRING PINE STRAW PICKUP

Pickup is Saturday, March 16, 2019 from
8:30 am to noon,
behind the cottage at the Demo beds.
The cost is \$9 per bale, cash or check payable
to LPMGA at pick up.
Thanks, Colette Anzalone
collette@louisiana.edu

LARC Farmers Market *Donations of Seeds Needed*

LARC is dedicated to serving the needs of people in Acadiana's community with developmental disabilities and their families. Chuck Schrader's dream of a vegetable garden is coming along nicely. However, LARC's Flower Garden is just now materializing. We are planning on growing cut flowers for LARC's first Farmer's Market. Barbara Feske, Mary Gladney, and Betty Haynes are planning on the array of flowers for our three 50 square foot raised beds, but they have a very small budget.

If you have flower seeds or seedlings that you could spare, please contact Barbara, Mary, Betty, or Chuck Schrader to arrange for delivery or drop off your contribution at LARC from 9-9:30 M, T, W, or F morning or bring them to the next LPMGA meeting. Your assistance is much appreciated.



Contact Chuck at chuckandkateschrader@gmail.com

Observations From Outside

From I-10, turn north onto I-59, and take Exit 4 near Picayune/Kiln Mississippi. Follow the signs as you zig-zag through a rural area until you reach The Crosby Arboretum. This is the Pearl River Drainage Basin, where the family of L.O. Crosby has turned a strawberry farm on Ridge Road into an interpretive center for native plants of the Basin. Mr. Crosby was a forester, civic leader and philanthropist, with a deep compassion for nature. Sounds like our kind of place, n'est pas? A Foundation was formed to implement the mission of educating the public about preserving, protecting and displaying plants native to the Basin. It provides environmental and botanical research, and offering cultural, scientific and recreational opportunities.

The Arboretum displays three basic habitats: a Savannah exhibit, a Woodland exhibit and an Aquatic exhibit. It was dedicated to public use in 1986. In 1997, the Foundation teamed with Mississippi State University so that the Arboretum could expand their resources. An interesting ongoing program is doing seed trials for Mississippi native milkweeds. A beautiful poster was produced for the 43rd Annual Horticulture Field Day in 2017. It can be found on the website www.crosbyarboretum.mssstate.edu The trials take place at the pollinator garden and in the gardens of Pearl River Master Gardeners. Besides the 104 acre interpretive site, the Arboretum maintains 700 acres of off-site natural areas that are preserved for scientific study.

I must confess that the Arboretum was a bonus to my visit. My prime interest was in the Arboretum's pavilion, Pinecote, which was designed by Fay Jones. Other projects by Jones are Thorncrown Chapel in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and the Mildred Cooper Memorial Chapel in Bella Vista Village, Arkansas. In each case, these structures are in forested areas of great beauty and solitude with a meditative feeling about them. They're places where a gardener can sit and rest and find peace and quiet in a noisy world.



Karen Trahan

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

Thank You!
2018

Total Volunteer Hours	Total Value of Vol. Hours
94,820	\$2.569 M

LOUISIANA Master Gardener

Geaux Grow Natives!

Plants to be showcased:

<p>Spring 2019 Native Plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquatic Milkweed Swamp (Rose) Milkweed False Foxglove <i>Agalinis purpurea</i> Partridge Pea Garden Phlox <i>blue Opelousas</i> Purple Coneflower Narrowleaf Mountain Mint 	<p>Fall 2019 Native Plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquatic Milkweed Swamp (Rose) Milkweed Passion flower Vine (Maypop) Hop Tree (Wafer Ash) <i>ptelea trifoliata</i> Buttonbush Cardinal Flower Ironweed
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Participating locations:

Jefferson Feed	4421 Jefferson Hwy	Jefferson
Double M Feed	8400 Jefferson Hwy	Harahan
Rose Garden Center	4005 Westbank Exp.	Marrero
Harold's Plants	1135 Press Street	New Orleans
Charvet's Nursery	4511 Clearview Pkwy	Metairie
LongueVue Gardens	7 Bamboo Road	New Orleans
Crosby Arboretum	370 Ridge Road	Picayune, MS
Options, Inc.	19362 W. Shelton Rd.	Hammond
Clegg's Nursery	5696 Siegen Lane	Baton Rouge
Clegg's Nursery	10645 Greenwell Springs Rd.	Baton Rouge
Clegg's Nursery	31275 LA Hwy. 16	Denham Springs
Clegg's Nursery	274 N. Donmoor	Baton Rouge

For dates & more information contact Linda Auld "BugLady" at nolabuglady@gmail.com

Where To Locate Natives Not Easily Found In Lafayette! Submitted by Gail Evans. Thanks Gail

Wishing You A Very Happy Mardi Gras!

School Garden Initiative Cook Off Winners



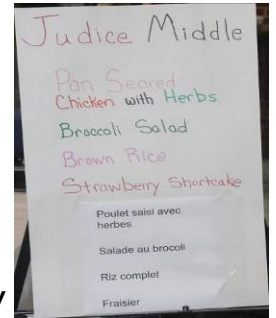
JUDICE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM



ALICE BOUCHER
ELEMENTARY TEAM

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. Each schools team included a community partner. Top recipes will be shared with schools throughout Lafayette Parish. All the teams prepared their MyPlate on-site at David Thibodaux Stem Magnet Academy on Saturday, February 16. The winning team will have their MyPlate menu in-



cluded on the Lafayette Parish School System (LPSS) school menu for all LPSS schools participating in the program.

A Shout Out to All the Participants and Congratulations to-

Third Place Winners Judice Middle School

Second Place Winners Alice Boucher Elementary

And to the First Place Winners

Ridge Elementary



RIDGE ELEMENTARY TEAM



GREEN T LINDON TEAM



L LEO JUDICE TEAM



BURKE ELEMENTARY TEAM

School Garden Initiative Cook Off MG Volunteers



THANKS TO ALL THAT HELPED MAKE THIS DAY FUN AND EXCITING. PICTURED ON THIS PAGE, OR NOT, YOU ARE WHAT MADE THIS DAY A GREAT SUCCESS!



CHARLES HEBERT ADVISOR



Judy Corne



Crafts-Amy Wander & Nancy Mire



Blender Bike - Jen Fournet



Veggie Tasting -Yvette Nevitt



Rethink Your Drink—Dean Kopfler



Dan Devenport/ Colette Anazalone
Certificate of Appreciation to MG



Enjoying the fun: Carole Broussard



Cindi Wiley, Margaret Chaisson,
and Judy Corne -Admissions



Future Master Gardeners



LPMGA CALENDAR MARCH 2019

MARCH 2—SPRING PLANT AND SEED SWAP 8-NOON

Home of Sarah Schoeffler 3502 E Simcoe, Lafayette

MARCH 6 — LPMGA GENERAL MEETING 6 pm

Debbie Dupuis: Lawn Fertilizer Southside Library , 6101 Johnston St.

MARCH 8—LSU AGCENTER CENTRAL REGION SPRING GARDEN SEMINAR Alexandria

MARCH 9-10—BR SPRING GARDEN SHOW 9-4pm Parker Coliseum

MARCH 12—LECTURE AT THE LIBRARY 6:30pm Eastside Library Youngsville

MARCH 15-16—NORTHSHORE GARDEN SHOW AND SALE 9-4pm St Tammany Fairgrounds , Covington

MARCH 16—MARCH GARDEN TALK All Seasons Nursery 10am Theresa Guidry-Square Foot Gardening

MARCH 19 — LPMGA BOARD MEETING 1 PM AT Ira Nelson

MARCH 21— ACADIANA NATIVE PLANT MEETING 5:30 Pac & Paddle

MARCH 23—EBRMG PLANT SALE LSU AgCenter Botanical Garden 7-2pm

MARCH 22-23—SOUTH WEST LA GARDEN CONFERENCE & EXPO Burton Coliseum Lake Charles

APRIL 2-3 CONTINUING ED OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL 4-6 —SOCIETY FOR LOUISIANA IRISES CONVENTION Lafayette

APRIL 13—FESTIVAL DES FLEURS 8am—4pm

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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