

LPMGA GENERAL MEETING

September 1 Noon

Southside Library
6101 Johnston Street
Lafayette
Speaker
Mike Hess

LPMGA Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 21, 1 PM
IRA NELSON 2206 JOHNSTON ST.

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President's Message

Hello Gardeners!



Well the hot and dry days of August are on us. For some plants that were getting too much water it gives the opportunity to dry out and recover. Of course it means it's time to watch the irrigation and watering systems, too. The middle of August is a good time to give your lawn its last dose of fertilizer to prepare for the fall. Likewise, around Labor Day its a good

time to give the roses a hearty pruning to prepare for the fall bloom, not as heavy as the winter pruning but a good one. The hummingbirds have started coming through, as have the hurricanes! So far so good for Louisiana!

It's a busy time for our chapter. too. We are nearing the time for Plant Fest and our Propagation team is busy readying our inventory. Requests have gone out for volunteers to help with set up, the sale itself, and then take down. The raffle has been set up with the coveted Gorilla Carts, one large and two small ones, being the top prizes. We are gathering names for open board of director positions as well as for Outstanding Master Gardener. So plenty to do and plenty of opportunities for volunteers. Step up for Plant Fest - maybe give a talk there as well as work the event. It's our big fundraiser and supports all aspects of our programs. Come serve on the board for a year - it's a great bunch of people having a good time taking care of business for our chapter. Nominate your favorite gardener for OMG! Buy some raffle tickets and take home a cart!

And last but not least, we have a new class of Master Gardeners completing their studies so they can join our team. Thanks to all who are making this important lifeline for our mission a reality this year, and a hearty welcome to all our new members!

On a more somber note the Delta variant of COVID has taken off. It's more infectious apparently than the other varieties and I've personally seen a breakthrough case where it got around

Happy Gardening!

Don Weintritt

MEETINGS AND WHAT PLANT AM I

**2021 LPMGA
General Meetings**
First Wednesday
Monthly
Daytime: 12:00pm
Evening: 6 pm

**2021 LPMGA
Board
Meetings**
1pm on Third
Tuesday

Dates, times, topics, and locations
are subject to change

GENERAL MEETINGS	BOARD MEETINGS
SEPTEMBER 1	SEPTEMBER 21
OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 19
NOVEMBER 10	NOVEMBER 16
DECEMBER SOCIAL	DECEMBER 21

Did you ever think
how a bit of land dis-
plays the character
of the owner?

Laura Ingalls Wilder

WHAT PLANT AM I

I'm a natural (by open pollination) hybrid, first discovered in Wales, Great Britain. A fast grower, I can grow 3 to 4 feet a year, to a height of 50-70 feet. My spread is 15 to 25 feet. I'm coniferous and conical and am primarily grown as a hedge or screen. I can block out the noise of a busy street, screen unwanted views, and provide privacy, while being tolerant of pollution.

My foliage is fine-textured and ferny, with scale-like leaves, usually bluish green in color. I produce small cones (1/4 to 3/4 inches) with 8 scales. My bark is reddish-brown and scaly and deeply indented. All parts of me are potentially toxic. Even though I'm useful in the landscape (low maintenance, no need to prune), I have shallow roots, which may cause me to topple over in strong winds.

I'm propagated by cuttings because my seeds are usually sterile. Plant me in well-drained soil; I'm not very particular about the pH. I'm salt and drought tolerant. My young plants are susceptible to Phytophthora fungus, aphids, mealybugs, and scale insects.

My wood is relatively easy to work with both hand and power tools, except around knots, but hard to steam-bend. Glues, stains, and finishes work well with me. I'm often found locally.

In winter, I provide cover for songbirds and game birds, lest you think me a slacker.

Do you know what plant I am?

THE DEVENPORT REPORT:



Well, our 2021 Lafayette Parish Master Gardener Class began today, August 12, 2021, and I am very excited that we have 31 students and several of the students are from surrounding parishes. Whether to have this class or not has been a little stressful for me, Babette, and Paul. However, seeing and hearing the enthusiasm of everyone made us feel that we made the correct decision of going forward with the class. I want to personally thank Billy Welsh and Kristie Thompson for allowing us to hold our class at Ira Nelson.

Everyone in the class is required to wear masks! We are sanitizing all surfaces before class and after dismissal. Signs bringing attention to Covid-19 and symptoms of the disease are posted as a reminder to the students along with having hand sanitizer available to them when needed.

Our sign-in policy is different this year. Instead of the student putting their initials by their name and date of class, they are recording their temperatures. Students will be reminded before each class via email to stay home if they are experiencing any of the symptoms of Covid-19. If a student misses a class, we are making videos available for them to catch up with the class. If a larger event occurs and we all must skip a class, we may try to extend the program's end date for a live, in-person delivery of the program that was canceled.

We are hoping that the Delta Variant of Covid-19 will slow down and things improve to allow us to do what we all love to do- garden!! Our new master gardeners in training will need opportunities to earn their volunteer hours during this tumultuous time.

I want to thank Babette, Paul, Colette, and Amanda for all their help to make this day possible. In addition, I would like to thank all the master gardeners that became Mentors for this new class, chairmen, and Board Members. There is no doubt in my mind that the Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners are the BEST in the state.

Dan Devenport LSU AgAgent

Fall Garden Stroll

I'm pleased to inform our membership that we will have a Fall Garden Stroll. It will be Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 10:30 to 12:30. This stroll will take place at the home of Andy Breaux. Andy is not a Master Gardener, but is a friend to many of us. He lives at 108 Clara Von, Lafayette, La. Parking is limited, so Andy suggests that you carpool. Parking is available on side streets or across the street at Red's Health Club. Remember you earn one hour of education credit by attending. Please contact me if you would like to host a Garden Stroll. Cindy4wiley@yahoo.com or 337-207-6424

Kudos

Debbie Dupuy



Busy is a term that Debbie Dupuy completely redefines. A member of the 2015 MG class, Debbie has been an active master gardener as a mentor, worked plant sales, and served on the field trip committee - until covid interrupted all our fun. During this time, 2018-19, she also took the Advanced Master Gardener class and was elected Treasurer of LPMGA. As treasurer she has worked to upgrade and streamline our procedures so that checks are now printed directly from Quick-Books, and that saves lots of time!

Professionally, Debbie is Account Manager for Maintenance at Eden Scapes. Additionally, she oversees sales of lawn and bed maintenance, chemicals, and all landscape and seasonal related issues for Eden Scapes. Keep an eye out for her work on an office building on Camellia Blvd. in River Ranch this Christmas season. In her spare time, Debbie and her daughter have begun a business together. You'll have to check them out on Facebook and Etsy.

Our thanks and KUDOS to Debbie Dupuy for her expertise and time devoted to LPMGA

Member at Large Judy Corne

Propagation Improvements



Checkout the latest improvements to our propagation facility. Thanks go to Carol Antosiak's hubby for his excellent carpentry skills. Merci Beaucoup from LPMGA.

LPMGA PLANTFEST 2021

Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners will hold their annual PlantFest on September 25, 2021. The location is 300 Coliseum Drive, next to Whittington House.

There will be lots of great plants for sale, speakers on topics of interest to us all, and cooking demonstrations.

WHAT PLANT AM I



Cupressocyparis
leylandii :
Leyland cypress



Plantfest Needs Volunteers

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners

September 25th is a Saturday and PlantFest 2021 will be going on! On Friday we set up tents early, around 9 a.m., and start moving plants sometime around noon and usually are done by 3:00p.m.

I am your Go To Guy for volunteer hours, and I have several areas needing volunteers: **Parking, plant holding area, set-up, break down, and children's tents.**

Just text me and let me know when you will be available and come have some fun with your family of Master Gardeners

I will be posting a volunteer sheet at the cottage. Thank you for all your support!

Yours Truly,

Juan Nieto

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VOLUNTEERS NEED FUEL!

Noor Merchant is in charge of putting together the food for our volunteers that will be working PlantFest.

You can earn volunteer hours by providing good eats for all the folks who work the festival.

Contact Noor at 337-806-5848 or redrose786@gmail.com

Have attached a signup sheet .

TIME TO ORDER PINESTRAW FOR FALL!



It's time for Fall Pine Straw, Y'all! Orders for active MGs only will be taken at the September and October general meetings and via phone, email or text. Pick up behind the Demo Gardens is Friday or Saturday Nov 5 and 6th, 8 to Noon, \$10 per bale, cash or check payable to LPMGA at pick up, 20 bale maximum. Order early! They go quickly!

Thanks, Theresa Gore 2007

TeaGore@msn.com Cell/text: 303-8113

LPMGA 2021 ELECTION

Master Gardener members help keep this wonderful organization moving forward. Please consider becoming an integral part of the organization by stepping up to be a board member.

The following positions are open for nomination:

Vice President...Treasurer...Volunteer Coordinator...(Member at Large)

If you are interested in working with a great group of people dedicated to the MG program, please let me know. If you are not sure about the decision to work with the board, please call me as I would love to discuss this opportunity with you.

Debbie Dupuy, after several years as our treasurer, has become very busy at work and will be stepping down. If you have any experience with bookkeeping we could sure use your help! Debbie will be happy to discuss the position with you so give her a call at 849-1117.

Please look up the responsibilities of these offices in your handbook and give me a call. I need to hear from all interested parties since the nominating committee will meet shortly to put the slate together.

CALL ME WITH QUESTIONS OR TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST!

Colette Anzalone 337-288-0283 or email colette.anzalone1@Louisiana.edu

Tickets for Drawing ~ Plantfest 2021 ~

Our last Plantfest drawing doubled our usual profits even after expenses, i. e. \$1042 vs \$500. The key to doing this is the PRE-SALE of the \$5 tickets. If every Master Gardener would sell a book of tickets, we could multiply our profits many times over.

The tickets will again be given out at the September meeting. Plantfest is one of our most important fundraisers for LPMGA. Please consider taking a book to sell/buy. Remember, the prizes are those great garden carts!

CONTACT CINDE FOR YOUR TICKETS...THE MORE WE SELL THE MORE WE MAKE!

Thanks,

Cinde Risinger-Johnson

Drawing Co-chair

**OUTSTANDING MASTER GARDENER
NOMINATIONS DUE
OCTOBER 1ST.**

Criteria for OMG:

- Be an active member
- Possess positive attributes such a dependability, enthusiasm, and cooperative spirit
- Demonstrate Leadership skill that have strengthened the LPMG program
- Make unselfish contributions that have benefited the LPMG program



Nomination forms are available in the LPMGA Handbook.
 Contact OMG Committee Chair
 Colette Anzalone 337 288-0283 or
 email colette.anzalone1@louisiana.edu

2021 Service Hour Totals YTD	2021 LPMGA VOLUNTEER/COUNTINUING EDUCATION HOUR REPORT JULY 1-AUGUST 23									
	Activity Hours Totals By Details Report	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	YTD
Total Hrs 3533.05	4H & Other Youth Activities	0	0	0	0	67.5	0	10.5	20.5	150.25
Total Vol Hrs 2945.15	Attending Bus/Admin Meetings	6.25	2	0	25	2	8	4	1	167
Total CE Hrs 587.90	Civic & Community	112.70	76.75	164	133	49	88.25	165.5	83	2034.90
Ind Contacts 4555	Continuing Education	8	0	0	6	0	0	1	2	32
Total Contacts 26542	Extension Activities	29	8	0	3	10.5	7	46.65	6	374.90
Mileage 14533.4	LMG Teaching Activities	2	0	12	2.5	13.5	.5	24.5	42.5	186.10
Expenses 2987.01	CE Totals	79.25	29.5	44.5	65.75	28	47.75	47	39.25	587.90
	Vol Hrs Summary Report									
	Volunteer Totals	157.95	86.75	176	169.5	142.5	222.4	252.15	155	2945.15
	Vol Hrs Summary Report									

Updated 8/23/2021. The 2021 monthly totals may change throughout the year since hours may be recorded or edited in previous months during the current year. Chart totals for previous months are not updated monthly.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDER

- **LPMGA General Meeting
Sept. 1, Southside Library**
- **LPMGA Board Meeting, Sept.
21 Ira Nelson Center**
- **Plantfest 2021 Sept. 25, Whit-
tington House**
- **Louisiana MG Appreciation
Day Sept. 30..more info coming
soon**

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