

LPMGA SOCIAL
2019 MG CLASS
GRADUATION
OMG AWARD,
RECOGNITION OF
20-YEAR PLATINUM
MEMBERS & "TOP TEN"
VOLUNTEERS,
INSTALLATION OF THE
2020 BOARD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER
3RD AT 6 PM
PETROLEUM CLUB
111 HEYMAN BLVD,
LAFAYETTE
**RESERVATIONS DUE BY
NOVEMBER 30TH**

**LPMGA BOARD
MEETING**
IRA NELSON (INHC)
1 PM MONDAY
DECEMBER 17TH

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greeting Fellow Master Gardeners

Here we are coming to end of 2019, please do not forget to log in your volunteer hours and turn in your necessary paperwork to Debbie and Ellen. The board will be discussing the budget this month. Thank you and kudos to the propagation team for the wonderful and delicious potluck meal on Wednesday. I, also wanted to pass on that we will be talking to Moncus Park on possible future Master Gardener involvement. As my last plea I would like to make you aware of the need for some strong Master Gardeners to help unload some trees for Trees of Acadiana. Please mark Jan 10th and 18th on your calendars. As my term comes to an end soon, I want to thank each and every one for the privilege and the opportunity to serve as your president and thank you for your support. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Juan Nieto

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
Due to the New Year Holiday, the January
General Meeting will take place on
Wednesday, January 8th



THE DEVENPORT REPORT:



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY
NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

LSU AgAgent Dan Devenport

FYI: LPMGA ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019.

MEETINGS, KUDOS AND WHAT PLANT AM I

<p>2019 LPMGA General Meetings First Wednesday Monthly except for July Daytime: 12:30pm Evening: 6 pm</p>	<p>2019 LPMGA Board Meetings 1pm on Third Tuesday of each month except July</p>
<p><i>Dates, times, topics and locations are subject to change</i></p>	
<p>Social & Graduation <u>TUESDAY</u> DECEMBER 3, 6PM</p>	<p>DECEMBER 17, 1 pm</p>
<p>Due to the New Year Holiday, the January General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 8th</p>	

WHAT PLANT AM I?

This is a very hard "What Plant?" column to write. I have a very large live oak tree in my side yard which is probably 70 to 100 years old. Two large branches were over and onto our shed and were hitting the electric wires. As I looked up at the tree, I noticed a thinning of the branches and browning of the leaves. There were rust-colored streaks on the trunk and a shelf fungus (conk) coming out of the base of the trunk. I took pictures of the tree and of the fungus and sent them to Dan. He forwarded them to Dr. Raj, who confirmed what Dan had diagnosed. My beautiful old oak has Ganoderma, a fungus that reproduces by spores. There is nothing that can be done to save it. The only thing I can do is assess the danger of the tree coming down in a storm. The fungus rots the root system that anchors the tree into the ground. Until a month ago, the tree appeared healthy.

There is another, a younger tree, about fifty feet away. Dan says that if the roots graft, the fungus may be transferred to the second tree.

My family and I have enjoyed the shade from this tree for fifty years. I feel as if an old friend has died.

KUDOS

TO DON WEINTRITT
FROM THE FOLKS THAT DEPEND ON HIM
IN THE DEMO BEDS!
HE IS ABLE AND WILLING TO WORK ON
ANYTHING, ROSE BED, IRRIGATION
SYSTEM, HEATER IN THE
GREENHOUSE,, YOU NAME IT.
A BIG THANK YOU TO DON

SPECIAL THANKS

TO TOMMY HAYES
FOR TAKING THE
TIME TO SHARE HIS
KNOWLEDGE ON
HOW TO PROPERLY
CARE FOR OUR GAR-
DENING TOOLS,
WITH THE PROPAGA-
TION TEAM!



Ganoderma
Conk or
Butt Rot

SCHOOL GARDEN INITIATIVE NEWS FROM GREEN T. LINDON



The harvest of sweet potatoes is such a great builder of interest in the garden as the first activity of the year! The Green T Lindon first graders in Michele Levis's and Jillian Ray's classes were in awe of the sizes and shapes of the potatoes that they dug out of the laundry baskets, which were planted in the spring by last year's class. The cafeteria workers made sweet potato chips and fries with a touch of cinnamon for the gardening newbies. What a great help these wonderful ladies are in preparing the SGI produce for the students to taste!

Sherlyn Larrison



DECEMBER SOCIAL RESERVATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 29

THE 2019 SOCIAL WILL BE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6PM
AT THE PETROLEUM CLUB

The deadline for reservations is
Friday, November 29th
Send to: *Treasurer Debbie Dupuy*
Make payment to: *LPMGA*

The Social will feature the 2019 Master Gardener Class Graduation, the 2020 LPMGA Board Installation, recognition of our 20-year Members, Sustaining Members, "Top Ten" Volunteers and our 2019 Outstanding Master Gardener

"TOP TEN" VOLUNTEERS IS BACK FOR 2019

LPMGA will award the 10 members with the most recorded volunteer hours with a \$20 gift certificate to be used at our plant sales. These will be awarded at our Social on Tuesday, December 3rd.

Volunteer Hours for Top Ten Consideration must be performed and recorded from January 1, 2019 to 11:59pm on November 30, 2019

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Louann Long 501-7998 With Any Questions

Volunteers Are Needed For FDF 2020



Part celebration of spring's arrival, part fundraiser for UL Lafayette's Ira Nelson Horticulture Center and part educational outreach and resource for the enhancement of horticulture in Acadiana –

Festival des Fleur
returns to Blackham Coliseum
April 18, 2020 for its 29th year.

The committee that puts this event together needs volunteers to help them in a number of areas, such as Publicity and Sponsorships.

If you are interested please contact Billie Welsh at welsh@louisiana.edu or attend the next meeting to be held at Ira Nelson on November 18th.

LPMGA is offering a
continuing lecture series at the
Eastside Library
215 La Neuville Road, Youngsville
No lecture in December

The lecture series is open to the public and earns 1
hour of Continuing Education
Please contact the Library at 445-3168 for more details

LEARN THE ART OF GARDENING

Master Gardeners Lecture Series At The Eastside Library

Upcoming Events Of Interest

GARDEN TALK

ALL SEASONS NURSERY
2974 Johnston St, Lafayette
3RD SATURDAYS AT 10AM

**Will Return In
February of 2020**

Ask A Master Gardener table opens at 9:45
Our Garden Talks series offers an important
educational outreach of LPMGA. Please
contact Colette Anzalone 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.

CLAUDE'S FAIRY-TALE CHRISTMAS

Noel Acadian Au Village

Saturday November 30 to Monday December 23,
2020. From 5:30 to 9 PM daily.

HALF A MILLION LIGHTS ~ NEW ANIMATED
DISPLAYS ~ CARNIVAL RIDES
PHOTOS WITH SANTA ~ LIVE NIGHTLY
ENTERTAINMENT
LOCAL CUISINE ~ HOLIDAY SHOPPING –
ADDITIONAL PARKING!

Noel Acadien au Village features half-a-million
lights, including the fully lit Chapel, NEW ANIMA-
TIONS, lighted holiday displays, live entertain-
ment, carnival rides, local cuisine, photos with San-
ta, holiday shopping in the Christmas Store and
much more!

All proceeds directly benefit LARC's Acadian
Village and the residential, vocational, and commu-
nity supports and services at LARC



Observations From Outside

2019 LPMGA CLASS WENT "WALK ABOUT" AT CADE FARM



Priscilla McElroy watching Mark Simon's seed separation demo



Easton Hammer, Prep Room



Seed Storage Area

IN OCTOBER, THE MASTER GARDENER'S CLASS OF 2019 'WENT WALK-ABOUT' TO THE UL LAFAYETTE RESEARCH FARM AT CADE IN ST. MARTIN PARISH.

THEIR 600 ACRES INCLUDES CATTLE PASTURES, SUGAR CANE FIELDS, CRAWFISH PONDS AND A WELCOME CENTER WITH CLASSROOM FACILITIES IN THE REMODELED OLD DAIRY.

IN THAT CENTER RESIDES THE HOME OF THE ONLY SEED BANK IN LOUISIANA AND THE LOUISIANA WILDFLOWER PROJECT. MARK SIMON, THE RETIRED MANAGER, LECTURED ON THAT SET UP WHICH IS QUITE EXTENSIVE DUE TO A \$1.7 MILLION GRANT FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LADOTD), THE PROJECT PROVIDES SEEDS FOR FLOWERS PLANTED ALONG LOUISIANA HIGHWAYS. WE WERE SHOWN ROOMS WITH EQUIPMENT WHICH RANGED FROM SEED SEPARATORS, TO GERMINATION AREAS AND TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED STORAGE. THERE WAS A SEPARATE SEED BANK AND COTTON GIN FOR PROCESSING THE HISTORICAL ACADIAN BROWN COTTON. NOW ENDANGERED, FARMERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PLANT ACADIAN BROWN COTTON! AT ONE TIME THIS SOFT, TAN-COLORED COTTON WAS HAND-WOVEN INTO BLANKETS BY THE ORIGINAL ACADIAN SETTLERS.

(FACEBOOK/ACADIAN BROWN COTTON)

IN A SEPARATE TALK ON BEES, MR. SIMON, AN AVID BEEKEEPER, INFORMED US THAT THEY TOO ARE IN TROUBLE DUE TO DECLINE OF HABITAT, AS WELL AS OVER-SPRAYING OF PESTICIDES, WHICH GOES FOR FARMERS AS WELL AS BACKYARD AMATEUR GARDENERS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT BEE KEEPERS REGISTER THEIR HIVES SO THAT MOSQUITO AND PEST CONTROL COMPANIES THEN LOCATE THOSE HIVES WITH GPS AND POSSIBLY AVOID CONTAMINATING THEM. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS INEXPENSIVE AND EASY TO REGISTER. (WWW.LABEEKEEPERS.ORG)

BARBARA MCCONNELL



Carolyn Freeland and Acadian Brown Cotton; Mark Simon and Cotton Gin



Slick Rogers with brown cotton

Bees Please

Did You Know.....

- ◆ THERE ARE 2.6 MILLION REGISTERED HIVES NATIONALLY; 2 MILLION ARE RENTED TO CALIFORNIA ALMOND FARMERS TO POLLINATE THEIR TREES AND INCREASE PRODUCTION ANNUALLY.
- ◆ LOUISIANA HAS 80,000 COLONIES AND 800 BEEKEEPERS.
- ◆ ONE THIRD OF ALL HUMAN FOOD IS DEPENDENT ON POLLINATION.
- ◆ PRIMARY NECTAR PLANTS IN LOUISIANA ARE: CHINESE TALLOW TREE (CHICKEN TREES), ALONG WITH WILLOWS, CLOVERS AND THE GOLDENROD PLANT.
- ◆ ONE POUND OF HONEY REQUIRES THE NECTAR FROM 2 MILLION FLOWERS.

LPMGA FIELD TRIPS

ARE BACK!

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**LONGUE VUE HOUSE AND
GARDENS?**

FOLSOM GROWERS TOUR

NATCHEZ PILGRIMAGE

FELICIANA HUMMINGBIRDS

ST FRANCISVILLE AUDUBON

PILGRIMAGE

**WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?
LET US KNOW!**

HEALING TRADITIONS



Dr. MaryAnn Armbruster demonstrates how to make an Arnica cream at the Healing Traditions lecture held at Vermillionville last Saturday . There were 30 people from all parts of Acadiana in attendance. Everyone was able to take some product home with them.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: Colette Anzalone (2012)

VICE PRESIDENT: Don Weintritt (2012)

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Juan Nieto (2008)

TREASURER: Debbie Dupuy (2015)

COORESPONDING SECRETARY: Ellen Garacci (2016)

RECORDING SECRETARY: Patricia Soileau (2000)

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Louann McClelland-Long (2009)

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Marsha Bayer (2016)

MARY GLADNEY: NEWSLETTER EDITOR (2017)

DAN DEVENPORT: LSU AG AGENT ADVISOR



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Lafayette Master Gardeners

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Crafting With Gourds

64 views



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Just search "Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners" on YouTube or visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/lpmgayoutube>

Be sure to "Like" our videos and Subscribe to keep up with the latest videos and help our channel grow.

TOTAL HOURS RECORDED 2019 YEAR TO DATE	CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	YTD	Nov	Dec
		4H & Other Youth Activities	43	66.40	88.25	23.0	72.5	11.5	0	92.40	115.75	113.75	743.3	
Attending Bus/Admin Meetings	13.0	51.0	15.0	16.5	7.9	8	4	16	23	22	221.65			
TOTAL SERVICE HRS Jan-Oct 7444.98	Civic & Community	351.75	405.40	440.30	527.0	400.5	161.75	137	357.2	810.10	511	4880.25		
Vol Hours 6531.75	Continuing Education	5.50	0	10.15	18.0	12.0	0	0	7	9.5	4.25	77.9		
CE 913.23	Extension Activities	44	27.50	51.50	48.95	20.0	22.25	12	92.75	126.5	596.25	1184.7		
People Reached 154384	LMG Teaching Activities	10	29.00	45.75	32.25	18.5	23.15	4	66.5	35	112.65	519.55		
Mileage 33853.08	Vol. Activities Totals	411.25	544.30	545.95	665.7	531.4	226.65	157	631.85	1119.85	848.9	6531.75		
Expenses 3927.76	Continuing Education	90.55	118.50	75.50	88.5	90.0	58.6	4.53	101.25	100.25	189.55	913.23		

Updated 11/5/2019. These 2019 monthly totals may change throughout the year since hours may be recorded in months after they were performed. Non Profit Monitor Group Independent Sector (www.independentsecotr.org) values 2019 volunteer hours at \$25.49 nationwide, with a +/- variable in each state. In 2018 they were valued at \$24.69.

PLEASE RECORD YOUR HOURS AND CHECK YOUR CONTACT INFO FOR ACCURACY IN YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNT AND THE ROSTER



Contact Colette Anzalone for information on Speakers Bureau volunteer opportunities.

MG Class members are welcome, and encouraged, to attend all monthly meetings.

To be considered for 2019 "Top Ten" Volunteer recognition, hours must be recorded by 11:59 pm November 30. Graduation, Awards and Recognitions will be part of the

Social on

TUESDAY, Dec 3rd 6pm at the Petroleum Club.

Please remember that hours must be recorded in the year that they have been performed.

Don't forget to record your travel time for volunteer activities.

Please note that due to the LSU AgCenter closing for holiday break, the AgCenter deadline for recording 2019 hours is December 15th. You may record 2019 hours until December 31st, but will not have the benefit of tech support if there is a problem.

Hours performed in 2019 can only be recorded in 2019.

MASTER GARDENER CLASS MEMBERS:

Congratulations! Many of the 2019 Class have already achieved 40hrs.

Remember that you have from the first day of your class to December 31st, 2019 AND from January 1st, 2020 to December 31st 2020 to achieve your goal. Hours performed in 2019 must be recorded in 2019, hours performed in 2020 must be recorded in 2020. The system does not allow us to add hours to previous years.

Questions? Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Louann Long mglouann@gmail.com or 501-7998

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 6PM
LPMGA DECEMBER SOCIAL, GRADUATION
INSTALLATION OF 2020 BOARD
MG AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- NOVEMBER 25** LPMGA Board Meeting 1pm Ira Nelson
NOVEMBER 28 Thanksgiving
NOVEMBER 29 Deadline for Social Reservation (Send to Treasurer)
NOVEMBER 30 Deadline for Vol. Hours For “Top Ten” Vol. Consideration
NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 23 NOEL ACADIAN AU VILLAGE
DECEMBER 15 Deadline to record 2019 Volunteer and CE hours
DECEMBER 17 LPMGA Board Meeting 1pm Ira Nelson
DECEMBER 31 PLEASE PAY DUES to Debbie Dupuy

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