

## LPMGA GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY

February 5th 12 PM  
Scott Library  
501 Old Spanish Trail  
Scott, LA  
Speaker: Allen Owens

## LPMGA Board Meeting

Ira Nelson (INHC)  
1pm Tuesday February 18

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

To My Fellow Master Gardeners,

Well, I managed to get thru my first meeting as president and I, again, THANK YOU for believing in me. Attendance at our first meeting was good with roughly 50 members in attendance (A QUARTER OF OUR TOTAL MEMBERS – let's keep it up and keep pushing for more). As president I wanted to focus on attendance a bit this year. Let's work on getting more of our members out to the monthly meetings. As a reminder, for each meeting that we have we get ONE HOUR of continuing education AND we get to actually meet and hang out with each other. The Class of 2019 is excited to start coming to meetings and they would like to meet all of the members as they were introduced into the class. Not only do we get to meet and mingle, but we can also take care of business (financials, etc.) and discuss opportunities with sign-ups in person. Besides my request for continued attendance, there are a few things to report and I am happy to do so.

At the January meeting we were introduced to two new members that have come from other parishes in the state. They are, Sarah LeBlanc from Calcasieu and Sue McGuire from St. Tammany parish! Please help me give them a big warm WELCOME when you meet them.

I am actively trying to visit the school gardens. There has been a recent round of leadership meetings, and I can see that there is a lot of work for all involved in each entity that goes into this program. However, the greatest accomplishment, at the end of the day, are eager students and the amount of knowledge that they are able to take home to their parents. I commend all who are working every week from the teachers to our Master Gardener leaders, for all of the work that you all have been putting into this project. The teachers, Master Gardener leaders, and about 20 students, or more, put in work each week in both the classroom and the garden.

Next to report. . . Louann has recently sent out the Louisiana Master Gardener Yearly Report with the LPMGA total amount of volunteer hours and guess what, **WE ARE NUMBER ONE IN THE STATE!** Congratulations to you all and please continue to keep up that dedication. Also, please remember to document your hours. With the New Year that has begun next comes the beautiful season of spring. With the new season comes many volunteer opportunities. The list of these opportunities was sent out with the newsletter as well as emailed to all this past Saturday. We would like for you to look at the list and pick out a few opportunities that you would be interesting in attending and clear your calendar. These are great opportunities for both new and returning members. If you have volunteered in the past we hope that you would like to volunteer again, and if you did not get a chance to do so in the past we sure hope that there is an opportunity that you can sign up for this year! This is a fantastic opportunity to meet up with those members that you have not met yet or haven't seen in a while. If there are any questions or concerns about the opportunities that you may have please feel free to contact us on any of the previously mentioned platforms. It is very important to take photos and send them to her whether we are posting them or not. This helps us when we are asked for documentation on what we do, as well as, to help us when we have our appreciation month at the September meeting.

Thank you, again, for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting!

Colette Anzalone

## MEETINGS, KUDOS AND WHAT PLANT AM I

**2019 LPMGA  
General Meetings**  
First Wednesday  
Monthly  
except for July  
Daytime: 12:30pm  
Evening: 6 pm

**2019 LPMGA Board  
Meetings**  
1pm on Third  
Tuesday of each  
month except July

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

<b>January 8</b>	<b>January 21</b>
<b>February 5</b>	<b>February 18</b>
<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 17</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>April 21</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 19</b>
<b>June 3</b>	<b>June 16</b>
<b>July No Meeting</b>	<b>July No Meeting</b>
<b>August 5</b>	<b>August 18</b>
<b>September 2</b>	<b>September 15</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>October 20</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>November 17</b>
<b>December Social</b>	<b>December 15</b>

# WHAT PLANT AM I?

I'm a flowering plant in the Mallow family, related to cotton, cocoa, and hibiscus. Cultivated as an annual in temperate zones such as Louisiana, I'm variously said to be native to West Africa, Ethiopia, and South Asia, and perennial in tropical and subtropical zones. I can grow up to 6 feet tall, with leaves 4 to 8 inches long. They are long and broad, palmately lobed, with 5 to 7 lobes. My flowers are 1 1/2 to 3 inches long with 5 white to yellow petals. My fruit can be up to 7 inches long, but should be harvested while still tender, 3 to 4 inches long. They contain numerous round white seeds. When my fruit pod is cut, it exudes a mucilaginous substance that contains soluble fiber. This mucilage is under development as a biodegradable food packaging. In Louisiana, I'm pickled or used to thicken a favorite dish.

Because I'm slow to germinate, soak my seeds overnight in water before planting, from April until the end of May. Some gardeners soak my seeds in pure bleach (for 5 minutes only), rinsing 3 times, so that I'll germinate in 24 hours. Sow my germinated seeds 12 inches apart in rows which are 36 inches apart. I can keep producing pods for 5 to 6 months, depending on the weather.

Pests include stinkbugs, fire ants, aphids, whiteflies, and worms. Verticillium wilt may also occur. Stinkbugs cause my pods to curl up. Use Sevin or Thiodan to control them, but they're difficult to control. Knots and bumps on my roots are caused by Nematodes.

Do you know what plant I am?

See page 7 for the answer.

## LPMGA

### SPRING PINE STRAW SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

**\$9:00/bale, same size as Fall sale**

**Limit 20/person**

**8:00AM – 12:00 NOON, NO LATER**

1. Pickup no later than 12:00 Noon,
2. Make (checks payable) to LPMGA.
3. Mail check to: Colette Anzalone

600 Pappa Joe dr.  
Broussard, La 70518  
(337) 288-0283

Cell No.

Email order to: [colette.anzalone1@louisiana.edu](mailto:colette.anzalone1@louisiana.edu)  
then MAIL check to me.

PICKUP BEHIND COTTAGE IN FIELD OFF ST. LANDRY

**DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 24, 2020**



## LAFAYETTE SCHOOL GARDEN INITIATIVE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

**6TH ANNUAL ON CUISINE DU JARDIN COOK-OFF**  
**“We Cook from the Garden”** Saturday, February 8, 2020 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 PRODUCE 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.

AND, OF COURSE, THEY NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT! THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PICK UP 3-4 HOURS VOLUNTEER CREDIT, AND HAVE FUN DOING IT. AND AFTER ALL, THE LAFAYETTE MASTER GARDENERS IS ONE OF THE SPONSORS!

THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY SIX SCHOOLS IN THIS SCHOOL GARDEN INITIATIVE (SGI) COOK-OFF, AND THAT INCLUDES BOTH YOUNGER TO OLDER COOKING TEAMS OF 3-5 STUDENTS. EACH TEAM HAS THREE ADULT SUPERVISORS: A COACH, GUEST CHEF AND A CURRENT LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL. ALL TEAMS BRING THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT, FOOD AND PREPARE EVERYTHING ON SITE.

BESIDES HAVING TO PRODUCE A FOUR-COURSE MEAL OF 1/2 VEGETABLES AND/OR FRUITS, 1/4 PROTEIN AND 1/4 WHOLE GRAIN (*MYPLATE*), STUDENTS ALSO MUST PRODUCE MENU CHALKBOARD DESCRIBING THEIR MEAL, AND SHOW A 3-5 SLIDE POWER POINT PRESENTATION WITH FURTHER DESCRIPTIONS, WHILE ALSO DEMONSTRATING KNOWLEDGE OF FOOD SAFETY GUIDELINES. AFTER JUDGING, SPECIFIC AWARDS ARE THEN PRESENTED.

SO THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR A MASTER GARDENER TO BE A PART OF THIS: JUST KEEPING ORDER, DIRECTING FOOT TRAFFIC, ANSWERING QUESTIONS, MAN AN EXHIBIT OR JUST TAKE PICTURES. STEP UP AND INCLUDE YOURSELF! THEY NEED VOLUNTEERS. LET JUAN NIETO OR COLLETTE ANZALONE KNOW YOU'LL BE THERE.

THERE IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH SETUP AT THE STEM ACADEMY FRIDAY AFTERNOON FROM 2:30-3:30



The propagation folks are busy planting seeds, starting cuttings and bumping all the plants to larger containers as they grow. This does not stop the “mandatory” coffee break they take at 10 am every Wednesday. Jess Richmond is enjoying a tasty snack with his coffee.

Submitted by Don Weintritt

## KUDOS

KUDOS go to a team of Master Gardeners that nurture and work with our native plants. **Peggy Tracy** and **Sandra Matthews** class of 2017 and **Pat Tracy**, class of 2018 always show up and take on any job needing to be done. They work tirelessly and are self motivated to go the extra mile. Kudos to these three Master Gardeners!

## The Daylily Festival & Garden Show

Held the Saturday after Memorial Day, Saturday May 30th. This festival features plant and flower booths, educational seminars, garden items and more. **Free.**

**Location: 2 Magdalen Sq. Abbeville, LA**

### MONCUS PARK

#### GALA AND GRAND OPENING

The Grand Opening Gala is scheduled for April 2nd from 6 to 10 pm.

The Grand Opening of Moncus Park is scheduled for the first week in April.

Details will be available soon at

<http://moncuspark.org/>

### YOUR GARDEN CAN BE A HOST GARDEN

#### FOR LPMGA 2020 GARDEN STOLL

Spring will be here soon, and the Garden Stroll Committee will be searching for gardens to tour. Master Gardeners can gain MG education hours for working the stroll. Master Gardeners also gain an MG education hour for taking the stroll. The garden can belong to a Master Gardener or anyone who would like to invite us to admire their beautiful handiwork. We usually schedule strolls from March to June. It can be a weekday or weekend. The host can chose morning or afternoon. It's always a come and go event that lasts 2 hours. Please contact Cindy Wiley if you would like to host a garden stroll, or if you know someone who would like to host. [Cindy4wiley@yahoo.com](mailto:Cindy4wiley@yahoo.com) 337-207-6424."

## Volunteers Are Needed For Festival des Fleurs 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](mailto:welsh@louisiana.edu) or attend the next meeting to be held at Ira Nelson on

**February 17, 2020 at 5 PM**



LPMGA is offering a  
continuing lecture series at the

South Side Library  
6101 Johnson Street 70503

Thursday Feb. 13, 6:30 PM  
Citrus In South Louisiana

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

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## MASTER GARDENER LECTURE SERIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

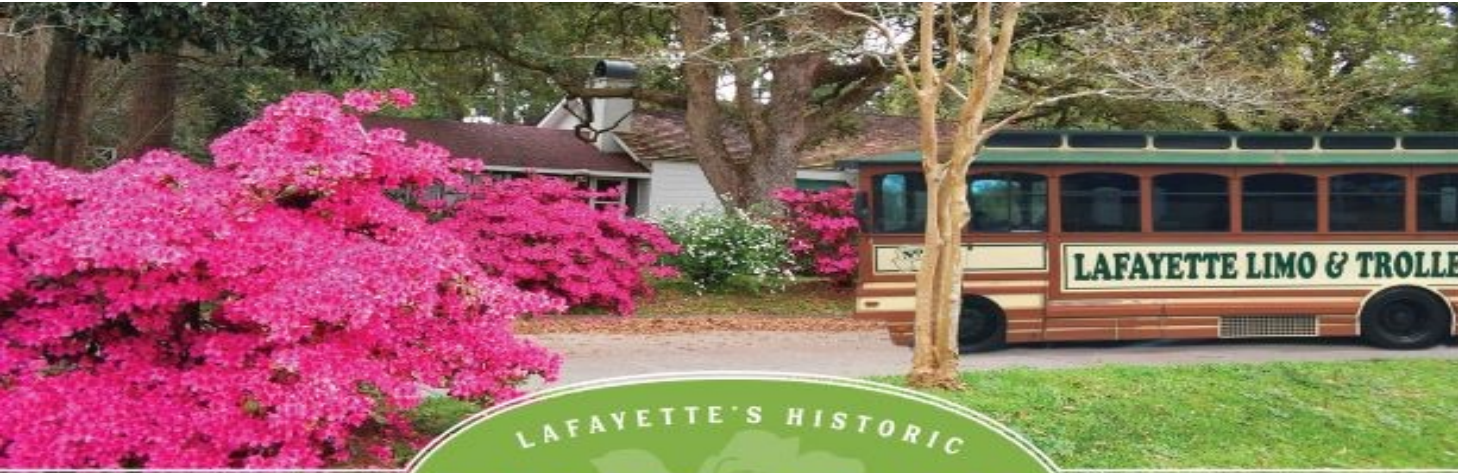
## UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

## GARDEN TALKS

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

Will Return In  
March 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.



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**AZALEA TRAIL**  
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VERMILIONVILLE  
AZALEA RECEPTION  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020  
11AM - 3PM

TROLLEY RIDES  
SATURDAY,  
MARCH 7 & 14, 2020  
9AM - NOON

## AN ALL-LOUISIANA CHRISTMAS PRESENT

FOR THE PRESENT YOU ONLY GIVE TO SPECIAL PEOPLE LIKE A WONDERFUL DOCTOR, TEACHER OR FRIEND FOR THOSE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS I BOUGHT THE FOODS OF LOUISIANA OFFERED BY 4-H THRU THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH LSU AG: SHELLED PECANS FROM BERGERON IN NEW ROADS, GARBER FARMS OF IOTA'S CREOLE YAMS AND CREOLE ROSE AROMATIC RICE, LANDRY VINEYARDS "BAYOUTAGE" RED WINE FROM MONROE, AND ASSORTED SATSUMAS PICKED AT DR. DENNIS WOLLARD'S HOUSE IN CARENCRO FROM HIS LOADED CITRUS TREES.

I LOOKED EVERYWHERE AND FINALLY FOUND THE RIGHT CONTAINER: A HARD-SIDED BUCKET COVERED IN GRAY OR TARTAN WOOL FELT FABRIC FROM TARGET AND ENDED UP BUYING EVERY ONE THEY HAD AT BOTH LOCATIONS IN LAFAYETTE-NEVER COULD FIND IT ONLINE.

AND FOR THOSE WHO REALLY LIKE TO GARDEN, THE GIFTS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE "GET IT GROWING" 2020 LAWN AND GARDEN CALENDAR BY LSU AG.

ALL WAS WELL-RECEIVED BY MOST BUT A FEW HAD A PUZZLED LOOK, "SHE GAVE ME A BAG OF RICE FOR CHRISTMAS?"

**Barbara McConnell**



**FLYER  
ATTACHED**

### DOWN & DIRTY Garden Seminar

**Presented by Sabine Master Gardeners  
Saturday, February 29, 2020**

**CYPRESS BEND RESORT 8:30 – 3:00**

**SPEAKERS:**

**RON STRAHAN – WEEDS OF SOUTHERN  
LAWNS**

**Chris Wiesinger – Southern Bulbs**

**Greg Grant — Planting for Butterflies**

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## WHAT PLANT AM I ANSWER



Okra: *Abelmoschus  
esculentus*





## OBSEVATIONS FROM OUTSIDE

### THE ROSE PARADE 2020- "THE POWER OF HOPE" ("EL PODER DE LA ESPERANZA PARA TODO EL MUNDO")

IT WAS THE 131ST TOURNAMENT OF ROSES IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, COMPRISED OF THE ROSE PARADE FOLLOWED BY THE ROSE BOWL FOOTBALL GAME, AN AMERICAN NEW YEAR'S DAY TRADITION.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SAY TYPICAL PARADE ATTENDANCE IS ABOUT 700,000, AND THE FOOTBALL STADIUM HOLDS MORE THAN 90,000, THOUGH MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD WATCH.

THE FIVE-MILE PARADE WAS AN INTERNATIONAL MIX OF PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING: 40 FLOWER BEDECKED FLOATS, 17 EQUESTRIAN TEAMS WITH THEIR COLORFUL RIDERS, AND TEN MARCHING BANDS, INCLUDING LOUISIANA'S SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

THE FIRST RULE FOR THE FLOATS IS THAT *EVERY SQUARE INCH* OF THE OUTSIDE MUST BE COVERED IN NATURAL MATERIAL, THOUGH UNDERNEATH CAN BE CHICKEN WIRE AND SUPPORT STRUCTURES, AND SOMETIMES ANIMATRONICS AND ROBOTS. AND THERE'S A DRIVER SOMEWHERE UNDER THERE TOO!

IT IS ESTIMATED 18 MILLION FLOWERS WERE USED ON THE FLOATS THIS YEAR. FLOWERS OF UP TO 80 VARIETIES WERE USED INCLUDING MARIGOLDS, DAISIES, ROSES, ORCHIDS AND MUMS, WITH THE MORE DELICATE STEMS PLACED IN INDIVIDUAL VIALS OF WATER AND SET INTO THE FLOAT. THE REST IS MADE UP OF A VARIETY OF SEEDS, BARK AND GRASSES.

THE FLOAT CAN BE CERTIFIED 'FROM CALIFORNIA' THRU AN INITIATIVE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IF THE MATERIALS ON THE FLOAT ARE 85% CALIFORNIA GROWN.

COMMUNITY GROUPS, CITIES, SCHOOLS, COMMERCIAL COMPANIES, AND VOLUNTEERS WORK ON THEIR RESPECTIVE FLOATS FOR UP TO A YEAR BEFORE, AND THEIR WORK IS PAID OFF IN AWARDS GIVEN IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES: COMEDY, BEST CITY, FANTASY AND FLORAL DESIGN, AMONG OTHERS.

AND THE FOOTBALL GAME? THE OREGON DUCKS WON OVER THE WISCONSIN BADGERS, 28 TO 27.



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY



TRAIL RIDERS



AQUATIC INSPIRATIONS BY Cal Poly

Award winner!

COVERED WITH FLOWERS  
AND INTRICATE DETAIL



## SGI OUR LADY OF FATIMA 4TH GRADE STUDENTS GROWING STRONG

Our Lady of Fatima fourth grade students in Mrs. Sara Hellickson's class have planted, grown, harvested and already enjoyed some of the fruits (vegetables) of their labor. They have harvested radishes, cauliflower, kale, broccoli and lettuce. Students in the class took home 4-H sweet potatoes and cooked them in different dishes and brought them to school for their fellow students to sample. The class is still nurturing strawberries, carrots and cabbage. In the next week they will be planting Irish potatoes. They are also preparing for the *On Cuisine du Jardin Cook-Off*, which takes place February 8 at David Thibodeaux Academy.



Students Planted in October



By November Fatima had carrots sprouting



LPMG Linda Beyt (right) and Anna Bernard survey the progress of the Fatima students garden in January with Mrs. Sara Hellickson.

## SGI CATHEDRAL CARMEL 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

An all girls team of 6th grade beginning gardeners started up a new garden in the fall at Cathedral Carmel School. They quickly got to work by filling buckets with soil and transplants. Students were split up in small groups to care for vegetable plants and herbs from collards to parsley. Now it is spring time and they have begun harvesting. So far, they have gathered bountiful buckets of delicious greens, cauliflower, cabbage and a selection of herbs. Up next, strawberries!



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**SCOTT LIBRARY 501 OLD SPANISH TRAIL**  
**SPEAKER ALLEN OWENS**

February 8th 6th Annual On Cuisine du Jardin Cook-off,  
 David Thibodaux STEAM Magnet Academy  
 February 13 6:30 pm Lecture series South Side Library  
 February 29 Down & Dirty Garden Semnar Cypress Bend  
 Resort  
 Late February: Deadline for photo submissions for 2021  
 Get It Growing Calendar. Contact Elma Sue McCallum at  
[EMccallum@lsu.edu](mailto:EMccallum@lsu.edu) for details.  
 March 7 Saturday 11 am-3pm Vermillionville Azalea Re-  
 ception  
 March 7 & 14 Azalea Trail Trolley Rides 9 am to Noon  
 April 2nd Moncus Park Grand Opening Gala  
 April 18: Festival des Fleurs/LPMGA Spring Plant Sale  
[www.festivaldesfleurs.org](http://www.festivaldesfleurs.org)  
 May 2: Sunset Herb And Garden Festival 8am-4pm  
 240 Marie St, Sunset LA  
[www.sunsetherbfestival.com](http://www.sunsetherbfestival.com)  
 May 30: Daylily Festival 8:30am-3pm  
 2 South Magdalen Square Abbeville, LA

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