

## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2  
AT 12PM

SOUTH SIDE LIBRARY  
6101 JOHNSTON ST.

DR. ALLEN OWING  
"WHAT IS NEW IN NURSERY  
STOCK AND HOT ITEMS"

## 2018 LPMGA JANUARY BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15  
AT 1 PM  
IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE  
CENTER (INHC)

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## Congratulations To Our 2019 BOARD MEMBERS



BOARD MEMBERS WERE INSTALLED DECEMBER 5TH AT THE LPMGA  
SOCIAL AND WILL TAKE OFFICE ON JANUARY 1ST, 2019

**PRESIDENT**  
**JUAN NIETO**  
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**LPMGA NEWSLETTER EDITOR**  
**MARY GLADNEY**  
**LSU AGENT/ADVISOR**  
**DAN DEVENPORT**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



#### Greeting Fellow Master Gardeners

I hope you had a Joyful, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you did not get a chance to welcome our new Master Gardener Grads, please try and do so when you do meet up with them. Several received their gold badges already.

We also had the pleasure of recognizing 4 Master Gardeners for their twenty years of service at our Christmas Social. It felt so good when one of them took the time to congratulate me, as the new president, I told her that it was by watching her and so many like her. Their leadership and dedication to our mission statement is what made me the Master Gardener I am today.

I want to thank you, my fellow Master Gardeners for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your President. I look forward to working with a great Board. Debbie, Ellen, Patricia and Jay thank you for staying on.

We have a great speaker for our January meeting, so please try not to miss it. As always feel free to text me or e-mail at my new e-mail address [jfn2854@gmail.com](mailto:jfn2854@gmail.com)

Yours truly,

*Juan Nieto*

LPMGA President 2019

## EVENTS, REPORTS, AND BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>2019 LPMGA General Meetings</b> First Wednesday Monthly Except for July Daytime: 12:00pm Evening: 6 pm or 6:30pm	<b>2019 LPMGA Board Meetings</b> 1pm on Third Tuesday of each month Except for July
<i>Dates, times, topics and locations are subject to change</i>	
JANUARY 2, 12:00 pm	JANUARY 15, 1 pm
FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 19, 1 pm
MARCH 6	MARCH 19, 1 pm
APRIL 3	APRIL 16, 1 pm
MAY 1	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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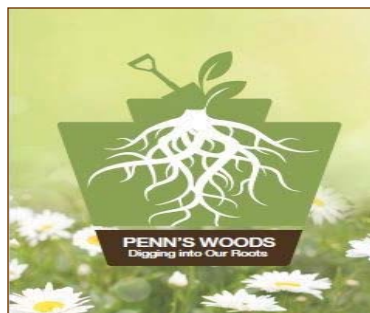
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**INTERNATIONAL  
MASTER  
GARDENER  
CONFERENCE**June 17-21, 2019  
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

For more information about the Conference:  
[www.internationalmastergardener.com](http://www.internationalmastergardener.com)

# LPMGA Plant Swap Looking For New Chair

The LPMGA Plant Swap Committee is looking for a new Chairperson for 2019.

The Swaps are currently scheduled as Spring and Fall events. Planning them is easy, and they're a lot of fun.

The current Chair will be available to help the new Chair, and will stay on as a Swap volunteer.

If you are interested in organizing the Plant Swaps, please contact Louann McClelland-Long at [mglouann@gmail.com](mailto:mglouann@gmail.com) for more information.



Well, another year has flown by and a new one is just beginning! At our 2018 Social and Graduation, ten Master Gardeners were recognized for logging in the most Volunteer Hours in our organization. At a recent Board meeting, the recognition of reported hours by our members was discussed and implemented at the Social.

In the past, if you had attained "Sustaining Membership" one of the benefits was that you were not required to log in any Volunteer Hours.

After discussing this with Sara Shields, state Master Gardener Coordinator, I was informed that such a benefit did not exist, and that Sustaining Members should enter in all of their hours. The continued existence of our program is dependent on how much the Master Gardeners assist the LSU AgCenter through our mission statement.

With the new year just beginning, I am asking that everyone take the time to record all of your hours, both volunteer and educational. We all know how great the Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners are, but just think how much greater we would look if everyone recorded their hours.

LSU AgAgent Dan Devenport

## AZALEA TRAIL THANK YOU!

*Dear Master Gardeners of Lafayette:*

Thank You for generously approving and funding the azaleas for the two historic properties we planted this fall: the French House and Whittington-Guerniere House. Thanks to MG and ULL University of Louisiana at Lafayette for planting the azaleas. I am using local fresh pine straw on these respective grounds to mulch around the base of the azaleas.

Let's plan on partnering more and more to get azaleas planted at several other historic properties in our "City of Azaleas".  
Watch us Bloom!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Denise Richard Lanclos  
Azalea Trail Co Chairperson  
Scenic Lafayette  
[www.azaleatrail.org](http://www.azaleatrail.org)





# What Plant Am I ?

I'm an annual herbaceous flowering plant, originating in Central Asia. I have been cultivated in China for fiber as early as 2,800 BCE. In the 1,600s, I began to be planted in North America. I require good drainage and about 2 1/2 inches of rain throughout my growing season of 106 to 120 days. I can be spun into usable fiber and refined to make paper, textiles, clothing, shoes, biodegradable plastics, paint, insulation, biofuel, and animal feed. Despite my usefulness, I was banned in 1970 because of confusion with my relative, which is classified as a Schedule 1 drug, due to a chemical called THC. However, my concentration of THC is about 0.2 %, while my relative's concentration is 3% to 20 %. Recently, however, Congress has legalized me. Mitch McConnell, who pushed for legalization, believes I could replace cash crops such as tobacco in his home state of Kentucky.

My relative is a short fat bush, planted 6 feet apart in a carefully controlled warm and humid atmosphere. I can be grown 4 inches apart in multi-acre plots. I detoxify the soil and prevent soil erosion. I require less water and no pesticides to grow.

*Do you know what plant I am?*

*Check page 7 for the answer.*

## 2019 Get It Growing Calendars

2019 LSU AgCenter calendars will be sold at the January 2019 Master Gardeners general meeting. Calendars may also be purchased from Gail Wakefield on Wednesday mornings during Propagation. Calendars will not be offered at reduced prices this year, so if you want a calendar be sure to get one at the special membership price of \$10 from Linda Alesi or Gail Wakefield.

The deadline for submitting photos for the 2020 Get It Growing Calendar is **February 28, 2019**. For more information on submitting photos download the Entries Form at: [www.LSUAgCenter.com/GetItGrowingCalendar](http://www.LSUAgCenter.com/GetItGrowingCalendar)

## Master Gardener Lecture Series At The Eastside Library

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

**January 8th, 6:30pm**  
**Seed Planting**

The January 8, 2019 presentation will begin at 6:30pm in Meeting Room 1

Earns 1 hour of Continuing Education for MGs

# OBSERVATIONS FROM OUTSIDE

A few thoughts on winter to enjoy as we start a new year.  
Wishing you and yours all the best in 2019  
The Gardeners Gazette Staff

If you would like to share your Observations From Outside, send your musings on gardening and nature to the Editor at [newsletter@lpmga.org](mailto:newsletter@lpmga.org)

"January is the quietest month in the garden. But just because it looks quiet doesn't mean that nothing is happening. The soil, open to the sky, absorbs the pure rainfall while microorganisms convert tilled-under fodder into usable nutrients for the next crop of plants. The feasting earthworms tunnel along, aerating the soil and preparing it to welcome the seeds and bare roots to come."

- Rosalie Muller Wright, Editor of *Sunset Magazine*

"Winter is the time of promise because there is so little to do - or because you can now and then permit yourself the luxury of thinking so."  
- Stanley Crawford

"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle ... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream."

- Barbara Winkler

"From December to March, there are for many of us three gardens - the garden outdoors, the garden of pots and bowls in the house, and the garden of the mind's eye."

- Katherine S. White

Frosty-white and cold it lies  
Underneath the fretful skies;  
Snowflakes flutter where the red  
Banners of the poppies spread,  
And the drifts are wide and deep  
Where the lilies fell asleep.

But the sunsets o'er it throw  
Flame-like splendor, lucent glow,  
And the moonshine makes it gleam  
Like a wonderland of dream,  
And the sharp winds all the day  
Pipe and whistle shrilly gay.

Safe beneath the snowdrifts lie  
Rainbow buds of by-and-by;  
In the long, sweet days of spring  
Music of bluebells shall ring,  
And its faintly golden cup  
Many a primrose will hold up.

Though the winds are keen and chill  
Roses' hearts are beating still,  
And the garden tranquilly  
Dreams of happy hours to be  
In the summer days of blue  
All its dreamings will come true.  
Lucy Maud Montgomery

## Welcome New MGs

Christee Maloyed, Charla Mercier and Ann Sonnier, members of the 2017 MGIT class, have completed their 40 hours of Volunteer Service to receive their gold badge and certificate.



Christie Maloyed



Charla Mercier



Anne Sonnier



# UPCOMING AREA GARDENING EVENTS

## LSU AGCENTER BURDEN CENTER/BOTANICAL GARDENS

4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge (225) 763-3990  
discoverburden.com

### *2019 CAMELLIA SHOW AND SALE*

February 9 (2pm-4:30) and February 10 (10am-3pm)

### *2019 HERB DAY*

February 23 (7am-2pm)

### *2019 PLANT SALE-EAST BATON ROUGE MASTER GARDENERS*

March 23 (7am-2pm)

## 2019 GARDENING SEMINAR AND SEED SWAP NORTHEAST LA MASTER GARDENERS

January 19 (7:30am-1:30pm)

West Monroe Convention Center 901 Ridge Ave,  
West Monroe (318) 323-2251

## IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE CENTER

2206 Johnson St, Lafayette inhc.louisiana.edu

### *2019 LSHR (LA SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH) MEETING AND PLANT RELEASE*

March 23 For info: (337) 235-6937

### *2019 ORCHID SOCIETY SALE & SHOW*

April 13 (9am-5pm) and April 14 (9am-3pm)

### *2019 FESTIVAL DES FLEURS*

Blackham Coliseum 2330 Johnson St, Lafayette  
April 13 (8am-4pm)

## 2019 SOUTHERN GARDEN FESTIVAL

3502 E Simcoe St, Lafayette (337) 233-3447

May 3 Dinner/Dancing (6pm-8pm) May 4 Garden Events (9am-5pm)

## AUDUBON STATE HISTORIC SITE

11788 LA Hwy 965 St Francisville, LA  
Check the website for other events

### *THE PLANTATION APOTHCARY*

July 6 (1pm-3pm)

## 2019 NEW ORLEANS BOTANICAL GARDENS SHOWS/FESTIVALS

5 Victory Ave, NOLA (504) 483-9488

### *SPRING GARDEN SHOW*

April 6 (9am-5pm) April 7 (10am-4pm)

### *FALL GARDEN FESTIVAL*

October 5 (10am-5pm) October 6 (10am-4pm)

## PELICAN GREENHOUSE PLANT SALES:

Pelican Greenhouse 2 Celebration Dr,  
NOLA plants@nocp.org (504) 483-9437

*Please note that the Greenhouse IS NOT inside the Botanical Gardens*

March 16-Featuring old garden roses

Other Sales: May 11 June 15 July 20

*Plants will also be sold at the Spring Garden Show  
and Fall Garden Festival*

## NEW ORLEANS CAMELLIA CLUB SHOW AND SALE

Delgado Community College 615 Navarre Ave, NOLA

For Details: John Grimm (504) 610-7828 OR  
Nick Piazza (504) 616-4378 Npiazzajr@gmail.com

### *79TH ANNUAL CAMELLIA SHOW*

January 26 (Public Viewing 2pm-4pm) Call or email for entry details

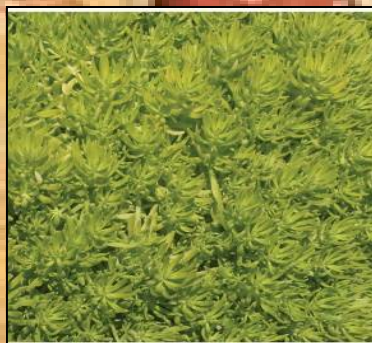
*PLANT SALE BEGINS AT NOON AND  
WILL FEATURE RARE YELLOW CAMELLIAS*

# 2019 SUPERPLANT RELEASES



LIME SIZZLE FIREBUSH-5' SHRUB YELLOW/GREEN  
COMBO RED AND ORANGE BLOOMS ALSO A 2017  
MASTER GARDENER CHOICE AWARD WINNER

LEMON SEDUM



JOLT SERIES DIANTHUS

## What Plant Am I? ANSWER:



Cannabis sativa : Hemp

## HORTICULTURE HINTS-JANUARY

Onions can be planted from mid-December to early January. In early January, continue to plant onion sets. Bulbing onion varieties that perform well include Texas Grano, Mr. Buck, Texas 1015Y, Pinot Rouge, Red Burgundy and Miss Megan.

Mid-January through end of February: Transplant broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, chard, kale and lettuce.

Mid-January: Plant Irish potatoes into the garden. Cut the potatoes a few days before planting. Cut larger potatoes in quarters and smaller potatoes in half. This larger size helps reduce rot.

Vegetable growers in south Louisiana should start their tomato, eggplant and pepper transplants mid-January. North Louisiana vegetable growers should wait until the end of January or the beginning of February. It takes between eight and 10 weeks to germinate and grow into decently sized tomato, pepper and eggplant seedlings for the garden. Keep seedlings in a warm and BRIGHT area. One week prior to transplanting, move the seedlings outside to harden off.

## POLLINATOR BED ADDED TO DEMO GARDENS.

With the leadership of Christine Devenport members of the 2017 and 2018 classes have taken over two of the demonstrations beds. The group's vision was to create a place that provided food and habitat for pollinators. We intend to include a variety of plants that bloom from spring until fall. We want to attract the full spectrum of pollinators, by choosing plants of different heights and those plants with a range of flower shapes and sizes.

We have planted ShiShi Camellias, Dwarf butterfly bush, foxglove, dianthus and violas.

Please join us on Wednesdays to become part of this exciting project!

Pictured: Alexis Darbonne, Charla Mercier, Christine Devenport, Corinne Gilder and Mary Gladney.



**Make a  
New Year Resolution  
To Record Your Volunteer  
and Continuing Education  
Hours Regularly**





# 2019 LPMGA SOCIAL Celebrating Our 20 Year Anniversary



## TOP 10 MGs RECOGNIZED FOR MOST VOLUNTEER/EDUCATION HOURS

Mary Perrin 313.5  
MaryAnn Armbruster 309  
Jeanell Menard 305  
Gail Evans 302.75  
Sherlyn Larrison 281

Babette Werner 220  
Chuck Schrader 217.5  
Heather Warner-Finley 202.5  
Gail Wakefield 193  
John Fontane 173

## 2018 OUTSTANDING MASTER GARDENER HEATHER WARNER-FINLEY



Heather is an Advanced Master Gardener. She has served as the President, Vice President and co-chair of Plantfest. She has also served on the Festival des Fleurs Committee, the Speakers Bureau and is currently the chair of the Propagation Committee and you all know what a big job that is.

Heather also does many other things. After retiring from 20 + years with Wildlife and Fisheries in Baton Rouge (she commuted every day), she became an adjunct professor at ULL teaching Biology. She is an integral part of the Acadiana Native Plant Society, TreesAcadiana and the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association. She is a certified Master Naturalist, completing the program in Lafayette. She is not just typically a member, but a leader in the groups that she belongs to. Heather is most deserving of this award.



# MG CLASS GRADUATES RECEIVE CERTIFICATES AT SOCIAL

Alexis Darbonne  
Steven Domangue  
Robbie Dugas  
Barbara Feske  
Jen Fournet  
Jessica Goodwyn  
Hugh Junca  
Gretchen Kaltenbach  
Nanette Kibbe  
Paul Manuel  
Denise Mayon  
Nancy Mire  
Rene' Olivier  
Anne Padgett

Fabian Patin  
Sophe Probst  
Julie Rabalais  
Tammy Rito  
Virginia Sealy  
Jahmilah Sekmet  
Edye Senegal  
Karen Terrell  
Angie Thompson  
Patrick Tracy Jr.  
Stephanie Vallot  
Gail Whitney  
*Honorary Class Member*  
*Rico Rice*



## 2018 MGIT'S WITH 40 HOURS AT GRADUATION

<b>Alexis Darbonne</b>	<b>Jahmilah Sekhmet</b>
<b>Hugh Junca</b>	<b>Edye Senegal</b>
<b>Nanette Kibbe</b>	<b>Julie Rabalais</b>
<b>Denise Mayon</b>	<b>Patrick Tracy Jr.</b>
<b>Renee Oliver</b>	<b>Stephanie Vallot</b>
<b>Rico Rice</b>	

## PLATINUM LAFAYETTE MASTER GARDENERS HONORED FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

During this years  
December Social,  
LPMGA celebrated 20  
years as an association.

The organization  
recognized Dana  
Laborde, Theresa Guidry, Terry  
Anseman and Ellen Lafleur  
(Pictured R to L in top photo) as  
our first Platinum Members in  
recognition of their 20 years of  
membership.

Each lady was presented with a  
beautiful gift basket to  
show appreciation for their 20  
years of service.





## Louisiana State Horticulture Society Annual Conference

Wednesday --January 16, 2019

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

2206 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA 70503

Ph: 337-446-5692 / [SGauthier@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:SGauthier@agcenter.lsu.edu)

Our former LSU AgAgent, Stuart Gautier, forwarded this information regarding the LSHS event.

This conference is a wonderful venue for MGs to further their horticultural knowledge.

**MGs can earn Continuing Ed hours** at the LSHS Annual Conference.

A \$10 fee can be paid at the door, but please RSVP to Stuart Gautier before January 16th so that he has the number of attendees to order refreshments and lunch.

His contact information is:

**337-446-5692 OR [SGauthier@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:SGauthier@agcenter.lsu.edu)**

MGs do not have to be LSHS members to attend, and are welcome to consider joining the Louisiana State Horticulture Society for a \$35 membership fee.

**See the agenda for the Louisiana State Horticulture Society annual conference below.**

**Robert M. Turley**

**LSHS BOD - Treasurer**

**7101 Gulf Hwy. Lake Charles, LA 70607-7414**

**Ph: 337-721-4030 ext. 6502 Cel: 337-502-2530**

<p><b>8:30 am</b> <b>Registration and Refreshments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Registration Fee - \$10 Can be paid at the door-includes lunch</b></li> <li>• <b>Dues for 2019 - \$35 MGs do not have to pay dues to attend, but have the opportunity to join</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Plant Auction Open!</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>9:00 am</b> <b>Welcome and Opening Comments</b> <b>Ed Bush, LSHS President and Associate Professor (Horticulture), LSU AgCenter</b></p>	<p><b>9:05 am</b> <b>Palm Diseases</b> <b>Dr. Raj Singh, Associate Professor (Plant Pathology), LSU AgCenter</b></p> <p><b>9:45 am</b> <b>Cold Hardy Palms &amp; Cycads</b> <b>Dr. Garrie Landry, UL Lafayette</b></p> <p><b>10:20 am</b> <b>Break and Refreshments</b></p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> <b>Even You Can Grow Orchids</b> <b>Dr. Dennis Wollard, UL Lafayette</b></p>	<p><b>11:30 am</b> <b>Science Fair Winners</b></p> <p><b>11:45 am</b> <b>Annual Business Meeting</b> <b>Ed Bush, LSHS President</b></p> <p><b>12:00 Noon</b> <b>Lunch</b></p> <p><b>1:00 pm</b> <b>Complete Plant Auction and Check Out</b></p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> <b>Adjourn</b></p>
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# LPMGA CALENDAR JANUARY 2019

**JANUARY 2 AT NOON**—LPMGA GENERAL MEETING SOUTHSIDE  
LIBRARY DR ALLEN OWING

**JANUARY 8 AT 6:30PM**—MG LECTURE SERIES EASTSIDE LIBRARY  
See Page 4

**JANUARY 15 AT 1PM**—LPMGA BOARD MEETING IRA NELSON HORT  
CENTER

**JANUARY 16 AT 8:30AM**—LA STATE HORTICULTURE SOC. ANNUAL  
MEETING IRA NELSON See Page 10

**JANUARY 19**—LOUISIANA STATE ARBOR DAY-3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY OF  
JANUARY (NATIONAL ARBOR DAY APRIL 26)

**JANUARY 19**—NORTHEAST LA MG SEED SWAP  
WEST MONROE, LA

**FEBRUARY 6**—LPMGA GENERAL MEETING

**FEBRUARY 19**—LPMGA BOARD MEETING 1PM IRA NELSON

**FEBRUARY 28**—DEADLINE FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS TO 2020 GET IT  
GROWING CALENDAR See Page 4

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