

LPMGA

GENERAL MEETING

12:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 5

DOWNTOWN

LIBRARY

301 WEST CONGRESS

SPEAKER

CHARLES HEBERT

MG RULES & CODES

LPMGA BOARD MEETING

**IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE
CENTER (INHC)**

1 PM TUESDAY JUNE 18

**IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE CENTER
(INHC)**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting Fellow Master Gardeners,

It looks like the hot summer days are here. I have been busy trying to get my irrigation system up and running. I am sure some of you have been doing the same. I heard from those attending the May Social that everyone had a great time, sorry I missed that. I have been spending some of my time with the school gardens, as they harvest what they can from their gardens. I also had the great pleasure of visiting with the applicants for the next years school gardens. I will be turning most of my attention to this committee for the remainder of the summer. We have our school garden advisory meeting on the 10th of June to discuss what worked and what didn't. The executive board met today, and we discussed and voted on several issues. It really has been a real pleasure working with them.



Remember to drink plenty of water when working in this heat. I hope to see you at our general meeting.

For all those Committee chairs please try to get with your favorite board member on what pictures you might have that they could use. They are putting together a program for our Sept. General Meeting. I have one that I would like to share with you. This is my correct e-mail jfn2854@gmail.com

An Honor to serve you!

Juan Nieto, President LPMGA

LPMGA COMMITTEE PHOTOS NEEDED
Committee Chairs and MG Photographers:
We are collecting photos of all LPMGA committee activities, projects and programs for a PowerPoint project. Please send any photos you have of your volunteers in action, or just having fun, and the project you are working on to any board member. See page two for contact information.

THANKS
TO PAM
WOMAK
FOR
HOSTING
OUR
SPRING
SOCIAL!
THERE
WAS A
GOOD
TIME
HAD BY
ALL.



MEETINGS, REPORTS AND BOARD

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

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

Dates, times, topics and locations are subject to change

JUNE 5 12:30 PM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
301 WEST CONGRESS
SPEAKER CHARLES HEBERT
MG RULES & CODES

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
AWARDS CEREMONY

DECEMBER 17, 1 pm

PLEASE NOTE

**THERE ARE NO GENERAL OR BOARD
MEETINGS IN JULY.**

**THIS NEWSLETTER ISSUE SERVES AS THE
COMBINED JUNE AND JULY ISSUE.**

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KUDOS



Vermilionville's Healers Garden helps to educate people on the historic use of curative plants. The growing of these plants, the care of the garden and sharing of information with the public are ways in which LPMGA members can obtain volunteer hours.

This month we shout out to a sister team,

Beverly Fuselier (MG 2014)
and
Tina Vidrine (MG 2008)

These two ladies never miss a work day. Their dependability and hard work have significantly helped the Healers Garden to thrive and provide a successful way to educate all of us.

THE DEVENPORT REPORT



USING HERBICIDES AROUND THE YARD

A beautiful lawn can be a landscape statement in itself. That is why so many homeowners fertilize and spray their lawns with insecticides, fungicides and herbicides. I want to focus on the use of herbicides in lawns and the problems that can occur from not using them properly.

Always read and follow the label; it is the law! Some of the newer herbicides like MSM Turf only require ¼ teaspoon per gallon of water. If you use even just a tad bit more, you can cause slight damage to your lawn grasses as well as trees and shrubs in the landscape.

Perhaps the biggest problem arises from applying herbicides with a sprayer. Applying an herbicide during windy conditions causes it to drift. Off target plants can easily be damaged by herbicide drift. Once the drifted herbicide lands on tomato plants, the leaves curl and the plants cease to make flowers that form fruit. My office has been getting a lot of calls about herbicide drift. As Master Gardeners, we need to educate the public and make sure that homeowners know of the potential damage that can occur from mis-application.

See photo of tomato plants damaged from herbicide exposure.



LSU AgCenter Dan Devenport

WHAT PLANT AM I?

I am a perennial herb and the only species in my genus. I'm native to the northern and southern Eastern states.

I grow one to two feet in height. I have narrow green leaves which arch downward toward the ground and often am the first to appear in the spring. A sticky substance coats my leaves, which causes them to glisten. In woods, meadows, and open fields, part sun to part shade, and most soil conditions, I thrive. I do best with one to two hours of full sun and tolerate seasonal flooding.

From May to July, I send a stalk up to 5 feet high with stunning white flower clusters at the top. These flowers resemble common hyacinths. After pollination (usually by beetles), my flowers turn green. All parts of me are poisonous, but especially my bulbs. Native Americans crushed my bulbs and mixed them with honey to create a potion that would trap and kill flies. Children and small animals are most susceptible to this poison, but large animals such as cattle and sheep can suffer respiratory distress after eating me. Oddly enough, some butterflies drink my nectar with no ill effects.

Propagate me by dividing my bulbs.

Do you know what plant I am? Look for the answer on page 6

RECORDING VOLUNTEER HOURS MAY GET YOU SOME GREEN

THE TOP TEN IS BACK FOR 2019

LPMGA will award the 10 members with the most recorded volunteer hours during 2019 with a \$20 gift certificate to be used at our plant sales.

These will be awarded at our December Social.

Volunteer Hours for Top Ten must be recorded by November 30th, 2019

TROPICAL BEDS IN NEED OF ADOPTION



We have an interesting opportunity for a Master Gardener who is interested in tropical plants and garden design. The two tropical beds at our Ira Nelson Demonstration Garden are in need of refreshing. For years, our Tropical Plants team has maintained them in addition to propagating tropical plants for our plant sales. The team has recently decided to reduce their gardening duties. Consequently, our tropical beds are up for adoption. They are home to beautiful specimens of plants that thrive in our south Louisiana climate. It is an opportunity for someone with an interest in garden design and lush tropical plants to remake one or both of these beds into a dream tropical garden. Gail Wakefield (gailwak@cox.net) is the committee chairman for the Demonstration Gardens. Please contact her with your ideas.

ALL SEASONS NURSERY 2974 Johnston St, Lafayette

Garden Talks Return In September!

SPEAKERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER TALKS!

**This is a great way for LPMGA to
offer an important
educational outreach.**

**Contact Colette Anzalone at
337-288-0283**

if you are interested in speaking.

Garden Talks earn one hour of Continuing Education

Master Gardeners Lecture Series At The Eastside Library

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

LEARN THE BASICS OF GARDENING IN THE SOUTH

Thursday, June 13th, at 6:30pm
The lecture series is open to the public
and earns 1 hour of
Continuing Education for MGs.
Please contact the Library at
(337) 445-3168 for more details

Upcoming Events of Interest

Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show

July 13, 2019 - 9 AM - 5 PM
July 14, 2019 - 10 AM - 4 PM

For all of you orchid lovers, orchids are on display and for sale in the Lone Burden Conference Center from vendors across the Gulf Coast! Regional orchid growers and collectors create works of art with the orchids on display. Orchid supplies will also be sold. Orchid Society members will be available to offer orchid growing and maintenance advice and potting demonstrations to showcase your beautiful orchids.

The event is open to the public
for free admission.

SAVE THE DATE

LPMGA APPRECIATION MONTH

LPMGA GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

**As an organization we are only as good as
our members, and we have got the best!**

**Join your fellow members and let's
celebrate our accomplishments.**

**At the September 4th General
Meeting our Executive Board will
dedicate the meeting to thanking all
of our members for their
hard work and dedication.**

WHAT PLANT AM I ANSWER



*Amianthus
muscaetoxicum:*
Fly Poison, Crow Poison,
Stagger grass

VISIT LPMGA'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

For Videos and CE Credit

From clematis and orchids, to lawn care and creative gourd crafts, the LPMGA YouTube channel has a great selection of material to peruse for both completing your Continuing Education hours and picking up great tips for your own garden.

Just search "Lafayette Master Gardeners" on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1NC6RC7PG77zIA51NjO53A>

Be sure to "Like" our videos and Subscribe for updates as new videos are uploaded often!

Garden Stroll Thank You



Many thanks to Fabian and Anne Patin for hosting a MG Stroll May 4th. Their gardens are beautiful and the setting is one of tranquility. Thanks to Lynn Dubois for providing the pictures



LPMGA SUSTAINING MEMBERS

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		MARY TOCE	KATHY TROYANOWSKI		

Thank you all for your contributions and continuing support of
Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association.
Our Volunteers are our foundation of our organization
and your commitment to the Mission and Goals of LPMGA is truly appreciated.

Observations From Outside

Plan a trip to make your own Observations From Outside....

Laurens Henry Cohn Memorial Plant Arboretum 12206 Foster Rd, Baton Rouge

16 acres of more than 120 species of native and adaptable tree and shrubs, an Herb Garden and collections of Japanese Maples, camellias, evergreens, conifers and crepe myrtles.

Independence Park Botanic Gardens 7950 Independence Blvd, Baton Rouge

Featuring woody plants, ground covers, a rose garden, sensory garden, children's forest and wetland plantings.

Louisiana Tech University Arboretum, Horticultural Conservatory, Greenhouses and Griffin Horticultural Gardens

50 acres used by the university School of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry as a research facility. Features Loblolly and exotic pines. *Call first for times and dates the arboretum and other facilities are open. (318) 257-2918*

Longue Vue House and Gardens 7 Bamboo Rd, New Orleans

Historic home with 4 different outside facades with 4 different gardens bordering them. LA irises, roses, caladiums, cannas and many other plantings.

Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center 2111 West Park Ave, Orange Texas (409) 670-9113 starkculturalvenues.org
252 acres featuring woods, ponds and wetlands, sculpture gardens, bird habitats, boat tours and seasonal events.

SAINT PIUS KINDERGARTENERS TOUR DEMO BEDS



The Kindergarten Class from St Pius took a tour of our demo gardens. Gail Wakefield, Lynn Dubois, Julee Rabelais and Loraine Allain had a great time sharing the gardens with the students.



D.R.E.A.M.S GARDENING CLASS OF 2019

Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners held the 3rd DREAMS Gardening Class from April 25 - May 23, 2019 at IRA Nelson Horticulture Center on Thursdays. (Thank you Billy and Kristy)

The class keeps growing each year and this year we had 9 students along with their helpers. We keep the class growing with different gardening topics with the help of Master Gardeners as well as the students asking questions about projects we have done since the beginning of this program in 2017. This year they are asking for certain topics for next year's class. We will be looking for a Master Gardener to teach a class on orchids.

The instructors for this class are Candy Bienvenu and Kathryn Soileau. Our guest Master Gardener teachers this year are, Flower Arranging - Julie Haack; Native Plants - Heather Finley; Succulents - Tina Jumonville. Kathryn and I would like to send out a big thank you to the instructors!

If you have an idea for a class or would like to help teach a class, please contact Candy Bienvenu. I have come to realize that I do not know who gets the most out of these classes, Master Gardeners or the Students.



VOLUNTEER AND CE HOURS

Here we are at the half way point of 2019. Remember to record your Volunteer and CE hours. If you need help recording or resetting User Names or Passwords contact Volunteer Coordinator Louann McClelland-Long mglouann@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



SCHOOL GARDENS

Want to help foster a lifelong love of gardening and promote healthy habits? LPMGA is currently involved with several local School Garden Initiative gardens, and there is a list of schools applying to be in the program.

Your help is needed to mentor and help coordinate SGI programs and to assist at the SGI Cook Off. Please contact Juan Nieto for more information.

SPEAKERS BUREAU/GARDEN TALKS AT ALL SEASONS SHARE YOUR PASSION FOR PLANTS

Speakers Bureau needs MGs to give presentations in September, October and November. Contact Colette Anzalone for details.

UPCOMING

The 2019 Master Gardener Class is starting up in August, consider volunteering your time as a MG Class Mentor.

RECORDING (AND CORRECTING) YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND VOLUNTEER HOURS

Continuing Education hours are earned by viewing presentations or videos, reading horticultural material, attending Garden Talks, Plant Swaps, Library Lectures, General Meetings with an educational speaker, or other approved CE events. Members need to meet the annual requirement of 6 hours of CE to remain active. Master Gardeners in Training do not have to record CE their first year. CE hours are recorded under "Continuing Education" in the LMG Service Hours Report pull down menu.

When you sign in to the LSU AgCenter website to record hours, click "Add New Hours".

Under the "Type of Service" pull down menu you will see two options: "Volunteer Service" and "Continuing Education". Opt for "Continuing Education" when recording your CE hours.

The category "Continuing Education" under the Volunteer Service "Activity" pull down menu is for recording hours spent presenting or preparing material to be presented to the community or LPMGA members.

Hours recorded in this category do not count toward your 6 CE hours

If you feel that you have recorded your CE or any other hours incorrectly, don't worry, correcting this is simple.

After you sign in to record your hours, click "Edit/View Hours" in the left column of the LMG Service Hours Report. This will show a list of all your recorded CE and Volunteer Service Hours.

Under your Volunteer Service Hours find the item that you want to change-Check the "Activity" column for the words "Continuing Education" (or other category you need to change) and check that the date matches the entry you want to change.

Click "View/Edit Details" on the left of that entry.

You can now change the Type of Service, the Activity category, your description or any of the other details that you had recorded. In the case of changing hours to Continuing Education, click the Type of Service menu and opt for Continuing Education.

Check that all your other details are correct and click SAVE.

Changes to your hours can only be made during the current year. You cannot go back and edit or add hours in previous years.

If you have any questions about recording hours, need help setting up an account or updating your password, or have any other Volunteer or CE related issues, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator Louann McClelland-Long at mglouann@gmail.com

Each month the newsletter will include our volunteer and CE hour totals, plus reasons for, and ideas about, earning and recording hours. If you need help recording or finding ways to earn hours, please contact Louann McClelland-Long mglouann@gmail.com

The deadline for recording hours is December 15th

VOLUNTEER/CE HOUR TOTALS JANUARY 1-APRIL 30 2019

CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	YTD
4H & Other Youth Activities	43	66.40	88.25	23.0	220.65
Attending Bus/Admin Meetings	13.0	51.0	15.0	16.5	95.5
Civic & Community	351.75	405.40	440.30	527.0	1724.45
Continuing Education (Prepare/present CE Material)	5.50	0	10.15	18.0	33.65
Extension Activities	44	27.50	51.50	48.95	171.95
LMG Teaching Activities	10	29.00	45.75	32.25	118.0
Volunteer Activities Totals	411.25	544.30	545.95	665.70	2762.75
Continuing Education Totals (Separate Option in Activity Menu-the required 6hrs)	90.55	118.50	75.50	86.5	398.55

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LPMGA CALENDAR JUNE/JULY 2019

JUNE 5—GENERAL MEETING DOWNTOWN LIBRARY 12:30 PM
JUNE 17-21—INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE
JUNE 18—LPMGA BOARD MEETING IRA NELSON HORT CENTER 1 PM
AUGUST-NOVEMBER—2019 MASTER GARDENER CLASS
OCTOBER 30—DEADLINE FOR OUTSTANDING MASTER GARDENER
AWARD NOMINATIONS
NOVEMBER 30—DEADLINE FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR "TOP TEN"
VOLUNTEERS CONSIDERATION
DECEMBER 4—LPMGA DECEMBER SOCIAL AND GRADUATION-AWARDS
AND RECOGNITIONS
DECEMBER 15TH—DEADLINE TO RECORD 2019 VOLUNTEER AND CON-
TINUING EDUCATION HOURS

UPCOMING:

LPMGA GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 4
LPMGA APPRECIATION MONTH

As an organization we are only as good as our members. Our Executive Board will dedicate the September General Meeting to thanking our membership for their hard work and dedication.

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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