

LPMGA GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY

March 4 1 PM *

**Downtown Library
301 W. Congress
Lafayette, LA**

**Speaker: Larry Lemaire
Hydroponics**

**Note Time Change*

LPMGA Board

Meeting

Friday March 20 1 PM

Location To Be Announced

LPMGA GENERAL MEETING

The February LPMGA General meeting was a great success with 75 members attending. Our speaker, Dr. Allen Owings, shared some amusing Horticulture disasters, mistakes and common misinformation. It was informative and entertaining.

Our President, Colette Anzalone, spoke to us about the upcoming opportunities for volunteer hours. FDF needs a chairperson for Volunteer Committee. Camilla Drobish will be stepping aside, but is willing to work with the new person to help them take on the new task. This is a great opportunity to earn your volunteer hours and is very important to Festival des Fleurs. Next we have the Sunset Herb Festival, Daylily Festival, Horticultural Hints and Ask a Master Gardener Table. **Watch for information on these events in your email and of course the Gardeners Gazette.**

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PROPAGATION AND DEMO BEDS GET NEW SHED AND EDGING!



A new shed was procured from Tuff Shed and is being installed behind the cottage at Ira Nelson. It is funded by and shared between the demo bed and propagation committees. This will give the gardeners a good place to store the propagation sales tents, soil additives, and other miscellaneous goods that need a dry storage place.



In addition new edging was installed at the garden and demo beds.



LPMGA 2017 Class pollinator bed is really popping out for spring. The bed is anchored with Butterfly Bush and Sasanqua Camelias and filled in with annuals of Pansies, Dianthus and Snapdragons. Who says winter gardens can not be colorful and fun!

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**

March 4	March 20
April 1	April 21
May 6	May 19
June 3	June 16
July No Meeting	July No Meeting
August 5	August 18
September 2	September 15
October 7	October 20
November 4	November 17
December Social	December 15

WHAT PLANT AM I?

I grow on an ancient plant, native to the Middle East and western Asia, and am a member of the Mulberry family. According to the LSU website, I've been in cultivation for more than 6,000 years, before wheat, barley, and legumes. There are many references to me in Greek and Roman myths and literature, and in Genesis, the first book of the Bible. I am actually a fleshy, hollow branch which has small flowers and fruit inside. Some of my varieties need to be pollinated by a wasp which enters through an opening distal to my attachment to the branch from which I emerge. This wasp doesn't exist in Louisiana, so I'm only produced by varieties which don't require pollination. The LSU agricultural center has been breeding new varieties, which can be found at nurseries, garden centers, and plant sales throughout Louisiana.

Mark Simon, MG 2008, says to take cuttings in February. Wrap in moist paper towels and seal in a plastic bag. Pot the rooted cuttings in perlite/peat moss. Keep moist, well drained, and out of sunlight. Cuttings should be ready to plant by September. Thought should be taken to select the right planting site. I need full sun, plenty of space, and good airflow. Plant me on a "pitcher's mound" several inches above soil level. This helps to keep my roots slightly drier, important in our hot, humid climate. My shoot growth should be 1 to 1 1/2 feet/year. Do not overfertilize, which can cause me to not mature. I need 4 to 6 inches of mulch and regular watering to enable me to prosper. My main crop occurs on the current season's growth.

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**

Cell No. (337) 288-0283

**Email order to: colette.anzalone1@louisiana.edu
then MAIL check to me.**

PICKUP BEHIND COTTAGE IN FIELD OFF ST. LANDRY

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 24, 2020

THE DEVENPORT REPORT:



THE INFORMATION I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU TODAY CENTERS AROUND LAWNS. PERHAPS EVERYONE HAS NOTICED THE EXPLOSION OF WINTER WEEDS IN THEIR LAWNS IN THE PAST MONTH OR SO. WHEN HOMEOWNERS SEE SUCH AN INFESTATION THEY FIRST THINK “WEED & FEED”. THE WEED PART IS CORRECT, HOWEVER, AS A MASTER GARDENER YOU SHOULD INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT APRIL SHOULD BE THE FIRST MONTH ANY TYPE OF FERTILIZER SHOULD BE APPLIED TO THE LAWN. THE REASON WHY WE WAIT IS TO LESSEN THE LIKELIHOOD OF DEVELOPING “BROWN OR LARGE PATCH” DISEASE IN OUR LAWNS, AND POSSIBLY THE ONSET OF COLD TEMPERATURE INJURY BY FORCING THE GRASS TO GROW A LITTLE EARLIER THAT IT SHOULD.

THERE ARE SEVERAL POST-EMERGENT HERBICIDES ON THE MARKET TO CHOOSE. YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW WHAT TYPE OF LAWN GRASS YOU HAVE AND MAKE SURE THAT IT IS LISTED ON THE BAG OR BOTTLE THAT YOU ARE USING. IN ADDITION, YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT THE WEEDS ARE YOU ARE TRYING TO KILL AND THAT THEY ARE LISTED ON THE LABEL AS WELL. MOST OF WHAT WE ARE SEEING ARE WINTER BROAD LEAF WEEDS, BUT THERE ARE SOME GRASSES LIKE ANNUAL BLUE GRASS THAT ARE GROWING OUT OF CONTROL THIS TIME OF YEAR. IT’S EASIER TO TAKE A BROADLEAF WEED OUT OF A LAWN GRASS THAN TRYING TO TAKE A WINTER GRASS OUT OF A LAWN GRASS. OFTEN TIMES THE USE OF A PRE-EMERGENT HERBICIDE HELPS WITH THIS TYPE OF CONTROL.

AGAIN, THE MAIN CONCEPT IS NOT TO FERTILIZE SOUTHERN LAWNS UNTIL THE MONTH OF APRIL!

LSU AgAgent Dan Devenport

KUDOS



KUDOS to the Master Gardener members of the LARC Vegetable Garden team: Jerome Alesi, Virginia Atkins, Brenda Blanchard, Barbara Feske, Carolyn Freeland, Peggy Musser, Cindy Rynott, and Anne Sonnier. These individuals make gardening a self-esteem-building experience for LARC consumers by teaching them gardening skills with patient demonstrations and praising the gardeners’ successful efforts. Barbara and Cindy keep the gardening experience energized and fun through their creativity and program ideas.

Chuck Schrader

SAVE THE DATE!

SOUTHERN GARDEN FESTIVAL

A Benefit for Family Promise of Acadiana

MAY 8TH AND 9TH 2020

3502 E. SIMCO

HAROLD & SARAH SCHOEFFLER GARDENS

This two day event offers many opportunities for LPMG to earn volunteer hours, with the added benefit of getting to work in one of the most picturesque settings in the area.

You Can Volunteer for:

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE A SCAVENGER HUNT

PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN APRIL TO GET THE BEDS READY FOR THE EVENT

SERVE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS AT THE TEA PARTY.

THEY WILL NEED SPEAKERS AND WE WILL HAVE A "ASK A MASTER GARDENER" TABLE

This is a very good opportunity to earn those Volunteer hours.

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 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 Fleurs returns to

Blackham Coliseum

April 18, 2020 for its 29th year.

The festival needs a **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CHAIRPERSON.**

If you are interested please contact Billie Welsh at welsh@louisiana.edu or 337-428-5339

LPMGA is offering a
continuing lecture series at the

Southside Library

6101 Johnson Street 70503

Thursday March 12, 6:30 PM

Growing 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

LEARN THE ART OF GARDENING

**MASTER GARDENER LEC-
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SOUTHSIDE
LIBRARY**

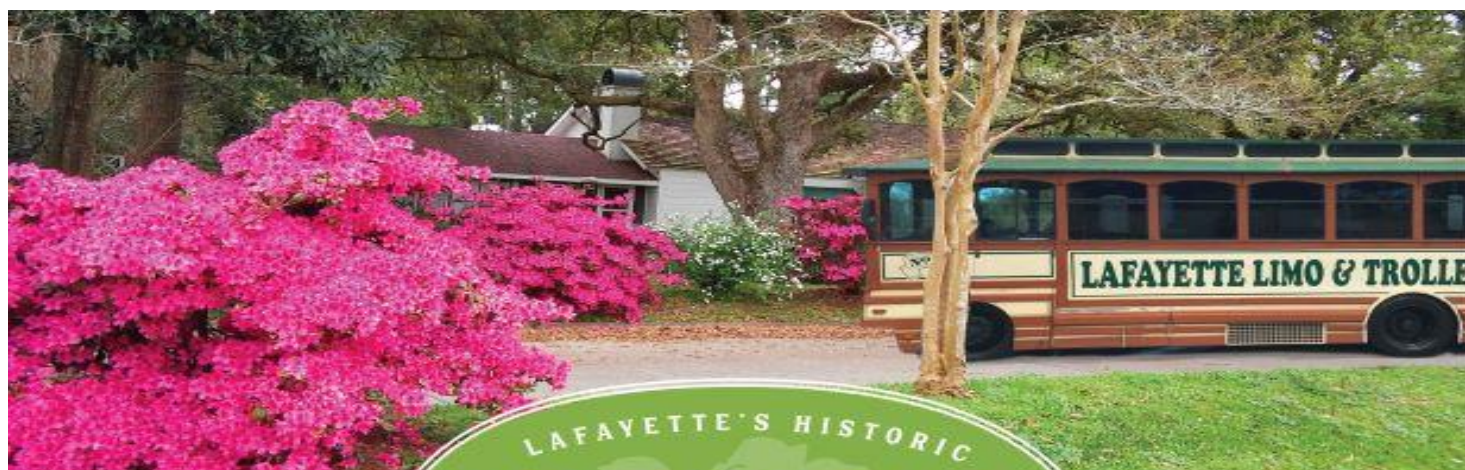
UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

GARDEN TALKS

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

March 21, 3 pm
Cindy Wiley, Azalea Trail & Care








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.



LAFAYETTE'S HISTORIC
AZALEA TRAIL
Celebrating over 80 years!
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VERMILIONVILLE
AZALEA RECEPTION
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020
11AM - 3PM

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

2020 LPMGA VOLUNTEER/CONTINUING EDUCATION HOUR REPORT Jan 2020														
Year To Date Service Hour Totals Report Jan 2020 Total Hrs 477.65 Total Vol Hrs 399.2 Total CE 78.45 People Reached 5457 Mileage 2706.90 Expenses 214.50	Activity Hours Totals By Details Report	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
	4H & Other Youth Activities	75.7												75.7
	Attending Bus/Admin Meetings	20												20
	Civic & Community	235												235
	Continuing Education	1												1
	Extension Activities	50.5												50.5
	LMG Teaching Activities	17												17
	Volunteer Activities Totals Volunteer Hours Summary Report	399.2												399.2
	Continuing Education Totals Volunteer Hours Summary Report	78.45												78.45
Updated 2/10/2020. The 2020 monthly totals may change throughout the year since hours may be recorded in previous months during the year. Previous month totals are not updated in this report. The Year To Date total reflects all hours recorded in 2020 thus far. The AgCenter currently places a value of \$10/hr for each recorded hour. A 2021 Annual Report will be sent to the membership when available.														

LPMGA SPRING PLANT/SEED SWAP

Saturday, MARCH 21

**LPMGA Demo Gardens
300 Coliseum Road
Lafayette, LA**

**Open Trading
8am to 11am**

**Formal TABLE Swap
9:00am**

**GET COMPLETE INFORMATION BY READING
THE LPMGA**

SPRING PLANT SEED/SWAP FLYER

ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER!

LPMGA FIELD TRIPS ARE BACK!

YOUR FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE IS IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING A FIELD TRIP TO "BRACY'S NURSERY". BRACY'S WAS FOUNDED 30 YEARS AGO IN AMITE LOUISIANA. THEY HAVE 240 ACRES DEDICATED TO PRODUCING PLANTS. DR.ALLEN OWINGS, AUTHOR AND LEADER OF LSU AG CENTER EXTENSION PROGRAMS 'WILL BE OUR TOUR GUIDE. THIS WILL BE A DAY TRIP AND WILL INCLUDE OUR TOUR AND A STOP FOR LUNCH. SPACE WILL BE LIMITED SO BE WATCHING FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS SO YOU CAN SIGN UP!



LPMGA DEMO BED TOUR

Students from Carencro High recently toured the Demo Beds, enjoyed a lesson on different seeds and visited the INHC Conservatory. Gail Wakefield, Loraine Allain, Lynn Dubois, Sandra Matthews, Lisa Boudreaux and Kathy Troyanowski led the tour.



TIME TO ORDER LPMGA T- SHIRTS AND APRONS

Deadline to order Polos, T-Shirts and aprons is Friday March 13. Watch your email for the order form, pick one up at the March meeting or propagation. Contact Peggy Taylor at pttaylor@hotmail.com if you need more information.

TIME TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!

LPMGA MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE AT THE END OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR. YOUR 2020 MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT WAS DUE DECEMBER 31 2019. IF YOU MISSED THE DEADLINE, IT IS NOT A PROBLEM, JUST MAIL THE \$25 (\$20 MEMBERSHIP AND \$5 LATE FEE) TO DEBBIE DUPUY 119 BELL-RIDGE DRIVE LAFAYETTE 70506. DOES NOT APPLY TO 2019 LPMG GRADUATES.



Ira Nelson Horticultural Center is an amazing place. If you have not been lately you should take the time to visit and walk around a little.

The Japanese Magnolia's (Magnolia x soulangiana 'Alexandrina') Grace the main entrance of the center. These trees are an ancient tree that are native to SW China. They got their common name as the first trees brought to the US came to us from Japan.



WHAT PLANT AM I ANSWER



Ficus carica : Fig var. Celeste





SCHOOL GARDEN INITIATIVE

SIXTH ANNUAL ON CUISINE DU JARDIN COOK-OFF

“WE COOK FROM THE GARDEN”



GREEN T LINDON



RIDGE



BURKE



FATIMA



L LEO JUDICE



**CATHEDRAL
CARMEL**

Schools who participate in the School Garden Initiative (SGI) have students who grow their own fruits, vegetables and flowers in school gardens, guided by their teachers and Master Gardener volunteers. Those classes then participate in a cooking competition using their newfound knowledge of nutritional values, food safety and menu planning.

On Saturday February 8, six teams (out of nine SGI schools) and their supporters assembled at the David Thibodeaux STEM Magnet Academy in Lafayette, to watch the SGI students cook, plate, and go up on stage to present their project history to the crowd of about 250.

First place as well as the “Spirit Award” went to the first graders of Green T. Lindon Elementary School, whose eggplant lasagna will be put on the school menu for all 30,000 school children to sample in the Lafayette Parish School System (LPSS) in October 2020 during National School Lunch Week.

Charles Burke Elementary was second, with a great plate of beef, beets and berries, and also won “Most School Grown Vegetables”.

And in third place, the fifth grade girls of L. Leo Judice Elementary in their green chef outfits offered an improved school lunch of sweet and sour chicken wrap (with a great crunch), as well as being “Food Safety” Champions.

Christopher Pothier, class of 2019 MGIT, their celebrity chef who works at the restaurant, *Social*, said, “With only a two-hour run though before the competition including discussion of food safety, it was refreshing to realize that the LL Judice girls knew more about food and cooking from home too. It was a wonderful experience and I would do it again.”

Our Lady of Fatima had grown a huge cabbage and was a leader in “Teamwork” presenting an Asian Chicken lettuce wrap. The Ridge Roadhouse 2nd grade boys were “Most Creative” making a Creamy Cabbage Casserole and Fruit Pizza. Cathedral Carmel got “Most Organized” even though it was their first year, and they cooked a delicious Chicken Wonton Cup.

The LSU Ag Center, Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association, and LPSS Child Nutrition Services fund this project.

LPMGA MEMBERS ENJOYING THE 2020 "ON CUISINE DU JARDIN COOK-OFF"

There were four booths by Master Gardener volunteers at the Cook-Off :

- identify and taste it! (veggies)
- bicycle to power a blender, and drink the smoothie it made!
- take a newspaper hat and decorate with colorful feathers & 'jewels'
- make a plantable radish seed necklace



CHERYL PERRET, ALICE
BEGNEAUD, COLETTE
ANZALONE



KAREN TRAHAN
NOT SHOWN



SHANNON HEBERT, GER-
MAINE LATTIER, CHRISTY
ADAMS



BARBARA MCCONNELL



SARA SHIELDS &
COLETTE ANZALONE



SARA SHIELDS &
CHARLES HEBERT



TINKER DUGAS &
DAN DEVENPORT



RICO & AMY WANDER
& BOOTSIE DURAND



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DOWNTOWN LIBRARY 301 W CONGRESS
SPEAKER LARRY LEMAIRE

February 29 Down & Dirty Garden Seminar Cypress Bend Resort

March 7 Saturday 11 am-3pm Vermillionville Azalea Reception

March 13 Deadline To Order Shirts/Aprons

March 7 & 14 Azalea Trail Trolley Rides 9 am to Noon

March 21 Spring Plant/Seed Swap

March 21 All Seasons Garden Talks Return

April 2nd Moncus Park Grand Opening Gala

April 18: Festival des Fleurs/LPMGA Spring Plant Sale
www.festivaldesfleurs.org

May 2: Sunset Herb And Garden Festival 8am-4pm
240 Marie St, Sunset LA
www.sunsetherbfestival.com

May 8-9 Southern Garden Festival
3502 E. Simco, Lafayette LA

May 30: Daylily Festival 8:30am-3pm
2 South Magdalen Square Abbeville, LA

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