

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting Fellow Master Gardeners,

Well thanks to the hard-working MG volunteers at Festival des Fleurs, we were able to have yet another successful showing. Thank you, speakers, cashiers, set-up, teardown and all 35 of the talented ladies taking care of sales. I was tired by the time it was over, so I just want to say thank you! thank you! to all who helped tear it down and bring everything back to the shade house. Please take the time to make the spring social and enjoy yourself with all your gardening family. We also have Sarah's party to go to see about as well on the 4th, so if you can volunteer for that, please do. This event helps so many that are not as fortunate as you and I. Thank you Mary Gladney the newsletter is looking great, Thanks Jenell for getting our e-mail working again. It will start getting hotter so remember we are not as young as we look, drink plenty of water and happy gardening.

An Honor to serve you!

Juan Nieto, President LPMGA

LPMGA

GENERAL MEETING

SPRING SOCIAL

5:30-7:30 PM

MAY 1

**PAM WOMACKS'S HOME
1018 BAYOU TORTUE RD
BROUSSARD, LA 70518**

LPMGA BOARD MEETING

**IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE
CENTER (INHC)**

1 PM TUESDAY MAY 21

**IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE CENTER
(INHC)**

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Master Gardener's Spring Picnic

May 1, 2019

**Pam Womack's home
1018 Bayou Tortue Rd.
Broussard, LA 70518**

Picnic Style Menu

Fried Chicken fingers

Potato salad & green salad

Lemonade/water

Various desserts (volunteers to bring)

Watermelon

*****Bring chairs and other refreshments,
if you like**

May 1, 2019

5 7:30

\$10

**Please R.S.V.P. with
name & money**

**by April 26 to Debbie Dupuy
119 Bellridge Dr.,
Lafayette, LA 70506**

Spread the News!

**2019 LSU AgCenter Master Gardener Class Applications
Are being accepted until May 31st**

**Contact the AgCenter at 1010 Lafayette St, Suite 325 Lafayette or
(337) 291-7090 for more information**

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
<i>Dates, times, topics and locations are subject to change</i>	
MAY 1 SPRING SOCIAL	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

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

One of the most rewarding opportunities we have to give back to the community is to share our knowledge and passion of gardening. We can do so by volunteering for the Ask A Master Gardener table. Below is a list of events you can volunteer for :

Saturday, April 20th, 9-10 am, All Seasons Nursery

Saturday, May 4th, 8am to 4pm, Sunset Herb Festival

Saturday, May 4th, 8am to 5pm, Southern Garden Festival

Saturday, May 18th, 9-10 am, All Seasons Nursery

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KUDOS

Go out to the Children's Activity Table Committee. We received some very positive feedback from those who visited and those that worked as volunteers.

A special thanks to

Martha Giroir

for creating an imaginative and creative learning environment for the children that was FUN! From the live displays of lady bugs, worms, and caterpillars to the crafts that the children created of these garden helpers, it was a great time for all.

THE DEVENPORT REPORT



Getting the Jump

Last year was the first time I tried plating tomato plants early and cold temperature protection was the issue. I was fortunate to have a microclimate in my backyard that was created by my home, back fence and southern exposure. I decided to plant some larger plants, that would be a little stronger, so I planted a few one-gallon "Better Bush" tomato plants in mid-February using metal tomato stakes. Late winter and early spring temperatures did not bother these plants and I harvested my first tomatoes in April. Not only did I get to eat tomatoes earlier than I had ever eaten before, I was able to harvest until early June with the crop. The one problem I had using these metal stakes is that the weight of the crop caused the plant to slip down and bend and crack the stem.

Another advantage of this early planting was that I was able to grow and harvest the crop before insect pressures built up in the garden. I am talking mainly about stinkbugs that are more difficult to control and damage fruit to the point that they become inedible. After I pulled the tomato plants out of the garden, I immediately planted some "Ambrosia" cantaloupe seed and made a wonderful crop that had few problems.

This spring, I planted again in mid-February but I broke down, purchased some welded cattle panels that I attached to "t" posts with plastic cable ties. This way, I was able to tie off my tomato plants every 6" and eliminated the slippage of the weighted tomato plants. In addition, the cattle panels allowed me to use frost protection material over my plants from both sides of the panel and clothes pinned them above the plants creating a tee pee effect and reduced cold temperature injury. We did have a late winter frost/freeze that caused slight damage to a few leaves on my tomatoes but I will be harvesting early again this year.

You can try doing this with a few plants in your garden. My garden is so small that it works well for me!

LSU AgCenter Dan Devenport

WHAT PLANT AM I?

I'm a perennial deciduous shrub, native to most of the United States, and grow from 6 feet to 12 feet or more in height. I can grow up to twice as wide as I am high, forming dense thickets. My form can get leggy, with my foliage concentrated on my upper third branches. My leaves are pinnately compound and fine textured. I have a low tolerance for shade and salinity. In Spring, I put forth small purple to dark blue flowers with yellow stamens, which have only one petal, and crowd onto 3 inch to 6 inch spikes. They cluster near the ends of my branchlets. I bloom from April to June. Both my flowers and my foliage are fragrant. My nectar is used by bees, butterflies and insects. I am a larval host to butterflies, such as skippers, hairstreaks, and dogfaces.

I have no serious insect or disease problems. However, I am susceptible to leaf spot, powdery mildew, twig canker and rust. Deer find me distasteful.

Propagation is by scarified seed and soft or hardwood cuttings. Nick the seed, soak in hot water for 10 minutes, and plant. I like moist acidic soil in sun or partial shade. I am also available commercially. Use me for erosion control, windbreaks and screens. I'm good for moist naturalized areas or areas with poor soils.

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

GARDEN STROLLS

Fabian And Anne Patin's Garden - located at

104 Randy Circle,
Lafayette, La. 70501

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 10:00 to 12:00

Property Description: This 3/4 acre property has 2 ponds, several fountains, sloping site with berms, compost bins, and 6 raised beds for vegetable gardening. Previous Tours: 2010 Avec Souci Garden Tour and on a LPMGA Garden Stroll years ago.

Published: Twice featured in the Louisiana Gardener Magazine



DEMO GARDEN SCHOOL TOUR

Loraine Allain, Judy Corne and Gail Wakefield taking the children on a tour of our children's garden.

Our Lady of Fatima 3rd grade students tour gardens as a culmination activity to a unit on plants.

Linda Beyt and Corinne Guilder talk about seeds.

LPMGA Garden Talk

May 18th 10am

ALL SEASONS NURSERY
2974 Johnston St, Lafayette

Garden Talks are back!

3RD SATURDAYS AT 10AM

The Featured Speaker for May:
Dan Devenport

LAWN CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Ask A Master Gardener table opens at 9:45
Our Garden Talks series offers an important educational outreach of LPMGA. Please contact Linda Beyt if you would like to become involved as a speaker or helper, or to volunteer for the Ask A Master Gardener table.

Ask A MG is looking for volunteers, ask about joining the team after you enjoy the talk.

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**

Tuesday, May 14th,
presentation will begin 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

These lectures earn one hour of Continuing Education credit

AVEC SOUCI PRESENTS "LES BREAUZ JARDINS"

GARDEN TOURS MAY 5TH

Five unique gardens will be open for the 32nd Avec Souci Garden Tour, which will be held from 1pm to 5pm Sunday, May 5, Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. The gardens on tour are:
Emily Hamner/ Kevin Breauz, 126 Acadian Drive
Stephanie Day,, 109 Michelle Circle

Richard Howes and Ken Douget, 104 Allee de Chene
Linda Kidd/Al Mallet, Jr./103 Bradbury Crossing
Mouton Plantation-RaviDagula (Host Home) 338 N. Sterling St.
Tickets can be purchased from Avec Souci members

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 Ione 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.

National Public Gardens Week May 13-17, 2019 | 9 am-Noon

LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens is proud to join American Public Gardens Association and 500+ gardens nationwide in celebrating National Public Gardens Week. This annual, weeklong event will be committed to emphasizing the import role public gardens across the country play in promoting education and exposure to our environment as well as our gardens. Each day of the week will have a themed agenda. The event is free and open to the public. There is no registration necessary.

Please contact Hadley Guidry HKGuidry@agcenter.lsu.edu for any questions, comments, or concerns.

Monday | Specialty Gardens Day

9:00: Rose Garden presentation by Allen Owings

9:30: Tour by Wanda

10:00: Tropicals presentation by Frank Zachariah

10:30: Tour by Tyler

11:00: Trees & Trails presentation by John Huff, Glen Wilson

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Tuesday | Family Garden Day (Pollinator/Herb Garden)

9:00: Presentation on the Herb Garden by Mary Williams

9:30: Presentation on Pollinator Garden by Sarah Rayner

10:00: Self-guided tour of the Herb Garden & Pollinator Garden

Wednesday | Farm Day

9:00 am: Tour 1 - Hay ride; AAS Garden talk by Keith (vegetables) and Aubrey (ornamentals); Tour of orchard by Dr. Johnson

10:30 am: Tour 2 - Hay ride; AAS Garden talk by Keith (vegetables) and Aubrey (ornamentals); Tour of orchard by Dr. Johnson

Thursday | Invite Only Volunteer Day

Volunteer Appreciation Day

Friday | Historical Garden Day

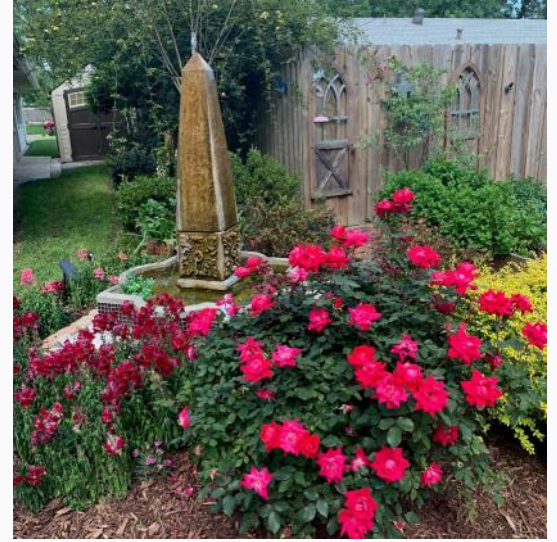
9:00 am: Tour 1 of Windrush by Mr. Monroe, Dr. Kuehny, Ken

10:30 am: Tour 2 of Windrush by Mr. Monroe, Dr. Kuehny, Ken

Garden Stroll Thank You



Many thanks to Julie Rabelais for hosting an MG Stroll April 6th. Her gardens are beautiful and located in such a tranquil setting. We had a great turn out.



“HEALERS GARDEN” HOST EVENT AT VERMILLIONVILLE!

Mark your calendar for **May 18**. That is the day that the Healer’s Garden Committee will once again host its popular speaker series, “Healing Traditions of Acadiana.” The series is in its fifth year and is still going strong. On this day our speaker will be our own Mary Ann Armbruster, your former president, and, along with Mary Perrin, is co-chairman of the Healer’s Garden. She will be giving an in-depth talk about every plant that is currently in our garden, what its medicinal qualities are (some of them have antibiotic properties, some are anti-inflammatory, some stop bleeding, some soothe an upset stomach and one even lowers blood sugar), and how it is used. So if you were ever curious about medicinal plants, please come and join us. It’s at 11 AM on Saturday, May 18, in the Performance Center at Vermillionville.

Admission is free, but a five dollar donation is suggested.

Mary Perrin

WHAT PLANT AM I ANSWER



Amorpha fruticosa-Indigo bush, False Indigo





Come celebrate the beauty of spring at Southern Garden Festival, May 3-4. Dine & Dance Under the Stars on Friday night for \$75/person or \$100/couple. Saturday features a variety of activities in the gardens for all ages.

This annual favorite event, hosted by Sarah & Harold Schoeffler, benefits Family Promise of Acadiana, which helps homeless families become independent. Several Master Gardeners lend their expertise to help make this event a success. Learn more and get tickets at

FamilyPromiseAcadiana.org or call 337-233-3447.

Thank you!
Lisa Prejean

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SARAH'S SOUTHERN GARDEN FESTIVAL MAY 4TH

Volunteers are needed for this year's Southern Garden Festival at Sarah Schoefflers Saturday May 4th. There are several areas where volunteers are needed. One is preparing the gardens for the event during the month of April. Other areas needing volunteers are servers in the Garden Room on Saturday, assistance with the children's scavenger hunt, Sherlyn Larrison can be contacted for more information and for ask a Master Gardner

sbellar@gmail.com. Contact Sarah at cadistyle@aol.com for a schedule.

This event will provide volunteer hours for Master Gardeners.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018 MGS RECEIVING THEIR GOLD BADGES

These three MGs In Training are the latest to finish their 40 hours

Barbara Feske Jen Fournet Patrick Tracy

Thank you for your hard work and your commitment!

Observations From Outside



A drive of just over 100 miles will take you to 1345 Arboretum Lane in Gloster, MS. This is the location of the Gloster Arboretum founded in 1965 by Frank and Sara Gladney of Baton Rouge, LA. It is managed by the John James Audubon Foundation to preserve and protect the unique indigenous plant associations found there and to preserve and enhance non-indigenous plants introduced by the Gladney's and others. Native plants include a variety of trees in the beech family, magnolias, stewartia, mountain laurels, rhododendrons, azaleas, and viburnums. The trails have multiple areas that include plots of wildflowers and it is not unusual to observe 20 different species of butterflies. You are welcome to drive the roads, hike the trails or just stop along the way for reflection in this 400-acre nature preserve.

It is a great way to experience a stunning abundance of trees, shrubs, and flowers, many of which are native to southern Mississippi, preserved in a natural



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

LPMGA GETS OUR OWN YOUTUBE AND INSTAGRAM

Did you know that in addition to our Facebook, we have our own Youtube Channel and Instagram? Meagan Stogsdill has created both new media platforms for Lafayette Master Gardeners to use in order to engage public interest, raise our profile in the gardening community and best of all, further our Mission! You can find over 10 hours of continuing education on our Youtube! You can find them by using the links on our Facebook (click "about") and our Website, or by using these links:

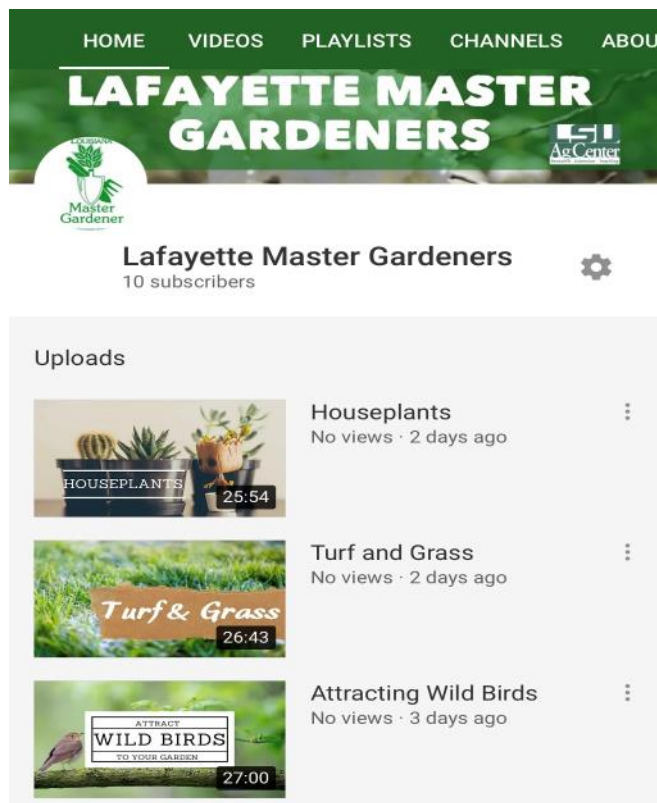
www.instagram.com/lafayettemastergardeners

www.youtube.com/channel/UC1NC6RC7PG77zIA51NjO53A

Once we have 100 subscribers on Youtube we can customize the Youtube link so make sure to subscribe! Now that we're up and running, we need your help to create content on these platforms. Next time you're at a Master Gardener Event, just take your phone out of your pocket and take a few pictures. Send them to media@lpmga.org with a caption. It can be a single sentence or a short paragraph. Just make sure the subject(s) in the picture OK the picture going public. Once we get the picture with the caption, we'll know it's OK to publish. Your time and effort can be counted toward volunteer hours, too!



LPMGA INSTAGRAM



LPMGA YOUTUBE

Hey Committee Chairs! We want to brag about your committee's work! We know you're busy during your events, so pick a trusted committee member to be your official "publicist". All they need to do is send in a picture and heading (or two or three) and we'll take it from there. If you can't find a permanent "publicist", take some pictures of our own, or pick someone during each event.

Are you or someone you know being under-recognized for your hard work and accomplishments? That ends now! Master Gardeners shine when our members and their work shine, so send us pictures with captions! We want to recognize all of the hard work you do! Catch someone in the act of doing good! Send us their picture, (with their consent) and a caption and we will show them off!

Stacy Lee
Facebook

VOLUNTEER AND CE HOURS REPORT JAN-MARCH 2019

It's hard to believe, but we're quickly heading toward the half way point of 2019. Please remember to record your Volunteer and CE hours. If you need help recording, setting up your account or resetting User Names or Pass-words feel free to contact Volunteer Coordinator Louann McClelland-Long mglouann@gmail.com

ADD THE AGCENTER ICON TO MAKE RECORDING A BREEZE

Instructions for Adding an LSU AgCenter Icon to your Cell Phone and Reporting Continuing Education/ Volunteer Service Hours:

Open your Browser or Search Engine-Type in lsuagcenter.com

Scroll down under "Topics" to "Lawn & Garden"

Scroll down to "Master Gardener" and click on it

Scroll down to "Reporting Site Login" and click on it

At the bottom of your screen, you will see a box with an arrow pointing up. Click on it.

Scroll left until you see (+) "Add to Home Screen." Click on it. Click Add.

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. Please contact Juan Nieto for more information.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Speakers Bureau is always looking for MGs to give presentations and help with setup. Contact Juan Nieto for details.

LARC GARDEN

Join the team at the vegetable and new cut flower garden at LARC. Contact Chuck Schrader for more information on work days.

UPCOMING

The 2019 Master Gardener Class will be starting up in August, please consider volunteering your time as a Master

Volunteer Hour Totals for 2019

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
Volunteer Coordinator
Louann McClelland-Long
(337) 501-7998
louann@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER/CE HOUR TOTALS JANUARY-APRIL 2019				
CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
4H & Other Youth Activities	41	62.40	84.25	191.65
Attending Bus/Admin Meetings	12.0	50.0	12.5	74.50
Civic & Community	344.25	373.40	352.80	1071.45
Continuing Education	5.50	0	10.15	15.65
Extension Activities	44	27.50	51.50	123
LMG Teaching Activities	10	27.00	33.75	70.75
Volunteer Activities Totals Report Rounds Up	411.25	544.30	545.95	1547.00
Continuing Education Totals	90.55	118.50	75.50	291.05

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LPMGA CALENDAR APRIL 2019

MAY 1 — LPMGA SPRING SOCIAL PAM WOMACKS'S HOME 5:30-7:30

1018 BAYOU TORTUE RD BROUSSARD, LA

MAY 4—FABIAN PATIN GARDEN STROLL

MAY 4—SARAH SCHOEFFLER'S SOUTHERN GARDEN FESTIVAL

MAY 4—HOPEWELL GARDEN TOUR, COVINGTON

MAY 5—AVEC SOUCI GARDEN TOUR, 1-5PM LAFAYETTE LA

MAY 14—LECTURE SERIES EASTSIDE LIBRARY YOUNGVILLE 6:30

GARDENING IN THE SOUTH

MAY 18—HEALER'S GARDEN SPEAKER SERIES, "HEALING TRADITIONS
OF ACADIANA VERMILIONVILLE

MAY 18—ALL SEASONS LPMG GARDEN TALK

MAY 21—LPMGA BOARD MEETING 1PM IRA NELSON HORT CENTER

JUNE 1, 2019 – NEW ORLEANS BOTANICAL GARDEN, NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA – THE BEST NATIVES FOR NEW ORLEANS GARDENS BY MARC
PASTOREK

JUNE 17-21—INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

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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