

## LPMGA GENERAL MEETING

**12:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 6**

**DOWNTOWN LIBRARY  
301 W. CONGRESS**

**KAREN GULOTTA**

**PLUMERIA**

**ELECTION OF  
OFFICERS**

**LPMGA BOARD  
MEETING**

**IRA NELSON (INHC)**

**NOTE CHANGE:**

**1PM MONDAY**

**NOVEMBER 25**

## **SLATE OF LPMGA 2020 BOARD OFFICERS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE NOVEMBER 6TH GENERAL MEETING**

### PRESIDENT

**Colette Anzalone  
MG 2012**

### VICE PRESIDENT

**Don Weintritt  
MG 2017**

### TREASURER

**Debbie Dupuy  
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### RECORDING SECRETARY

**Patricia Soileau  
MG 2000**

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

**Ellen Garacci  
MG 2016**

### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

**Louann McClelland-Long  
MG 2009**

### MEMBER AT LARGE NOMINEE

**Marsha Bayer  
MG 2016**

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## **THE DEVENPORT REPORT:**



Our 2019 Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners class has concluded and I am so impressed with this group. Several class members have already earned their 40 volunteer hours and others are very close to finishing their requirement. Be sure to congratulate them when they receive their permanent badges at graduation!

Class members have signed up for many of the committees and the general membership has noticed. Propagation, school gardens, Plant Fest and LARC gardens have all benefited from this year's class participation.

I want to thank Babette Werner, Julie Rabalais, Charla Mercier, Alexis Darbonne and Jen Fournet for assisting with the delivery of this year's program. I would like to thank Sandi Leonard and all of the mentors that have done a wonderful job mentoring this year. Last but not least, I would like to thank Gail Whitney and Paul Manuel for all their help in the classroom!

I would like to thank all the specialists and program presenters for a wonderful job delivering such outstanding programs. I think that our program is the best in the state!

Finally, I would like to thank Billy and Kristy for allowing us to use Ira Nelson and preparing for and cleaning up after us!

**LSU AgAgent Dan Devenport**

## MEETINGS, REPORTS AND BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| 2019 LPMGA<br>General Meetings<br>First Wednesday<br>Monthly<br>except for July | 2019 LPMGA Board<br>Meetings<br>1pm on Third<br>Tuesday of each<br>month except July |
| <i>Dates, times, topics and locations are subject to change</i>                 |  |
| NOVEMBER 6, 12:30 PM  | NOVEMBER 25, 1 pm  |
| <b>Social &amp; Graduation</b><br><b>TUESDAY</b><br><b>DECEMBER 3, 6PM</b>      | DECEMBER 17, 1 pm  |

# KUDOS

## TO THE PROPAGATION TEAM

THIS GROUP OF DEDICATED MASTER GARDENERS MEET EACH WEDNESDAY. THEY MAKE SURE OUR DEMONSTRATION BEDS ARE READY FOR PUBLIC ENJOYMENT .

THEY PREPARE ALL YEAR FOR OUR TWO PLANT SALES...PLANTFEST AND FESTIVAL DES FLEUR. THEY START NEW PLANTS FROM SEEDS AND CUTTINGS TAKEN FROM OUR PLANTS AT THE GARDENS OR DONATED BY OUR MEMBERS.

KUDO'S FOR ALL THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION THESE FOLKS PUT INTO THE WORK THEY DO FOR OUR ORGANIZATION!



## The Election Of The 2020 Board And Member At Large Will Take Place At The November 6th General Meeting

### 2019 LPMGA BOARD

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# SCHOOL GARDEN INITIATIVE NEWS FROM ERNEST GALLET



Ms. Hannah Leblanc's third grade class has been hard at work getting their garden ready for planting. In August we learned about garden safety and in September our lesson was 5 Things Needed for A Healthy Plant.

On September 25 we attended the School Garden Training Day at Charles Burke Elementary. The teachers and garden ambassadors learned about healthy soil, how to create a watering schedule for your garden, the effects of litter on our environment, and a healthy diet with "My Plate. "

Our plants from Bonnie were delivered this week. Our tubs are clean and ready but we have a big problem. Our garden has been invaded by Brown Widow spiders! They are not native to our area. School gardeners check your garden! They like plastic and are under the lips of our garden tubs. They have a very distinctive egg sack and seem to be very aggressive and protective of their eggs. Dan called Dr. Ring at LSU and he advised using Bifenthrin, but it is not approved for use by the school board. We are awaiting their action. We may have to use an alternate location for our garden this Fall, and hopefully plant in our regular tubs in the spring. P.S. The school will be sprayed for the invading spiders!



## WHAT PLANT AM I?

I'm a cool-season bushy annual, somewhat spiraling in growth, native to the Mediterranean. I was mentioned by Pliny the Elder as relief for melancholy. The Crusaders drank beverages with my flowers floating on top to give them courage. My leaves and stems are hairy. I can grow up to three feet tall and almost as wide. All of my parts are edible except my roots. My blue star-shaped flowers arch downward, and, when dried, are used in potpourri. They can also be candied or crystallized. I'm also used to make Pimm's Cup, with gin and liquors added. My leaves can be added to salads, cottage cheese, soups and egg dishes. I'm said to taste like fresh cucumbers.

I grow in poor sandy or clay soil in full sun to part shade. I self-seed readily, and can be invasive if not kept in check by pulling up babies that spring up voluntarily. Because of my long tap root, I don't transplant well. I am planted from September to February and bloom for many months. My seed pods resemble tiny footballs.

According to Amy at the (sorry) vomiting chicken website, my other uses include:

1. Cover crop. My long taproot pulls nutrients to the surface to enrich the soil when I'm tilled under.
2. Mulch. But remove seeds first.
3. Compost. Again, remove seeds first.
4. Companion plant with tomatoes, strawberries and squash. Some say I deter tomato hornworms.
5. Fertilizer. Cover leaves with water in a covered container and steep for two weeks. Strain and use one part liquid with nine parts water
6. Feed your chickens! Amy says her chickens love me and would smile if they had lips

*Do you know what plant I am?  
Look for the answer on page 7*



## DECEMBER SOCIAL RESERVATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 29

THE 2019 SOCIAL WILL BE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6PM  
AT THE PETROLEUM CLUB

*The deadline for reservations is  
Friday, November 29th*

*Send to: Treasurer Debbie Dupuy  
Make payment to: LPMGA*

The Social will feature the 2019 Master Gardener Class Graduation, the 2020 LPMGA Board Installation, recognition of our 20 year members, Sustaining Members, "Top Ten" Volunteers and our 2019 Outstanding Master Gardener

## "TOP TEN VOLUNTEERS" IS BACK FOR 2019

LPMGA will award the 10 members with the most recorded volunteer hours with a \$20 gift certificate to be used at our plant sales. These will be awarded at our Social on Tuesday, December 3rd.

*Volunteer Hours for Top Ten  
Consideration must be performed  
and recorded from  
January 1, 2019 to  
11:59pm on November 30, 2019*

*Contact Volunteer Coordinator  
Louann Long 501-7998 With Any Questions*

## Volunteers Are Needed For FDF 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 Blackam Colliseum  
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 November 18th.

LPMGA is offering a  
continuing lecture series at the  
Eastside Library

215 La Neuville Road, Youngsville  
November's lecture will be presented on:  
Thursday November 14 at 6:30pm

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 Gardeners Lecture  
Series At The Eastside Library**

# Upcoming Events Of Interest

## NOVEMBER GARDEN TALK

### ALL SEASONS NURSERY

2974 Johnston St, Lafayette

3RD SATURDAYS AT 10AM

The Featured Speaker for  
November 16th :

**MG TINA JUMONVILLE**  
**BASIC LANDSCAPE  
BED DESIGN**

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.



Our Lady Of Fatima

School Gardener Initiative.  
Sara Hellickson 4th grade teacher



# Observations From Outside

## Donald J. Hall Sculpture Park



The game of badminton is generally played on a grass court with rackets and small feathered game pieces called shuttlecocks that are held in the palm of your hand.

However, on the 22 acres of outside green space that makes up the Donald J. Hall Sculpture Park at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Missouri, there are four shuttlecocks that weight 5,500 pounds apiece, and are 18 feet tall!

These artworks are part of the more than 30 sculptures and art installations that make up the park whose creators range from the classical, Rodin and Renoir, to the modern, Henry Moore, Alexander Calder and Claes Oldenburg.

The art is displayed on wide terraces of soft Kentucky Blue Grass and fescue that slope south for several city blocks and are flanked by Linden trees; or, nestled among massed Fall floral plantings of bronze/rust colored sedums, and bright red dragon wing begonias (*begonia X hybrida*).

The grounds and building that houses the museum of more than 40,000 works was donated by William Rockhill Nelson in 1933, the founder of the Kansas City Star newspaper. It is frequented by both international visitors as well as the citizens and families of the area-is much beloved and general admission is free!

*Barbara McConnell*





## TIME FOR FALL PINE STRAW PICKUP, Y 'ALL!

Pick up is:  
Saturday, Nov 9th 8am to Noon  
\$8.50 per bale, cash or check  
payable to LPMGA at pick up,  
20 bale maximum.

*Thanks, Theresa Gore 2007*

## LPMGA FIELD TRIPS ARE BACK!

### THE TEAM

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## WHAT PLANT AM I?



### ANSWER:

Borago officinalis:  
Borage  
or Starflower

We are planning a trip in early spring 2020, but we can not be successful without your help.

Where do you want to go and/or what do you want to do? Who do you want to hear speak? What topics are you interested in?

Let us know your ideas, we are excited and ready to plan our next gardening adventure.

## Let's Be <sup>If</sup> Social!

Want to recognize a fellow MG for their great work, or show off a project or event LPMGA was involved in? Our social media channels would love your submissions so they can post about the great things our members do!

you would like to submit something to our Facebook, Instagram, or Youtube channel send an e-mail, including the content you would like to share, to:

Media@lpmga.org

*All submissions are subject to review before posting*

# 2019 LPMGA CLASS SPENT TIME WITH PROPAGATION TEAM



Our 2019 MGIT's participated in a propagation demonstration during class on Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup>. Our propagation volunteers meet every Wednesday around 8 Am to work on our demonstration beds and the breeding of plant specimens by natural processes from the parent stock.



In the Garden  
Lafayette Master Gardeners

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Crafting With Gourds

64 views



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## 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 Parish Master Gardeners" on YouTube or visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/lpmgayoutube>

Be sure to "Like" our videos and Subscribe to keep up with the latest videos and help our channel grow.



# LPMGA ELECTION TIMELINE

Please review the LPMGA Handbook for the responsibilities and requirements of the various Board positions. Please refer to the Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association Handbook (Bylaws section: page 3, Article VI, Section B, Nominations of the Officers and the Policies section: page 13, Member-At-Large Election)

1. The Member-At-Large serves as ombudsman and liaison between the Board and the general membership. This person is selected independently by the general membership by ballot vote following nomination from the floor. Prior approval by candidates is required before names can be submitted for nomination.
2. Member-At-Large Election Timeline:
  - September newsletter: Call made for Member-At-Large candidates to be nominated at the October general meeting. Permission must be obtained prior to nomination. (From nominee.)
  - October General Meeting: Nominations from the general membership for Member-At-Large are made and members decide on the method of voting. Since only active members can vote, the recommendation is made that ballots with space for additional nominees would guarantee that only active members are voting.
  - November General Meeting: Election of the Member-At-Large is held at the same time as election of the other board members.
  - December General Meeting: Installation of officers, including Member-At-Large. All officers, including Member-At-Large, take office January 1.

## VOLUNTEER AND CE HOURS

### *Some reminders for the coming months:*

Contact Colette Anzalone for information Speakers Bureau volunteer opportunities.

MG Class members are welcome, and encouraged, to attend all monthly meetings.

To be considered for 2019 "Top Ten" Volunteer recognition, hours must be recorded by 11:59 pm November 30.

Graduation, Awards and Recognitions will be part of the Social on TUESDAY, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 6pm at the Petroleum Club.

Please remember that hours must be recorded in the year that they have been performed.

Don't forget to record your travel time for volunteer activities.

## PLEASE CHECK YOUR RECORDED HOURS FOR ACCURACY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

I recently received an email from our Louisiana Master Gardener State Coordinator stating that she had received a few emails from other Louisiana MG groups reporting that their recorded volunteer hours were not showing in the online recording system. This problem has effected a small amount of volunteers statewide, but please check your recorded hours for accuracy as soon as possible. The Volunteer Coordinator cannot tell if hours are missing from your account.

Please note that due to the LSU AgCenter closing for holiday break, the AgCenter deadline for recording 2019 hours is December 15th. You may record 2019 hours until December 31st, but will not have the benefit of tech support if there is a problem.

With regards to the lost hours issue, again, please check your recorded hours as soon as you can.

Hours performed in 2019 can only be recorded in 2019, and no one wants to lose their hours.

**MASTER GARDENER CLASS MEMBERS:** Congratulations! Many of the 2019 Class have already achieved 40hrs. Remember that you have from the first day of your class to December 31st, 2019 AND from January 1st, 2020 to December 31st 2020 to achieve your goal. **Hours performed in 2019 must be recorded in 2019, hours performed in 2020 must be recorded in 2020.** The system does not allow us to add hours to previous years, only the current year.

Questions? Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Louann Long [mglouann@gmail.com](mailto:mglouann@gmail.com) or 501-7998



Thanks to the many Master Gardeners who participated in our PlantFest, both as volunteers and customers. We had a beautiful day, dry and sunny and not really that hot until the afternoon. We estimate somewhere between 300 and 500 people came out to take a look at our plants for sale and participate in the activities.

We struggled a bit at first when Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners decided to develop and promote a fall PlantFest. Becky Taylor first came up with the idea of a Community Fair; an event that offered something educational and entertaining for gardeners and cooks and people who would like to learn more about gardening and cooking. Linda Beyt proposed using the back yard of the Whittington House, and that pleasant space offers a really appealing backdrop for our activities.

Propagation continues to examine our plant offerings so that we can produce interesting and attractive plants for our customers. This year, our native plants seemed to really appeal.

I think this year's PlantFest was a success on all counts. We fulfilled our mission of educating people in

our community about growing and using plants, and we fulfilled our fund-raising mission as well. Including the proceeds of the raffle, we raised about \$10,400.

Congratulations folks, on a job well done!





## Acadiana Rose Society



VANESSA SAM & SHAUNDA PYLE  
WITH 2 OF STEVE'S ROSES

On October 17, 2019 Acadiana Rose Society hosted their monthly meeting at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center. Local hybridizer Steve Roussell was present. Members participated in hands on demonstrations and Power-Point discussion of hybridizing roses.



'BEVERLY' - KORDES ROSE  
Courtesy of Virginia Bowen



JUNE SAM (LEFT) ASSISTING  
STEVE PREPARING A ROSE TO BE USED  
FOR HYBRIDIZING



LOU SAVOY TRANSFERRING THE POLLEN



STEVE'S FAVORITE SAW AND  
PRUNERS MADE BY STIHL  
FROM NORTHERN TOOLS

## Horticultural Society Meetings

*From Roses to Bonsai and  
everything in between.*

**Several Horticultural Societies hold meetings at the Ira Nelson Center.  
For a list of groups that meet there visit the INHC website  
[horticulture.louisiana.edu](http://horticulture.louisiana.edu)**

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**NOVEMBER 3** Daylight Saving Time Ends Turn Clocks Back  
**NOVEMBER 6** 12:30pm LPMGA November General Meeting 2020  
Board Election  
**NOVEMBER 3** Veterans Day  
**NOVEMBER 14** EastSide Library Lecture Series 6:30 pm  
**NOVEMBER 16** ALL SEASONS Garden Talks 10 am  
**NOVEMBER 25** LPMGA Board Meeting 1pm Ira Nelson  
**NOVEMBER 28** Thanksgiving  
**NOVEMBER 29** Deadline for Social Reservation (Send to Treasurer)  
**NOVEMBER 30** Deadline for Vol. Hours For "Top Ten" Vol. Consideration

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 6PM  
LPMGA DECEMBER SOCIAL, GRADUATION  
INSTALLATION OF 2020 BOARD  
MG AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**DECEMBER 15** Deadline to record 2019 Volunteer and CE hours  
**DECEMBER 17** LPMGA Board Meeting 1pm Ira Nelson

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