

Gardener's Gazette

OCTOBER 2019



LPMGA
GENERAL MEETING
12 NOON
WEDNESDAY
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LPMGA BOARD MEETING

IRA NELSON (INHC)
1PM TUESDAY OCTOBER 15

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting Fellow Master Gardeners

Well it is finally cooling off a bit, and I am praying for Mother nature to please give us a nice day for PlantFest 2019. By the time you get this newsletter our event will be just days away. For all who will take part in this big event for us, thank you so much for all that you do. The School Training for our ten schools will be going on the 25th of this month.



Election of officers will take place next month, so if you know of anyone that is interested in serving on the board please speak up at the general meeting. We are rapidly approaching our end of the year so do not forget to record your volunteer hours.

As always feel free to text or call me

Juan Nieto, President LPMGA

ANNOUNCING NEW FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR COMMITTEE

DEBBIE DUPUY IS THE NEW FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE CHAIR. MARY GLADNEY WILL BE HER CO CHAIR. THEY ARE EXCITED ABOUT GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAN TRIPS THAT ARE NOT ONLY FUN BUT EDUCATIONAL FOR ALL.

In order to assist us in our endeavor to put together awesome trips we need your feedback.

- Would you like a fall field trip this year?
- Please suggest any place you would prefer to go. Remember if you loved it, we most likely will also.
- Are any of you interested in becoming a member of our committee?
 How about someone from our 2019 class?
- Please send responses to:

debbie.dupuy@yahoo.com and/or mgladney@cox.net

MEETINGS, REPORTS AND BOARD

2019 LPMGA
General Meetings
First Wednesday
Monthly
except for July

2019 LPMGA Board
Meetings
1pm on Third
Tuesday of each
month except July

Dates, times, topics and locations are subject to change

OCTOBER 2 6pm Southside Library	OCTOBER 15, 1 pm Ira Nelson Library
NOVEMBER 6	NOVEMBER 19,1 pm
Social & Graduation TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 6PM	DECEMBER 17, 1 pm



TESSIE HOFFPAUIR

MG 2015

SOMETIMES WE FORGET THAT JUST BEING THOUGHTFUL AND KIND CAN MEAN THE WORLD TO ANOTHER PERSON.

None of us really know how Lafayette Parish Horticulture Hints is created, formatted, condensed and published each quarter. It just magically shows up for us all. The Fall edition needed to be put together and Ellen Garacci, who is the lady that makes this all happen each quarter, experienced a death in her family. Tessie works with Dan Devenport at the LSU Agcenter and she noted that Ellen may need some help. She put Horticulture Hints together, ordered the number needed and had them ready to go for Ellen to distribute.

THANKS TESSIE FOR BEING THERE FOR ELLEN AND FOR US ALL.!



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OUTSTANDING MASTER GARDEN NOMINATIONS DUE OCTOBER 30TH

Nomination forms are available in the LPMGA Handbook.
Contact OMG Committee Chair MaryAnn Armbruster for details.

THE DEVENPORT REPORT:



I've been receiving a lot of calls recently regarding citrus fruit, mostly satsumas. Many of the calls are about the fruit splitting as the result of trees going through a dry period then receiving too much rain. This time of year, the fruit are now about as large

as they are going to become and the skin is set and will not grow or stretch anymore. After they reach this size, we often receive a large rain event and the tree sucks up all this extra water into the plant (fruit) and the skin of the satsumas split open. Once this begins, fruit flies enter the opening and the fruit begin to rot. The best strategy would to keep these trees irrigated when we get into drought conditions. For sanitation purposes, you should remove all the split fruit from the trees and rake up all the ones that have fallen to the ground.

Be on the lookout for large, brown colored leaffooted bugs that have found the sweet satsumas irresistible. Their pointed mouth parts pierce the skin of the fruit and they suck up the juices from the segment of the satsuma they have pierced. The satsumas that are damaged by this feeding often turn yellow early, sometimes falling off of the tree. If they don't fall, you see yellow satsumas and start thinking about picking one and finding out that there is something wrong. The first thing you notice is that some of the segments are white and hardened and somewhat dry. The segments that are not damaged are not as sweet as you thought, they are premature and sugar levels had not increased yet. You should scout for these insects in August and September and use Malathion to control them. Sometimes the segments are rotting due to the introduction of some type of rotting organism that was on the mouthpart of the insect feeding on your plant. Please share this information with your friends that have either one of these problems.

LSU AgAgent Dan Devenport

WHAT PLANT AM I?

I'm a deciduous tree, native from Texas all the way to Florida, in Zones 8 and 9. My dimensions average 60' tall by 40' wide. I'm oblong to oval to slightly pyramidal, with a moderate growth rate. The foliage on my older trees is often sparse. My green leaves are palmate, opposite and 3-lobed, with serrated margins. The undersides are hairy. They are not deer resistant. In autumn, they turn red or yellow.

My trunk is smooth to flaky, with silvery- gray bark. In late winter, bright red flowers appear on my female plants. These produce pods that do not burst open when ripe. Rather, the pods either fall to the ground and rot, releasing the seeds, or are eaten by birds and squirrels, who scatter them in the usual manner. I prefer moist swampy sites with a slightly acidic soil, although I'll grow in dryer areas. Part shade provided by trees such as magnolias is appreciated. I am a host plant for a large variety of moths.

I'm heat-tolerant but not drought-tolerant.

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

LPMGA APRONS FOR SALE



We have a few Master
Gardener aprons for sale
for \$15 each.
Buy at propagation,
Plantfest or contact
Peggy Taylor at:
pttaylor@hotmail.com.

We will be placing another order for aprons, Master Gardener t-shirts and polo shirts in February for Festival des Fleurs.

PEGGY TAYLOR



"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 (337) 501-7998 With Any Questions

2020 "GET IT GROWING CALENDARS



The Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association is selling LSU AgCenter's 2020 "Get it Growing" calendars. Members can order calendars at a reduced rate of \$10 per calendar (\$12 to the public). These calendars make wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts for family, friends, garden clubs, office parties and special occasions, plus hostess gifts and gift exchanges.

Calendar pre-orders will be taken at the October 2nd Master Gardener General meeting at 6 p.m. at Southside Library. Gail Wakefield will also take orders at propagation on Wednesdays. Determine the number of calendars that you need and be sure to sign up. If you are unable to attend the meeting or sign up at propagation and want to purchase calendars, email Linda Alesi at jalesi@bellsouth.net or call Linda at 280-3212 to add your order to the list. Don't wait! Our order with the AgCenter will be based on the sign-up. We don't anticipate having lots of extra calendars.

LPMGA is offering a
continuing lecture series at the
Eastside Library
215 La Neuville Road, Youngsville
October's lecture will be presented on:
Thursday OCTOBER 10 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

NOLA Botanical Garden

Oct 5-6 Fall Garden Festival

Nov 2 Creating Bonsai From Garden Center Stock 9am \$35 For info: (504) 483-9488 website: neworleanscitypark.com

LSU Hilltop Arboreum

Oct 5-6 Plant Sale

Oct 5 9am-4pm/Oct 6 Noon-4pm

For info: email: hilltop@lsu.edu website: hilltop.lsu.edu

Shangri La Botanical Gardens-Orange TX

Nov 23 Orchid Repotting Workshop

For info: (409) 670-9113 website: starkculturalvenues.com

SOUTHERN GARDEN SYMPOSIUM ST FRANCISVILLE OCTOBER 18-19, 2019

Visit SOUTHERNGARDENSYMPOSIUM.ORG for reservations and information on speakers, events and workshops!

OCTOBER GARDEN TALK

ALL SEASONS NURSERY 2974 Johnston St, Lafayette

3RD SATURDAYS AT 10AM The Featured Speaker for October 19th:

> MARY ANN ARMBRUSTER FALL VEGETABLE GARDENS

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.

Observations From Outside

TAKE A STROLL WITH ME AT THE LPMGA DEMO BEDS



Sophe Probst (LPMG 2018) took a stroll through the Demo Beds after propagation and snapped some pictures of a few of her favorite plants. She sent these to me in case I needed any pictures for the newsletter. What a special surprise!

I work in these gardens almost every week and with a few pictures Sophe managed to remind me what a magical place the LPMGA Demo beds are. Her pictures gave me such pleasure. I hope you all enjoy them as much as me.





TIME FOR FALL PINE STRAW, Y'ALL!

It's time for Fall Pine Straw, Y'all!
Orders for active MGs only (not current class members) will be taken via phone, email or text.

Pick up is: Friday, Nov 8 and Saturday, Nov 9th 8am to Noon on both days

\$8.50 per bale, cash or check payable to LPM-GA at pick up, 20 bale maximum.



Get your order in soon;
I'm almost sold out!

Thanks, Theresa Gore 2007

PlantFest Raffle

To Include
5 Piece Patio Set,
Gorilla Garden Cart and Large
Pre Planted Pot!
TICKETS WILL BE \$5 A PIECE





WHAT PLANT AM I?

ANSWER

Acer rubrum Var. drummondii: Drummond's Red Maple, Swamp Maple I'm on display at the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune, Mississippi





Let's Be Social!

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

If you would like to submit something to our Facebook, Instagram, or Youtube channels send an email including the

Media@lpmga.org

Plant Swap A Great Time For Al



The Fall Plant/Seed Swap kicked off at the Demo Gardens of LPMG on Sept. 7 2019, headed up by the capable Ellen Garacci.

Weather was good as people started coming before the 8 am start time bearing quite an assortment to trade of bulbs, plants and seeds for "Open Trading".

Ellen said she got a delightful Nun's Orchid (Phaius tankervilleae) she wasn't expecting, staying true to the event motto: *The more interesting the plant, the more interesting the swap!*"

At 9 am there was a "Formal Table" swap as the approximately 30 participants took a ticket in their arrival order and selected what they wanted from the rooted plants at that table.

It was fun for the MG volunteers who worked the event too!

The event was advertised in a distributed flyer and in three FaceBook sites: Master Gardener's, Louisiana Plants and Louisiana Gardeners. There is a Spring Swap also.

Margaret Lynn DuBois was in charge of the seed swap.

Submitted by Barbara McConnell



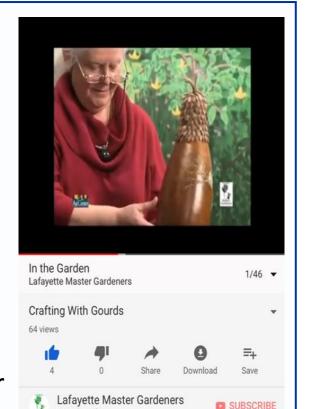
VISIT LPMGA'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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/lpmqayoutube

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



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 be 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 on PlantFest and 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. Outstanding Master Gardener nominations are due to Past President MaryAnn Armbruster by October 30th. Graduation, Awards and Recognitions will be part of the Social on TUESDAY, Dec 3rd 6pm at the Petroleum Club.

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, contact the Volunteer Coordinator Louann Long at mglouann@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER TOTALS FOR 2019 Updated 9/10/2019. Monthly totals may change throughout the year. **CATEGORY AUG YTD** Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July **4H & Other Youth Activities** 43 66.40 88.25 23.0 72.5 11.5 8.5 92.40 397.05 **Attending Bus/Admin Meetings** 16 131.4 13.0 510 15.0 16.5 7.9 5 **Civic & Community** 351.75 440.3 400.5 161.75 405.4 527.0 231 357.2 2755.3 **Continuing Education** 5.50 0 10.15 180 120 0 0 7 52.65 (Preparing/presenting CE Material) **Extension Activities** 44 27.50 51.50 48.95 20.0 22.25 22 92.75 318.95 **LMG Teaching Activities** 10 29 00 45 75 32 25 18.5 23 15 14 66.5 229.15 **Volunteer Activities Totals** 3714.1 411.25 544.3 545.95 665.7 531.4 226.65 258.5 631.85 **Continuing Education Totals** 623.43 90.55 118.5 75.50 86.5 90.0 56.6 5.53 101.25 (In The Activity Menu-the required 6hrs)







COMMUNITY GARDEN EDUCATION FAIR & LAFAYETTE PARISH MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE

Saturday, September 28, 2019 8:00-1:00

Lafayette Parish Master Garden Association Demonstration Beds

Blackham Coliseum Road

A HUGE ASSORTMENT OF MASTER GARDENER FAVORITES!

Affordable Plants, Suitable for Fall Planting, Nicotinoid-free Plants Natives, Perennials Butterfly & Hummingbird Plants, Succulents, Southern Bulbs And More!!!!

HORTICULTURAL SPEAKERS

9:00 "Creating the ideal Bird Garden Biography" Linda Beyt 10:00 "High Tea: Home Growing, Tasting and Pairing" Ya Chen 11:00 "Creating Landscapes as Habitat for Wildlife" Dan Weintritt 12:00 "Fall into your Garden" Jacob Williams

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES AT 12:30

You Do Not Have To Be Present To Win

SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF DEMONSTRATION BEDS 9:00AM-12:30PM

CHILDREN'S GARDEN ACTIVITIES 9:30am- 12:30

Make your own Nature Sombrero Planting seeds to watch them grow Nature painting

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

9:30 "The Incredible Vegetables"Mrs. D. Stutes and students11:30 "Indian Cooking From the Garden" Noor Merchant

Note: Please bring your own water containers; we will have water available.

BRING OWN SHOPPING CARTS/WAGONS

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SEPTEMBER 28 LPMGA PLANTFEST 8am-1pm
OCTOBER 10 EastSide Liabrary Lecture Series 6:30 pm
OCTOBER 15 LPMGA Board Meeting 1pm Ira Nelson
OCTOBER 17 LA MG Appreciation Day Burden 8:30 am
OCTOBER 19 ALL SEASONS Garden Talks 10 am
OCTOBER 18-19 Southern Garden Symposium
OCTOBER 30 Deadline for Outstanding MG Award nominations

NOVEMBER 6 LPMGA Nov General Meeting Elections
NOVEMBER 19 LPMGA Board Meeting 1pm Ira Nelson
NOVEMBER 30 Deadline for Vol. Hours For "Top Ten" Vol.
Consideration

TUESDAY, December 3 6pm
LPMGA DECEMBER SOCIAL, GRADUATION,
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

DECEMBER 15th Deadline to record 2019 Volunteer and CE hours

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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