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**LPMGA
GENERAL MEETING
12 NOON WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 4
SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
6101 JOHNSTON ST
MG APPRECIATION**

LPMGA BOARD MEETING

**IRA NELSON (INHC)
1PM TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners

I just wanted to say that I feel so blessed to be part of this wonderful family of gardeners. We have so many things to be thankful for. This past 11 years I have made so many friends. I truly hope our new class of Master Gardeners get to have the same blessings that I have had. Thank you, Master Gardeners, for giving me the privilege of serving as your president and please try to make it to our next general meeting. The SGI is up and running, PlantFest is around the corner. Garden Talks at All Seasons begin this next month. Plenty to do, so come and get in on all the fun and friendship.



Have a Blessed Summer!

Juan Nieto, President LPMGA

This is my correct e-mail: jfn2854@gmail.com

THE DEVENPORT REPORT:



We have twenty-eight new students enrolled in our 2019 Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners class and I want to welcome all of you into our organization. The Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners are known statewide for their involvement in the Acadiana area and perhaps as being one of the best programs in the state.

There are many areas that members earn their volunteer hours, as required by your agreement in taking this class. Some of the areas of volunteering include: School Garden Initiative, Propagation, Healing Garden at Vermilionville, LARC Vegetable/Flower gardens, Plant Fest, Festival des Fleur, Ask a Master Gardener, Speakers Bureau and Mentoring to name a few.

You will not find a more active and friendlier group of plant enthusiasts around. Many new friendships will form in the classroom and more as you find your area of interest for earning volunteer hours.

I would encourage every Master Gardener to introduce themselves to our newbies and welcome them into our great Lafayette Parish Master Gardener Association!

LSU AgAgent Dan Devenport

MEETINGS, REPORTS AND BOARD

<p>2019 LPMGA General Meetings First Wednesday Monthly Except for July Daytime: 12:30pm Evening: 6 pm or 6:30pm</p>	<p>2019 LPMGA Board Meetings 1pm on Third Tuesday of each month Except for July</p>
<i>Dates, times, topics and locations are subject to change</i>	
SEPTEMBER 4, 12pm	SEPTEMBER 17, 1 pm
OCTOBER 2	OCTOBER 15, 1 pm
NOVEMBER 6	NOVEMBER 19, 1 pm
<p>Social & Graduation TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 6PM</p>	DECEMBER 17, 1 pm

LPMGA GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 12PM NOON

SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
6101 JOHNSTON ST

LPMGA APPRECIATION MONTH

Our Executive Board will dedicate the September General Meeting to thanking our membership for their hard work and dedication.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Lafayette Parish City Council Members have been invited.

2019 LPMGA BOARD

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KUDOS

John Fontaine Master Gardener
Class of 2007

John is the lead MG at Charles Burke Elementary School. He has been in the School Garden Initiative program at Charles Burke for 10 years. Under his guidance their garden has grown to accommodate four classes of 4th and now 3rd graders. John is an awesome teacher and leader of the Charles Burke Master Gardener team!



PLANTFEST

September 28, 2019

The LPMGA fall plant sale is coming fast and we need to start making our list of volunteers and planning our merchandise.

This is a great opportunity for members of the 2019 Master Gardener Class to earn hours and meet their fellow MGs.

VOLUNTEERS *Are Needed:*

Heather Warner-Finley, our **Propagation** chair, will need folks on Friday starting around 1PM to help move plants and benches. We will need trucks and trailers as well as bodies. We will also need volunteers to work on Saturday from 7:30 AM. Heather 501-9296

Cinde Risinger needs donations for our raffle; We are **STILL** looking for a combination of big ticket and small bundled items. These should be garden related items...like garden tools, statues, pots, wagons, books on gardening...can be new or slightly used. Cinde 250-1243

Gail Wakefield is looking for a **helper or two for around 10 am to assist her in the sales tent**, as well as gardening books and magazines to offer for sale. If you can donate or help out give her a call or text at

288-8058

Alice Blakewood is in charge of our Children's Activities this year and she will need volunteers to help her out. Alice text 303-2120

WHAT PLANT AM I?

I am a low clump-forming perennial, native to much of the United States and Mexico. An evergreen succulent, I am usually less than 10 inches tall, with flattened bluish-green pods. I bloom from May to June. The petals of my flowers are papery and light yellow, sometimes with red at the base. They appear at the upper margins of my older segments and are usually 2 to 3 inches across. These flowers ripen into red fruit which is fleshy, and can be used to make candies and jam. (AllRecipes.com has the recipe for jam).

I require a dry, rocky or sandy soil in full sun, with a pH less than 6.8. I'm heat tolerant and deer resistant. Landscape uses include rock gardens and stone wall areas.

Do you know what plant I am?

Look for the answer on page 7

TALLY TALLY TALLY

Please contact Cindy Wiley if you would like to work as a tally person at our PlantFest check out booth. A tally worker counts the plants being purchased and fills out a tally sheet. Talliers do not handle the money. Cashiers will do that. The tally shifts are 8:00 to 10:00, 10:00 to 12:00, and 12:00 to 1:00. Contact Cindy Wiley at cindy4wiley@yahoo.com or call 337-207-6424. Please give me the time you would like to work. Thank you!

DECEMBER SOCIAL DATE CHANGE

This year the LPMGA
December Social And
Master Gardener Class
Graduation
will be held on TUESDAY
instead of Wednesday.

**The 2019 Social will be
TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 3, 6 PM
at the Petroleum Club**

Please mark your calendars early
and plan to attend.

“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*

LPMGA APPRECIATION MONTH

SAVE THE DATE

**LPMGA GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
12:00 PM
Southside Library
6101 JOHNSTON ST, LAFAYETTE**

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

The September 4th General
Meeting will be devoted to
thanking all of our members for
their hard work and dedication.
Light refreshments will be served
and a special program is planned.
Don't miss this meeting as we
celebrate our accomplishments,
highlight our Committee activities
and thank our volunteers.

LEARN THE ART OF
GARDENING IN THE SOUTH

Master Gardeners Lecture Series At The Eastside Library

LPMGA is offering a
continuing lecture series at the
Eastside Library
215 La Neuville Road, Youngsville
Thursday, September 12 at 6:30pm

The lecture series is open to the public and
earns 1 hour of Continuing Education

Please contact the Library at
(337) 445-3168 for more details

Upcoming Events of Interest

SAVE THE DATE

St. Tammany Master Gardener Association
in conjunction with the LSU AgCenter presents

THE 2019 FALL SEMINAR **AUTUMN** *The Second Spring*

Friday, September 27
8:00 am to 2:30 pm

Registration & Table Talks begin at 8:00.
Program begins at 9:00.

Church of the King
22205 Little Creek Road (I-12 & Hwy 59), Mandeville, LA 70471

Fabulous Plant Boutique
Expert Table Talks
Gourmet Lunch
Internationally Renowned Speakers *including*

P. ALLEN SMITH, Award-Winning Designer, Gardening and
Lifestyle Expert, and Television Host

JUNE MAYS, Garden Designer, with Diplomas in Garden Design
and Plantsmanship from the English Gardening School in London

Get More Info and Register Online
www.stmastergardener.org/event

Questions? Contact Mary Kathryn Villere
(985)373-2950 or info@stmastergardener.org



LPMGA Members can earn CE credit



GARDEN TALKS

ARE BACK!

ALL SEASONS
NURSERY
2974 Johnston St,
Lafayette

3RD SATURDAYS AT 10AM
The Featured Speaker for
September 21st:
THERESA GUIDRY
SQUARE FOOT GARDENING

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

Garden Talks earn one hour
of Continuing Education

Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association River Symposium September 13th

Expanding the Economic & Cultural Resources of Our River

This year's theme will highlight how strategic development around our river can improve our quality of life while protecting natural resources in our community.

This Symposium includes a day of speakers from 8-1:30 at Vermilionville.

Registration is \$27 and includes a light breakfast and box lunch. Student fee w/ID is \$5.

Visit

www.bayouvermilionpreservation.org

For reservations, information on speakers and other details

SOUTHERN GARDEN SYMPOSIUM ST FRANCISVILLE OCTOBER 18-19, 2019

Registration Is Now Open

Visit

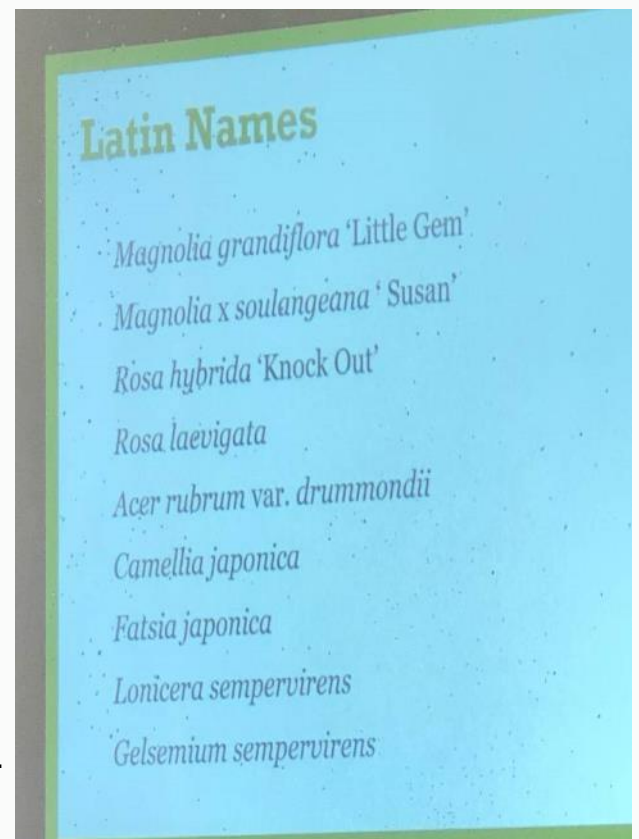
southerngardensymposium.org

for reservations and
information
on speakers and events

2019 LPMGA CLASS ALREADY HARD AT WORK MG Class of 2019



The students of our 2019 LPMGA class are already hard at work. They have already taken the first class on Botany and will be studying Botany II August 22. They are really a bunch of go getters!



TIME FOR FALL PINE STRAW, Y'ALL!



It's time for Fall Pine Straw, Y'all! Orders for active MGS only will be taken at the Sept. and Oct. general meetings. Pick up date to be announced. \$8.50 per bale, cash or check payable to LPMGA at pick up, 20 bale maximum. Order early! They go quickly!

Thanks, Theresa Gore 2007

**PlantFest Raffle
To Include
5 Piece Patio Set,
Gorilla Garden Cart and
Large Pre Planted Pot!**



FIRST



SECOND

TICKETS WILL BE \$5 A PIECE

WHAT PLANT AM I?

ANSWER

**OPUNTIA MACRORHIZA
PRICKLY PEAR**



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!

**Lafayette Garden Club Offering a
Series of 4 Gardening School
Classes September 24-25**
8am-3pm on both days.

Several topics will be covered, with supplemental subject activities.

The fee of \$72 includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, beverages, credentialed instructors and training materials.

Registration deadline is September 15th

*These courses are approved for
MG Continuing Education*

Series XI, Course 1

Basic Botany

**Soil: Testing, Characteristics, Fertilization
and Maintenance**
Techniques For Growing Outdoor Plants
Plant Propagation

For registration forms or info:

Anita Petitjean

apetitjean2018@gmail.com or

Linda Broussard

lindav@lusfiber.net

Observations From Outside

Mackinac Island, Michigan

A refreshing break from southern Summer heat and a gardeners delight!

No vehicles are allowed on this enchanted island that has average Summer temperatures in the range of 55-75 degrees.

Walk, bike or horse-and-buggy your way around the pristine, flower-lined streets and grounds of the legendary Grand Hotel.

Take in the visual delight of hundreds of varieties of flowers including geranium, hydrangea, rose, peony, hollyhock, coleus, cosmos, lily, daisy and petunia.

~Julie Rabalais, MG class of 2018



VOLUNTEER AND CE HOURS

Some reminders for the coming months:

- 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 6-9pm 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, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator Louann Long at mglouann@gmail.com The deadline for recording 2019 hours is December 15th.

VOLUNTEER HOUR TOTALS FOR 2019

CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	YTD
4H & Other Youth Activities	43	66.40	88.25	23.0	72.5	11.5	8.5	313.15
Attending Bus/Admin Meetings	13.0	51.0	15.0	16.5	7.9	8	5	116.4
Civic & Community	351.75	405.40	440.30	527.0	400.5	161.75	231	2517.7
Continuing Education (Preparing/presenting CE Material)	5.50	0	10.15	18.0	12.0	0	0	45.65
Extension Activities	44	27.50	51.50	48.95	20.0	22.25	22	236.2
LMG Teaching Activities	10	29.00	45.75	32.25	18.5	23.15	14	172.65
Volunteer Activities Totals	411.25	544.30	545.95	665.70	531.4	226.65	258.5	3401.75
Continuing Education Totals	90.55	118.50	75.50	86.5	90.0	56.6	5.53	523.18

Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association FALL PLANT SWAP



Saturday, September 7
At Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Demo Beds
300 Coliseum Road

OPEN TRADING 8 AM TO 11 AM

- Get there early for the best selection.
- Bring as many different plants, bulbs or seeds as you like.
- Label with variety, color, planting hints or any other helpful information.

Formal TABLE Swap 9 am

Bring one rooted plant for the Formal Table Swap at 9 am it's a 1-to-1 trade. Bring 1 pick 1.
Please remember that all plants must be identified.

PLANT SWAP FLYER ATTACHED





Callicarpa dichotoma
Chinese Beautyberry
Shrub, sun/part shade Attracts birds



Globia Dancing Girl Ginger
Compact plant Shade



Hibiscus coccineus
Texas Star Hibiscus Likes to be damp
Butterflies and Hummingbirds

**LPMGA Plant Sale
and
Gardening Materials
Saturday
September 28
8:00-1:00**

**Across from Blackham
Coliseum on Coliseum Road**

**Enjoy a Wide Variety of
Workshops!**

**Find a Garden Treasure at
the Lafayette Parish Master
Gardeners Plant Sale**

**Four Well-know
Horticultural Speakers**

**Self Guided Tour Of The
Master Gardener
Demonstration Beds**

Cooking Demonstrations

Children's Activities 9am-11a

**Newspaper Garden Hats
Garden Wind Chimes
Mini Flower Gardens**



Firebush
Heat tolerant
Humming birds!



Scutellaria suffrutescens
Red Skullcap
Sun/part shade Hummingbird magnet



**PLANTER
BOXES**

A SMALL SAMPLE OF WHAT WE WILL HAVE FOR SALE AT PLANTFEST!

All plants are grown with the care of the LPMGA. Many of them come from the members own yards, are plants we love ourselves and are unable to get in the big box stores. We take cuttings and collect seeds, and work weekly propagating these plants to give you the best we have to offer.

We use no neonicitnoids in the growth of these plants.

We hope they give you the same joy that we have gotten from them.



2020 ADVANCED LOUISIANA MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

The Adv. LMG program is open to current Louisiana Master Gardeners in good standing who have completed at all initial coursework and at least three years of volunteer service.

More information on the class can be found at the LSU AgCenter website. Class meeting locations, dates, and times will be determined once registration closes.

2020-2012 Tentative Schedule

Registration January-March
Classes start in April

OUTSTANDING MASTER GARDEN NOM- INATIONS DUE OCTOBER 30TH

Nomination forms are available in the LPMGA Handbook.

Contact OMG Committee Chair MaryAnn Armbruster for details.

LPMGA ELECTION TIMELINE

Interested in serving on the LPMGA Board? The Nominating Committee will be meeting in September to prepare a slate of officers to serve in any open offices for the 2020 Board. Please contact Nominating Committee Chair Past President MaryAnn Armbruster for more information on which offices will be open. Please review the LPMGA Handbook for the responsibilities and requirements of the various Board positions.

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.

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)



LPMGA CALENDAR AUGUST 2019

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SEPTEMBER 4, 12PM NOON

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“LPMGA APPRECIATION DAY”

SEPTEMBER 13 BAYOU VERMILLION PRESERVATION ASSO. RIVER SYMPOSIUM

SEPTEMBER 17 LPMGA Board Meeting Ira Nelson Horticulture Center 1 pm

SEPTEMBER 7 Plant Swap

SEPTEMBER 12 Eastside Library Lecture Series

SEPTEMBER 21 All Seasons Garden Talk

SEPTEMBER 24-25 Laf. Garden Club Gardening School Classes

SEPTEMBER 27 St. Tammany Fall Seminar

SEPTEMBER 28 LPMGA PLANTFEST

OCTOBER 18-19 Southern Garden Symposium

OCTOBER 30 Deadline for Outstanding MG Award nominations

NOVEMBER 30 Deadline for Vol. Hours For “Top Ten” Vol. Consideration

TUESDAY, December 3

**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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If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in our meetings, please call the LSU AgCenter 291-7090

Please note: All meeting and event dates, times, and locations are subject to change.