

GROWING FOR A GOOD 2014

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### AND A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS, THE LPMGA CLASS OF 2013!

*Maxine Hollier (left), Lisse Spiller, Beth Mouton, Susan Foreman, Carolyn Rink, Leann Naquin, Patricia Reggie, Lisa Boudreaux, Bonnie Prevost, Faye Hebert, Pam Womack, Barbara Rivera, Dean Kopfler, Phyllis Cagnola, Linda Beyt, Dolores Champagne, Holly Curtis, Loraine Allain, Steve Poirrier, Pete Broussard, Warren Lafleur, Connie Langlinais, Gerald Roberts*



### CONGRATULATIONS TO JEANELL MENARD — OUTSTANDING MASTER GARDENER OF 2013

*A well deserved award for her service to LPMGA.*

Join us for our first meeting of the New Year in the auditorium of the lovely South Louisiana Community College campus located at 320 Devalcourt (turn west off Bertrand). The meeting takes place on Tuesday, January 8 at 6 p.m. Stuart Gauthier with the LSU Ag Extension Service will speak on "Selection and Cultivation of Louisiana Citrus." This meeting is open to the public so friends are welcome to join us.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Babette Werner*

I would like to begin by thanking the 2013 officers, committee chairmen and members for an outstanding year. Your hard work is reflected in our many accomplishments. See the summaries for

We are now 234 members strong. In 2014 we will work to fulfill our mission: To assist the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center in serving the gardening interests of the Lafayette area by producing educational programs, volunteer hours in the completion of community service projects, and horticultural enrichment for members.

the year of some of our committees on pages 4 through 6.

Babette

### GENERAL MEETING

@ SOUTH LOUISIANA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
AUDITORIUM  
320 DEVALCOURT,  
LAF.

### LPMGA BOARD RETREAT

JANUARY 6TH 8AM  
1035 Camelia Blvd. Ste 100

### LPMGA BOARD MEETING

1 PM MONDAY,  
JANUARY 13TH

TBA

Call Babette Werner for more  
information.

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### 2014 BOARD: President

Babette Werner 2010

### Vice President

Heather Warner-Finley  
2012 Recording Secretary  
Jay Ruffin, Jr 2012

### Corresponding Secretary

Sharon Anderson 2011

### Treasurer

Sandra Scheuermann 2012

### Board Member at Large

Judy Corne 2006

### Prior President

Marc Wiley

### Agent/Adviser

Gerald Roberts

### Volunteer Coordinator

Mary Ann Armbruster

### Newsletter Editor

Theresa Rohloff

## GERALD'S CORNER

Hello Master Gardeners,

Beginning in late April and continuing through May, I receive many calls from homeowners who, when walking barefooted across their lawns, feel the pain of a winter annual weed called lawn burweed (*Soliva sessilis*), a member of the aster family. It is also commonly called sticker weed, spurweed and sandbur. By that time of the year, its spines have already been produced; killing the weed in late April or May will not eliminate the spines.

The LSU AgCenter recommends applying herbicides from December – March to kill the lawn burweed and eliminate production of the sharp spines. Lawn burweed is a winter annual that sprouts in the fall and winter and remains rather small during the winter months. As spring arrives with warmer temperatures, this weed goes in to a reproductive stage which begins the formation of seeds and sharp spines as it approaches maturity. As I've stated in the past, the best way to prevent or diminish the invasion of weeds in any lawn is to maintain a healthy lawn that out competes weeds for water, nutrients, space and light.

However if your lawn has a history of sticker weed or lawn burweed, you should be able to identify it in your lawn now. Look for a green low growing weed with leaves resembling parsley. See the picture of lawn burweed, below, taken recently in my St Augustine lawn. Applying a post emergence broadleaf herbicide when our daytime temperatures are 60 degrees or above will control this weed. Either one of two herbicides, Weed B Gon Max for Southern Lawns by Ortho or Weed Free Zone by Fertilome, will give satisfactory control. The recommendation is to make an application, wait 10 – 14 days to evaluate its effect, and make a second application if needed.

It is recommended that no applications be made on windy days and that none of the herbicide come in contact with desirable bedding plant, shrubs or trees. Both herbicides are labeled for warm season lawns. If this weed is not controlled by mid-to-late-April, the spines will already be formed and anyone walking barefoot on the lawn will experience the pain of sharp spines.

Many people call and ask me if they could apply Weed & Feed to control lawn burweed.

Dr. Ron Strahan, of the LSU AgCenter, told me that he wouldn't recommend Weed & Feed during the winter months because it contains fertilizer. Applying fertilizer to St. Augustine grass or any other warm season lawn grass during the winter months could aggravate brown patch disease or increase susceptibility to winter injury. Any fertilizer applications should not be made until early April.

It is extremely important to follow all label directions for the mixing and application of all pesticides. Remember that the label is the law and any time you use a pesticide in a manner that is inconsistent with its label you are breaking the law.

Hoping everyone had a happy and safe holiday season and I look forward to a very productive 2014 – HAPPY GARDENING!!!



*Burweed can be identified and should be treated, now, to prevent formation of spines that are painful to your bare feet in the springtime.*

#### Gerald P. Roberts

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#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Toward the end of my 2009 Master Gardener class, I faced what I believe most MG class members face, the dreaded, "What do I do now?"

Fortunately, an email arrived requesting a volunteer to become coeditor of the LPMGA newsletter. It sounded interesting, so I replied to the sender, Newsletter Editor John Fiero, and began working on the newsletter under his mentorship.

Volunteering for the newsletter opened up so many opportunities for me. Not only did I start off by have the privilege of working with John, I started to meet so many of the other MGs, acquired some new computer skills, and got to serve the organization in a way that I truly enjoyed. It hasn't always been easy, and I've made plenty of mistakes, (my inability to get dates correct has been embarrassingly public), but I've learned so much.

The best part by far has been the friendships I've made during my Editorship. Through volunteering for the newsletter, I have had the pleasure of working with so many wonderful people. If I listed every person that has contributed to the newsletter this thank you would quickly begin to rival War and Peace in length, so I will say that I deeply appreciate everyone who has taken their time to write columns, submit article and photos, provide information, and offer their help or advice. I thank all of you from my heart for your contributions and support over the years.

I would like to give a very special thank you to John Fiero for having faith in me, and for being the best Mentor ever; to Jeanell Menard for her unending patience, mad computer skills, and for always being there – you are the best; and to Gerald Roberts for being so positive, so generous, so supportive, and for always seeing a challenge as an opportunity. We are so lucky to have you as our Agent, and as our friend.

It is now time for someone else to take the reins, and I know that our very talented new Editor, Theresa Rohloff, will do a fantastic job. I'm excited about the changes she has in store, and can't wait to see the newsletter take on a fresh new perspective.

So, once again I face the dreaded, "What do I do now?" This time, though, I know the answer.

While I will miss the monthly craziness that is the newsletter, I look forward to becoming involved in several new projects and continuing to enjoy the good company of my MG friends.

Thank you all again,  
Louann McClelland-Long



## EVENTS, REPORTS, AND BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PEACE ON EARTH . GOODWILL TO ALL. HAVE A VERY GOOD HOLIDAY AND NEW YEAR!**

**2014 LPMGA Meetings:**  
(First Wednesday  
Except in January & July)  
Daytime—noon/Evening—6 pm

**2014 LPMGA Board  
Meetings, 1 pm:**  
(Third Monday except for  
January, July & December)

JANUARY 8-SLCC-6 pm

JANUARY 13

FEBRUARY 5

FEBRUARY 17

MARCH 5

MARCH 17

APRIL 2

APRIL 21

MAY 7

MAY 19

JUNE 4

JUNE 16

JULY—NO MEETING

JULY—NO MEETING

AUGUST 6

AUGUST 18

SEPTEMBER 3

SEPTEMBER 15

OCTOBER 5

OCTOBER 20

NOVEMBER 1

NOVEMBER 19

DECEMBER 3

DECEMBER 18

# In The Garden

*Our monthly TV Show broadcasted through AOC Community Media, is targeted to run LIVE, every first Thursday at noon, with reruns each week throughout the month on LUS Channel 3/Cox Channel 15. The show is streamed through AOC One.*

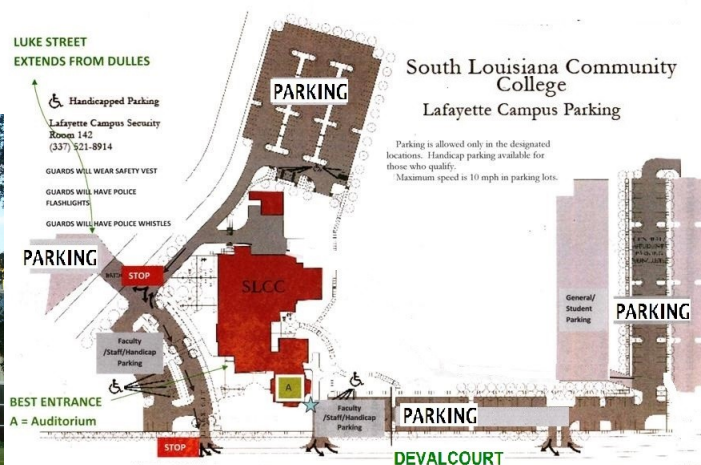
Our January's **In The Garden** will be a fun show, and we have a few new regular features planned (thanks to Peggy V's great ideas). We will do a rundown of our "Top Ten Gardening Resolutions for 2014." Noon, Thursday!

## Our First 2nd Saturday Garden Talk of the Year!

"Tree Selection, Transplanting and Care" by Gerald Roberts of the LSU Agcenter, will take place at The Grass and Rock Shoppe, 1800 E Milton Avenue (a quarter mile west of the Verot School roundabout) on Saturday, January 11 at 10 a.m.

Selecting trees for your landscape is extremely important to the entire design. Transplanting and follow up care virtually determine the health of the tree. For more information, contact Jackie at 337 856-0486 or Sherlyn Larrison at 985 513-2777.

Look for the next LPMGA General Meeting in the auditorium of the lovely South Louisiana Community College (SLCC) campus at 320 Devalcourt, Lafayette.



## What Plant Am I?

It's chilly in Acadiana right now, so stay a little longer in Key West. Stroll down Truman Avenue to White Street, and behold trees that look as though they're being supported with flying buttresses. They're really extensions of my trunk and can reach out up to 30 feet. Which is a good thing, because I can grow to 150 to 200 feet tall.

I'm a native of South America and am drought deciduous, dropping my leaves in the dry winters in the northern hemisphere. My flowers usually appear before my leaves return, and are clustered on small, new branches. To humans, they have an unpleasant odor, but bats are attracted to them. They carry pollen from flower to flower on their fur. Then my pods appear, as many as 4000, they contain 200 seeds each in a cotton-like fiber. These pods burst, casting seeds in the wind to colonize open areas. Because my pods float, they may have been carried to West Africa by the ocean. I'm now also found in Malaysia and Indonesia.

My white, fluffy seed covering is also buoyant and water-resistant, leading to its use in flotation devices such as the famous Mae West lifesaver of World War II fame. Soap is made from the oil in my seeds, which is also used in medicine. My leaves may be boiled and eaten. Dugout canoes and coffins are made from my lightweight wood. Because of the length of my trunks, it's straight grain, and its beautiful colors, my lumber is very desirable. I hope these characteristics don't lead to my extinction.

Do you know what plant I am? **See page 5 for the answer.**



## *LPMGA Board Presidents pass the torch & gavel*



Marc Wiley gives up the gavel to new LPMGA President Babette Werner, as all the board members, including Sherlyn Larrison, enjoy the moment. We have Babette to thank for compiling these committee reports and more.

The **Garden Talk Committee** hosted ten one-hour Saturday talks and one Plant Swap for the public. The Second Saturday Talk committee hosted 12 hour long talks for the public at the Rock and Grass Shoppe. Both Master Gardeners and local horticulturists and naturalists spoke at these LPMGA sponsored events.



## **Committee Works**

The **Propagation Committee** grew three to five thousand plants, divided between two sales. More significantly, though, is the fact that the propagation team numbers well over 40 members, with at least half coming regularly to the greenhouse and the remainder coming as needed or as convenient. Many in this dedicated team have been working with Becky Taylor for five years or more, and others have been working since their first week as MG trainees.



*Propagation members enjoying the work and camaraderie.*



*Mary Perrin and Mary Ann Armbruster tell our recent graduating class about "The Healer's Garden Guide" and the garden that inspired it.*

The **Medicinal Demonstration Garden at Vermilionville** provided tours on four different days to approximately 450 school children plus 40 teachers and chaperones. Over 150 children and adults toured the garden on each of four weekend "culture days":

Creole Culture Day  
Cajun Culture Day  
Native American Day  
Earth Day.

One hundred fifty-eight children toured the garden during summer camp. A lecture series, "Healing Traditions in Acadiana," was also created. Two of the lectures have taken place with a total of 110 people in attendance. The garden project received Second Place in the **International Master Gardener Search for Excellence Award (SFE)**. The project focused on work by Lafayette Master Gardener volunteers who joined forces with members of the Vermilionville Living History

Foundation Board in establishing a traditional medicinal garden at La Maison Acadienne (now Maison du Traiteur) at Vermilionville. Additionally, Lafayette Master Gardener volunteers developed the companion **"The Healer's Garden Guide"** that lists and describes various plants in the garden including their traditional uses.





# More Committee Works

The **School Garden Initiative Program** works on a school calendar year. The below statistics are based on the end of year May 2013 figures. The Summary 2012-2013 School Year: Schools in Program (Carenbro Middle, Charles Burke Elementary, Judice Middle School, and L. Leo Judice Elementary).

Youth Directly Involved in the garden program numbered 192 and other youth taught by garden students in schools were 500 = **Total Number of Youth Impacted by School Garden Initiative 692**

Number of Youth Direct Service Hours: **4595**

Number of Volunteers & Professionals/MG : 42+18 = **60 participants**

Estimated Number of Volunteer hours/MG Hours : 105+577 = **682 hours**

Service-Learning Focus Areas: Environment – Waste Reduction/Recycling; Environmental Restoration/Awareness, Education – Classroom Education/Job Preparedness/Homelessness

Brief Summary of Accomplishments:

## Academic

Program is tied into school based curriculum at the various schools through Math, Science, Social Studies and (ELA) English Language Arts. Students have extended the knowledge learned through the School Garden Initiative and are sharing their learning with other students.

## Health/Nutrition Awareness

Increased student interest in eating and growing vegetables.

Guest chefs presenting and sharing expertise of career opportunities with youth at schools.

Guest physicians as speakers for presentations at schools.

Extension of the garden to students' homes where many of them have started small raised beds or container gardens.



## Teambuilding/Decision Making Skills

Collaboration in gardening  
Youth service projects where youth learn to give back to their community at a younger age through service-learning.



"In the Garden" mainstay Genee Foley after the show with Kathy Durham, fellow Master Gardener from Maine.

The **Acadiana Open Channel Committee** produced and aired 12 one hour shows twice a month for the community. Two DVDs and 1 VCR tape were made of each show. Watching the AOC programs qualifies for educational hours for members.

## Speakers Bureau Committee

trained speakers, provided speakers when requested for community events and festivals, maintained and made available equipment for speakers use.

The **Habitat for Humanity Committee** assisted with 5 HFH houses this year. A landscape plan was developed, plants were either propagated or donated by MG members, and the homeowner was instructed in bed preparation, installation and maintenance of the plants used in the yard. MG volunteers worked with the homeowners, Habitat staff, AmeriCorps members from Monroe and North Carolina, and New Iberia high school students.

WHAT PLANT AM I?

ANSWER:

Ceiba pentandra:

Kapok Tree



Meet Me  
In  
Key West ...  
& beyond!



# More Committee Works

The **Plantfest Committee** organized and executed a successful fundraiser in September with the help of the LPMGA membership. Approximately 125 vendors sold plants and handmade items at the event including plants propagated by LPMGA members. The attendance was estimated to be between 12,000 and 18,000. For the first time, sponsors helped underwrite expenses contributing to the overall financial success of the event. The LSU AgCenter had a visible presence at the event providing visitors with suggestions about how to prepare food from their gardens and diagnosing home gardeners' problems. Gerald Roberts, LSU AgCenter county agent, lined up several LSU AgCenter experts to make presentations on a wide variety of topics, from lawn care to controlling armadillos to landscaping. The LSU AgCenter 4-H program had a booth for youngsters to learn about gardening. The event also featured an art exhibit by the Lafayette Art Association, workshops and demonstrations, a writers guild booth, music, food, and beverages.

The **Horse Farm Committee** (ad hoc) developed a list of LPMGA and community non-profit needs associated with a building on the horse farm and communicated these needs and design preferences to Lafayette Central Park and the Design team members.



UL students present their recommendations at a committee evening gathering.

The **Strategic Plan Committee** worked with a ULL graduate school class to prepare a 5-year strategic plan for the Lafayette Parish Master Gardener Association. The committee has begun to implement the recommendations found in the plan.



Becky Taylor, Candy Bienvenu, Gail Wakefield and Carole Gaubert (above) like what they see at Don's Seafood Hut, while Anita Petitjean and Babette Werner work before dining. (right)



**Make 2014 into  
a Master Gardener Statement ...  
Give Your Friends a Master  
Gardener Calendar!**

The 2014 Get It Growing Lawn & Garden Calendar offers monthly tips from LSU AgCenter Horticulturalist Dan Gill, beautiful photos, and a special section on Louisiana Super Plants. Buy yours and enjoy the full color images, how-to's, monthly tips, zone map and more!

Enter your photo for the 2015 Calendar before 01/31/2014. Up to 25 images allowed. Minimum size requirements.

Entry form must accompany CD. See details on the LSUAgCenter.com site. Search "Get It Growing Call for Entries."



# BETWEEN THE ROWS

VEGETABLE GARDENING WITH  
MARY ANN ARMBRUSTER



The weather is certainly not cooperating with my plans for the garden right now. On December 30<sup>th</sup> the overnight temperature is forecast to be 29° F. That is a hard freeze for us here in south Louisiana this early in the season. Right now, the Christmas tree and poinsettias in my living room are sharing space with about two dozen tender perennials in pots. It's truly a lovely display. I'm waiting for the Architectural Digest photographers any day now.

Believe it or not, now is the time to start seeds indoors so that you will have plants to set out in early spring. So why would you want to start seeds yourself when you can buy transplants in any big box store or nursery come spring? Well, cost is one reason. You can buy an entire pack of seeds for the cost of a single transplant. Choice is another, wonderful reason to choose seed. Transplants are available in a very limited variety. Take tomatoes for example, there might be a dozen varieties in a big box store; in a good nursery, you might find two dozen varieties. In the Seed Savers Exchange catalog, you will find seventy-two varieties; in the Territorial Seed catalog, you will find 110 varieties. Among these, you will find ultra-early, early, main season, and storage tomatoes, as well as sauce/paste tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, grape tomatoes, currant tomatoes, greenhouse tomatoes, and heirloom tomatoes. You will find red, pink, orange, yellow, white, purple, brown, and striped tomatoes in seed packets that you will never find in transplants. And peppers? Seed Savers offers sixty-three, Totally Tomatoes over one hundred, but I think you are beginning to get the idea - seeds, especially those offered via catalogs or online, offer myriads of varieties that you will never see if you only rely on what the local nurseries offer as transplants. Now granted, not all of these varieties are good for our particular climate, so it is always a good idea to plant one or two varieties from the LSU Ag Center recommendations to improve your chances for a reliable harvest, but for the cost of a packet of seeds, you can afford to experiment. Who knows, you may be planting your new favorite.

Now that I've covered the dreaming part, let's get down to details. Start the new year off by planting seeds indoors to produce transplants for setting outdoors later. Beginning now, you can plant tomatoes, broccoli, and kohlrabi seeds, then about mid-January, plant peppers, cauliflower, and eggplant seeds. These will all be ready to set out between six and eight weeks later. Plant sequentially to extend the harvest. For example, plant some tomato seeds this week, then plant a few more every two weeks until March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Transplant each group into the garden starting mid-February. Do not try to plant all the seed at the same time, and then hold some of them. Keeping the seedlings in small pots can stress the plant and can produce a number of problems, so make sure you plant your new seedlings at the right time. Make certain to maintain a consistent, recommended moisture level for these seeds, and the seedlings they will produce, until time to set them out in the garden. Allowing them to dry out may cause some of them to bolt (go to seed), and it can cause others, like broccoli and cauliflower, to produce tiny little heads, called button heads – edible, but far from the production that you were expecting.

In our wonderful climate, you aren't restricted to only planting indoors in January, you can start planting outdoors in mid-January. Plant carrots, cabbage, radish, leek sets, beets, lettuces, English peas, and chard in nice sunny spots in the garden. Starting about January 20<sup>th</sup> you can plant Irish potatoes, too. So, if it's just too cold to go out, or raining, plant seeds indoors, it will give you that gardening 'fix' you need. If it's not raining, put on your sweater, gloves and a warm hat and get outside. The weather may be cold, but now is the best time to start your spring garden – from seed. Until next month—Good Gardening.



A partnership between UL Lafayette-Ira Nelson Horticulture Center and the Lafayette Parish Master Gardener Association

## Save the Date

Saturday & Sunday  
April 12 - 13, 2014  
Blackham Coliseum  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Contact Colette Anzalone for more information  
337-288-0283 or colettea@bellsouth.net

# Visit Our Website!

## www.LafayetteMasterGardener.org

### Attention: All LPMGA Committee Chairmen

The LPMGA Website Committee members are currently developing/updating information for our website in order to make certain that our general membership and the public are kept abreast of what is happening within our organization. The website is up and ready to view now.

We would like to include any information that you can provide regarding the accomplishments, recognitions, and awards of your committee, as a whole, and/or of individual committee members.

**Only information that you provide to me will be included on our website.** Please take time to send me any pertinent information/pictures including years in the past.

Also, at any time in the future, feel free to e-mail me anything of this nature that you would like added to the website as I will make sure this is an ongoing process for LPMGA.

Contact:

Jay Ruffin

[lpmgacalendar@gmail.com](mailto:lpmgacalendar@gmail.com)



## REJOICING AT OUR HOLIDAY SOCIAL!

LPMGA held its annual social on the evening of December 4 at the Vermilionville Performance Center. At the gathering, the graduates of the Class of 2013 were introduced and received their certificates of completion and membership. Also, we learned who took the honors of 2013 Outstanding Master Gardener for the year—Jeanell Menard. Additionally, the 2014 Board took the stage for introductions. Linda Beyt's arm is doing better. We were all so worried and wish her continued healing.

*The new Board for 2014 is ready to serve the MG membership.*

*Outstanding Master Gardener Jeanell Menard thanks everyone for the honor announced by Linda Vincent Broussard and Marc Wiley*



*Congrats to Jeanell Menard and all those who took home centerpieces that night!*



See our front page sidebar for the listing of new board members and officers.



*Good food for everyone at Vermilionville at the Christmas Social*

*Sincerest condolences to the families and friends of Jan O'Neal and David Henry*





*Mary Ann Armbruster was among those to bring home a poinsettia. (left) At the Social, we have a great time together.*



*We share joy for the season and a holiday kiss for Susan Gosnell from Becky Taylor. (right) Judy Corne makes a jolly image for the holidays!*



*Master Gardener Carolyn Myers and her husband observe the Social interactions and introductions.*



*A full house—our social provided a nice gathering.*



# Louisiana State Horticulture Society

## Annual Conference & Membership Meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Registration Forms (*see next page for form and directions to the venue*) must be received by **January 7** to participate.

8:00 am – **Registration - \$10.00**

Coffee & Donuts

**Silent Plant Auction Set-Up** (bring a plant(s) for the silent auction).

8:55 am - **Welcome and Opening Comments**

**Stuart Gauthier**, MC & Host (5 min)

9:00 am - ***“UL Wildflower Project”***

**Jim Foret & Mark Simon**, UL Lafayette (30 min)

9:30 am - ***“Cajun Prairie”***

**Malcolm Vidrine**, LSU-E Professor (60 min)

10:30 am – **BREAK** (10 min)

10:40 am – ***“Pineland Wildflowers”***

**Charles Allen**, Senior Botanist Colorado State University at Fort Polk (40 min)

11:20 am – ***“Pollinators”***

**Dennis Ring**, LSU AgCenter Entomologist (20 min)

11:40 am - ***“Presentations from State Fair Winners”***

**Ed Bush**, Assoc. Prof. (Horticulture), LSU AgCenter - Campus, Baton Rouge, LA (20 min)

12:00 pm - **Business Meeting**

**Paul Wilson**, LSHS President presiding (30 min)

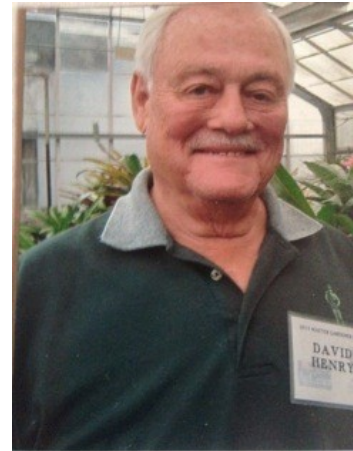
- Awards Presentation
- Election of Board Members
- Spring Tour

12:30 pm - **LUNCH**

1:00 pm. Silent Auction Concludes

Adjourn – Have a Safe Trip Home.

Master Gardener David Henry



Major David Henry  
Retired US Air Force  
Retired PHI Pilot

With great sadness we report the recent loss of one of our newest Master Gardeners, David Henry, on December 13. David and his wife, Eleanor, had just completed the 2013 Master Gardener class in November, and had graduated with their classmates at the December Social.

David was a devoted gardener, and had an interest in building birdhouses. A friend of the family said, "He was generous with all his assets; his time, treasures, and his talents." He had volunteered to share his knowledge with fellow Master Gardeners in a newsletter article on creating birdhouses later this year.

A PHI retiree, David also proudly served our country, retiring as a United States Air Force Major. He was decorated for his service, and will receive the honor of having his ashes interred at Arlington National Cemetery. A memorial service is being planned for after the first of the year.

Our hearts go out to his beloved wife, Eleanor, and his family who share that he was gracious, generous, happy and a good man.

## Planning for the Future

The 2014 officers and board members and key committee chairs will be attending a retreat that focuses on team building and strategy direction for the upcoming year. The program will take place the morning of Monday, January 6 and end at noon.

Kyle Love, a partner for the HDI Consulting firm, will be facilitating the retreat. To learn more about the HDI organization, look at their website <http://www.hdiconsulting.com/home.html>. Kyle was recommended by Eric Guidry, Chief Operating Officer of the Community Foundation of Acadiana and Kam Movassaghi, Board member at CFA. He has facilitated several of their retreats. Kyle has also worked with various non-profits around Acadiana.

## A Word of thanks ...

Master Gardeners express their appreciation to our friends at the Sheriff's Department who added fresh crushed limestone to the demo beds. The walking paths look great after a job well done.





# Louisiana State Horticulture Society

## *2014 Annual Conference & Membership Meeting*

Cade Experimental Farm  
1259 W. J. Bernard Rd.  
St. Martinville, LA 70582

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

### Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Registration Fee: \$10.00 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Membership:

☐ Renewal: \$35.00 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Member: \$35.00 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Directions to Conference:*

**Cade Experimental Farm**  
**1259 W. J. Bernard Rd.**  
**St. Martinville, LA 70582**

The farm is about 16 miles  
from the downtown  
AgCenter Office. Take Hwy  
90 south out of Lafayette.  
Take the St. Martinville  
Hwy 182 exit outside of  
Broussard.

Take a left on Smede Hwy  
near Cade and then a right  
on W.J. Bernard Road.



# Horticulture 2014





## LPMGA Calendar January 2014

**January 1st: Happy New Year!**

**January 2nd: In the Garden live AOC broadcast, LUS Ch. 3/Cox Ch. 15, noon**

**January 6th: Epiphany — the first day of Mardi Gras Season**

**January 6th: LPMGA Board Retreat — CFA, 1035 Camellia Blvd. Ste 100, 8 am – noon**

**January 7th: Registration Deadline for Horticulture Conference, St. Martinville Pg. 11**

**January 8th: Louisiana Horticulture Conference—Cade Experimental Farm, 8 am-1 pm**

**January 8th: General Meeting at SLCC auditorium, 320 Devalcourt, 6 pm**

**January 11th: Garden Talk: Grass & Rock Shoppe Class, 1800 E. Milton Avenue, 10 am**

**January 13th: MPMGA Board Meeting, location to be announced, 1 pm**

**January 17th: Louisiana Arbor Day-Garden Club Planting & TreesAcadiana Ed. Project**

**January 18th: TreesAcadiana Planting, LA Ave & Butcher Switch-Maryview Farm, 8 am**

**January 20th: Martin Luther King Day**

**January 30th: Deadline for photo entries to the Master Gardener Calendar! Pg. 6**

Dave Patton's hummingbird presentation at the November General Meeting.



**New to the Program?**  
*Get your Continuing Education Hours by —*

*Watching "In The Garden" on LUS or Cox Cable*

*('In the Garden' production volunteers—volunteer time hours only)*

*Attending General Meetings w/ an education component*  
*Attending Demo Bad Talks and 2nd Saturday Classes*

*New Year's Resolution: In 2014, I will to enter my hours shortly after each activity !!!*



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