

LPMGA DECEMBER SOCIAL

Wednesday
December 7, 2016 - 6pm
Petroleum Club

LPMGA BOARD MEETING

TO BE DETERMINED
 SINCE 12-26 IS THE
 DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (!!!)
 EXPECT AN EARLIER DATE

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LMPGA December Social

The 2016 December Social takes place on Wednesday, December 7 starting 6 pm at the Petroleum Club. Members need to send reservation requests and \$33 so Linda Alesi gets these by December 2.

Ms. Linda Alesi
110 Wicklowe Road
Lafayette, LA 70503

Welcome to the 2016 Master Gardener class, pictured with Dan Devenport and Juan Nieto



President's Message



December's here and my term as President will soon be over. Many people have commented to me, "You are going to glad when this year is over." Well, yes and no. It has been challenging to say the least. Working and being President is NOT the ideal situation. But I have learned a lot about this organization, its members, and myself. When I first became President, someone would ask me a question, and I would look for the authority in the room. Oh, that's me! I am not a great speaker, and I used to get very nervous talking to adults (I spoke mostly to kids for 37 years).

But I have learned that although there are a lot of different opinions out there in membership land, almost everyone is willing to compromise. And the authors of the Handbook did an outstanding job, covering procedures for nearly every situation. I want to thank the Board for their support and honest input, and all the members who gave me encouragement and suggestions. You are the BEST!

My President's gavel (although I never had to use it), will always be close to my heart!

Linda

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 LPMGA Meetings: (First Wednesday Except in July) Daytime—noon/Evening—6 pm	2016 LPMGA Board Meetings, 1 pm: (Fourth Monday except for July & Dec.)
DECEMBER 7, 6 pm (Social)	To Be Determined

Pine Straw Party!

Thanks to all who attended the Pine Straw Party October 28-29th! We set a record with 800 bales! It was such fun seeing MGs, spouses and grandkids. Yvonne Domas' great-grandson lost his blue clog while playing on the bales and it was suggested that whoever finds it gets to chair the Spring Pine Straw Sale. Wonder why no one has come forward with it yet?! Thanks again and now go spread your pine straw!

Theresa Gore 2007



Azalea Trail News

The Azalea Trail committee along with Scenic Lafayette has been working on two separate projects this Fall. First of all, we have been walking Jefferson Street and evaluating the ailing azaleas lining that street. They have been watered during the drought, and sprayed for lace bugs. In the future, we will add nutrients to the soil and mulch the beds. The other project involves the corner of St. Mary and Parkside. The area there was overgrown and unattractive. With the help of a group of UL students, Azalea Trail Committee planted over 20 large azaleas that were donated. Drive by! It is much improved!!!

Submitted by Cindy Wiley

Log Your Hours

The clock is ticking. Maintain your account so it has all your hours for education and volunteer activities before year end.

Master Gardeners



At the November general meeting, Linda Beyt and Jan Wyatt share a tender moment and well wishes as Jan is relocating to Florida. We all continue to wish her and Charles, her husband, well. Also, we send our thanks to her for all her contributions to the Lafayette Master Gardeners and the community at large.

LA Nursery and Landscape Assoc. Class

February 21-22, 2017. Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association (LNLA) Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional Review. Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette, La. Contact Annie Coco at anniecoco400@gmail.com

These are the details of the LNLA class. It is an interesting day and a half course which meets MG Continuing Education requirements. There is an optional test on Day Two. Hope you attend!

Theresa Gore 2007

SCHOOL GARDEN INITIATIVE

"Lettuce" Entertain You!

School gardeners at Judice Middle school were singing Buttercrunch, Red leaf, and Jerico, as they harvested leaf lettuce from their garden in late November. Looseleaf lettuce is a great vegetable for a school garden. It is colorful, easy and fast growing. The open heads allow students to harvest a few leaves or whole plants as needed. After passing the taste test, the students cut leaves to take home to share with their families.



What Plant Am I?

I'm a semi-evergreen shrub or vine, native to South Africa. My botanical name means "with ears".

In full sun to part shade, I produce light, true blue flowers, with a sticky one inch long pedicel. Except for the coldest months, I bloom all year long. If I'm damaged by cold, I'll regrow from my roots.

If your pet doesn't mind, I make a lovely adornment for his/her head. My leaves range from yellow-green to glossy green and grow to one inch long. I range from 3 feet to 10 feet, with a similar spread.

Plant my seeds or cuttings taken in Spring in light, sandy acidic soil. My cuttings propagate easily. Keep me watered until I am established. After that, I am relatively drought-resistant. The Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain has awarded me the Award of Garden Merit.

If my leaves turn yellow, apply manganese.

Contact with my leaves may cause contact dermatitis in some people. This is rare.

Do you know what plant I am?

See page 7 for the answer

MY PLATE COOK-OFF WINNING MEAL!

Winning meal for 2015 SGI Cook-Off served at all 40 LPSS schools!

On Thursday, October 13, 2016, the winning meal for the 2015 School Garden Initiative was served in all 40 public schools in Lafayette Parish! The Green T Lindon students are shown enjoying their winning meal, featuring cauliflower crusted pizzas and fruit parfaits with Master Gardener Audrey Cosgrove and lead teacher Michelle Levis.

The cafeteria staffs throughout the parish worked closely with Celeste Hay, our LPSS Nutrition partner, in adapting the recipes to serve thousands of students. Celeste is pictured with the GTL cafeteria staff, who assisted our teams as they refined the recipes for the competition, and who were delighted to serve the special meal to all at GTL.

Cauliflower has become a favorite at Green T Lindon, because it is grown in their garden!

Sherlyn



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



**YOU'RE
INVITED**

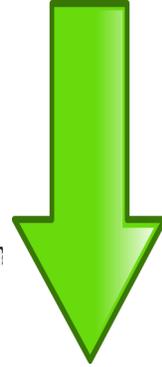
**Native Landscaping & Restoration
in Houston-Gulf Coast Region**

December 1st 2016

9:00 AM - NOON

**Houston Zoo Auditorium
6200 Hermann Park Dr. Houston, TX**

**Presentations and Roundtable Q & A on
Native Plants, Pollinators & Processes**



- Kelly McDowell (FWS - Wildlife Refuges)
- Dennis Markwardt & Erica Swenson (TxDOT)
- Andy Sipocz (TPWD - Sheldon Lake SP)
- Pat Merkord (Native Prairie Assn of Texas)
- Aaron Tjelmeland (The Nature Conservancy)
- Bill Neiman (Native American Seed)



Winter Gardening Symposium

Saturday, January 28, 2017

8:00 A.M. to Noon

New Orleans Museum of Art Auditorium, City Park

Join award-winning authors and lecturers **Doug Tallamy** and **Rick Darke** along with local landscape horticulturist and master gardener, **Tammany Baumgarten**, for three inspiring presentations illustrating how to integrate beauty and biodiversity in your home garden through native plants that nurture Louisiana wildlife. You'll learn how to recognize and enrich the layers of your landscape to create an ecosystem that is diverse, visually appealing and sustaining on many levels.

Designing and Maintaining the Living Landscape. Discover how an understanding of living relationships can be put to practical use in the design and maintenance of beautiful gardens that are biologically diverse and joyfully livable. Rick Darke will share strategies for employing "organic architecture" in creating beautiful, conserving, highly functional layers that can be found in the Bayou country and other parts of the southeastern U.S.

Restoring Nature's Relationships at Home. Specialized relationships between animals and plants provide our birds with insects and berries, disperse our bloodroot seeds and pollinate our plants. Learn why specialized food relationships determine the stability and complexity that support animal diversity, why our yards and gardens are essential parts of the ecosystems that sustain us, and what we can do to make our landscapes living ecosystems once again.

My Weeds, My Bugs, My Home. Tammany Baumgarten will share wisdom and discoveries from her years of gardening research and experimentation in and around New Orleans. You'll learn about naturalistic garden design in the reality of small-scale urban lots, including specific methods and plants that have proved successful in drawing and sustaining insect life in our city setting. She will finally address some paths forward to a greater good in our neighborhoods, city and state.

Your morning of learning will include a continental breakfast from Café NOMA, raffle of a stunning gallery of garden wildlife wreaths designed by master gardeners, complimentary admission to NOMA immediately following the program and an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Besthoff Sculpture Garden adjoining the museum.

Registration fee is \$35.00. Plus you'll have the option to purchase a specially-discounted copy of *The Living Landscape* signed by co-authors Doug Tallamy and Rick Darke. Please go to mgnno.org/symposium for complete details and to register securely online through our Eventbrite site.

Have a question? Call 504-908-2018 or email symposium@mgnno.org. Follow us on [Facebook.com/MasterGardenersOfGreaterNewOrleans](https://www.facebook.com/MasterGardenersOfGreaterNewOrleans) for updates and the latest news about our 2017 Winter Gardening Symposium.

BECKY TAYLOR AND PLANT FEST MEMORIES



Becky Taylor—leaving as head of Plantfest for the last time and going out in STYLE!



Spurring interest — planting seeds



WHAT PLANT AM I?
ANSWER:

Plumbago auriculata : Plumbago, Cape leadwort,
Blue Cape plumbago



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LPMGA Calendar December 2016

December 2: Deadline for Social reservations. Regulary members \$33
December 7: Christmas Social, Petroleum Club, 6 pm

December Board Meeting Date to be determined at Social

Upcoming Events:

January 28, Winter Gardening Symposium, New Orleans

February 21-22, Louisiana Nursery and Landscaping Association Class.

Happy Holidays!

And GET WELL WISHES for anyone and everyone who needs them
(especially Linda !)



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.

Please send newsletter items to:

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"MG NEWSLETTER" in your subject bar.

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