

**LPMGA NOVEMBER
 GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday
November 2, 2016 - noon
Downtown Public Library

**LPMGA BOARD
 MEETING**

1 PM MONDAY,
 NOVEMBER 28, 2016
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LMPGA November General Meeting

The speaker for the November Master Gardener meeting is Dan Devenport and the topic is Blueberries. There will also be a vote for an increase in dues and the election of Board members. The meeting will be held November 2, 2016 at noon at the downtown branch of the Lafayette Parish Library located at 301 W. Congress St.

President's Message



Wasn't the Southern Garden Symposium amazing? (see photo below) The speakers were incredible, the plants, fun, and of course, the company (meaning you, ladies, what's with the gents???) great! This is one of the best symposiums, and it's just a short drive away.

I want to personally thank Jan Wyatt for all of her years of service to the Master Gardeners. Jan and Sarah were the Master Gardeners for my school garden when I was teaching at L. Leo Judice.

Jan taught my students about how plants were used in colonial times, and was always there at the after-school Garden Club sharing her knowledge about gardening with us. Jan's (and Sarah's) enthusiasm for gardening made a huge impression on me, and I wanted to be a Master Gardener, just like them!

Thank you, Jan!

Linda Beyt

Southern Garden Symposium Gala in St. Francisville:



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.)
NOVEMBER 2, Noon	NOVEMBER 28
DECEMBER 7, 6 pm (Social)	DECEMBER 12

Louisiana Plant Materials Conference

Louisiana Plant Materials for Master Gardeners
 LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station
 November 16, 8:30—2

Topics include:

Caladiums & Buddleia at Hammond Research Station
 Yan Chen

Tropical Plants at Hammond Research Station
 Gina Hebert

New Plants in Retail Nurseries for 2017
 from Bracy’s Nursery in Amite, Craig Houin

Plants for 2017 from Doug Young Nursery, Forest
 Hill. Jake Wilson

Plants with Potential – New Additions
 Jason Stagg

LSU AgCenter Super Plants for 2017
 Dan Gill

Plants for Pool Landscaping
 Lisa Loup, AMK Landscape Services, Jefferson, LA

Seating limited to first 60 registrants by November 10
 See your email for more details and the registration
 form!

Christmas Social

Save the date! The Christmas Social will be Dec. 7 at
 the Petroleum Club. Invitation to follow soon.

Master Gardeners at the Market

**Garden Talks on November 19—Farmer’s Market at
 the Horse Farm, Moncus Park**

- 10:00 Keeping Christmas Plants Alive- Becky Taylor
- 10:30 Making Thanksgiving and Christmas Arrangements
 – Theresa Guidry
- 10:00- 11:30 Ask-a-Master-Gardener Booth



Dan Devenport giving a Garden Talk at the Market

Festival des Fleurs

The Festival des Fleur’s committee is looking for volunteers
 to be on the planning board for the next Flower festival to be
 held April 1st. 2017 at the Blackham Coliseum.

We meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:00 pm from
 Sept. to May, except Dec. We meet for 1–1 1/2 hours. The
 month prior, we meet two times that month going over
 details, and ask for help with picking up ice, drinks, and
 donated items for drawing, etc. Friday, the day before, we
 put up signage, set up the coliseum, and help pick up
 whatever needs to be picked up set up outside vendors
 stations with Dennis Wollard. This is a one day event in
 2017, so we set up and take down all on Saturday. Work
 hours would be from 7:00-7:00p.m on the Saturday April 1,
 2017.

For more information, please email or call Colette Anzalone
 in reference to this request. You do get MG volunteer hours.

Thank you for your support of Festival des Fleur’s.

SWEET POTATO HARVEST AT GREEN T LINDON

The children at Green T Lindon wanted to plant sweet potatoes this past spring 2016 so that they would have something to harvest early in the school year. They had an exciting time digging in the soil for the treasured harvest on September 8th. As you can see in the picture, the size of some of them was spectacular! Sweet potatoes are a good crop to plant near the end of the school year just when the weather is about to get really hot. Sweet potatoes love the heat.

This strategy helped to promote interest in the garden projects early in this school year. We have Michele Levis and Marci Lee to thank for this fabulous idea.

The school recently added 26 additional gardening buckets. Each class at Green T Lindon now has it's own bucket and will be planting transplants supplied by Bonnie plants, procured by Dan Devenport.



What Plant Am I?

I'm a hardy evergreen perennial shrub, a member of the Mint family. A native of Southern Europe, the Middle East, and the region surrounding the Caspian Sea, I was brought to N. America by colonists as early as 1631. I am a part of the official formulation of the liqueur Chartreuse.

At my base, my stems are woody and produce a number of strait branches. My leaves are dark green, lanceolate (similar to tarragon), and fragrant. My fragrant flowers, which bloom from spring to late fall, can be blue, pink, or white, and attract butterflies and hummingbirds. I'm especially attractive to bees, which produce a delightful honey.

If grown for use in the kitchen, fresh is best. I can be used in soups, salads, and with fruit, usually cranberries, stewed peaches, apricots, and in drinks, tarts and pies. Plant me in full sun in loose, slightly alkaline soil. I can be propagated by seeds, which germinate in 14 to 21 days, and from cuttings, and root division. I'm hardy in zones 3 to 10. In warmer zones, I self-seed readily, and I'm fairly drought-tolerant.

In herbal medicine, I'm believed to have soothing expectorant and cough-suppressant properties. People with epilepsy should NOT use me.

In "The Language of Flowers", I symbolize cleanliness and sacrifice.

Do you know what plant I am?

See page 7 for the answer

SCHOOL GARDEN INITIATIVE

Thanks to the GUY SQUAD - Juan Nieto, Jess Richmond and Nick Long - along with Master Gardeners, we were able to install three new gardens. The schools receiving the garden start up kit are: Ernest Gallet Elementary in Youngsville, Paul Breaux in Lafayette and Ridge Elementary in Scott. Nick Long documented the garden install at Paul Breaux Middle School and explains the procedure that was followed at each school:

School Garden Initiative New Bucket Garden Preparation

Step 1 – Select a sunny site 12 feet by 16 feet close to a water faucet with a southern exposure. Kill the grass using an herbicide like Round Up. Thoroughly soak the leaves.

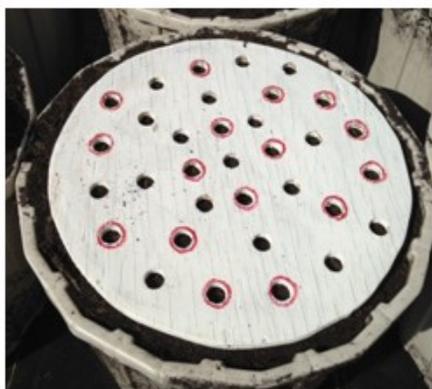


Step 2 – Wait 2 weeks for the grass to die. Cover the area with a weed barrier cloth. To prevent the cut edge from unraveling, fold the cut edges under by 2-inches before securing it with the pins. Hold the cloth in place with wire pins placed every 2 feet around the perimeter; every 2 feet down the center seam (if two cloths are used); and every 2 feet down the center of each panel.

Step 3 – Place 16 rubber buckets in 2 groupings of 8 buckets each on the weed barrier cloth. Leave a 2-foot walk space around the groupings. It may be more convenient to prefill the buckets with compost (from [Chastant's](#) or [Girouard's](#) or other nursery) before placing the buckets. The pre-filled buckets are very heavy and you will need to use a dolly to move them. You could fill the buckets after placing them and make the weight lighter and easier to move but this will take a little longer.

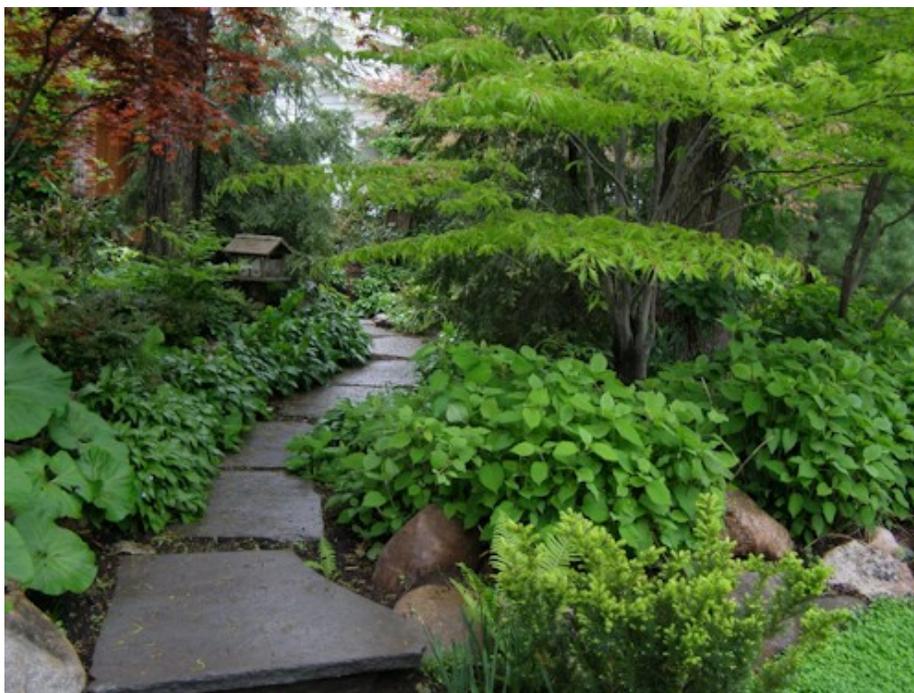


Step 4- Add some fertilizer to the top 6-inches of soil/compost as directed on the package. Juan Nieto provided this brand to one school. **Bio-tone Organic Plant Starter-Plus**. Juan also provided a wooden template to be used for placing seeds at the correct spacing. Ask Juan Nieto for the instructions for using the template.



FAREWELL TO JAN WYATT

“If I had a flower for every time you made me smile and laugh, I’d have a garden to walk in forever.”



How do we find the words to say goodbye to Jan, to thank her for the many contributions she has made to the LPMGA? To say that we will miss her somehow seems insufficient. Perhaps this is a time when words truly fail. Actions, however, supposedly speak louder than words. Well, Jan Wyatt is certainly a woman of action! She always seems to go beyond the call of duty because she realizes that her work is larger than herself. She has a way of bringing people together not only within our organization but also throughout our community and broadening the presence of LPMGA. Jan is able to differentiate between one-time special events and projects that will improve our organization in the future. She has a vision for seeing the greater potential of LPMGA by strengthening its mission in the community. The influence of her work with the LPMGA Strategic Action Plan and the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association is still in evidence today. Jan has long been our organization’s champion within the community, sharing information about the work of the LPMGA and educating Lafayette and the surrounding area about horticulture and environmental stewardship. She has never hesitated to make commitments as evidenced by her extensive involvement within both our organization and the community. Jan has served on the original PlantFest steering committee, and her contributions in the areas of publicity, sponsorship, and mentorship have proved invaluable.

Jan became a member of the LPMGA in 2010, and she has made numerous contributions to the organization since that time. Possibly among her greatest contributions to the LPMGA program are the creation of the Medicinal Garden at Vermilionville and the awarding of the International Master Gardener Award. Jan’s success with the Medicinal Garden serves as a perfect example of her abilities as a leader and team builder. With this particular project, she recognized an opportunity for the LPMGA to assume a more visible role within the community. Her vision not only enhanced our horticulture goals but also allowed us to fulfill our mission. In the process, Jan involved LPMGA members, community leaders, and horticulture experts in a joint venture to build a legacy of which they could be very proud. She has left an indelible mark on the LPMGA. Jan Wyatt, you will truly be missed.

“You were always one of my favorite Hellos! You will be one of my hardest Goodbyes!”

-Jay Ruffin

GARDEN STROLL REPORT



Kay Bray's Garden Stroll, left and below



Sherlyn Larrison, Genee' Foley and Candy Bienvenue (L to R) strolling the gardens of Melissa Fournet October 21st

Melissa Fournet's Garden Stroll on October 21

MASTER GARDENERS AT THE MARKET



The Lafayette Farmers and Artisans Market at the Horse Farm is thrilled that the Lafayette Master Gardeners are moving some of their regularly scheduled activities to the Market. (Garden Talk, Ask a Master Gardener, and Plant Swaps)

Master Gardeners and their guests are warmly welcomed every Saturday morning at the Market. (8am-noon year-round) We encourage everyone to build new relationships with vendors and other Market participants and guests. Please stop by the Market Tent and introduce yourself to Market Manager and President, Mark Hernandez. Look for Master Gardeners and AgCenter folks among the Market presenters, vendors, and volunteer staff (Board Members).

This partnership is a wonderful way to strongly serve the community together. We're looking forward to great things to come!

If you want to coordinate times and dates for your programs, or if you're interested in offering a presentation, discussion, illustration, display, etc. during a Market, or if you have experience, skill or talent to offer the Market, or if you want to request promotion of a related event or activity on the Market's social media, please email: stacy@leefmly.com

Stacy Lee
Lafayette Master Gardener and Market Board member



Theresa Guidry (above) giving a talk at the Market at the Horse Farm

WHAT PLANT AM I? ANSWER:

Hyssop officinalis



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- November 16: LA Plant Materials Conference, LSU-Ag Center, Hammond
- November 19: Master Gardeners at the Market, 10-11 am Farmer's Market at the Horse Farm Moncus Park
- November 28: LPMGA Board Meeting, Ira Nelson Center, 1 p.m.
- December 7: Christmas Social, Petroleum Club



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Please send newsletter items to:

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"MG NEWSLETTER" in your subject bar.

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