

LPMGA GENERAL MEETING

November 3, Noon
Southside Library
6101 Johnston Street
Lafayette

LPMGA Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 16, 1 PM
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President's Message



Hello Gardeners!

As the year winds down the cooler weather has us all thinking of winterizing our beds, and of course getting ready for the holidays! Isn't that a great change from the dog days of summer?

As I mentioned at our General Meeting, our Plant Fest sale was a big success and will provide the funding we need to continue all of our programs and projects. It was wonderful to see a big turnout from our current and recent class members too! The Propagation Team is gathering seeds and cuttings for the spring plant sale at Festival des Fleurs. If you have ideas on

unique plants, share them with a team member.

As we move into November we will be holding elections for our open board positions. We will use online voting again as we did last year, as it gives us considerably greater participation than voting in person at the general meeting. You will receive your ballot via email. For those without email, a ballot will be mailed to you. Please vote!

Are you ready for the Christmas Social?



Don Weintritt
President

A gardener learns more in the mistakes than in the successes.

Barbara Borland

To plow a straight row, one must keep his eye on the goal rather than the plow.

J.M. Price

MEETINGS AND WHAT PLANT AM I

**2021 LPMGA
General Meetings**
First Wednesday
Monthly
Daytime: 12:00pm
Evening: 6 pm

**2021 LPMGA
Board
Meetings**
1pm on Third
Tuesday

**Dates, times, topics, and locations
are subject to change**

GENERAL MEETINGS	BOARD MEETINGS
NOVEMBER 10	NOVEMBER 16
DECEMBER SOCIAL	DECEMBER 21

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND CONTINUING
EDUCATION HOURS NEED TO BE REC-
ORDED BY
DECEMBER 15TH.**

Recording your hours is important to the LPMGA. It lets everyone know our value and the impact we make withing our community.

It is easy to do and takes very little time.

Our Volunteer Coordinator, Louann Long, has put together some great information for us about volunteer service and CE.

Please refer to page 10 for Louann's report.

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WHAT PLANT AM I

I'm a slow-growing perennial evergreen herb, common throughout eastern North America, from Canada down to Florida and over to Texas. My creeping stems grow to about 12 inches long and have adventitious roots at the node of each of my leaves. I'm usually propagated from cuttings of these stems with their roots attached. I'm very difficult to propagate by seed. Stratification at 40 degrees for 3 months is necessary. Then remove my pulp and sow seeds in damp sand. Pot them when the seedlings are big enough to handle, and transplant them the following spring. I like the shade under acid-loving plants, in sandy, well-drained soil, along creeks and on hillsides in pinelands. In landscapes, I'm used as an ornamental groundcover.

My leaves are small (1/2 inch), glossy green, and heart shaped. They are opposite on short petioles with a pale-yellow mid-rib. In spring, small tubular white flowers appear in sets of twos. They are fragrant and are contained inside one calyx. Both flowers have 1 pistil and 4 stamens, but 1 flower will have a short pistil and long stamens, and the other flower will have a long pistil and short stamens. This prevents self-pollination, so insects must do the job to produce one berry. Two bright red spots on the bottom of the berry shows that the ovaries of the 2 flowers produced 1 berry. These berries are eaten by partridges, ruffed grouse, turkeys, and other game birds. Small animals such as skunks and white-footed mice also eat them.

American Indians used me during the last weeks of pregnancy to ease childbirth. A lotion was made from my leaves to relieve soreness in breasts. My berries are high in Vitamins A and C and have been used in cough syrups. I'm also used in jams, juices, baked goods, and to make wine. I'm rich in anthocyanins, antioxidants, and Magnesium.

Although I'm widely distributed, it's becoming harder to find me in some areas, but I may be available at Native Plant nurseries.

Do you know what plant I am?

THE DEVENPORT REPORT:

Sanctioned Master Gardener Events



For Master Gardeners to earn volunteer hours and be covered by LSU's liability insurance, all projects or events must be "sanctioned"! Events/projects must have the approval of the Lafayette Parish Master Gardener's Board of Directors and be included in our yearly proposal to LSU. Additionally, an application for an event can be made anytime and if approved it can only be reported to LSU in January and June of each year as a sanctioned event for you to begin logging in your volunteer hours.

Under the "forms" tab in your Master Gardener "Volunteer Handbook" you will find the form: **LPMGA Project/Event Proposal Form**. This is the form you should complete and submit to the Board of Directors (preferably in person) for consideration to become a sanctioned event thus allowing you the ability of earning volunteer hours.

Since we have completed the 2021 Master Gardener class and many members of that class reside outside Lafayette parish, I thought this article would show those new members and others the procedure for developing a new venue to earn volunteer hours both inside and outside of Lafayette Parish. Below is a list of sanctioned events (for both volunteer/ educational hours/events).

Plant Swap, Pine Straw Sale, General Membership Meetings, Master Gardener Board of Directors Meeting, Acadian Village/LARC, Quarterly Distribution of Horticulture Hints, Demonstration Gardens, Vermilionville/Healing Gardens, Propagation Committee, Speakers Bureau, Library Lecture Series, Board Approved Presence at Horticultural Events, Board Approved Small Beautification Projects for Non-Profits, Field Trips, Spring Social, Christmas Social, Festival des Fleur/Spring Plant Sale, Fall Plant Sale, Ask-A-Master Gardener, School Gardening Initiative, Garden Strolls, Habitat for Humanity, Master Gardener Class, 4-H Contest Days, Assisting at Ira Nelson, New Iberia Ag Adventurers.

If you have any questions regarding this topic, please feel free to call my office at (337) 291-7090.

Dan Devenport LSU AgAgent

WHAT PLANT AM I?



Michella repens:

Partridge berry, Squaw
vine. Related to
blueberries and cranberries

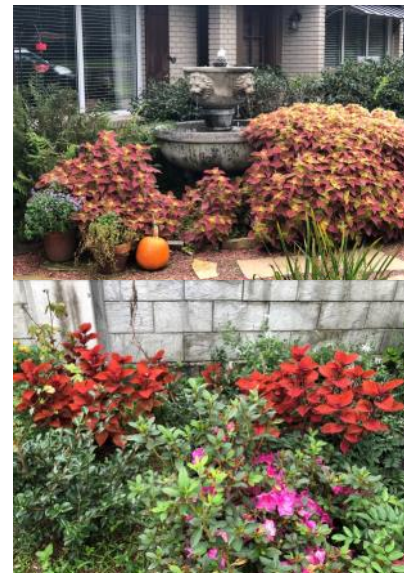
FALL GARDEN STROLL, 2021

By Barbara McConnell

You knew it was early October when you drove up to the Mid-Century Ranch-style home at 108 Clara Von, Lafayette. A bubbling fountain near the front door was nestled amid pumpkins and coleus plants in Autumn colors. Andy Breaux, the owner, and a gardening buddy of his, were responsible for this expertly landscaped yard.

The backyard was ringed by a curving, continuous flower bed, which was enhanced with little separate garden 'islands' scattered all around the area. But what struck the eye the most was the use of many scattered plant types instead of large groupings of one single species, and a glorious use of contrasting, fluorescent, eye-popping color!

The high-low placement was also intriguing: taller Japanese Maples, magnolias, American Beautyberry, Cat Whiskers, passion flower arbor, and back-wall Hyacinth Bean Vine, over the lower roses, dwarf azaleas, lantanas, coleus, sedum, potato vines and potted plants. There was a good scatter of ornamental grasses too, which completed the autumn theme.





Reflections On PlantFest 2021

BY Barbara McConnell

Our LPMGA President Don Weintritt emailed the membership a great letter on September 26 on the outcome of this year's PlantFest, and we did well. Combined with nice weather, large teams of volunteers including some fledglings from this year's MG Class, and a good turnout of shoppers, we earned over \$11,000! This should fund just about anything we need for this year according to our prez.

There are quite a few committees and individuals that combined to make this a success including: booths, t-shirt sales, raffle tickets for door prizes(cute carts!), yard signs, propagation, volunteers, speakers, and the plant swap. Here are some of their comments:

Ellen Garacci, "Though the pandemic has affected everything, I think the number of people for the Plant and Seed Swap was a little less than our normal. It was OK having it on the same day as PlantFest, but next year we just need a separate flyer."

Heather Warner-Finley, "The Propagation Team were all so pleased at the turnout; pleased to see familiar faces of our customers, and pleased to spend the morning talking to people about growing plants. We had great help from our Master-Gardeners-in-Training. Several students have been coming regularly to Propagation workdays and we so appreciate their insights and enthusiasm. We sold out of everything except what we had VERY large numbers of!"

Cinde Riesinger-Johnson, commenting from her vacation in Spain, "I have not seen the final figures myself but we made at least 3-4 times what we previously made with the raffle. For next year I would like some suggestions for prizes. I would like to do an upgrade whether it's higher end and/or more prizes and sell more tickets. I want to appeal to all the MGs for ideas, suggestions and support."



NATIVE PLANTS



OUR CUSTOMERS



ELLEN GROTE



CINDY WILEY

Master Gardener's Christmas Social



MGIT 2021 Class Graduation

December 1, 2021

6:00 pm

Petroleum Club

6:00-6:45 Social & hors d'oeuvres Cash Bar

7:00 Dinner

8:00 Graduation

*Cost \$40 (MGITs excluded)****

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION: FRIDAY, November 26, 2021

*****Sorry, but due to price increases in food, trucking, etc. the price has increased.**

Make checks payable: LPMGA

Mail to:

**Pam Womack
1018 Bayou Tortue Rd.
Broussard, LA 70518**

Name:_____

Number of Guests:_____ **Amount Enclosed:**_____

TIME TO PICKUP PINESTRAW!

Pine Straw pick up is Friday-Saturday, November 5 and 6th, 8 am to Noon, behind the Demo Gardens, \$10 per bale, cash or check payable to LPM-GA. Please pick up on the day you selected. See you then!

Thanks, Theresa Gore 2007

TeaGore@msn.com Cell/text: 303-8113

NOOR MERCHANT SETS UP UTUBE CHANNEL

Noor's Garden and Kitchen will highlight plant information Noor has learned from being a part of the LPMGA propagation team for a number of years. It will also showcase many of the dishes Noor has presented at the annual LPMGA PlantFest cooking demonstrations. Take sometime to give it a look.

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCXm889F6O6u-9cOicKF8pw>

2022 “Get it Growing” CALENDARS

Pre-Paid Orders ONLY \$10 each ORDER NOW!

The calendars have arrived and are available for pickup. If you haven't preordered your calendars, it's time to place your prepaid order for the 2022 LSU AgCenter's "Get It Growing" calendar. As a member of LPMGA, you receive a **discounted membership price of \$10 per calendar**. You may also order extra calendars as Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts at the same discounted price.

Calendars are available for sale and pickup at the November 3rd noon meeting at the Southside Library and at propagation every Wednesday morning starting Wednesday, October 20th.

You may order in either of 2 ways: 1) sign up and pay with Gail Wakefield on Wednesday mornings at propagation or 2) send the attached form with payment to Linda Alesi at 110 Wicklowe Road, Lafayette, LA 70503.

Call either Gail (288-8058) or Linda (280-3212) if you have questions.

Make checks payable to: **LPMGA** and mail to Linda Alesi, 110 Wicklowe Road,
Lafayette, LA 70503

Name _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

_____ calendars at \$10.00 each = total payment of _____ enclosed.

Check # _____





LPMGA TOUR ACADIAN MUSEUM IN ERATH LOUISIANA

Recently, the Healer's Garden Committee took a field trip south to Erath to the Acadian Museum to learn about our Acadian culture. Since what we deal with in the Healer's Garden is Acadian healing traditions, knowing more about the culture of which those traditions are a part makes our work that much more meaningful. When we tour visitors through the gardens on Vermilionville's culture days, many of them are not locals, and many have questions about the Cajun culture. And the Acadian Museum, founded by my husband Warren in 1990, has all the answers. There are at least 5,000 artifacts in the museum, on shelves, in display cases, on the walls, and even hanging from the ceiling. Warren gave everyone an overview of Acadian history and told about his life-altering experience of suing Queen Elizabeth II and Great Britain for the illegal deportation of the Acadians from their homeland, Acadie, now Nova Scotia, in 1755. After his talk, we browsed through the museum. We saw the military exhibit, the Cajun music exhibit, the Cajun kitchen exhibit, the farm tools exhibit, and most interesting to many of us, the Acadian textile exhibit. There is even a nail exhibit! Those present were Mary Ann Armbruster, Nancy Atkins, Sherry Pere, Margaret Lambert, Melanie Francois, May Waggoner, Tina Vidrine, Beverly Fuselier, Mary Alice Hale, and Master Gardener-in-training members Jennifer Mckay, Ann Derbes, Louis Maraist and Sandra Day. Then, after our brains were sufficiently stuffed with an overload of new knowledge, we drove back to Lafayette to my house for lunch. It was a beautiful autumn day I serious

Mary Perrin

Co-author, *Acadie Then and Now, A People's History*, Winner, Le Prix France-Acadie <https://www.acadianmuseum.com/boutique.html>

Co-author, *Seeking an Acadian Nation, the 1930 Diary of an Evangeline Girl* <https://www.acadianmuseum.com/boutique.html>

2021 Service Hour Totals YTD	2021 LPMGA VOLUNTEER/COUNTINUING EDUCATION HOUR REPORT October 1-October 20											
	Activity Hours Totals By Details Report	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	YTD
Total Vol Hrs 4483.75	4H & Other Youth Activities	0	0	0	0	67.5	0	10.5	20.5	10	0	174.25
Total CE Hrs 827.7	Attending Bus/Admin Meetings	6.25	2	0	25	2	8	4	1	5	9.95	224.95
Ind Contacts 8547	Civic & Community	112.70	76.75	164	133	49	88.25	165.5	83	281.75	86.15	3069.55
Total Contacts 35693	Continuing Education	8	0	0	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	32
Mileage 20045.85	Extension Activities	29	8	0	3	10.5	7	46.65	6	161.75	38	767.15
Expenses 4122.14	LMG Teaching Activities	2	0	12	2.5	13.5	.5	24.5	42.5	16.75	13	212.85
Total Vol Value \$58982.57	CE Totals Vol Hrs Summary Report	79.25	29.5	44.5	65.75	28	47.75	47	39.25	110	31.3	827.7
	Volunteer Totals Vol Hrs Summary Report	157.95	86.75	176	169.5	142.5	222.4	252.15	155	475.25	147.1	4480.75

Updated 10/20/2021. The 2021 monthly totals may change throughout the year since hours may be recorded or edited in previous months during the current year. Chart totals for previous months are not updated monthly.

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT

I hope everyone is getting ready to enjoy the start of the holiday season. I think we are all ready for some cooler weather. I'd like to thank all our volunteers for their contributions over the past year.

Remember to try to record your hours by December 15th. Hours for 2021 can be recorded until 11:50pm December 31st, but you will not have access to IT support if there is a problem.

Top Ten Volunteers 2021: The ten volunteers that have recorded the most **volunteer** hours by 11:59pm November 30th will each be awarded a \$20 gift certificate to be used at our plant sales.

Hours earned in 2021 count toward Active Status in 2022. In 2021 the requirement for hours was reduced to 20 total hours. These can be **ALL** Volunteer hours, **ALL** Continuing Education hours **OR** any combination totaling 20 hours. For Active Status in 2022, record at least the minimum 20 hours, pay dues (mail to Treasurer Debbie Dupuy) by December 15th (a late fee of \$5 applies after the due date) and sign and submit the yearly Code Of Conduct (mail to Corresponding Secretary Ellen Garacci).

We cannot record hours retroactively. Hours earned in 2021 must be recorded in 2021.

2021 Class members have until December 31st 2021 PLUS January 1 to December 31st of 2022 to earn their 40 hours for Certification. Hours must be recorded in the year they were earned.

Recording Individual Contacts and Mass Contacts: After some confusion about how to record Contacts, I checked with our MG State Coordinator and received an explanation. Please remember it is okay to guesstimate if you do not have an exact number. If you had no contacts, enter '0'.

For Individual Contacts: Consider yourself the Individual. Count how many members of the public you came in contact with. You may also count MGs that **are not** earning Volunteer hours at that event, presentation or activity (such as an MG that comes to a Plant Sale as a customer and is not volunteering). **Do not count MGs that are also volunteering at the event or activity.**

For Mass Contacts: Only Committee Chairs, Event Chairs and Activity Organizers record the total number of members of the public and MGs that are attending but not recording Volunteer hours. Social Media Chairs, Newsletter Editor and other Chairs dealing with presentations count views, recipients, or attendees.

If you do encounter issues while recording or have questions about Contacts, earning or recording hours, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Louann Long (337) 501-7998 or mglouann@gmail.com

2022 BOARD ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE THROUGH ONLINE VOTE

The Election of 2022 Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Executive Board Officers will take place through an online vote open from Saturday November 20, 2021 to Tuesday November 30, 2021 at 11:59pm.

Candidates for open positions on the board are:

Vice President: Mary Gladney

Volunteer Coordinator: Louann McClelland-Long and Mary Ann Armbruster

Member At Large: Marsha Bayer and Cinde Reisinger

Treasurer: Angela Moles

The voting will take place via e-mail balloting just as we did last year.

Check your inboxes starting November 20 and please vote!

Don Weintritt

President



ELLEN GARACCI
PLANT SWAP



PLANTFEST SETUP



DEEDY JOHNSON-REID



ED WILHELM, SUSAN WILHEM
PASTY HEBERT



DEEDY JOHNSON-REID, JEORME
ALISAE AND JUAN NIETO



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NOVEMBER CALENDER

- **LPMGA General Meeting
Nov.3, Southside Library**
- **LPMGA Board Meeting, Nov.
16 Ira Nelson Center**
- **Pine Straw Pickup November
5th and 6th**
- **Fall Social and Graduation
December 1, 2021**

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

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