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LPMGA GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 3 — 6PM SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

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E.B.Brooks Presents An **UPDATE ON MONCUS PARK**

LPMGA BOARD NOMINA-**TIONS** MEMBER-AT-LARGE **NOMINATIONS**

2018 LPMGA OCTOBER **BOARD MEETING**

TUESDAY **OCTOBER 23 — 11 AM** IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE CENTER (INHC)

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2019 LPMGA BOAR

The Nominating Committee has begun to select Master Gardeners who are qualified and willing candidates to serve on the Board as Officers. Nominees should have served as a chair or committee member on LPMGA committees. and/or had previous board experiences in other organizations. Only active or associate Master Gardeners in good standing shall be eligible for election to Board positions. (Only an active Master Gardener member who has served for at least one year on the Board can be elected President.)

> The Offices to be filled are: Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Member-At-Large

Board members are elected to a two year term, except for the Member-at-Large, who is elected for a one-year term. Candidates should refer to the LPMGA Handbook page 23 for a job description of each office or contact the Nominating Committee for more details.

If you are interested or would like to nominate someone for an office, contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Charles Turner at charlespt26@hotmail.com.

Voting For The Slate Of Officers Will Take Place At The November 7th General Meeting at Noon. Nominations for Member-At-Large will be taken from the floor at the October 3rd meeting at 6pm.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE ELECTION TIMELINE

- 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 from the candidates is required before names can be submitted for nomination.
- 2. Member-At-Large Election Timeline:
 - September Meeting: Call made for Member-At-Large candidates to be nominated at the October general meeting. Permission must be obtained prior to nomination (from the 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 Article VI Nominations, Elections, and Appointments page 3-4 Member-At-Large Election page 13)

LAFAYETTE PARISH MASTER GARDENERS

EVENTS, REPORTS, AND BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 LPMGA Meetings: First Wednesday Daytime: Noon Evening: 6 pm	2018 LPMGA Board CHANGE Meetings 11 AM on Fourth Tuesday of each month (Except for July & Dec.)
OCTOBER 3, 6 pm	OCTOBER 23
NOVEMBER 7, Noon Election of Officers	NOVEMBER 27
DECEMBER 5, 6 pm (Social and MG Class Graduation)	DECEMBER 18

2018 LPMGA BOARD

President MaryAnn Armbruster 2010
Vice President Juan Nieto 2008
Recording Secretary Patricia Soileau 2000
Corresponding Secretary Ellen Garacci 2016
Treasurer Debbie Garrene-Dupuy 2015
Member at Large Jacob Williams 2016
Past President Charles Turner 2014
Volunteer Coordinator Jay Ruffin, Jr. 2012
Newsletter Editor Mary Gladney 2017



MaryAnn Armbruster's President's Message:

Fall is beginning. The temperatures are coming down and it's becoming more pleasant to work in the garden again. That's great because it's time to start your fall vegetable garden. You can plant beets, Chinese cabbage and collards until early October. Starting mid-October you can plant broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, onion and leeks (from seed, not sets). During the

entire month of October, plant carrots, celery (from seed), Swiss chard, garlic, kohlrabi, mustard greens, radish, shallot, spinach, turnips, and peas.

It's also time for PlantFestTM! There are a lot of opportunities for volunteer hours. If you haven't signed up to do something yet, do so quickly or the job you want might be unavailable. Contact our Vice-President, Juan Nieto, Collette Anzalone or Louann McClelland-Long to sign up.

Remember, we need to feed our workers, so if you haven't told Noorjahan what you will bring to help feed to the masses, tell her very soon. For example, I will make deviled eggs, of many different styles and tastes. Also, remember your water bottles. We will be providing water, but no plastic cups or bottles. Bring your own re-usable cup from home.

Get ready to have fun, September 29, -8 a.m. until 1 p.m., near the demo beds.

See you there. Until then.

Good Gardening. MaryAnn Armbruster

Outstanding Master Gardener Nomination Due October 1st

Recognize that MG who has gone above and beyond for their contributions to LPMGA by nominating them for

Outstanding Master Gardener (OMG)

Nominations are due
October 1.
forms can be found in your

The forms can be found in your Master Gardener Handbook on pages 55-56 and are posted on our website: www.lpmga.org

Please return the completed form to Past President Charles Turner charlespt26@hotmail.com

The OMG committee will select the Outstanding Master Gardener from the nominees. The names of all nominees will be announced along with the awardee at the 2018 December Social and Graduation

Outstanding Master Gardener LPMGA Handbook: Awards page 10, Immediate Past President page 23

THE DEVENPORT REPORT



On September 5th and 6th, Horticulture Agent Stuart Gauthier and I attended a Train-The-Trainer course on Food Safety. The training, presented by the Produce Safety Alliance, was a foundation of Good Agricultural Practices knowledge that included

an emphasis on the co-management of food safety and environmental management goals. This training included the outlining of requirements in the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rules. In recent years, there have been numerous outbreaks of contamination of many fruit and vegetable crops by such pathogens as E.coli, Listeria, Salmonella, etc.

Though this training focused on small farms, the need to understand and reduce the microbial risks

during the production of fruits and vegetables should be important to every grower. Module training concentrated on Worker Health and Hygiene,

Soil Amendments, Wildlife, Domesticated Animals and Land Use. Just as important were the modules that addressed Agricultural Water (Production Water and Post-Harvest Water), Post-Harvest Handling and Sanitation, and finally the Development of a Farm Food Safety Plan.

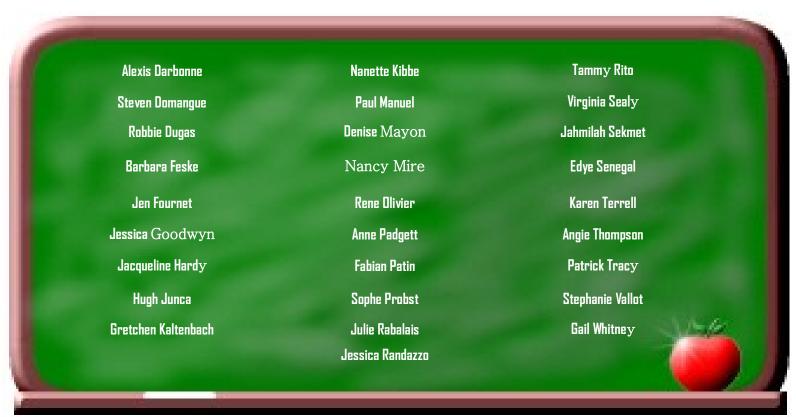
Microorganisms relevant to produce safety are on just about anything you can imagine. By Attending this training, Stuart and I will be able to assist other LSU AgCenter Specialists that will be training growers to help them reduce such contamination on their farms.

LSU AgAgent Dan Devenport

Welcome Master Gardener Class 2018

Our mission as Master Gardeners is to assist the LSU AgCenter in educating the Lafayette area about horticulture and environmental stewardship to grow a vibrant, green, and healthy community. As a volunteer organization, LPM-GA thrives due to the passion, dedication, and support of our members.

We would like to warmly welcome the class of 2018. We look forward to watching you grow as you start your journey as Master Gardeners.



What Plant Am I?

I am medium sized deciduous tree, the most widely distributed species in North America. My bark is smooth and ranges from white to gray to gray-green. The green color is from chlorophyll under the bark, which produces sugars even in winter, and I can keep growing when other deciduous trees are dormant. During hard winters, this green sugary layer provides nutrients for deer and elk. I grow in higher elevations in slightly moist soil and need plenty of sunshine.

My leaves are thin, bright green, smooth and nearly round, with many rounded to sharply pointed teeth along their margins. In fall, they turn yellow, gold, orange or red. My stems are flattened and perpendicular to my leaves. This allows my leaves to tremble in the slightest breeze. In early spring, before my leaves appear, my small flowers are produced on catkins. Being dioecious, they are usually produced on separate trees. The catkins produce small fruit that split and release tiny cottony seeds that blow in the wind. They germinate in a in a couple of days (if they reach a moist seed bad).

I also regenerate vegetative by shoots and suckers which rise along my long lateral roots. This results in many genetically identical trees know as a clone. My clones can cover less than an acre or up to 100 acres. The oldest known clone is the Pando on Fish Lake National Forest in Southern Utah. The National Forest Foundation, with support from Salt River Project, helped provide fencing around 12 acres of key stands on Arizona's Kaibab National Forest to prevent elk from eating me. Fire appears to be necessary for my well-being. It reduces the over story, giving me more sunlight. It also stimulates shoots to sprout and kills invading conifers. I provide habitat for a wide variety of wildlife, such as hare, moose, black bear, elk, deer, migratory birds and many smaller animals.

My wood is soft but strong. It's used to make matches and build saunas because it's not as flammable as other species. Shredded, my wood is called excelsior and was used to pack fragile objects before plastics took over. It is also used in construction as OSB, or oriented strand board.

Do you know what plant I am? See Page 8



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Volunteers are needed for several jobs at PlantFest on September 29th

Contact Juan Nieto for more information

LPMGA GardenTalks

ALL SEASONS NURSERY

2974 Johnston St, Lafayette 2ND SATURDAYS 10AM

OCTOBER 13th HEATHER WARNER-FINLEY "PLANTING TREES"

NOVEMBER 10th BECKY TAYLOR "CARING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY PLANTS"

Ask A Master Gardener table will open at 9:45

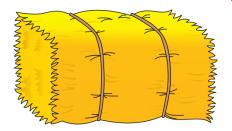


MG Linda Beyt engages the audience at her September Garden Talk "Planting For Birds & Butterflies"

Garden Talks series offers an important educational outreach of LPMGA. Please contact Juan Nieto or Linda Beyt if you would like to become involved as a speaker or helper, or to man the Ask A MG table.

Garden Talks earn one hour of Continuing Education

It's Time for Fall Pine Straw, Y'all!



Please Note Time Change

Board Meetings @11AM

Orders from active MGs only will be taken via telephone, text or email. Pick up is Friday November 2nd and Saturday, November 3rd, 8 AM to Noon. The cost is \$8 per bale, cash or check payable to LPMGA at pick up, 20 bale maximum. Order early! They go quickly!

Thanks, Theresa Gore 2007 (337) 303-8113 or teagore@msn.com



A pine straw picture from the past: Judy Corne, Theresa Gore, Juan Nieto, and LSU AgAgent Gerald Roberts (now retired).



Lafayette 4-H Foundation is once again selling Louisiana Sweet Potatoes, Creole Rose Aromatic Rice, Bergeron Pecans and the LSU AgCenter's Get It Growing Gardening Calendar for a fundraiser. They are perfect as a holiday gift!

The Sweet Potatoes are cured orange select Beauregard Sweet Potatoes, available in a ten-pound box for \$10.00 or forty-pound box for \$25.00 or the white O'Henry variety (ten-pound only) available for \$10.00-straight from lota, Louisiana. We are offering Creole Rose natural aromatic long grain rice, with a nutty flavor, in a two-pound bag for \$5.00, five-pound bag for \$10.00 or twenty-pounds for \$25.00 also from lota, Louisiana. In addition, we are offering Bergeron's peeled one-pound bag of pecans for \$12.00 and a three-pound box of pecans for \$30.00 from New Roads, Louisiana.

A new addition is the **2019 Get It Growing Lawn & Garden calendar** that offers monthly tips for Louisiana gardeners from the LSU AgCenter horticulturist Dan Gill, beautiful photos and a special section on Louisiana Super Plants. It includes full color, How to's, Monthly tips, Zone map, $13^{1/4} \times 9$ " for the cost of \$12.00 each.

The deadline to place your order is Monday, October 29, 2018.

Pre-orders are required and checks should be made payable to the <u>Lafayette 4-H Foundation</u>. Payment can either be mailed or dropped off with your order form to Lafayette 4-H Foundation, 1010 Lafayette St., Ste 325, Lafayette, LA 70501. Payment must be received to guarantee your order by the deadline.

<u>Pick up is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7 from 2 – 5 p.m. at</u> <u>Fresh Pickin's Market located at 907 Kaliste Saloom Rd.</u>

Any orders not picked up, will be sold on a first come first serve basis. No refunds will be given. We encourage you to forward this email to friends and family members that may support our "Buy Local, Buy Fresh Louisiana Produce Sale." We appreciate your continued support to the local 4-H program.

Thanks once again!
Charles Hebert
County Agent/Parish Chairman 4-H Youth Development Lafayette Parish

Use The Order Form Sent With This Newsletter

LPMGA Member - Active Status

Designation of Active status as a LPMGA member is for Lafayette Parish Activity status only to receive your Discount Card.

It DOES NOT change your status in the computer with regard to the LSU AgCenter Volunteer Reporting Site; therefore, it does not change your fulfillment of any of the requirements for Sustaining Member status.

Remember, if you do not fulfill the requirements during any one year of the ten-year period for Sustaining Member status, your fulfillment requirements are extended by one year.

For example, I graduated from the MGIT class in 2012. I am eligible for Sustaining Member status in 2022 (if I enter Volunteer Service/Continuing Education hours by the deadline during each of those years). If I neglect to enter the required number of hours for any one year during that time, my eligibility for Sustaining Member status changes to 2023.

Advanced Master Gardener Class Information Online

MGs who are interested in the
Advanced Master Gardener Program
are encouraged to visit the
Advanced Louisiana Master Gardener
section of the Master Gardener
webpage at:

www.lsuagcenter.com/become-anadvanced-louisiana-master-gardener for information about upcoming classes. Applicant requirements include being a Master Gardener in good standing and having provided 3 years of volunteer service. There is a \$100 class fee.

Master Gardener Lecture Series At The Eastside Library

LPMGA is offering a monthly lecture series at the East Regional Library 215 La Neuville Road in Youngsville.

The Tuesday, October 9th presentation will begin at 6:30pm and will feature Herbs-From the Garden to the Kitchen

The lecture series earns 1 hour of Continuing Education Credit for MGs

REMEMBERING OUR MASTER GARDENERS



Miles Brashier

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of retired LSU AgAgent and former Louisiana Master Gardener Coordinator Miles Brashier, in New Roads, Louisiana on September 8.

Miles served as the Agent and Parish Chair in Pointe Coupee Parish, working with commercial horticulture, grain, cotton and the mosquito control program, as well as assisting consumers with lawn and garden issues. Throughout his career, Miles received many honors and citations of appreciation from a wide variety of farming and agricultural organizations and was well known for sharing his wealth of horticultural knowledge.

Miles was a great supporter of the Master Gardener program and served as Louisiana Master Gardener State Coordinator from 2014-2016. Along with Rene Schmit and Sara Shields, Miles helped to develop the Advanced Master Gardener program. Miles promoted school gardens, Jr. Master Gardeners, and was a sought after speaker for MG classes and other events.

He will be remembered for his generous spirit, his great sense of humor, his humility, and as a friend to all Louisiana Master Gardeners.

Condolences also go to our fellow Master Gardener Susan Gosnell regarding the loss of her husband, Miles Gosnell, in August.

We send our heartfelt condolences to their families and many friends.

SOUTHERN GARDEN SYMPOSIUM OCTOBER 19-20th

SOUTHERN GARDEN SYMPOSIUM
IS CELEBRATING ITS
30TH YEAR IN STYLE.

THIS YEAR'S SPEAKERS INCLUDE RICK DARKE, WILLIAM FONTENOT, KIKI FONTENOT, DAN GILL, PEGGY MARTIN, AND DOUG TALLAMY.

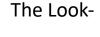
THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 5TH

VISIT THE SYMPOSIUM WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND SPEAKERS, AND A COMPLETE LIST OF WORKSHOPS AND TOURS.

WWW.SOUTHERNGARDENSYMPOSIUM.ORG



Be On out For



Your 2019 Membership Renewal Form

YOU MAY BEGIN PAYING DUES FOR 2019 IN NOVEMBER

What Plant Am I? ANSWER:

Populus tremuloides: Aspen (also known as Quaking Aspen)

bservations From Outside

It's September 8th, and my husband and I went out in the kayak on the Vermilion River in the wonderful cool air. There was a good current to carry us along past the beautiful houses. The plants were lush and green.

When I came home and was already lathered with sunscreen and mosquito repellant; I filled up a couple of jugs with rain water and toured the back of our one-acre lot. I noticed the moles are digging again, and my husband saw two baby raccoons in the back yard earlier. They don't know the raccoon rules yet about foraging at night, I guess. I left some cat food on the porch a couple of years ago, and had the whole family hissing at me when I innocently went to retrieve the bowl that night. Now we give them their space! Way in the back of the lot, the Giant Turks Cap has a couple of lanterns hanging already and the Candelabra is about to pop open those bright yellow flowers, but the Almond Verbena bush has lost its scent. The earlier. The Rose Crybaby Tree still has some of those unusual red flowers and

the Sweet Olive has started to bloom. The Bowing Ladies have multiplied and are making a nice fence between us and our neighbors. They're two feet taller than me this year, and my new Taiwan Cherry is my height. Cant wait On the back porch I'm going to to see it bloom-but have to wait compare the Chinese Parasol till spring.

As I come back inside, I spy the hummingbirds out the window: three of which are so busy chasing their rivals, they can hardly stop to feed! Bevond them are a few big flowers still dangling from the Angel Trumpet-and then I see the Giant Red Salvia getting hits from the hummers too. I felt guilty vesterday, chopping the flowers of the Impatients so they'll continue to flower, but notice the bees and butterflies on the Pentas. Those flowers seem to be so great for tolerating the hottest summers, and

they're pretty bugfree to boot! A big vellow and black Swallowtail was feasting on them of Montana and White Morning Glo-

ry are loaded with bees-some of which I can't even identify!

I'm glad to see the Naked Lady peach colored flowers springing up-because I forgot where I planted them!

to the Rootbeer Plant for size. Amazing!

When the sun starts to set this afternoon I'll be out to pull weeds in the vegetable garden, and then put down some of that compost I've been saving and turn it over with a pitch fork. Bet there'll be some good sleeping tonight!

Enjoy your gardening, and remember:

It's cheaper than therapy andyou get broccoli and carrots!

MG Kay Hampton

If you would like to share your Observations From Outside, send your musings on gardening and nature to the Editor at newsletter@lpmga.org

Don't Forget to record your volunteer and Continuing Education hours by December 15th





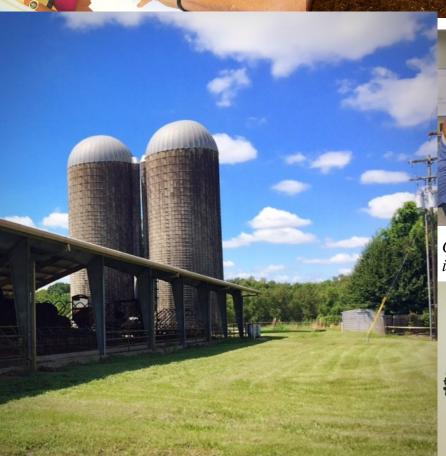
INTERNATIONAL

For more info: www.internationalmastergardener.com

Near 50 enjoy Gade Farm tours



Forty-eight members signed in at the UL Cade research farm, and they enjoyed the tours led by Master Gardener Mark Simon, who had his hand for years in the MG fruit and vegetable beds. Members saw the climate – controlled seed storage and learned about the harvest program of echinacea and coreopsis seed and highway planting. A grant for this has helped fund the operation and conversion of the dairy farm for this project. Juan Nieto led the general meeting held there on September 5.

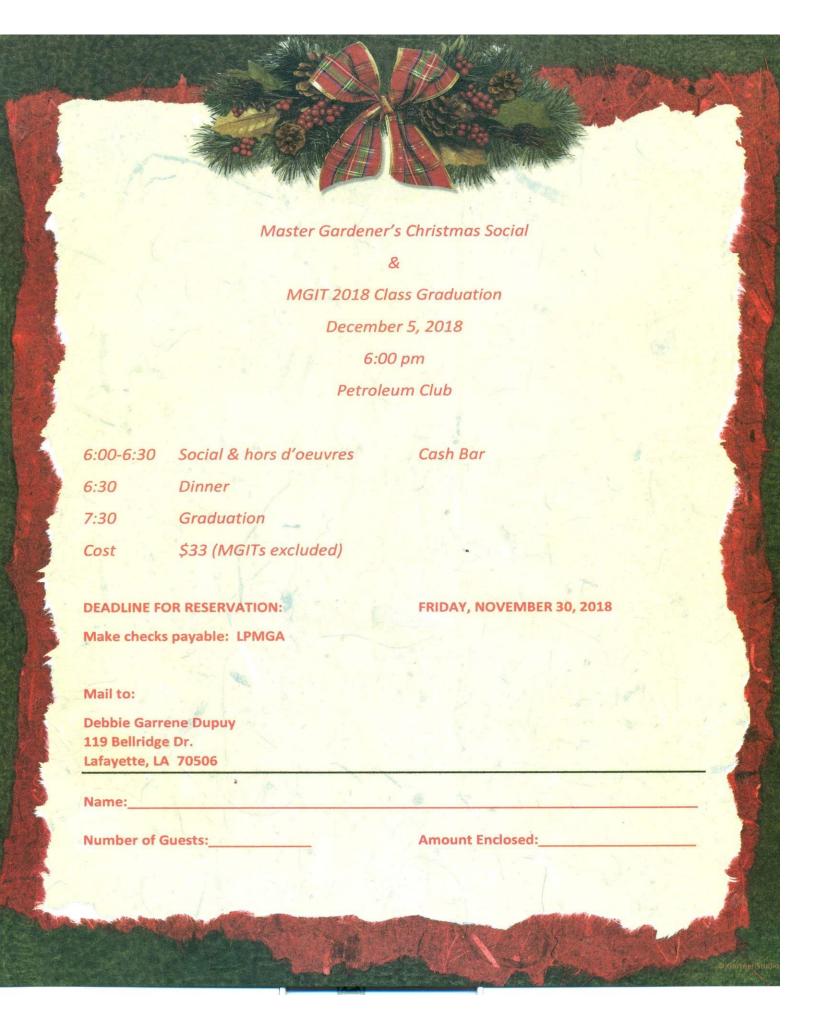


Committee meeting followed the general meeting at Cade



Collette Anzalone shares lovely cut flowers from her garden.

Beautiful "day of" photos take by Yvette Nevitt.



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LPMGA Calendar October 2018

OCTOBER 1 — OUTSTANDING MASTER GARDENER AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE

OCTOBER 3 — GENERAL MEETING 6 PM SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

- NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE

OCTOBER 6 — PLANT SWAP AT THE MG DEMO BEDS 8 TO 11 AM

OCTOBER 9— MG LECTURE SERIES EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY "HERBS" 6:30PM

OCTOBER 13— GARDEN TALK ALL SEASONS 10AM "PLANTING TREES"

OCTOBER 19-20 — SOUTHERN GARDEN SYMPOSIUM ST FRANCISVILLE

OCTOBER 22 — OCTOBER BOARD MEETING IRA NELSON LIBRARY 11 AM

OCTOBER 29— SWEET POTATO 4-H ORDERS DUE—SEE PAGE 6

OCTOBER 31— SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP FORMS DUE

Year-End Planning Galendar:

NOVEMBER 7 — LPMGA GENERAL MEETING AT NOON

- ELECTION OF OFFICERS INCLUDING MEMBER-AT-LARGE

NOVEMBER 10— GARDEN TALK ALL SEASONS 10AM "HOLIDAY PLANTS"

NOVEMBER 20 — DEADLINE FOR SOCIAL/GRADUATION RESERVATIONS

NOVEMBER 27 — NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING IRA NELSON LIBRARY 11 AM

DECEMBER 5 — LPMGA SOCIAL, MG CLASS GRADUATION AND

- INSTALLATION OF 2019 BOARD 6PM AT THE PETROLEUM CLUB

DECEMBER 15 — DEADLINE TO RECORD VOLUNTEER & CE HOURS

DECEMBER 18 — DECEMBER BOARD MEETING IRA NELSON LIBRARY 11 AM







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:

Mary Gladney newsletter@lpmga.org

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