

LPMGA

GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 7 - 12:30 PM

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TURF PROBLEMS & PREVENTION

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2018 LPMGA NOVEMBER

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27

11 AM

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SLATE OF 2019 OFFICERS

VICE PRESIDENT COLETTE ANZALONE

TREASURER DEBBIE DUPUY

RECORDING SECRETARY PATRICIA SOILEAU

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR JAY RUFFIN

MEMBER AT LARGE MARSHA BAYER

THE ELECTION OF THE 2019 BOARD WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE
NOVEMBER 7TH GENERAL MEETING.

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 by candidates is required before names can be submitted for nomination.
2. Member-At-Large Election Timeline:
 - 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.

For complete details regarding the Member-At-Large Election Timeline, 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)

CHANGES

At the November 7th membership meeting the Executive Board will be requesting membership approval to make the Volunteer Coordinator a voting member of our Executive Board.

Also, on September 26th, Jacob Williams submitted his resignation from the Master Gardener Executive Board. Jacob, our Member-At-Large, expressed regret that his work responsibilities have become more demanding and his time more limited. Since he would not be able to dedicate himself to his obligations as our Member-At-Large he graciously stepped down. Gail Wakefield has agreed to step-in as acting Member-At-Large for the remainder of 2018 and she was voted into the position to replace Jacob at the October meeting. We will hold our 2019 elections at our November 2018, meeting and a new Member-At-Large will be elected to serve for 2019.

Thanks to Jacob for his hard work on our behalf and thanks to Gail for stepping in and helping us during the next couple of months.

EVENTS, REPORTS, AND BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 LPMGA General Meetings First Wednesday Daytime: 12:30pm Evening: 6 pm	2018 LPMGA Board Meetings 11am on Fourth Tuesday of each month Except for July & Dec.	<u>2018 LPMGA BOARD</u> President MaryAnn Armbruster 2010 Vice President Juan Nieto 2008 Recording Secretary Patricia Soileau 2000 Corresponding Secretary Ellen Garacci 2016 Treasurer Debbie Dupuy 2015 Member at Large Gail Wakefield 2006 Past President Charles Turner 2014 Volunteer Coordinator Jay Ruffin, Jr. 2012 Newsletter Editor Mary Gladney 2017 newsletter@lpmga.org LSU AgAgent/Advisor Dan Devenport
NOVEMBER 7, 12:30pm Election of Officers Chap Gary: Turf Trouble	NOVEMBER 27, 11am	
DECEMBER 5, 6 pm (Social and MG Class Graduation)	DECEMBER 18, 11am	

A Message from our Vice President



Greetings Master Gardeners,

As your volunteer coordinator for PlantFest, I wanted to thank all of you for your efforts to make this a successful event. I was very pleased to hear from so many MGs offering to volunteer as soon as the call went out. Many volunteered to help in areas you had already worked, and many asked to put placed where they could do the most good.

I thank our MGITs who played a big part in the success of PlantFest. In fact, MGITs Gretchen Kaltenbach, Nanette Kibbe, and Denise Mayon have all agreed to join our PlantFest team. I look forward to next year with all of you at my side.

Also, thanks to my CoChair Jennifer Benoit who is a tremendous help to me. Jennifer will now be the contact person for 'Ask A Master Gardener', "Second Saturday Garden Talks", and the Speakers Bureau. I will continue to oversee these committees, giving advice and help where needed, as well as giving more of my time to the School Garden Committee.

I am very thankful that you allowed me to serve as your Vice President during this past year. It has been my pleasure.

Juan Nieto LPMGA Vice President 2018

Volunteer Coordinator Change To Voting Board Member Re-Vote November 7th

At the September 5th LPMGA General Meeting, the membership voted to approve to change the position of Volunteer Coordinator to a voting position on the LPMGA Board.

According to our Handbook, 30 days notice must be given to the membership before a vote changing our bylaws. Due to an oversight, this 30-day notice was not given, and a re-vote will be taken at the November 7th LPMGA General Meeting.

In accordance with Handbook procedure, a notice of the vote was announced at the October 3rd General Meeting.

Notice of the vote, and the Handbook wording that would be changed, was emailed to the membership within the 30-day time frame. The proposed change to the wording of the Handbook is attached to this newsletter for review.

THE DEVENPORT REPORT

Crape Myrtle Bark Scale found in Lafayette



On October 12, 2018, Dr. Allen Owings was in town to give a talk at All Seasons' Nursery and after the talk, he headed over to a local restaurant to meet a friend and found Crape myrtle Bark Scale on several crape myrtles on the premises. He ventured to other businesses in the vicinity and found

that crape myrtles in those landscapes were infested with bark scale.

Crape myrtle bark scale (CMBS) is a relatively new insect found principally on crape myrtles across the Southeast. CMBS was first noticed in a north Dallas, Texas, suburb in 2004. By 2018, the insect had been reported from twelve states. This exotic scale causes heavy honeydew deposits followed by a disfiguring layer of dark black sooty mold which severely diminishes the landscape value of the plant. Heavy infestations of CMBS reduces the size of the flower heads, delays flowering, and kills small twigs on crape myrtles.

Adult female scale appear as white or gray felt-like encrustations on small twigs to large trunks, with early infestation often appearing near the leaf nodes of a branch, and

bleeding pink when squeezed. Up close, CMBS is white to gray in color and approximately 2mm in length (a bit longer than the thickness of a dime). Careful examination may reveal dozens of pink eggs or crawlers under some of the larger white scale covers. Most gardeners will be alerted to CMBS by the black sooty mold which appears on the bark. The presence of sooty mold on crape myrtles is usually associated with an aphid infestation and may confuse the diagnosis.

In the U.S., the scale has also been reported feeding on Callicarpa Americana, (American beautyberry). CMBS has not been placed under any type of quarantine by the USDA APHIS because it is already considered established in the U.S

Based on several years of testing, it has been determined that CMBS can be consistently controlled with the right insecticides and application methods. The scale is especially well-controlled using soil applied insecticides called neonicotinoids.

LSU AgAgent Dan Devenport

Master Gardener Lecture Series At The Eastside Library

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

The Tuesday, November 13th presentation will begin at 6:30pm in Meeting Room 1 and will feature:

Fall Vegetable Gardening

This series earns 1 hour of
Continuing Education for MGs

**Please Find Your 2019 Membership
Renewal Form,
Committee Sign-Up Form and
Reservation Form for the
December 5th Social & Graduation
Attached With This Newsletter**
Social Reservations are due to the Treasurer
by November 30th



You May Begin Paying Dues In November

What Plant Am I ?

I'm a semi-evergreen tree, native to southern North America, northern South America, the Bahamas, and the Caribbean. I can be found in brackish waters among mangroves, and on

coastal beaches. My roots stabilize sand dunes and form a natural windbreak. My shiny green leaves are simple, alternate, and finely serrated. I have reddish-gray bark.

My flowers are small and greenish-yellow and produce fruit, which are also greenish-yellow, and resemble apples. These are poisonous, as are my bark, sap, seeds and leaves. This had led to my nickname "tree of death". It is said that Juan Ponce de Leon died from a wound from an arrow dipped in my sap. In many places, bright red bands are painted around my trunk, with signs warning that contact with me will lead to a severely painful rash. They also warn people not to stand under me when it is raining, because poison will be picked up on the way down. Eating my fruit causes swelling of the mouth and tongue and severe gastrointestinal distress. Contact to eyes causes temporary or permanent blindness.

Because my seeds are poisonous, I can't rely on birds to scatter them. I drop my fruit into surrounding water, where they eventually rot and release seeds. Although I'm toxic to humans and most wildlife, the black iguana (*Ctenosaura similis*) is immune to my poison, and eats me with no adverse effects.

Despite the danger in handling my wood, Caribbean carpenters have used it for hundreds of years. Some girdle my trunk low to the ground, others burn off my bark to kill me. I'm then left in the sun until all my sap is gone and I'm safe to handle.

*Do you know what plant I am?
Check page 7 for the answer.*

Get It Growing 2019 Calendar Sales

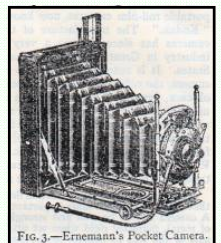
The 2019 Get It Growing Calendar will be available for sale at the November 7th General Meeting and at the MG Class on November 15th at 11:45. Any remaining copies will be sold at the Social and Graduation on December 5th. The calendar will be sold to LPMGA members for \$10 and to the public for \$12.

As always, the calendar features beautiful photography and loads of lawn and garden advice.

If you are interested in submitting photos to be considered for publication in the 2020 calendar, please visit the LSU AgCenter website:

LSUAgCenter.com/GetItGrowingCalendar

The deadline for the next calendar has not been posted, but it is usually the end of February. The LSU AgCenter contact for the Calendar is Elma Sue McCallum.



LPMGA GardenTalks

ALL SEASONS NURSERY

2974 Johnston St, Lafayette
2ND SATURDAYS 10AM

NOVEMBER 10TH
BECKY TAYLOR
"HOLIDAY PLANTS"

Ask A Master Gardener table
will open at 9:45

Garden Talks offer an important educational outreach of LPMGA. Please contact Juan Nieto 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.

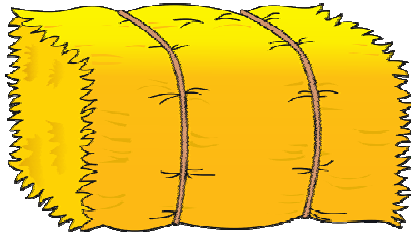
STAY ACTIVE IN 2019



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

For Help recording, contact
Volunteer Coordinator
Jay Ruffin

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



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



Mary Sigel, class of 2017, has received her gold badge with the completion of her MGIT Volunteer Service Hours.

SWEET POTATO, PECAN & RICE PICK UP WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH 2 - 5 PM

FRESH PICKIN'S MARKET 907 KALISTE SALOOM ROAD



Any orders not picked up, will be sold on a first come first serve basis. No refunds will be given. We appreciate your continued support to the local 4-H program. The LSU AgCenter's Get It Growing Calendar will also be available for purchase. They are perfect as a holiday gift!

Charles Hebert County Agent
Parish Chairman 4-H Youth Development Lafayette Parish



MGITs Class Day At Propagation

The 2018 Master Gardeners In Training participated in a propagation demonstration at the Demo Beds during class on Thursday, October 11th.

MG May Vidacovich demonstrated how to use "chipping" to produce plants from ginger roots. MG Betsy Palmer showed the class how to start seeds successfully. MG Carol Antosiak walked them through the process of starting cuttings of woody plants and MG Jacob Williams demonstrated how to mix soil for the students.

Our propagation volunteers meet at 8am every Wednesday to work on the Demonstration Beds and to create additional plant specimens from parent stock. These dedicated volunteers work hard to produce plants that are native, edible or medicinal, a good source of food for wildlife, are butterfly hosts, and can be grown by the average gardener. Propagation plant selections are plants that are not readily available in the local market, but are available at our LPMGA Plant Sales.

Working in propagation is a fun and educational way to gain volunteer hours. You will meet a very knowledgeable group of folks who all want to assist you in being the best gardener you could ever be.

Contact Propagation Chair Heather Warner-Finley for more information



LPMGA Membership - 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.

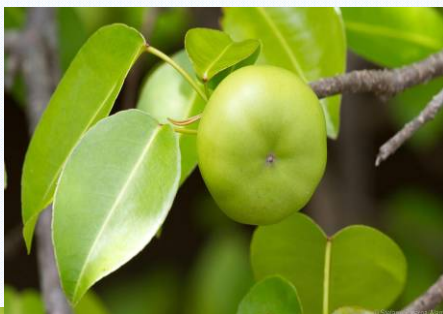
For example, I graduated from the MGIT class in 2012. I am eligible for Sustaining Member status in 2022 (if I enter Volunteer Service/Continuing Education hours by the deadline during each of those years). If I neglect to enter the required number of hours for any one year during that time, my eligibility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

For more information on active status, volunteer hours and recording your hours, contact
Volunteer Coordinator Jay Ruffin

What Plant Am I? ANSWER:

**Manchineel
tree:**

**Hippomane
mancinella**



**INTERNATIONAL
MASTER
GARDENER
CONFERENCE**

June 17-21, 2019
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

For more information about the Conference:
www.internationalmastergardener.com

Consider Hosting a GARDEN STROLL

If you would like to offer your garden for a Stroll,
please contact Cindy Wiley or Linda Beyt for more
information.

**moncus
park**
moncuspark.org

The October LPMGA General Meeting featured Moncus Park Director E.B. Brooks who gave a wonderful presentation on the master plan for Moncus Park. Her PowerPoint and video revealed what the site will look like when completed, and the groundbreaking that started in 2017.

The park is approximately 100 acres of rolling hills, open meadows and forested ravines, spotted with large oak trees. It is the last remaining, significantly sized piece of beautiful undeveloped public property located within the city of Lafayette.

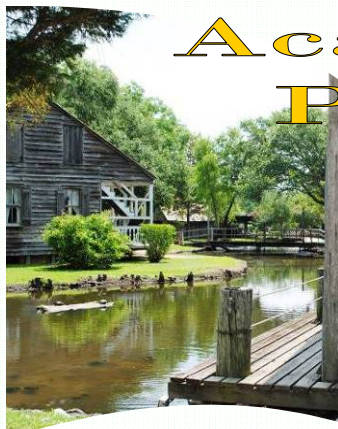
Plans include a 4-acre pond with catch and release fishing, Prospect Mound-the tallest point in the Lafayette area, wetland gardens, a two-way bridge to improve access, a tiered amphitheater, splash pad and playground, running and walking trails, a Louisiana themed carousel, a dog park, rain garden, Veterans Memorial and many other projects. Ms. Brooks mentioned plans for the development of a Botanical Garden and the hope that Master Gardeners will be involved.

There are many ways to donate to this meaningful project if anyone is interested, and the presentation is available for viewing online at www.moncuspark.org

The website also features plans, maps, a fly-over drone video of the park, and events schedule including the Farmers Market, and information on how people can become involved with the park.

Christine Devenport





Acadian Village Project Plans Fall Work Day

The Acadian Village Project is planning a Fall Work Day at Acadian Village. Work to be done includes: Adding brick borders to iris beds, adding plants to the Doctor's House bed and planting roses. Additional projects are planned for the future.

If you are interested in participating, contact Genee Foley at geneefoley@foleydrilling.com or Louann Long mglouann@gmail.com

We are flexible in scheduling work days and hours and will try to accommodate volunteers.



LPMGA SOCIAL & MG CLASS GRADUATION 6pm December 5th

Celebrate Another Great Year With Your
Fellow MGs at the Petroleum Club

Reservations are due to the
Treasurer, Debbie Dupuy by
November 30th

For information about the Social
contact Pam Womack

Please see the Reservation Form sent
with this newsletter.

LPMGA HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

The LPMGA Handbook Committee has been diligently working to ensure that the LPMGA Handbook is accurate and up-to-date.

The Committee collects Minutes of LPMGA meetings and any other documents that include information that might impact the Handbook. The Committee then meets and discusses updates, changes, clarifications and any additions that may need to be made to the Handbook. The Committee is not authorized to make changes to the Handbook. A list of suggestions from the Handbook Committee is brought before the LPMGA Board for discussion. All changes to the Handbook must be approved by the Board; any changes effecting our Bylaws must be voted on by our members.



This year, the Committee has been developing an Index that should make using the Handbook faster and easier. The Index and any pages that need to be replaced in our members Handbooks are tentatively scheduled to be distributed in January, 2019. The new Handbook material will be emailed to our members, and then posted on our website: www.LPMGA.org

To access the pages, you will need the password for the Members area of the website. Please contact our Webmaster Karen Willingham or our Volunteer Coordinator Jay Ruffin for that password.

If you have any questions about the Handbook, the Handbook Committee or have any suggestions for changes or additions to the Handbook, please contact Louann McClelland-Long at mglouann@gmail.com

OBSERVATIONS FROM OUTSIDE



Hello from Mr. McGregor's Garden!

I am so pleased to be the new Chairman of this enchanted garden. When Loraine Allain gave me the go-ahead to start over and transform the garden, I was SO excited! I pulled out the old overgrowth, got rid of the wasps and fire ants, amended the soil and went to planting. I asked for and received much needed advice from the expert MG veggie gardeners Kathy Trojanowski and Nick Gachassin along the way.

For the first crop, I decided to plant radishes, turnips, beets and arugula. I added in a few seasonal décor items such as hay bales, a scarecrow and faux pumpkins. I also added a few plants like sweet potato vines, chrysanthemums and crotons to give the garden a pop of festive Fall color while we waited for the seeds to sprout and mature.

I repainted the existing plain-cement Peter Rabbit statue to look realistic. I think that rabbit magically comes to life in the evening because I do find him in different places in the garden when I make my visits. *Hmmm...*

I am happy to report though that despite his magical activity, Peter Rabbit has been on his best behavior. In fact, when you visit Mr. McGregor's garden, you'll find the notoriously mischievous lad and his scarecrow pal doing a fine job of watching over the vibrant greens of the garden patch.

Stop by the demo garden and pay a visit to Mr. McGregor's garden. Say hello to Peter and his pals and if a radish or turnip is ripe for the picking - go ahead and help yourself.

Happy Harvest!

Julie Rabalais MG 2018



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

PlantFest 2018



PlantFest 2018 was a success on several levels. The day, which started with drizzle at the opening hour, remained cool and pleasant throughout. And once the drizzle stopped, the plant people came out in force. The talks were well attended. The children enjoyed making hats, wind chimes, and flower garlands. The food demonstrations were also a hit - people loved the curry, Thanks, Noor!

We had lots of raffle items including a very large Bougainvillea and very large Red Firespike. People were milling around the raffle table with bated breath for the announcements of the winners! We sold good plants to gardeners of all skill levels and we made new friends as we welcomed our old friends.

All told, including our August overstock sale, we grossed \$9695.56 from plants sales and \$551 from the raffle for a total of \$10,246.56.

A very special thank you to all the volunteers, especially the members of the 2018 MG Class.

Propagation Chair *Heather Warner-Finley*

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LPMGA CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2018

OCTOBER 31—SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP FORMS DUE

OCTOBER 31—HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER—2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM EMAILED TO MEMBERSHIP

NOVEMBER 7—LPMGA GENERAL MEETING AT 12:30PM DOWNTOWN
LIBRARY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS INCLUDING MEMBER-AT-LARGE

NOVEMBER 7—4H SWEET POTATO/RICE/PECAN SALE PICK UP AT FRESH
PICKINS

NOVEMBER 10—GARDEN TALK ALL SEASONS 10AM “HOLIDAY PLANTS”

NOVEMBER 22— THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 30 —DEADLINE FOR SOCIAL/GRADUATION RESERVATIONS

NOVEMBER 27 —NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING IRA NELSON LIBRARY 11AM

DECEMBER 5 —LPMGA SOCIAL, MG CLASS GRADUATION AND

INSTALLATION OF 2019 BOARD 6PM PETROLEUM CLUB

DECEMBER 15 —DEADLINE FOR RECORDING VOLUNTEER & CE HOURS

DECEMBER 18 —DECEMBER BOARD MEETING IRA NELSON LIBRARY 11AM

DECEMBER 25TH—CHRISTMAS

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