

## LPMGA MARCH GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 7— 6 PM  
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## 2018 LPMGA BOARD MEETINGS

1 PM MONDAY, MARCH 26  
IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE CENTER  
(INHC)

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# How Has the Freeze Affected Our Plants



Stuart Gauthier ® visits cane field to advise farmer.

**Stuart Gauthier** will address our group on the topic of freeze recovery for our plants with a focus on citrus. Gautier is the extension agent for St. Martin Parish.

### President, MaryAnn Armbruster's message:



Well, I think winter is finally over and it's finally Spring in Acadiana. I am planting as though it is anyway. Things are getting busy, but I still have to find time to get my hands in the dirt. It's just not Spring otherwise. Even though it's early according to the Average Last Frost Date, I have set out a few tomatoes. Of course I also have seedlings waiting in the wings in case we get a late frost. If we don't get a late frost perhaps I will have that perfect, beautiful, red or yellow, or orange, or black tomato earlier than anyone else. 😊

Please remember not to prune your frost-damaged plants too soon. Most of mine seem to be coming back fine, but it is possible that they could come back as late as July. So if the plant is of any value to you, give it a serious chance before giving up on it.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m. Please remember that this meeting will be held at LEDA, not the Main Library. Our speaker will be Stuart Gauthier talking about freeze recovery for our plants, and Juan (our VP) will speak about roses at our March 10 Garden Talk at All Seasons Nursery. Enjoy Spring before the hot weather gets here. Until next month.

MaryAnn Armbruster

## EVENTS, REPORTS, AND BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 LPMGA Meetings:  
(First Wednesday  
Except in July)  
Daytime—noon/Evening—6 pm

2018 LPMGA Board Meetings  
1 pm:  
(Fourth Monday  
except for July & Dec.)

**MARCH 7, 6 pm**

**MARCH 26**

**APRIL 4, Noon**

**APRIL 23**

**MAY 2, 6 pm (Social)**

**MAY 21**

**JUNE 6, Noon**

**JUNE 25**

**AUGUST 1, 6 pm**

**AUGUST 27**

**SEPTEMBER 5, Noon**

**SEPTEMBER 24**

**OCTOBER 3, 6 pm**

**OCTOBER 22**

**NOVEMBER 7, Noon**

**NOVEMBER 26**

**DECEMBER 5, 6 pm  
(Social)**

**DECEMBER 17**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS !

**Master Gardener  
MEMBERSHIP CARDS  
ARE AVAILABLE FOR  
DISTRIBUTION TO CURRENTLY  
ACTIVE MEMBERS**

**At the Cottage  
on Wednesday Mornings**

**WANTED!**

**Help with the  
HTTP://LPMGA WEBSITE**

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webmaster@lpmga.org**

## THE DEVENPORT REPORT



When spring is in the air, many of us are thinking about sprucing up our yards and perhaps doing some landscaping, yard maintenance or even tree work, trying to get our homes looking good for the season. If you are able to do this work on your own, you can enjoy the satisfaction of doing the improvements yourself and enjoy the savings that go along with that. For many, you choose to hire someone to do the chores that either you cannot physically perform on your own or maybe you do not care for yardwork and rather pay someone to do those jobs instead. There is the possibility that you are not skilled enough to design a landscape plan or know enough about plant selection or plant requirements and need the help of someone that does. The same goes for tree work, irrigation installation and pruning shrubbery in your existing landscape.

It is important for you to know that the person you hire to do these tasks is required by law to be licensed by the Louisiana Horticulture Commission. This government agency that falls under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry regulates the plant industry in many areas including Landscape-Horticulturist, Arborist, Irrigation Contractor, and Landscape Architecture. The link: <http://www.Ldaf.state.La.us/Ldaf-programs/horticulture-programs/louisiana-horticulture-commission> will provide the names of license holders in your area. Persons holding licenses are required to pass a test! In addition, arborists are required to carry a certain amount of liability insurance before they can work in your yard. All licensees are required to display their license numbers on their work vehicles so you will know that they are legally capable of working in the state.

Sometimes the costs of landscape improvements can go into the thousands of dollars. If you hire an unlicensed person to perform these jobs, the costs of inferior workmanship may be higher than you could imagine. The next time you hire someone to do work in your yard, make sure they are properly licensed. It is the law! Help spread the word to anyone you know that is planning to have work done in their yard. Many people do not know about this licensing requirement.

*LSU Agent Dan Devenport*

**EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE BRING YOUR REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE TO MASTER GARDENER FUNCTIONS!**

# What Plant is this?

I am an herbaceous, carnivorous perennial mostly found in heavy acetic, peaty bogs and flatwoods. Normally found in large colonies in full sun to partial shade, I grow best in Zones 8 to 9. I was once more abundant, but as land was cleared for agriculture and development, my range has been reduced greatly. My growth is upright, with long tapering funnel-shaped or tubular leaves. My veins are dark purple, with white between them and on my lid covering. Because I grow in poor soil, I trap insects which provide amino acids, iron, proteins and other micronutrients. Digestive fluids in my funnels release these necessary nutrients, and downward pointing bristles keep the insects from escaping.

My flowers bloom in spring and are inverted, nearly round, with fiddle-shaped pink to purple petals, carried on long slender stems. In the fall, my fruit, which is a capsule, matures. It has no ornamental value. I should never be removed from the wild, but now specimens can be purchased that were produced by tissue culture and hybridization. Grow me in low, wet sites and in bog gardens. I can also be propagated by seed and by division of creeping underground stems. In containers, mix 1/2 peat and 1/2 sand, but there is a low success rate for this method.

Do you know what plant I am?

See the answer on page 6

## OUR MARCH MEETING WILL BE AT LEDA



Our March meeting will take place in the evening, 6 p.m., at the Lafayette Economic Development Authority facility. The building is located at 211 East Devalcourt. We have held meetings and special events there a few times before.

The topic of our presentation will focus on the hard freeze and how we should deal with the aftermath for our citrus. The information will be very helpful in giving your fruits the best chance for recovery.

Meanwhile stay warm and take advantage of the sunshine when it visits us



# Mark Your Calendars

LOUISIANA 2018 SPRING PLANT SWAP



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LAFAYETTE PARISH MASTER GARDENERS  
SPRING PLANT SWAP

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## SATURDAY, APRIL 28

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET  
AT THE HORSE FARM MONCUS PARK  
2913 JOHNSTON STREET, LAFAYETTE

### OPEN TRADING 8AM TO 11AM

- ◆ Get there early for the best selection.
- ◆ Bring as many different plants, bulbs or seeds as you'd like to trade before and after the Formal Swap
- ◆ Label with variety, color, planting hints or any other helpful info

### FORMAL SWAP 9:00AM

- ◆ Numbers are drawn randomly
- ◆ Bring one plant for the Formal Table Swap at 9am- it's a 1-to-1 trade.
- ◆ The more interesting the plant, the more interesting the swap!
- ◆ Remember that all plants need to be identified

### *Plants, Cuttings & Seeds That Have Been Requested*

Lizard Tail, Devils Spine/Devils Backbone; Mock English Dogwood/ Mock Orange-Philadelphus; Popcorn Spiraea; Begonias; Crocosmia-Red; Byzantine Gladiolus; Heirloom Rose Cuttings-For MG Project; Container Roses; Jewels Of Opar; Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow; Cleome; Blue LA Iris; Rick Rack/Fish Tail Cactus, Minnie Pearl Phylox, Voodoo Lily, Grandiosa Lily, Red Texas Sage, Texas Star-any color, Althea-White or Dark Pink, Dragon Wing Begonias, Lycoris-Spider Lilies-Red or White, Rain Lilies-Zephyranthes, Double White Crepe Myrtles, Daylilies-Any, Passion Flowers, Balloon Flowers, Chinese Lanterns, Plumeria Cuttings-Any, Hibiscus-any-especially hardy, Dutchmans Pipe, Dwarf Red Bananas, Silverbells-small trees, Vitex-esp white, Figs-Any for this area, Night Blooming Cereus-esp white, White Agapanthus, Banana Magnolia, Wahoo/Strawberry Bush, Butterfly Matchweed-Phyla nodiflora, Willow-Salix caroliniana, Mexican Milkweed-Asclepias, Angel Trumpets-Any color especially Double Purple or Double White, Devils Trumpets-Any color especially White, Purple and Double Purple; Nuns Orchid; Sassafras Trees, Lenten Rose/Helleborus-any; Candelabra Plant-Euphorbia; Orange Tree-For this area

For more info, contact Louann Long [plantswap@lpmga.org](mailto:plantswap@lpmga.org) or [mglouann@gmail.com](mailto:mglouann@gmail.com)  
Plants that do not find a home will be donated to Habitat For Humanity or LPMGA.  
If you have "extra" foundation plants/shrubs, please consider bringing them to donate to H4H



# Moving into the sunshine



Dear Master Gardeners:

Check out the photos of us migrating our plants outside to the shade house. Yes, the propagation team has declared that the weather is warm enough to put away the freeze cloth and think spring. We'll be thinking spring this week as well, assuming we're not rained out. What WAS looking like a definite wash out is now looking somewhat improved. So, the main point is that if it's thundering and lightning, please stay safe at home. Otherwise, we'll try to work around a few showers.

We have a few more seeds to sow. We have lots of room in our new mist enclosure for new cuttings. If we get the chance, I'd like to get some fish emulsion on the plants that have overwintered.

Gail asked me to let you know that she has membership cards to distribute to currently active members. They will be at the cottage on Wednesday morning.

We will be at the cottage on Wednesday morning too. See you there.

Heather Warner-Finley







I will be kicking things off on Second Saturday Garden Talks. These will take place at All Seasons at 10 A.M. The Ask A Master Gardener table will be set for 9:15 AM. For all those MGIT who still are looking for hours, this is a good opportunity to get one volunteer hour as well as an educational hour by listening to the speaker. Festival des Fleurs is around the corner and I have plenty of time slots open to man the Ask a Master Gardener Table there also.

Thank you to Ricky James for stepping up and helping me with the set-up of the ASK A Master Gardener table. [jfnieto1@netzero.net](mailto:jfnieto1@netzero.net) 337 290-1451 Juan Nieto

## ASK A MASTER GARDENER TABLE

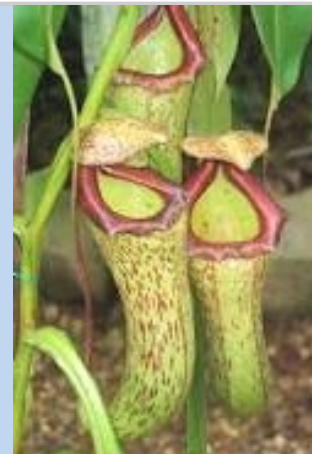
LOCATION	DATE		VOLUNTEER	TIME	SPEAKER	TIME
ALL SEASONS	MAR 10	1	RICKY JAMES	9: 00 AM	JUAN NIETO / ROSES	10 AM
		2	CHRISTINE DEVENPORT			
		3				
FESTIVAL DES FLEURS	APR 4	1		8:00—10:00 AM		
BLACKHAM		2				
		3		10:00—NOON		
		4				
		5		NOON—2:00 PM		
		6				
		7		2:00— 4:00 PM		
		8				
CARENCRO CULTURE	APR 21					
DISTRICT						
ALL SEASONS	MAY 12	1	COLETTE ANZALONE	9: 00 A.M	MARK SIMON / BEE	10 AM
		2			KEEPING	
		3				

### What Plant Am I?

### ANSWER:

### Sarracenia leucophylla:

### Pitcher Plant







Festival des Fleurs, the main fundraiser for Ira Nelson Horticultural Center, is selling raffle tickets for a drawing to be held Saturday April 14, 2018. There are \$5 and \$2 tickets. Tickets can be purchased from any festival member or you can contact Billy Welsh, with Ira Nelson at 337-482-5339, or Cindy Risinger- Johnson 337-250-1243.

First prize with the \$5 ticket is a 4 piece Wicker Patio Furniture Conversion Set with cushions and coffee table. These can be viewed at [festivaldesfleurs.org](http://festivaldesfleurs.org). The second and third prizes are a Container Garden from Girouard's and a Lion Fountain. For the \$2 tickets there are a number of smaller items. The drawing will be at 3:30 PM and you do not need to be present to win. However, please be close to a phone at that time so they can notify you.

## STRAWBERRIES!



It is time to plan for some fresh Louisiana Strawberries! The Lafayette 4-H Foundation is selling flats of fresh strawberries for a fundraiser. They are being sold for **\$20.00** a flat which eight pounds or equal to 12 pints. They will be picked fresh from the grower in Independence, Louisiana and delivered the next day. Pick up is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 2 – 5 p.m.** at **FRESH PICKIN'S MARKET at 907 Kaliste Saloom Road.** We will send out an email reminder to everyone that placed an order a few days in advance to remind you.

We are requesting two forms of contact information (phone, email or address) when you place your order. Pre-orders are required and checks should be made payable to the Lafayette 4-H Foundation. Please complete the attached order form and return it with your payment that can be mailed or dropped off to Lafayette 4-H Foundation, 1010 Lafayette St., Suite 325, Lafayette, LA 70501 in the Lafayette Parish Government Building. Payment must be received to guarantee your order by the deadline of **Thursday, March 29, 2018.**

*Any strawberry 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!





How did the Four O'Clock look in 1640? Surely this seems like an odd question. The oddity compounds when one asks why is this in the Master Gardener Newsletter, for heaven sake!

As semantics become clarified, this relates to Eastern Indian art brought to America by way of the Edwin Binney III family – that of the Cayola fortune. Thousands of handcrafted paintings were given over the centuries to show favor to leaders. These were so often accepted with thanks and stored in drawers never to be seen again. That was the case until these came to light and Edwin Binney purchased massive numbers for some unit price comparable to 25 cents, beginning in 1958.

Among the many I had the chance to view (magnifying glass in hand, drawer after drawer), I came upon this in San Diego's Balboa Museum collection that caught my attention. Most were images of deities, some men, women and animals but this was the only one among what I viewed that was a specific flower: that being the four o'clock or the Marvel of Peru flower as common names. The museum provided its Latin name, too:

Mirabilis  
jalepena. So  
lovely, I wanted  
to share with  
our Master  
Gardeners.

Theresa





# Trees Planted in Second Round - February 3



**TreesAcadiana President Joe Katz (spouse of Master Gardener Vivian Katz) appreciates all the help from Master Gardeners and others who assisted with the groups' two plantings.**

Within an hour, the holes were dug and all the trees planted — proving once more that many hands make the work light and the job enjoyable.

The second planting of trees donated by Apache, MG volunteers and others joined TreesAcadiana members to add trees in the dog park and walking path at Graham Brown Memorial Park.



**Mary Gladney, who provided photos for our newsletter of the last planting, was there again to help plant at Brown Park.**

**Green T Lindon celebrates their Cabbage Patch**

Sherlyn Bellard writes: "Green T Lindon first graders are so proud of their cabbage crop! Master Gardener Nick Long has "master" minded the fall plantings and captured the intense energy and focus of these students on their OWN garden."





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## LPMGA Calendar March 2018

**MARCH 7—GENERAL MEETING, LAFAYETTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (LEDA) BUILDING, 211 EAST DEVALCOURT, 6:00 PM**

**MARCH 10—ASK A MASTER GARDENER, ALL SEASONS NURSERY, 10 AM**

**MARCH 15—BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH**

**MARCH 17—SAINT PATRICKS DAY**

**MARCH 26— BOARD MEETING, IRA NELSON CENTER, 1 PM**

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