

## **LPMGA JUNE GENERAL MEETING**

**JUNE 6— NOON**

**LAFAYETTE PARISH LIBRARY  
301 W CONGRESS, LAFAYETTE**

## **TWO 2018 LPMGA BOARD MEETINGS**

**1 PM MONDAY, JUNE 4**

**1 PM MONDAY, JUNE 25**

**IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE CENTER  
(INHC)**

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## **2018 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

### **Prior President**

Charles Turner 2014

### **Volunteer Coordinator**

Jay Ruffin, Jr. 2012

### **Newsletter Editor**

Theresa Rohloff 2012

### **Agent/Adviser**

Dan Devenport

# Salute our Schools

At this month's general meeting, we will have a short presentation highlighting some special events regarding our school gardens by Linda Beyt. Meet Paula Guidry! She has been recognized by the Farm Bureau and the LSU Ag Center for her participation, enthusiasm and contributions as "Volunteer of the Year." As our vice president Juan Nieto said, when the teachers are supportive and engaged, it makes it easy for Master Gardents to work the school programs and have a successful outcome.

## **President, MaryAnn Armbruster's message:**



Well, summer is definitely upon us. It's much harder to work in the garden during the heat of the day and working at dusk or dawn means the mosquitoes are out in force, but dusk is my favorite time to work. The only problem is that I usually run out of light before I run out of energy.

Our regular Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 25, but because of the Memorial Day holiday we will have it on June 4 instead. Remember, every member is welcome to attend the Board meetings. It's your Board.

After a couple of energy-sapping months, for which I sincerely thank everyone who volunteered, we have some calm this month. Our meeting is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, June 6. Be there or be square.

[Even though there is little going on for our organization this month that doesn't mean that there are no opportunities to earn hours. There will be a speaker at the meeting, so come to that. There will](#)

[be a presentation at the East Library in Youngsville on "Natural Pest and Weed Control" at 6:30 p.m. on June 12. Both will provide](#) Continuing Education hours, as well as Volunteer hours for the time you spend in travel to and from the lectures.

For Volunteer hours, you can try the Propagation team. This group is responsible for raising and caring for the plants we make available for purchase at our Plant Sale and PlantFest®. Our organization would be lost without their efforts. This team meets every Wednesday morning. Contact the Chair, Heather Warner-Finley for more information if you're interested in joining them. The Demo Gardens require people to maintain them. Contact the Demo Chair, Gail Wakefield for more information.

There is a Committee that works at Acadian Village to bring their gardens up to the standard that is fitting for the age of the building. Contact Luanne McClelland-Long to find out their meeting dates and times.

For those of you who prefer to stay out of the heat at this time of year there are also multiple opportunities. Contact Theresa Rohloff if you are interested in helping with the newsletter, Ellen Garacci if you would like to help with Horticulture Hints, Karen Willingham if you want to work on the website, or Stacy Lee if you want to work on our Facebook page. See, there are lots of opportunities if you want to stay out of the heat.

The Healer's Garden meets on most Mondays at Vermilionville about 10:00 a.m. Contact me for more information. Normally I would give you my Co-Chair's contact information, too, but she won't be available for a few weeks, so you're stuck with me.

There are many other opportunities, but those are the ones that come to mind. See, that's what I mean by 'little activity.' There's really a lot of opportunities. Stay active, enter your hours when you perform the activity and enjoy your Summer.

Good Gardening, Mary 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.)

JUNE 6, Noon

JUNE 4

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

**WANTED!**

Please help Theresa with the  
website/calendar,  
contact Karen at  
[webmaster@lpmga.org](mailto:webmaster@lpmga.org)  
**or call Theresa at 337 234-7225.**  
**PICK UP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS &  
GET MG DISCOUNTS**  
**At the Cottage, Wednesday**  
Volunteers welcome at Medicinal Garden  
June/July — Call MaryAnn

## THE DEVENPORT REPORT



Lawn Burweed, Sticker weed, picans, whatever you call them, they become a sore subject when you walk on a lawn infested with this weed. My office has been receiving phone calls from homeowners that want to get rid of this problem. The sad part is that it is too late to control them by the time they notice the pain these tiny seeds inflict upon their feet.

Once this weed flowers and forms the seed, the seed turns brown and hard and sticks to whatever it comes in contact. Therefore, if you spray an herbicide to kill the weed, the dry seeds remaining on the plant

will continue to cause pain when walked on. Once the seeds fall from the plant to the ground, there is less likely to make contact with your foot.

Dr. Ron Strahan, turf specialist with the LSU AgCenter recommends that you begin your control options in October/ November (pre-emergent application) using simazine + trimec type herbicide (2,4-D, dicamba, mecoprop). Products such as Sta-Green Crab-Ex, Green Light Crabgrass Preventer 2, Hi-Yield Turf and Ornamental Weed and Grass Stopper, Scotts Halts are some of the products Dan Gill suggests. The key to lawn burweed control is to apply herbicides well before the plants flowers.

Turf herbicide is a very effective post emergence herbicide in controlling lawn burweed. Other post emergent herbicides such as Weed B Gon, Weed Free Zone, and Atrazine will also help. Get to know what this weed looks like now, possibly take a photo of it so you can begin to recognize it in December, January and February in order to spray and kill before it flowers. Remember to always read and follow the label directions.



*LSU AgAgent Dan Devenport*

# What Plant is this?

I am a native of South Florida and the West Indies. My thick leathery leaves, which are large (up to eight inches), are round and green to yellow-green. Young leaves have red veins. My small greenish-white flowers occur in clusters and are fragrant. I'm dioecious, pollinated by honey bees. Cross pollination is necessary. My fruit is red to purple, resembling grapes, with a large stone. Only mature female plants produce fruit, which is edible. It can be used to make "seaside" jelly, wine and vinegar.

I can be a sprawling shrub or a medium-sized tree and my roots stabilize beaches and sand dunes. I'm highly tolerant of salt. Think Holly Beach. Frost will kill me. Propagate me by seed, air layering or cuttings. If by seed, they must be planted immediately. They cannot be stored. I grow best in full sun, but can tolerate some shade. Indoors, I need between 500 and 1,000 foot candles of light and porous well-drained soil.

My wood is used for firewood, to make charcoal, and in cabinetry. In the West Indies and Jamaica, my sap is used for dyeing and tanning leather. I'm also planted to shield nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings from light. In Florida, I'm partially protected by law because I stop beach erosion. However, some municipalities have gotten waivers because drug dealers and lovers have used me as a shield from the law.

See the answer on page 6



Please see flier on the next page listing the 2018 MarketReady trainings to be provided at 8 locations around the state. Preregistration is required and achievable through Eventbrite for these free workshops. Stakeholders who attended the 2017 MarketReady Training reported quantifiable benefits in a follow-up survey.

The MarketReady Producer Training Program is for those interested in selling products to restaurants, grocers/wholesalers/retailers, and schools/institutions. MarketReady provides professional marketing education to improve sales relationships and get you up to speed with the latest local food programs and resources. The training is based around best business practices identified by buyers in these markets that are actively seeking to engage local suppliers. The training goes through each key business function and focuses on the specific needs for each respective market. The training includes a buyers panel during a working lunch and encourages the use of the MarketMaker online resource tool.



# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2018 LSU AgCenter MarketReady Training Series

Please join us for one of the 2018 MarketReady workshops held across Louisiana!

### Workshop Highlights:

- Professional marketing education; get up to speed with the latest local food trends, programs, opportunities and resources. Improve your skills and boost sales.
- A training based on best business practices identified by buyers such as pricing, insurance, packaging, certifications, communication and more.
- Buyers' panel; network with potential buyers from various backgrounds from your area.

**Who should attend?** Small to medium scale produce farmers, cottage food producers, value-added processors, and other interested parties.

*Please note that there is a series of MarketReady workshops to be offered throughout Louisiana in 2018. For current and updated listings of locations and dates see [www.lsuagcenter.com/louisianamarketready](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/louisianamarketready).*

*For more information, please contact:*

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| April 18 <sup>th</sup> | Baton Rouge  | <a href="http://2018batonrougemarketready.eventbrite.com">2018batonrougemarketready.eventbrite.com</a>   |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Oak Grove    | <a href="http://2018oakgrovemarketready.eventbrite.com">2018oakgrovemarketready.eventbrite.com</a>       |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Shreveport   | <a href="http://2018shreveportmarketready.eventbrite.com">2018shreveportmarketready.eventbrite.com</a>   |
| June 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Alexandria   | <a href="http://2018alexandriamarketready.eventbrite.com">2018alexandriamarketready.eventbrite.com</a>   |
| June 14 <sup>th</sup>  | Lafayette    | <a href="http://2018lafayettetmarketready.eventbrite.com">2018lafayettetmarketready.eventbrite.com</a>   |
| June 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Lake Charles | <a href="http://2018lakecharlesmarketready.eventbrite.com">2018lakecharlesmarketready.eventbrite.com</a> |
| June 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Hammond      | <a href="http://2018hammondmarketready.eventbrite.com">2018hammondmarketready.eventbrite.com</a>         |
| July 10 <sup>th</sup>  | New Orleans  | <a href="http://2018neworleansmarketready.eventbrite.com">2018neworleansmarketready.eventbrite.com</a>   |

*Special thanks to the partner agencies providing support for these trainings.*





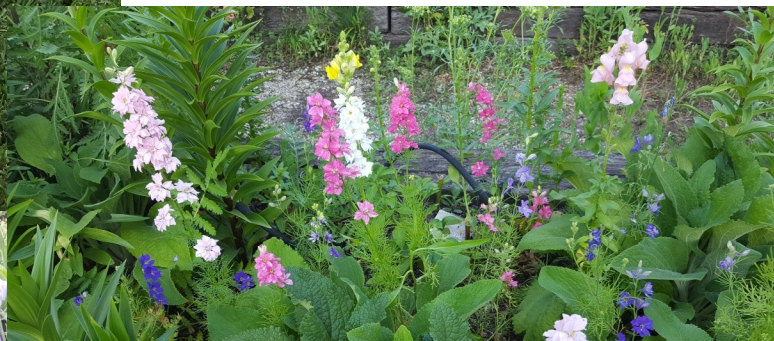
# Some Serious Socializing and Fabulous Flowers



Many thanks to Colette Anzalona for again inviting the Master Gardener members to the lovely exterior of her home. It made for a relaxing evening with good food and visiting among friends.

Special thanks to Margaret Dubois for sharing the flower photos from Colette's garden that was a highlight of our Spring Social.

Dale Oglesby and Alice Blakewood were among the many members who stopped by to enjoy time together the evening of May 2nd.





**D.R.E.A.M.S. GARDENING CLASS 2018** --- *Courtesy of Candy Bienvenu*

Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners held the 2nd DREAM's Gardening Class from March 6 - April 24, 2018 at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center on Tuesdays! Center. (Thank you Billy and Kristy.)

This year we had eight students along with their helpers! Instructors Candy Bienvenu, Chris Stelly and Kathryn Soileau conducted all classes. We recruited other Master Gardeners to teach specific lessons. The students really enjoyed all their guest teachers!

On the first day of class, we had students that brought in some of their projects from last year! We were so surprised to see how big the pass-along plants had grown in their terrariums! The students made miniature green houses and planted seeds.

A big thank you goes out to our guest master gardeners:

Linda Beyt provided all the materials for making a living neckless!

Becky Taylor taught an amazing propagation class ! All the students took cuttings from a Coleus plant and grew their very own plants. (They were amazed!)

Chris Stelly talked about flower parts and wild flowers. The students then made "Nature wind chimes."

Mary Kramer led Good Bugs/Bad Bugs! The students painted lady bug houses made out of Bamboo. (Thanks goes to Nick Long for making these!) and then placed them in the Demo Gardens as we released 2000 lady bugs! This was their service project!

Celeste Haye-Finney brought "My Plate" to help teach nutrition'

Jacob Williams ended the gardening class by creating a "My Plate Meal" so the students could taste and see how a "my plate" should look!

The class concluded and Kathryn is already thinking about next year's classes.

If you have an idea for a class or would like to help teach a class with the Dream's students, please contact Candy Bienvenu

A picture is worth a thousand words! See how much these students really enjoy this gardening class!



# What Plant Am I? ANSWER:

*Cocoloba uvifera* :  
Sea grape



"What Plant am I?" comes to us monthly  
courtesy of Karen Trahan



# *June should be Busting Out with Salvia!*



If you have not stopped by Ira Nelson's demonstration beds lately you should take some time and do so. Our volunteers have been working hard to update the current beds and recently added a new Salvia bed to the garden. This bed will showcase Salvia that are suited for our hot and humid weather. Salvias are heat and drought-tolerant and bloom from early to late summer. These plants are easy care/low maintenance, good for cut flowers, and they attract hummingbirds as well as pollinators to your garden.

*Photo and article courtesy of Mary Gladney*

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# LPMGA Calendar JUNE 2018

- JUNE 4 — BOARD MEETING FOR MONTH OF MAY, IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE CENTER, 1PM
- JUNE 6 — GENERAL MEETING, LAFAYETTE MAIN LIBRARY, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, NOON
- JUNE 12 — “NATURAL PESTS & WEED CONTROL” TALK, EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY, YOUNGSVILLE—6:30 PM
- JUNE 12 — 1ST OF FIVE REMAINING MARKET\*READY TRAINING SESSIONS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE LSU AG-CENTER.
- JUNE 14— LAFAYETTE. SEE INFO AND FLIER PAGES 4 AND 5
- JUNE 25 — BOARD MEETING FOR JUNE, IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE CENTER, 1 PM
- JULY 4 — INDEPENDENCE DAY

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If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in our meetings, please call the LSU AgCenter at 337-291-7090  
Please note: All meeting and event dates, times, and locations are subject to change.



HAPPY 4th of July  
No Newsletter in July

