

LPMGA
SEPTEMBER
GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5— NOON
UL CADE FARM 1178
PARISH ROAD 183
ST MARTINVILLE LA

2018 LPMGA BOARD
MEETINGS

1 PM TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25
IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE
CENTER (INHC)

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MEET at THE CADE FARM

September 5 at NOON



The September general meeting is set for noon, Wednesday September 5th, at the UL Cade Farm. The address is 1178 Parish Road 183, St. Martinville. Please car pool.

TAKE HWY 182 (PINHOOK) TOWARD NEW IBERIA TO THE LIGHT AT SMEDE ROAD (183) AND GO LEFT, CONTINUE 2.5 MILES TURN RIGHT ON W.J.BERNARD ROAD, THERE IS A SIGN FOR ULL FARM, DRIVE THROUGH FARM PAST SILOS TO LARGE WHITE BUILDING ON RIGHT. PARK

President, MaryAnn Armbruster's message:



The weather seems to be breaking, just a little, and that has me thinking about my fall vegetable garden. I like the fall garden because I can work when it's warm instead of cold. I will warm any day over cold. I've already started tomatoes and cucumbers. The peppers and most of the herbs are going strong and it's almost time to re-plant carrots. If you're not familiar with planting dates for the fall, check with the on-line publication, "Louisiana Home Vegetable Gardening" at www.lsuagcenter.com. It gives both spring and fall date ranges for Louisiana.

It's time to start thinking about getting the rest of your Volunteer and Continuing Education hours if you haven't done so yet. PlantFest™ is a great time to earn hours. We need help in many areas, from parking to children's activities to tallying and more.

If you don't know where to volunteer, ask Juan Nieto, Heather Warner-Finley, Collette Anzelone or me. We'll help you find something that works for you. And remember, if you haven't entered your hours, you didn't do them. They must be entered to count, and the deadline this year is earlier than usual, so get them entered now. Don't wait until the last minute.

If you haven't been to PlantFest before, there's a lot to look forward to. Of course, we sell plants, but there are children's activities, lectures, cooking demonstrations and drawings for great prizes (we can still use some donations, hint, hint.) Come prepared to work and to enjoy yourself, it's a great day for all and a vital one for our organization. See you there.

Good Gardening

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 TUESDAY (A CHANGE) except for July & Dec.)
SEPTEMBER 5, Noon	SEPTEMBER 25
OCTOBER 3, 6 pm	OCTOBER 23
NOVEMBER 7, Noon	NOVEMBER 27
DECEMBER 5, 6 pm (Social)	DECEMBER 18

ACADIANA NATIVE PLANT PROJECT GREENHOUSE DEDICATION

The Acadiana Native Plant Project will officially dedicate the greenhouse and garden located at the Teche Farm property in Arnaudville to one of our founding members and benefactor, June Walker at our 3rd Thursday meeting, 20 September 2018. June mentored us through our first propagation and native plant sales season with grace and kindness and of course, a wealth of knowledge and experience. After her unexpected death, her family generously donated her remaining greenhouse to ANPP. The ANPP portion of the Teche Farm property will be known as the "June Walker Memorial Greenhouse and Educational Center." Join us on the 3rd Thursday in September at 5:30 PM for our dedication ceremonies.

Heather Warner-Finley

HELP NEEDED FOR PLANTFEST

Candy Bienvenu is looking for 6 volunteers and supplies for the children's activities at PlantFest.

Candy's wish list for supplies would be ribbons, Halloween items, beads with holes in the center, flowers, trinkets and anything you can think of to decorate sombrero hats, garden wind chimes and paper flower gardens.

Volunteers are needed to help kids create their nature crafts. The hours needed are from 9 to 11 AM on Saturday September 29th.

New this year is all 3 activities are going to be available at the same time.

Contact Candy at 337-241-9456. or bienvecj4@yahoo.com.

THE DEVENPORT REPORT



Well, our 2018 Master Gardener class has begun and I am excited with the changes we have made regarding our mentoring program. Since becoming involved with the Master Gardener program, I have noticed that many of the students that complete the class do not fulfill their volunteering obligation that they agreed upon before their class began.

On the first day of class this year, students signed the same commitment letter you signed last December, hoping they will realize how the program

is designed to help the LSU AgCenter by volunteering to educate the public in horticulture. Each mentor was assigned two students. Students will be contacted once a week by mentors who will check in with them, answer questions and invite them to events and meetings. In addition, the mentors will be following their students the following year, checking in with them once a quarter to see how they are progressing on their 40 hour commitment. I encourage each of you to come by and meet the new class members if you are in the area. I encourage each of you to come by and meet the new class members if you are in *LSU AgCenter Dan Devenport*

What Plant is this?

I'm a shrub to small tree, native to South America, the Caribbean islands and the South Pacific, a member of the dogbane family. I grow in Zones 10 to 15 in sun or light shade. Almost any soil is suitable to me. I do well in seaside locations. Pruning is not necessary because I grow in an attractive rounded shape. My wood doesn't burn until the temperature reaches 500 degrees. I have leathery dark green shiny leaves clustered toward the ends of my branches. My smallest branches are about 1 inch thick and are blunted at the ends. Without leaves, they look like sausages.

When nights begin to cool, my leaves turn yellow, drop, and I become dormant. My two inch flowers, which bloom from spring to fall, can be pink, red, yellow or white and are highly fragrant. They and my white sap are also poisonous. Follicles are produced which hold my small papery seeds, which have "wings" to aid in wind transportation. I can be propagated with seeds or by stem cuttings at any time.

My oil is used to relieve inflammation, headaches and backaches. It soothes dry, chapped skin, and relaxes muscles. I am bothered by few insects, although the Pseudosphinx caterpillar feeds only on my leaves. My main disease is caused by a rust fungus which appears as orange pustules under my leaves. They should be removed and bagged for disposal. Apply neem oil to control this problem.

Do you know what plant I am?

See the answer on page 8

Condolences

Ellen Lafleur's mother, Frances Reinert, passed away on August 12, 2018. She was 91 years old and passed peacefully. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist, in Lafayette and volunteered at the Cathedral of St. Johns shop and museum

PLANTFEST 2018



The Propagation Team is gearing up for PlantFest 2018. This year it will be held on Saturday September 29th from 8 AM to 1 PM on the grounds of Whittington House. Whittington House is across the parking lot from our Master Gardener Demo Beds. We have a great selection of plants for sale. There will be a variety of children's activities, cooking demonstrations, and talks by local experts on gardens and plants. The talks include talks on roses and native plants. We'll have items available for raffle. And we'll have Master Gardeners available to talk about your plants and your garden. This is our celebration of gardens in our community. It takes a lot of volunteers to make it work so please consider signing up to volunteer in some capacity. Juan Nieto (jfnieto1@netzero.net or 337.290.1451) is in charge of organizing volunteers. Please call or email him to volunteer.

PlantFest Memories



Heather Warner-Finley
Plant Fest 2013



Plant Fest 2015

SUGAR CANE ADDED TO CHILDREN'S BED IN DEMO GARDEN



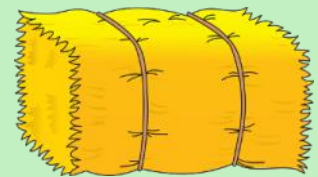
Retired sugar cane farmer, Daniel Viator and Master Gardener Tommy Hayes, added sugar cane to the children's Demo garden. Mr. Viator explained that sugar cane is grown in Florida, Hawaii, Texas and Louisiana. It is planted in a sunny spot on its side, in furrows long enough for the pieces to fit, and then covered with soil. They over plant the cane, as they lose a lot due to our winters. The new plants sprout from each joint on the cane sometime around April or May. So plan to stop by and check it out.

FALL PINE STRAW AVAILABLE

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

Orders for active MGS only will be taken at the September and October general meetings. Pick up is Friday and Saturday, November 2nd and 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



LMG WHO ARE SUSTAINING MEMBERS OR HAVE EARNED THEIR GOLD PIN

At our general meeting
in August
Jay Ruffin presented
Cheryl Perrett (2003)
with her
certificate
as a
sustaining member.
He, also, presented
Sue Golden (2016)
and
Peggy Tracy (2017)
with their golden
Master Gardener
name tags.



Master Gardeners were on call at Vermilionville for Acadian Day, one of the parks three free days of the year. May Waggoner, Beverly Fuselier, Nancy Atkins, Mary Perrin and MaryAnn Armbruster were fielding visitor questions.

ACADIA DAY AT VERMILIONVILLE BRINGS ATTENTION TO MG MEDICINAL GARDEN

Hundreds typically come to Vermilionville for this special event. Among the activities of this day, is a lively parade brought through the park by members of the Le Jumelage de Scott that had traditionally held their Tintamarre “parade of noise” that shares the cultural cry of the Acadian people after Le Grand Dérangement — a name given the expulsion of the Acadian French by the Colonial soldiers in Canada. The parade, called le Tintamarre, takes place every year in Caraquet, New Brunswick, Canada on August 15.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR VP JUAN

Greeting Fellow Master Gardeners,

September General Meeting:

I wanted to remind you that our general meeting will be at the Cade Farm at 12 Noon, September 5th. Mark Simon, told me that the first tour will begin as soon as there are enough MGs at the facility. The tour will take approximately 20 minutes, with the general meeting beginning after that. Once the meeting is adjourned, there will be a second tour, at a much slower pace. Please try to carpool, there is limited parking, and be careful on the road. Direc-

tions to the Cade Farm are available. See front page.

Volunteers Needed: I still need volunteers for the Ask A Master Gardener table at All Seasons Nursery. Our past president, the very talented, Linda Beyt is our speaker at the first Second Saturday Garden talk. Starting at 9a.m, Ricky James will bring in and set up equipment for the talk that will begin at 10 a.m. One hour before our speaker takes the stage at 10, we need a volunteer to inform the customers about our speaker, pass out literature from the LSU AG Center, and inform folks about our PlantFest 2018.

PlantFest 2018: I am looking for 5 more volunteers, with a lot of patience who have worked PlantFest in the past, to help park our loyal customers and work our plant holding areas. These volunteers should know the importance of having a good crew and be willing to work with the new Master Gardeners in training. If any one of you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me.

Juan Nieto jfnieto1@netzero.net (337) 290-1451

Mr McGregor's Garden



Meet 2018 Master Gardener In Training, Julie Rabelais. Julie hit the ground running by taking over as the chairperson for Mr. McGregor's Garden. Julie took over the bed after only two weeks of beginning the Master Gardener Class. She is creating a theme of Fall on Mr. McGregor's Farm. Kudos to Julie for stepping up so quickly to help us.



PLANTFEST T-SHIRTS

PlantFest will be here Sept. 29. T-shirts this year will be a light green with the PlantFest logo on the front. Deadline to order is Sept 11. You can bring orders to propagation or to the meeting on Sept. 5, or mail to me at the address on the form. T-shirts are not required to work at PlantFest. You can wear last year's orange shirt is you want. If you have any questions contact me directly at:

pttaylor@hotmail.com

337-344-0088

What Plant Am I? ANSWER:

Plumeria incarnata: Frangipani



BVPA will host its 5th Annual River Symposium, *Contributing to the Tributaries: Community-Driven Watershed Management* on September 7, 2018. This year's theme is centered on how the public and private sectors can work hand in hand with citizens and community organizations to improve the quality of life in and around our beloved Vermilion River.

The event includes one day of speakers from 8:00am – 3:00pm at the Vermilionville Conference Center. Registration and information can be Found online at www.bayouvermillionpreservation.org



Get your tickets for the BVPA's 5th Annual River Symposium

CONTRIBUTING TO THE TRIBUTARIES:

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Makers

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Leaders



Friday, September 7, 2018
300 Fisher Road Lafayette LA

LOUISIANA

*It's not too early to get your cuttings rooted
and seeds collected....*



LAFAYETTE PARISH MASTER GARDENERS

FALL 2018

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
8AM TO 11AM**

**AT THE MASTER
GARDENER DEMO BEDS**

IRAN NELSON HORTICULTURE CENTER

2206 JOHNSTON ST, LAFAYETTE

FORMAL TABLE SWAP 9AM

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

OPEN TRADING 8AM TO 11AM

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

SEED & BULB SWAP

Start saving your veggie, flower, fruit seeds &
bulbs. Be sure to identify & seal your seed packet.

We have several local farmers from the Louisiana
Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (LASAWG)
looking for heirloom flower and vegetable seeds.
If you have heirloom seeds to share, please contact
plantswap@lpmga.org

For more information about our Swaps please email:
plantswap@lpmga.org or call (337) 501-7998

Yard to Habitat (Y2H) Campaign Kicks Off

Inspired by certification programs like Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners, I have wanted to advance our mission to "promote the use of native plants in our landscape" by developing our own workshop program. When I saw that Bill Fontenot's workshop at the October 20 Southern Garden Symposium in St. Francisville was already sold out in July, I took it as a strong sign that Louisiana gardeners are hungry for help in putting their property to work for wildlife like pollinators and birds. All along, ANPP has existed for this purpose. Yes, we love plants and do propagate and garden. However, it is our recognition of plants as the foundation of every ecosystem that has driven our activities. National Audubon Society, Xerces Society, Wild Ones, and Garden Clubs of America have all launched native plant education resources. We are all partners in *connecting habitats, one garden at a time*. That is why we are designing our first ANPP workshop with a focus on gardening for wildlife in your own yard: Y2H (Yard to Habitat) will focus on you. With a balance of lecture, direct experience with plants and landscape design, participants will work in small groups with facilitators to set goals and go home with a plan for their own property that they may wish to have certified as a habitat. We'll tell you more at our August and September Third Thursday meetings. Join us!

Phyllis Griffard, President ANPP



The biennial International Master Gardener Conference will be hosted by the Penn State Extension Master Gardener Program and held at the Valley Forge Casino Resort in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania from June 16 to June 21, 2019.

Pre-Conference tours are scheduled for Sunday, June 16 and Monday, June 17. A Welcome Reception is also set for June 17. The Main Conference, featuring speakers, classes and workshops, will be held June 18-21. Post-Conference tours are scheduled for Friday, June 21. The International Master Gardener Search For Excellence Awards will also be presented at the Conference.

Scheduled Speakers Include:

Kirk Brown, Julie Moir Messervy, Doug Tallamy, George Weigel, Marta McDowell (author of *All The Presidents' Gardens*) For more information about the IMG Search For Excellence and about Conference registration, lodging, and activities at the Conference please visit: www.internationalmastergardener.com/about/international-master-gardener/ Click on "Blog" to learn more about speakers, tours and to see details about the Conference.

Heads Up: The 2021 International Master Gardener Conference will be hosted by Virginia Tech

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LPMGA Calendar September 2018

SEPTEMBER 5—GENERAL MEETING, CADE FARM, 12:00 NOON

**SEPTEMBER 7 — BAYOU VERMILION SYMPOSIUM, VERMILIONVILLE
PERFORMANCE CENTER, 8AM—3 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 20 — THE “JUNE WALKER MEMORIAL GREENHOUSE AND EDUCATION
CENTER—ACADIANA NATIVE PLANT PROJECT (SEE PAGE 2)
DEDICATION CEREMONY, ARNAUDVILLE AT 5:30 PM**

SEPTEMBER 25— BOARD MEETING, IRA NEWLSON CENTER, 1 PM

**SEPTEMBER 29— PLANTFEST @ IRA NELSON HORTICULTURE CENTER /
WHITTINGTON HOUSE, 2206 JOHNSTON ST, 8 AM — 1 PM**

OCTOBER 3 —GENERAL MEETING, 6 PM

OCTOBER 6 —PLANT SWAP, MG DEMO BEDS AT IRA NELSON 8 - 11 AM

JUNE 17-21, 2019— INT’L MASTER GARDENTER CONFERENCE, VALLEY FORGE, PA



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