



COVINGTON GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER



COMING SOON

Covington Garden Club Cordially
Invites You to Our Annual
Christmas Tea



At the home of Adrienne Taylor
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985-502-0384

Please bring a tax-deductible
donation for the St. Francis
Animal Sanctuary

A complete list of all LGCF
events is available on the
website at lgfcinc.org

The Ancient Art of Bonsai

Understanding Bonsai



Our guest for the November meeting, Elizabeth Pearce, enlightened us all on the history and development of Bonsai. Bonsai combines horticultural skill with artistic design. Through careful pruning, wiring, and shaping, the grower creates a living sculpture that reflects nature in miniature form. She informed us that projects can take a minimum of 5 years or longer. One must assume that this pastime encourages patience and concentration. Two traits that I could certainly stand to improve.

Highlights from Last Meeting



Donna Moran received the Circle of Roses honor for her dedication through the years.



Patsy Yates received a certificate for registering her tree with the Live Oak Society



To get us all ready for the Flower Show, Callie Forman, explained how to construct a Line Design. She also demonstrated the importance of design height and background color choice.

Gardening in Louisiana by the Month
Dan Gill, Times-Picayune columnist
January 5th, 2016

November

Vegetables to plant in November include beet, cabbage, carrot, celery, collard, garlic, kale, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, mustard, onion, rutabaga, shallot, spinach, Swiss chard and turnip.

Herbs to plant include borage, celery, chervil, cilantro, dill, fennel, parsley, chives, garlic chives, lemon balm, Mexican tarragon, mints, oregano, rosemary, sage, sorrel, marjoram, thyme, French tarragon, feverfew, lavender and chamomile.

This is the beginning of the prime planting season for hardy trees, shrubs, vines and ground covers.

Finish planting most spring-flowering bulbs this month. Buy tulips and hyacinths by mid-November, and refrigerate them for at least six weeks before planting them in late December or early January.

Plant cool-season bedding plants, such as pansy, viola, alyssum, dianthus, calendula, snapdragon, diascia, nemesia, dusty miller, ornamental cabbage and kale, petunias and many more.

As leaves fall from trees, collect them, put them in your compost pile or use them as mulch.

Keep us in the loop ...

Over the past few years our membership has grown considerably. Currently, we have over seventy-five members, and it is hard to keep track of all the significant events in everyone's lives. If you know of a member who is sick or just needs a little extra TLC, please remember to let Christy Biggers know so she can send them a card from all of us.