“Plant America—Bring Nature Home with Native Plants”
Our cover photo features a “Mister Lincoln” hybrid tea rose. These roses have a very strong damask scent and are often grown for cut flowers in arrangements. Bred by Herbert Swim and Weeks Rose Growers in 1964, the rose was named an All-America Rose Selections winner in 1965. This particular rose was grown and photographed by Roxy Blanton of Azalea Garden Club in District III. It is her very favorite.

If you would like to submit drawings, paintings or photos for the cover of the Newsletter, please email them (or good copies) to lgcfnewsletter@gmail.com or mail to one of the co-editors listed below.
Congratulations and thank you to all District Directors and host clubs on your successful fall meetings. Your emphasis on native plants and native people was very impressive. The courtesies extended to your president are very much appreciated.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons were filled with times of celebrations with family and friends. Now it’s time for Happy New Year greetings! What will 2020 bring? Invite prospective members to your garden club meetings as we work to grow membership 21 per cent by 2021.

Winter Council takes place this month. I urge you to be involved in the Cleanest City Contest beginning during this first quarter of the year.

Make plans to attend the 2020 Convention “From the Beaches to the Bayous”. Let’s have a good attendance to welcome NGC President Gay Austin, Deep South Garden Clubs Director Lena Batman, and Deep South Garden Clubs Alternate Director Donna Bucci. How exciting to have our national and regional leaders present at our Convention.

Urge eligible students to apply for LGCF scholarships by the deadline of March 1. Every year some scholarships are not awarded due to lack of applications. There are worthy students who could benefit from those scholarships. Let’s promote them.

The Live Oak Society now has over 9,000 trees as members. Continue registering live oaks so we can break that record.
As you clean the brown things from your garden, are there exotic plants that were lost to the freeze? Consider replacing them with native plants. March 15 signals the last date of frost in my area and time to begin planting. This is a reminder to plant those native wildflower seeds we were so glad to get at some of the fall meetings. Leaving the seeds in the packets will not benefit nature. Deciding to have a native-plant garden defines the plantings we are to have. Seeds in my collection include two varieties of milk weed, purple coneflower, and rose mallows. Each of us can do our part to “bring nature home”.

The benefits are many—create habitat for insects and other wildlife, attract and feed the birds, enjoy the beauty of the blooms, and use the dried plant material for designs. Let’s make it happen!

*Linda Finley*
We hope that everyone had a peaceful holiday. It’s time to start the new year with a commitment to promote the goals of our garden clubs. Our personal goal is to provide a means to share activities among all garden club members throughout the state. As each club conducts its various activities, please remember to send pictures so that we can share them in the newsletter.

Promoting membership is another goal worthy of everyone’s attention. There are many potential members among you. They may be just waiting for an invitation to join.

Ruth Delhomme and Roxy Blanton, Co-editors
Would you like to catch up on the latest environmental news from professors, horticulturists, agriculture and forestry experts, as well as a coastal zone public information director, soil ecologist, La. wildflower program coordinator, refuge management area deputy project leader, and La. Arboretum interpretive ranger? This is what attendees of the LGCF Environmental School, Series VI, Course I & II, experienced recently this fall, and more.

The Marksville Garden Club hosted an Environmental School on September 30- October 3, 2019. Twenty students gathered at the LSU Ag Center in Mansura, LA-some to work toward or complete their Environmental Consultant or Master Consultant status. Others simply wanted to learn, including current Environmental Consultants and Master Consultants, as well as Master Gardeners and environmentally curious members of the public. Two different 2-day courses were presented; some attended both courses, and others only one of them.

In Course I, six students achieved Environmental Consultant status, including two from outside of Louisiana (Mississippi and Tennessee). These were: Linda Broussard (Lafayette), Melinda Causey (Meridian, Mississippi), Versa Dore (Azalea), Karen Hoyt (Abbeville), Joyce Thibodeaux (Abbeville), and Faye True (Nashville, Tenn.) Also attending were Maurice Carr, Jackie Duncan, Cynthia Flanders, Patsy Hebert, Gwen Lanoux, Anita Petitjean, and Jan Smith.

In Course II, three students earned Environmental Consultant status, and one attained the rank of Environmental Master Consultant. These were: Jane Anders (Oakdale), Reba Mackey (Terrytown), Jan Smith (Golden Gate Study Club), and new Master Consultant Jean Gilstrap (Bayou DeSiard). Also attending were Maurice Carr, MayMaud Carr, Jackie Duncan, Elizabeth Gremillion, Patsy Hebrt, Gwen Lanoux, Rosalie Overby, and Susan Rau.

As well as attending the sixteen courses provided by the National Garden Club curriculum, students took nature discovery field trips to Grand Cote Federal Wildlife Management Area and Spring Bayou State Wildlife Management Area, both near Marksville.

Although good eating is not our primary objective, we did try to provide students with some of our local lunch favorites. Plan to attend our Series VI, Course III & IV school next fall of 2020, again in the Central Louisiana area, and we will try to provide more quality environmental education AND show you a good time!
LSUA Biology Professor Leesia Marshall accompanies Course I students on Marc Dupuy, Jr. Wildlife Trail walk at Grand Cote Federal Wildlife Preserve

Course I new Env Consultants L to R: Faye True (Tennessee), Melinda Causey (Mississippi), Joyce Thibodeaux, Linda Broussard, Karen Hoyt, Versa Dore

Course II group for Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area after boat ride, accompanied by local guide and SB Restoration Team member Jimmy Landry and LDWF Biologist Jody David
Course II Students with new Env Consultants Jane Anders, Reba Mackey, Jan Smith, and new Master Consultant Jean Gilstrap

Pictured L to R: Roselie Overby, Elizabeth Gremillion, Gwen Lanoux, Jan Lemoine, Susan Rau, Jackie Duncan, Reba Mackey, Jan Smith, Jean Gilstrap, Maurice Carr, MaryMaud Carr, and Jane Anders (Patsy Hebert is missing)

Gwen Lanoux and Patsy Hebert get to know local guide and SB Restoration Team member James Franks as they tour the Spring Bayou State Wildlife Management Area
New Orleans Council of NGC Flower Show Judges

The New Orleans Council of NGC Flower Show Judges opened the Fall season for the New Orleans Museum of Art decorating the giant urns in the great hall. Because of reduced funding, the fresh flowers in the urns were suspended for the summer.

Our designs in the urns included Pampas stalks, chrysanthemums, Asian lilies and wax flowers. There were admiring looks from the staff passing by. They kept saying they were glad we were back, but they missed the flowers.

We took the opportunity to teach garden club members that are not judges how to do large freestanding designs.
Members of the New Orleans Council of NGC Flower Show Judges recently designed flowers for the large urns at the New Orleans Museum of Art. We were delighted to see our design used in the background of the cover of the November issue of the St Charles Avenue magazine.
The **Master Gardener Association**, along with the **LSU Agriculture Center** presented their Fall Seminar with P. Allen Smith as the keynote speaker. P. Allen is one of America’s most talented garden designers, with an appreciation for horticulture, plant pairing and for an orderly and holistic approach to his work.

Other speakers at the Seminar were Margot Shaw presenting “Living Floral: Entertaining and Decorating with Flowers” and June Mays who inspired us with “The Gardens of Downtown Abbey”.

**LIVE OAK SOCIETY NEWS**

The founding president of the International Oak Society (which includes every kind of oak), Guy Sternberg of Starhill Forest in Illinois, met with the LGCF Live Oak Society chairman, Coleen Perilloux Landry, to visit and measure the Etienne de Bore’ Oak in Audubon Park. When it was registered by Dr. Stephens in 1934, it was 24 feet in girth. It is now 35 feet in girth. The de Bore’ Oak is #21 on the Live Oak Society register.
Louisiana Garden Club Federation’s Live Oak Society Chairman Coleen Perilloux Landry was invited to speak to a group of Louisiana Master Naturalists about the Live Oak Tree at the Ancient Live Oak Grove in City Park in New Orleans in November. She is pictured with Dr. Bob Thomas.

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Submitted by Patsy Hebert

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Save the Date!
District II brings you the 2020 LGCF State Convention

Mark your calendars for April 1-3 of 2020. It is the pleasure of District II to host the LGCF Convention “From the Beaches to the Bayous” headquartered at Copeland Tower and Suites in Metairie, Louisiana. The hotel is centered around many great restaurants, shopping, easy access to Interstate, and offers free parking. This convention will also bring to our members the trifecta! In attendance will be NGC President, Gay Austin, DSGC Director and former LGCF President, Linda Bateman, and our current LGCF President, Linda Finley.

A Pre-convention tour is planned for April 1st. Leaving from the hotel we will motor coach up river to the beautiful Laura Plantation where you will tour the house and gardens. Once again, crossing the river, we will have a lovely lunch at Ormond Plantation and short garden tour. Our last stop will be the gardens of our very own Marianne and David Arata. They have spent years cultivating over 2 acres to create a wildlife and bird sanctuary. We will kick off the convention that evening with a reception that will include live entertainment, finger food, and a cash bar.

Thursday morning, we will open the convention with a breakfast presentation on the Gold Star Marker that was placed in Ste. Mere Eglise, Normandy this summer on the 75th anniversary of D-Day. This will be followed by 2 days of engaging speakers and workshops that are highlighted in the newsletter. Of course, for your shopping pleasure, there will be a wide variety of vendors available.

Once again, in an effort to cover 2020 Convention expenses, we will have a Parade of Prizes in a Silent Auction fashion. These items will be available to bid on through noon on Friday, April 3rd. Winners will be announced at the end of lunch on Friday. A drawing will also be done for the art work, quilt, and garden art that were on display at all District luncheons. We also encourage clubs and individual members to participate in the Convention Ad program, form available on LGCF website.

Friday evening there will be a reception honoring our NGC President and Deep South Director. Wear your Sunday best because we will be taking District photos. A special time slot will be assigned to each District that will be included in your program. Please encourage your members to participate in this special moment!

For those inclined to stay an extra day, Saturday will bring the fabulous spring Garden Show in our beloved City Park Botanical Gardens. This will include an LGCF Flower Show “Friends Around the World”. More information will be available on the LGCF website. Afterwards, stroll through the parks outstanding Sculpture Garden and finish off with coffee and beignets! If that is not enough, the Society for Louisiana Irises is also hosting their convention in Kenner that will run through the weekend.

All information is available on the LGCF website. For further information you may contact Convention Chair, Reba Mackey at (504) 421-1465 or Elizabeth McDougald at (504) 450-5634. Come, stay a while and have some fun! We look forward to spending time with you in the “beaches and bayous” of District II.
Breakout Speakers for 2020 Convention

Green Bridges Program  
*Creating Safe Passages for Plants and Pollinators*

In this workshop we will learn how to create opportunities for the safe passage of plants and pollinators to avoid habitat fragmentation. Each GreenBridges garden is a link in the chain across the nation, providing safe movement for the plants and pollinators that help maintain healthy ecosystems. We will learn best practices from a GreenBridges gardener which includes growing native herbs unique to our region while working towards a more sustainable gardening style.

Roger Svoboda, MGNO  
*Tool Talk*

This comprehensive show-and-tell demonstration reviews the various types of tools (rakes, shovels, pruners, etc.) generally used by gardeners. You’ll learn which ones are the most useful, proper use and care including tips on cleaning, sharpening, and safety.

A retired mechanical engineer, Roger’s horticulture interests include trees, edibles, rain gardens, natural yard care (using natural methods of pest control and soil improvement) and sharing his knowledge of garden tools and machinery. He recently relocated to New Orleans from Snohomish County Washington where he was a master gardener since 2008 and coordinated their Educational Outreach (Clinic) for two years.

Dov Block, MGNO  
*Learning to Live with and Love Water*

Designing garden spaces to trap and utilize excess water is an important component in mitigating soil and land loss is Southeast Louisiana. Learn about water friendly plants and how to install them.

Born and raised in Washington D.C., Dov has called New Orleans his home for quite a few years. After receiving his bachelor’s degree in anthropology, he has spent the majority of his career working in the urban agriculture and garden education worlds. Dov ran operations for a small urban farm in the Lower 9th Ward and has taught children and adults of all ages in the garden through numerous capacities. A Master Gardener since 2017. Dov's horticultural interests focus on edibles and organic growing practices.
Tammany Baumgarten, MGNO  

**Historical Louisiana Landscapes**

The last 300-400 years have seen drastic changes in the Louisiana landscape. Learn about some of the specific ecosystems in our state, then and now, and how the native plants endemic to those systems defined and supported special habitat.

Tammany Baumgarten is a licensed Landscape Horticulturist with the State of Louisiana, a member of the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association, the Louisiana Native Plant Society and a Past President of the Master Gardeners of Greater New Orleans. She has a keen interest in sustainable horticultural practices and is an avid proponent of native and wildlife gardening. Her love of butterfly and hummingbird gardening brought about a lot of experimentation with growing unique and different flowers from seed and thus the love of cottage-style gardening which she practices in her Broadmoor yard and now 35 acres in Tylertown, Mississippi.

**Amy Graham  
Growing Native Plants for Pollinators**

Many of us enjoy the beauty of flowers in our backyard and community. Growing native plants adds beauty and important habitats for wildlife, especially for pollinators. This workshop will discuss which native plants are best adapted to the local growing season, climate, and soils in our region. We will learn to serve butterflies and moths through smart gardening.

As Director of Horticulture at Longue Vue House and Gardens, Amy Graham guides Longue Vue’s dedicated garden staff through the daily practice of historic garden preservation. Longue Vue’s eight-acre site includes one-acre Wild Garden featuring a diverse collection of species indigenous to the southeast U.S., including over 3,000 Louisiana irises, wildflowers, shrubs and bog plants. Other interest includes gardening to serve pollinators, giant silk moth rearing and wildlife rescue.

**Grant Estrade  
The Dirt on Backyard Composting**

Give your plants life from decay. Composting is the biological art of breaking down organic material into potent and nutritious plant food. Learn the basics of composting and the importance of nutrient enriched soils in gardening from a fun and engaging speaker.

In 2003, Grant Estrade started Laughing Buddha Nursery, which focuses on helping people grow vegetable naturally and organically. His nursery carries micro-batched soils, garden supplies, hydroponic growing equipment and host a daily farmers market. He and his wife Kate have a farm, Local Cooling Farms, where they compost and mix soil for sale. It is also the home to pigs, cattle, goats, chickens and rabbits using rotational grazing methods on pasture and in the woods. He is an Eagle Scout and has been recognized by Gambit’s 40 under 40 (2004) and City Business.
Dr. Mark Benefield  
*Microplastics and their Potential Impacts in Louisiana Coastal Waters*

More than 5 million tons of plastic enter the ocean every year. Professor Benefield’s research has determined that the concentration of microplastics in the Gulf are among the highest in the world. He will discuss where it is going, what is eating it, and the possible implications of microplastic consumption for our coastal ecosystem.

Dr. Mark Benefield as a professor in the Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences at LSU, which is within the School of the Coast and Environment. His research interest includes zooplankton ecology, computer-based classification of zooplankton, acoustical telemetry studies of fish and invertebrates and applications of industrial remotely operated vehicles in biological observations. Field of focus is ecology, oil and gas development, and biological oceanography. In the wake of the Gulf Oil Spill, his lab has been focusing on the nearly invisible threat of microplastic pollution and the role it plays in the Gulf ecosystem.

**Pistil and Stamen Flower Farm Studio  
*Creating a Dramatic Tablescape***

Watch, listen and learn! Pistil and Stamen is a unique floral design studio stocked primarily by the flowers grown at their urban farm in New Orleans. Their work has been featured in Southern Living, Garden and Gun, Martha Stewart Weddings, Elle Décor, June Bug Weddings and elsewhere. Extreme lengths are used to source unique bulbs and seeds for the perfect bloom for every moment. Designs reflect deep affection and care, the gardens they are grown in, and the wild romantic city where it all happens.

**Todd Baker  
*The Brown Pelican Restoration***

An inspiring talk about the Brown Pelican Restoration efforts that have been ongoing for over 50 years. Our beloved pelican had ceased nesting in the state in 1961, and then by 1963, they had disappeared. The majestic pelican has now returned with sightings common along Louisiana’s coast. In 2009, the brown pelican was removed from the Federal Endangered Species list. Learn of the impact of the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill, and future threats and restoration efforts on behalf of our state bird.

Todd Baker is the Coastal Resource Scientist Manager and a Biologist with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. His responsibilities include managing coastal wildlife management areas and wildlife, which he has been doing for over 17 years.
Poppy Tooker  
*Louisiana Eats- A Delicious Slice of Food History*

Food personality, radio host, teacher and author, Poppy Tooker is passionate about food and the people who bring it to the table. Her classical training and the love of New Orleans cuisine has been recognized globally. In both 2017 and 2018, the food media Taste Awards named *Louisiana Eats! Best Food and Drinks Radio program nationally.* With her motto “Eat It To Save It”, Poppy has been instrumental in reviving many endangered foods and food traditions. She will share her fascinating culinary wisdom as her talk centers on history and tradition as well as the how and why of it all!
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Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
2020 Convention, Metairie, LA
April 1, 2020
“From the Beaches to the Bayous”

Pre-Convention Tour Registration Form

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2020 Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
Pre-Convention Tour

Breakfast on Your Own:
8:00-9:00 am Registration
9:00-9:15 am Load Bus at Copeland Towers
9:15 am Travel to Laura Plantation – guided tour
Return to bus and travel to Ormond Plantation for Lunch
Lunch and brief tour of Ormond Plantation
Travel to Marieanne and David Arata’s Wildlife Garden in Waggaman, LA
4:00 pm Return to Hotel

TOUR STOP NO. 1 Laura Plantation

A tour based on Laura Locoul Gore's "Memories of the Old Plantation Home" and archival documents from the United States and France. A visit inside the Big House, its raised basement and galleries, men's and women's
parlors, service and common rooms. A walk through the 200-year-old sugar plantation homestead, including 3 gardens: Jardin Français, the kitchen potager & Bananal and grove. On the grounds are 12 buildings on the National Register, including animal barns, overseers' cottages and the 1829 Maison de Reprise. A visit inside one of the authentic 1840s slave cabins, where the ancient West-African tales of Compair Lapin, better known in English as "Br'er Rabbit," were recorded. A self-guided tour of the newly opened museum exhibit, "From the Big House to Quarters: Slavery on Laura Plantation."

TOUR STOP NO. 2  Lunch at Ormond Plantation

Ormond Plantation has survived into the early 21st Century with its unique character and sometimes tragic history. In the early 1780's, Pierre D'Trepagnier was awarded a tract of land by the Spanish Governor Don Bernarndo deGalvez. The Main building was completed shortly before 1790, the plantation home to indigo and then to sugar cane. The house is built in the "Louisiana Colonial" style for plantations, which is modeled after the great sugar plantations in the West Indies. The two wings or garconnieres which give Ormond its distinctive look, are taller than the main building and of a design possibly from an Atlantic Seaboard influence. The home was often the scene for entertaining officials of the Louisiana and Spanish Governments.

Ormond is presently under the ownership and care of the Carmouche family who continues the work of restoring Ormond today. Ormond is open to the public for tours, weddings, lunch, dinner, meetings, and various other private events year-round, as well as a quiet bed and breakfast stay.

TOUR STOP NO. 3  Garden of Marieanne and David Arata

Welcome to our two acres on River Road planted to attract birds and wildlife in a country setting. Through the years we have added trees, shrubs, flowers, birdbaths, birdhouses and bird feeders to attract our feathered friends. Relax in our yard and enjoy the libations prepared for you.

A master gardener since 2008, Marieanne and David are passionate wildlife gardeners. Each year at their home on two acres in Waggaman, many bird species enjoy nesting and feeding in their magnificent native landscape. A large pond attracts many water birds, and at dusk, bats. She is also a member of Petals of North Bridgedale Garden Club and a board member of Friends of Jefferson the Beautiful.
Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. **Registration Form Convention 2020**
April 1 - 3, 2020 “From the Beaches to the Bayous”

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**PLEASE CIRCLE THOSE THAT APPLY**

**LGCF:**
- Officer (Includes District Directors & Representatives-at-Large)
- Chairman (or alternate)
- Former LGCF President
- LGCF Life Member
- Club President (or alternate)
- Delegate (Clubs with 50 or more members)
- Club Member
- Guest

**DEEP SOUTH:**
- Officer
- State President
- Chairman
- DS Life Member
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**NGC:**
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**APRIL 1-3, 2020**
**COPELAND TOWER SUITES AND CONFERENCE CENTER, METAIRIE, LA**
**“FROM THE BEACHES TO THE BAYOUS”**

#### Wednesday, April 1, 2020
- **9:15 – 4:00 PM**  Pre-Convention Tour
- **4:00 – 6:00 PM**  Registration 16th floor lobby
- **6:30 – 8:30 PM**  Festive Welcome Reception with finger food, music, and cash bar
  - Dinner on your own

#### Thursday, April 2, 2020
- **7:00 – 5:00 PM**  Registration 16th floor lobby
- **9:00 – 5:00 PM**  Vendors open
  - Ways and Means open 16th floor lobby
- **7:30 – 9:00 AM**  Buffet breakfast
  - Presentation on Gold Star Marker in Normandy begins 8:00 AM
- **8:30 – 9:00 AM**  Headquarters Meeting
- **9:00 – 9:45 AM**  Finance Committee Meeting
- **10:00 – 10:45 AM**  Club Presidents/District Directors
- **11:00 – 11:45 AM**  Executive Council Meeting
- **12:00 – 12:30 PM**  Opening of Convention 2020
- **12:30 – 2:00 PM**  Lunch
  - Hosted by Environmental Consultants Council
  - Honoring Club Presidents
  - *Microplastics and their Potential Impacts in Louisiana Coastal Waters*
  - Speaker: Dr. Mark Benfield Professor, Dept. of Oceanography & Coastal Sciences, LSU
- **2:15 – 3:00 PM**  Landscape Design Consultants Council Meeting
- **4:00 – 4:45 PM**  Environmental Consultants Council Meeting
- **6:00 – 7:00 PM**  Cocktail Hour with cash bar
- **7:00 – 9:30 PM**  Dinner
  - Hosted by LCNAFS Judge’s Council
  - Program: Pistil and Stamen Flower Farm and Studio

#### Thursday Workshops
- **9:00 – 9:45 AM**  Workshop 1
  - *Creating Safe Passages for Plants and Pollinators* with the Green Bridges Program of the New Orleans Unit of the National Herb Society
- **10:00 – 10:45 AM**  Workshop 2
  - *Tool Talk* with Roger Svoboda, Master Gardener of New Orleans
- **11:00 – 11:45 AM**  Workshop 3
  - *Learning to Live with and Love Water* with Dov Block, Master Gardener of New Orleans
- **2:00 – 2:45 PM**  Workshop 4
  - *Historical Louisiana Landscapes* with Tammany Baumgarten, Master Gardener of New Orleans
- **3:00 - 3:45 PM**  Workshop 5  *TBD*
### 2020 LGCF, INC. CONVENTION DAY 2

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<td>She is passionate about food and the people who make it. Her classical training and the love of New Orleans cuisine has been recognized globally.</td>
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BOOK REVIEW

American Eden

David Hosack, Botany, and Medicine in the Garden of the Early Republic

By Victoria Johnson

Liveright Publishing Corporation      2018


Oh, the Drama!!!  A little-known chapter in American history is revealed in this wonderfully written biography of Dr. David Hosack, who was not just a conscientious physician, but a botanist with a passion for the natural world in our young nation, and for pharmaceutical research for the world.

And, surprise! He also happened to be the physician on duty at the infamous duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr.

Of further interest, Dr. Hosack founded the first botanical garden in America, on Manhattan Island.

Intensely researched and so well-written, you will be drawn into the lives of our founding fathers; their families, their struggles, their hopes, their daily lives.

Submitted by Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair
Yvette Hebert, originally from Abbeville, LA, joined her first garden club, The Terrebonne Garden Club in Houma, LA in 1978. She held chairmanships and soon became President of the club. She moved to Alexandria, LA in 1986 and transferred membership to the Alexandria Garden Club. She held many chairmanships and offices as Yearbook and Flower Show Chairman, Treasurer, Vice President and eventually President in 1991-93 followed by becoming Eighth District Director. During this time, she also became a Landscape Design Consultant (Master’s status) and a Flower Show Judge (Accredited Master Judge status). In 1996 was Co-Chairman for the LGCF, Inc. and Chairman of the 2018 LCGF, Inc. Convention both held in Alexandria, LA.

She held many positions in the Louisiana Garden Club Federation as Finance Manager for the State Newsletter (4 years), Treasurer (4 years), Recording Secretary (4 years), Corresponding Secretary (2 years), and then President (2 years) 2013-2015. This afforded her the privilege of serving on the Deep South Garden Clubs Inc. Board and the National Garden club Board for 2 years representing the state of LA.

All of this while working for Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church as Director of Religious Education and earning a Master’s Degree in Religious Education from Loyola University in 1995. Yvette was honored with the Director of the Year Religious Education Award from the Diocese of Alexandria in 1998. Yvette already had a B.S. of Medical Technology Degree from Loyola University (1964) and worked several years in New Orleans at Touro Infirmary before marrying Joe, the love of her life. They have three children. Leslie, daughter and husband, Alex, have grandchildren Benjamin and triplets, Nicolas, Jack and Ethan (Jack and Ethan are identical twins). Brian, son and wife, Julia, have grandchildren Amelie, Stuart, Evan and Grant. Renee, an Executive with Hewlett-Packard Enterprise, raised “Domino” who kept us always “happy” (my grand dog).

Yvette loves gardening, sewing, quilting and all kinds of needlework, reading, putting together jigsaw puzzles, doing crossword puzzles and dreaming. She loves to spend time in fabric shops, plant nurseries, and bookstores. She smiles when she says, “My vices are buying too much fabric and too many plants and books. I just can’t resist!!”
Sarah LeBlanc, a native of Leroy, La. in Vermillion Parish, a 1960 graduate of Mount Carmel in Abbeville, La. Sarah attended U.S.L (U.L) and received a degree in Home Economic (Business). Married to William LeBlanc, (54 yrs.), Mom to five sons and Nana to ten grandsons and two granddaughters.

She was reared on a farm, which began her interest in gardening at a young age. Sarah was invited to join the Lake Charles Garden Club, and as her husband said, “She Blossomed” into a different lady and has not stopped since that day. Sarah has taken advantage of the NGC schools which has helped her to be more aware of the needs and use of different plants.

She became active in her club and community in working on flower beds in city parks and being chairman of a Healing Garden at a local hospital. Sarah was president of her club and District Director for District VII. She was also District VII Cleanest City Chairman for eight years.

In 2017, Sarah and William moved to Lafayette to be near sons and grandchildren. She was invited to join the Lafayette Garden Club and has made new friends and is Secretary for the club and District III treasurer.

Sarah is now LGCF Corresponding Secretary and Circle of Roses Chairman. It has been a busy 26 years for Sarah, but the friends she has made and the education she has received, has made her appreciate the goodness of our Lord.
Julie Ann Haack was born on January 17 in Lafayette, Louisiana. She is a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana majoring in Theatre and Speech. She was married and has two daughters, five grandchildren and one great grandson.

Julie was employed by the State of Louisiana in child abuse and neglect for 34 years retiring in 2002. She joined the Lafayette Garden Club in 2003 and served while also working for a local garden center for 13 years. Work and her membership in the LGC helped fulfill her passion for all things green, floral and even dead/dried.

She became very active serving as First Vice President in 2005 planning monthly programs. In 2007-2009, Julie was the club President during which time the LGC hosted the Louisiana State Garden Club Federation Convention. Julie was chosen as the Honorary Member of the Year in 2006 and the Woman of the Year in 2010. In 2012, Julie on behalf of the club, designed a very large “4 seasons” arrangement for a touring dance company which was display in the main lobby of the Lafayette Municipal Auditorium. Julie has inducted two new LGC Presidents and prepared the program for one of them. She has presented an arrangement class to special needs adults. Other past activities which spanned many years include assisting with the Cleanest City Contest, giving presentations to the Daisy Scouts on plants and butterflies and participation in the annual Standard Flower Show and Horticulture Show. Julie was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Tres Jolies fundraiser for LGC.

Julie currently organizes the yearbook ads and chairs the Sunshine Memorial and Arbor Day Memorial Committees.

Julie enjoys travel and took two wonderful state tour trips: to San Miguel Allende and to the Rose Bowl Parade.
We have many ladies in their senior years who have given their time and talents over the many years and we would like to honor them in the newsletter. In order to do this, we are asking each club that wishes to honor a senior member or members this way please submit both a “then” and “now” photograph with a short write-up on the member’s garden club activities. This quarter we would like to welcome to our “Circle” these special ladies.

If you have a deserving member of your club that you would like to nominate for the Circle of Roses, please send a short write up along with a ‘then’ and ‘now’ picture to

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**Note from the newsletter co-editors:**

We think the Circle of Roses is a very special honor and we strive to make the presentation in the newsletter one that each recipient can print out as a keepsake. Since the newsletter is done in a digital format, it would be very helpful if the biographies could be sent in to Sarah digitally. We do the newsletter in Word so that is the preferred format. We prefer that it not be sent in PDF format.

The “then” and “now” pictures are especially important! We must digitize them also. Please use as large a picture as possible to scan. Please scan each picture individually. The quality of the picture is greatly diminished when there is more than one picture in a scan and each one must be cropped and enlarged. If we must crop someone out of a group picture the resulting quality of the picture is often poor. Please clearly label which picture is “then” and which is “now”.
Standing under a late-July Wisconsin sun, scanning the wide-open vista of a carefully restored prairie, I hear Kenn Kaufman suddenly report, “There, on the Canada Goldenrod! American Goldfinches in bright yellow summer plumage!” For the birders on a post-National Audubon Society convention field trip, hiking with Kaufman - the renowned ornithologist, author and all-around great guy - was already a highlight. For that one morning, watching Dicksissels and Henslow’s Sparrows flit and duck in native grasses like Switchgrass and Indian Grass transported me back to the era of pre-European settlement when these birds had free reign in this prairie ecosystem. And the wildlife gardeners on the field trip, standing quietly in waist high Bluestem, watching butterflies bounce from purple Prairie Sweet Clover to Compass Plant to Hoary Vervain, well, they too, had reached their Nirvana.

Isn’t that what wildlife gardening is all about, the great joy that comes from watching nature live freely as it has for eons? For me, I can think of no greater accomplishment than to know that my efforts at “restoring habitat” in my backyard offer food and a safe haven for birds, butterflies, and countless species of bees and other pollinators.

My neighbor was puzzled last spring as to why I emerged from the backyard with binoculars around my neck. I simply pointed to her beautifully expansive Live Oak that we “share.” Now, fall migration is upon us in Southeastern Louisiana, and the greatest native plant in all in my estimation, the Live Oak, is hard at work feeding the abundant Yellow Warblers that are migrating through on their way to their wintering grounds in Mexico and Central America. All of our native trees, especially the oaks, willows and wild cherries, host a good number of caterpillars, spiders and insect larvae that these migrating warblers need to replenish the fat reserves under their breasts and under their wings. Imagine flying across the Gulf of Mexico and not having enough protein!

Live Oaks may not be in everyone’s personal garden scheme or budget, but there are lots of other native tree and shrub choices that can provide much needed bird food during this critical time of year. Parsley Hawthorn, with its bright red fall berries, makes a nice, understory tree in any yard and Arrowwood Viburnum is just the type of thick shrub that provides great cover and protection for birds as well as nutritious dark purple fruits late in the year. Many bird species aside from warblers are migrating through our area in October and desperately need our help. Bird habitat is disappearing at a rapid pace, and in suburban areas like Metairie, where I live, concrete, grass lawns and exotic trees do not provide food or respite for wildlife.
Feed the Birds with these Native Plants

Fruit & Berries

- Elderberry, *Sambucus canadensis*
- Cherry Laurel, *Prunus caroliniana*
- American Beautyberry, *Callicarpa americana*
- Arrowwood Viburnum, *Viburnum dentatum*
- Wax Myrtle, *Myrica cerifera*
- Yaupon Holly, *Ilex vomitoria*
- Huckleberry/Blueberry, *Vaccineum sp.*
- American Wahoo, *Euonymus purpureus*
- Parsley Hawthorne, *Crataegus marshallii*
- Rough-leaf Dogwood, *Cornus drummondii*
- Pokeweed, *Phytolacca americana*

Seedheads

- Grama Grass, *Bouteloua*
- River Oats, *Chasmanthium latifolium*
- Bluets Grasses, *Schizachyrium/Andropogon sp*
- Switchgrasses, *Panicum*
- Native Sunflowers, *Helianthus sp.*
- Purple Coneflower, *Echinacea purpurea*
- Tickseeds, *Coreopsis sp.*
- Black Eyed Susan, *Rudbeckia sp.*

Insect Hosts

- Native Oak Trees: Shummard, Nuttall, Cherrybark, Live Oak, etc.
- Black Cherry, *Prunus serotina*
- Goldenrods, *Solidago sp.*
- Native Hibiscus, *Hibiscus sp.*

Nectar Plants

- Coral Honeysuckle, *Lonicera sempervirens*
- Crossvine, *Bignonia capreolata*
- Cardinal Flower, *Lobelia cardinalis*
- Scarlet Sage, *Salvia coccinea*

In the last few decades, ornithologists have marveled at how Southern Louisiana hosts wintering western species of hummingbirds. Last year, I had two Black-chinned Hummingbirds in the yard! Rufous, Calliope (and that is pronounced as it is intended to be), and Buff-bellied are a few other species that have been reported regularly to the LA hummingbird network, HUMNET. I supplement the nectar sources in my garden with tropicaals in addition to hanging feeders to satisfy the wintering hummers, for few of my natives bloom into mid-December and January.
Seed and fruit-eating birds are also making their way down south, and like the wintering western hummingbirds, many species stay the winter until instinct once again calls them back up north. One of the most difficult bird groups to identify easily, the sparrows, have several representatives arriving here in late fall and staying through winter. Song and White-throated Sparrows love tangles of blackberry and native grasses like Bluestem, Gama Grass, and perhaps the best seed-producing grass for birds, Switchgrass. As native plant advocates and habitat gardeners, we don’t trim off our dead blooms to neaten our gardens but leave them on the plant, and the American Goldfinch, the House and Purple Finches benefit! Nothing attracts seed eaters like finches than the dried seedheads of coneflowers, goldenrods, or sunflowers. Birds’ bones are hollow, so it is no miracle that they can alight on a stalk without too much give on the part of the stalk!

Lastly, evolution programmed many species to alternate diets during migration when fruit sources are no longer available, so many species like Tanagers, Robins, and Red-winged Blackbirds will eat insects also. Indeed, even hummingbirds will eat spiders, aphids and other insects for the protein and almost all birds feed insects, primarily caterpillars, to their young during nesting season. So, certainly birdseed feeders can supplement a bird’s diet, but the birds clearly need the plants they have co-evolved with over eons and the insect life those native plants support.

While marveling at the work Madison Audubon has done to turn old farmlands into native Wisconsin prairies, a few of us conventionalists chuckled at how true that cinematic cliché really is: “If you build it, they will come.” We can all restore habitat in our backyards, no matter how small. The birds depend on it.

Wendy Rihner is an English Professor at Delgado Community College and has been an avid birder for over 20 years. A member of the Native Plant Initiative of Greater New Orleans and Orleans Audubon, Rihner is an enthusiastic wildlife and habitat gardener in her yard in Metairie, Louisiana. For more information about gardening with Louisiana Native Plants, visit NPI-GNO.org.