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On Our Cover: The gorgeous photo of the Poinsettia plant was taken by Margaret Melancon, who is a member of the Azalea Garden Club, District III. Poinsettias, native to Mexico, are in the *Euphorbia* family and are a popular holiday plant because of their colorful bracts (leaves). They are also attractive as green plants throughout the year. Poinsettias change color in response to shorter winter days.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE SPRING ISSUE, APRIL 2022, IS MARCH 1, 2022 AND SHOULD BE EMAILED OR MAILED TO THE EDITOR. We welcome drawings, paintings, or photos for the cover of the Newsletter.

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President's Message



*Plant Louisiana—Practice
Sustainable Gardening*

Despite COVID's presence in our lives LGCF has been able to have three schools and one half of a Flower Show Symposium as well as the Fall District Meetings. It almost seems we are back to normal, or at least a new normal that includes following COVID protocol. I was delighted that I was able to attend Gardening School in Abbeville, Environmental School in Mansura, Landscape Design School in Baton Rouge and the Horticulture section of the Flower Show Symposium in Loranger. I am looking forward to the Design section of the Flower Show Symposium in January at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette. Thank you to the school chairmen; Sherri Labbe, Versa Dore, Anita Petitjean, Jan Lemoine, Clara Earl and all that assisted them to make our schools a fun, learning experience. As always, there was lots of good food and friends!

I attended the NGC Fall Board Meeting via Zoom in September. It was disappointing that I did not get to visit NGC Headquarters in St. Louis, but it was nice to sit in a comfy chair, in comfy clothes and eat comfort food as I Zoomed. Not having to pack and stress over what to wear was an added plus for virtual meetings.

It was a quite an adventure to tour the state with my partner in crime, Tricia, to visit each district for their Fall Meetings. Many a time we had to trust the GPS as we bounced along country roads with no idea of where we were. Thankfully we never really got lost, as we journeyed along scenic routes, aka the long way. We were delighted to visit with old and new friends that we had not seen since the TIME of COVID began! Each meeting was distinctive, reflecting the uniqueness of that District with delectable meals and compelling, informative programs. A big thanks to all the industrious members who made those meetings an enjoyable experience.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to my project, *Quarters for Waters*. The object was to collect funds for NGC's partner, *Global Partners/Running Waters, Inc.*, a nonprofit organization working with the United Nations to increase access to safe water in Latin America. 1.1 billion people around the world currently get their water from rivers, ponds, or other sources subject to contamination. Donations made

through NGC will help to bring safe drinking water to villages. Past NGC contributions helped to complete a project at Ojo de Agua Quiche. Clean drinking water was brought into this village, eliminating the hours that villagers spent walking miles to fill jugs with water. That time can now be used to plant food and raise animals for families. In 2021, Global Partners/Running Waters celebrated the completion of 45 projects. Our continued support of this organization will allow us to make a positive impact on another of their upcoming worthy projects.

I am thrilled to announce that LGCF members have donated \$525.00 to Quarters for Waters! We have exceeded the goal of every LGCF member donating at least one quarter to collect \$500! Global Partners/Running Waters' current major project is to bring potable water to 113 families in Quiejel, Chichicastenango, Guatemala. NGC's goal now is to raise approximately \$25,000 to \$40,000 for a new project. If each NGC member contributes 50 cents, NGC will exceed that amount. When the money is collected, the project will begin. LGCF members we are half way towards achieving the goal of donating 2-quarters from each member. I am grateful for your generosity!

Wishing each of you a Healthy and Happy New Year as we sail into 2022!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lorraine".

Editor's Corner



Year 2021 was a challenge for most of us. We are still battling Covid 19 and many of us were affected by Hurricane Ida. But as gardeners we have a way to cope with what life brings us. There is nothing like planning a garden, getting our hands in the soil, and being in touch with nature to give us a sense of well-being. As the year comes to an end I am thankful for gardening, and this coming year I am determined to plant more natives in my garden. (You might call it my New Year's Resolution.)

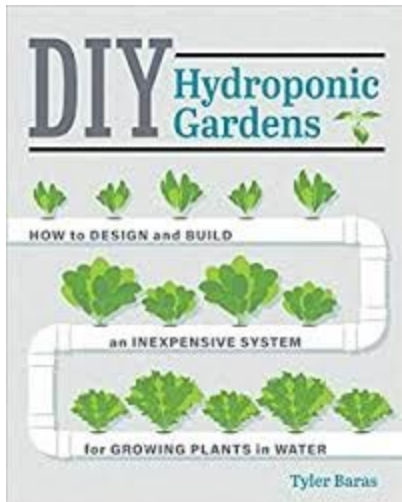
This issue of the Newsletter brings you information regarding our State Convention, Circle of Roses honoring some well-deserved garden club members, plus many other interesting articles.

Please continue to send in your pictures, articles, and any information you would like to share.

Wishing you and your families health and happiness in the New Year.

Donna Cline

Book Review



DIY Hydroponic Gardens

By Tyler Baras

Cool Springs Press 2018

192 Pages

ISBN-13: 9780760357590

Most of us, especially in the deep south, are blessed with a plot of land, sunshine and rain, and a temperate climate. Therefore, we are able to scratch the soil and produce vegetation of many kinds.

So, what if a gardener is done with the messy end of things...soil with pests, too much or too little rain, too much or too little sunshine, etc, when attempting to grow food for the table?

Enter hydroponics! This book, by a young “Farmer Tyler”, clearly explains all of the advantages of this type of gardening. More than that, he enlightens the novice to the many different methods that one can tailor to their own particular needs. With the addition of supply lists for building, planting and maintaining the different systems, and lots of pictures of the processes, this book makes hydroponic gardening look not only desirable, but fun!

Submitted by Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair

Come Join Us

It is the pleasure of District VI to host the LGCF 86th Annual Convention

“Louisiana’s Live Oak Legacy”

At the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA.

April 26 & 27th, 2022

A Pre-Convention tour is planned for April 25th. Leaving the hotel by motor coach our first stop will be Independence Park in Baton Rouge, home to the Baton Rouge Garden Center and the BREC Botanic Garden. The Butterfly Garden will be the center of attention, along with collections of herbs, Louisiana Iris, daylilies, ginger and the rose garden, etc.

Then on to beautiful Houmas House located between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. The Estate allows visitors to experience life on a sugarcane plantation in the 1800’s.

We will be dining at Café Burnside named after its most famous owner, John Burnside.

This will be followed by 2 days of engaging speakers and workshops.

Our own Live Oak Society Chairman, Coleen Perilloux Landry, will do a presentation on day one. Coleen has registered thousands of Live Oaks and will share her experiences with us.

On day two of the Convention, we will open with a breakfast presentation by Mary Hazen on the Gold Star Marker that was placed in Normandy on the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

Dr Allen Owings, well known to many of you, will be presenting a program you do not want to miss. Dr. Owings is a Senior Horticulturist at Bracy’s Nursery, a former Professor at LSU Ag Center Hammond Research Station and former Professor at LSU Ag Center, Department of Horticulture.

Receptions will be held on both evenings for Immediate Past President Linda Finley, Immediate Past Deep South Director Lena Bateman and LGCF President Roxanna Champagne. All are invited to attend.

Workshops will be a feature to gain knowledge and creativity.

- **Use of Garden Tools & Exercise** presented by Landscape Architect Wanda Chase.
- **Building Bee Houses** presented by District VI Director Cynthia Moran
- **Awards** presented by Awards Advisor Babette Warner
- **Luffa Gourds** presented by Dana Truxillo
- **Exploring the Website** presented by Webmaster Vicky Fannaly

**The Convention will feature wonderful vendors, a Silent Auction
and a Parade of Prizes!**

Please help support our efforts in making this convention successful by planning to attend and encourage others to join us at the 2022 LGCF's Convention.

We hope to see you at Convention 2022.

Ruth & Clara

Convention Chairs-2022

Crowne Plaza

Baton Rouge, LA.

4728 Constitution Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Phone: (225) 925-2244

Guest Room Rates—Use group code LGC

Standard Room—Single Rate-\$120.00

Double Rate-\$120.00

Rate quotes are per night and are subject to 15.95% tax. All taxes are subject to change.

Cut-off Date

Reservations will be accepted at the Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge until March 25, 2022.

HOUMAS HOUSE

LGCF 2021 Convention Tour

The Sugar Palace, Houmas House, is the destination for our LGCF 2021 convention tour on Monday, April 26. Whereas King Cotton ruled most of the South in the 1800s, Queen Sugar reigned in the semi-tropical Mississippi River plantations of South Louisiana. The home in its current Greek Revival style is surrounded by a 38-acre lush garden which you will see in all its April flower and foliage glory.

The Houma Indians were the indigenous inhabitants of this river bend area living there in peace with French settlers, until a European treaty moved them to the west bank of the river, the east side then belonging to Spain and England. Around 1803 (La. Purchase), the area first became a sugar plantation and the original Houmas house was built in a West Indies style and using a Louisiana building material, bousillage, a mixture of mud and Spanish moss. You will enjoy hearing its architectural and inhabitants' history on a one hour tour of the now much grander house.

The plantation hit its peak production in the 1890s, churning out 20 million pounds of sugar a year. It began to decline in pre WWI years when the world sugar market collapsed and then the famous Mississippi flood of '27 destroyed the surrounding area, although the house was not directly affected.

We will be dining at the Burnside Café, named after its most famous owner of mid-century 1800, John Burnside. An Irishman and self-made millionaire, he saved the house from burning by Union troops. He bluffed that he was a British citizen and his property immune to wartime vengeance. Happily, he convinced them! He is responsible for building the mansion that we see today, although the current owner (also an Irishman) has done the necessary restoration after years of war, flood and the Depression.

In the 60s, "Hush, Hush, Sweet Charlotte" was filmed on site and Bette Davis's room will be on tour. The house is filled with furniture and treasures from the 1800s, perhaps the best collection of the existing River Road mansions. Visiting the "Crown Jewel of the River Road" will be a highlight of the convention.

The gardens feature wonderful live oaks, water features, statuary and literally acres of flower color—wear comfortable shoes as you won't want to miss anything. This is probably the very best garden in South Louisiana.

An alternative to the house tour (in case you've been there, done that) will be a visit to the on-site Great River Road Steamboat Museum. Touring it you will see the history of life along the banks of the Mississippi between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, a multicultural society unique to the Gulf Coast and the South and be still my heart, a great gift shop!

Independence Park in Baton Rouge, home to the Baton Rouge Garden Center building and the BREC Botanic Garden will be the first stop of the day. The Butterfly Garden there will be a center of attention, along with collections of herbs, Louisiana Iris, daylilies, ginger, a rose garden and Parterre Garden, with annual color.

Sign up early—we want to fill the bus. It's going to be fun!



Photo by
Donna Cline,
Editor

“LOUISIANA’S LIVE OAK LEGACY”

Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
2022 LGCF, INC. 86th Annual Convention

Convention Schedule

Monday, April 25, 2022

8:30 AM–4:00 PM Tour to Independence Park Gardens and Houmas House
and Gardens

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

7:30 AM–5:00 PM	Registration Atrium
9:00 AM	Ways and Means & Vendors Atrium
7:30–8:30 AM	Breakfast Premier I
8:30–9:00 AM	Headquarters Meeting Cypress II
9:00–9:45 AM	Native Bee Houses Workshop Cypress III
9:10–9:40 AM	Finance Committee Meeting Cypress II
9:50–10:50 AM	District Directors Meeting Cypress II
11:00–11:45 AM	Luffa Gourds Workshop Cypress III
11:00–11:50 AM	Executive Council Meeting Cypress II
12:00–2:00 PM	Luncheon Honoring Club Presidents Premier I Hosted by Landscape Design Consultants Council
2:15–3:00 PM	Awards Workshop Cypress III
2:15–3:00 PM	Nominating Committee Meeting Cypress II
3:15–4:00 PM	Landscape Design Consultants Council Meeting Cypress II
4:15–5:00 PM	Environmental Consultants Council Meeting Cypress II
6:00–7:00 PM	Reception Honoring: Linda Finley, 2019–2021 LGCF President and Lena Bateman, 2019–2021 Deep South Director Bar Area
7:00–9:00 PM	Banquet Premier I Hosted by Flower Show Judges Council

Convention Schedule cont..

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

7:30 AM	Registration	Atrium
7:30–8:45 AM	Breakfast Hosted by Environmental Consultants Council	Premier I
9:00 AM	Ways and Means & Vendors.....	Atrium
9:00–9:45 AM	Garden Tools & Exercise Workshop.....	Cypress III
10:00–11:45 AM	LGCF Business Meeting.....	Cypress II
12:00–2:00 PM	Lunch Honoring Life Members..... Hosted by Gardening Consultants Council	Premier I
2:15–3:00 PM	LGCF Website Workshop	Cypress III
2:15–2:45 PM	LCNAFS Judges Executive Meeting.....	Cypress II
3:00–3:30 PM	LCNAFS Judges Council Meeting	Cypress II
3:30–4:15 PM	Gardening Consultants Meeting	Cypress II
6:00–7:00 PM	Reception honoring Roxanna Champagne, 2021–2023 LGCF President.....	Pool Area
7:00–9:00 PM	Awards Banquet	Premier I

Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
State Convention 2022 "Louisiana's Live Oaks Legacy"
April 25-27, 2022 - Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone (____) _____

Garden Club _____ District _____

Please check the box that indicates your status for Registration and Credentials:

Local Club:	Member	Club President	Delegate/Alternate	Guest
LGCF:	Officer	Chairman	Life Member	Past President
Deep South:	Officer	Chairman	Life Member	Past DSGC Director
NGC:	Officer	Chairman	Life Member	

Due date: March 20, 2022

		Price	Amount
Monday April 25	Pre-convention Tour: Houmas House Gardens & Museum or House , <i>Botanical Gardens @ Independence Park.</i> (Bus, Tour, Lunch, Gratuity) (first 50 people)	\$ 70	\$
	*Make a choice: Museum _____ House _____		
April 26-27	Entire Convention (all events listed below)	\$260	\$
	(A registration fee is required for each day regardless of the number of events one attends)		
Tuesday	Registration	\$ 35	\$
April 26	Breakfast	\$ 20	\$
April 26	Luncheon	\$ 35	\$
April 26	Banquet	\$ 45	\$
Wednesday	Registration	\$ 35	\$
April 27	Breakfast	\$ 20	\$
April 27	Luncheon	\$ 35	\$
April 27	Banquet	\$ 45	\$
Late Fee	<u>Pay if you register after March 20</u>	\$ 25	\$
No Same Day registrations will be accepted		Total	\$

Make checks payable to: Louisiana Garden Club District VI
 Mail form and payment to: Gail Lonibos,
 42353 Greens View Drive, Gonzales, LA., 70737

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Special diet: Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____
Allergies: _____

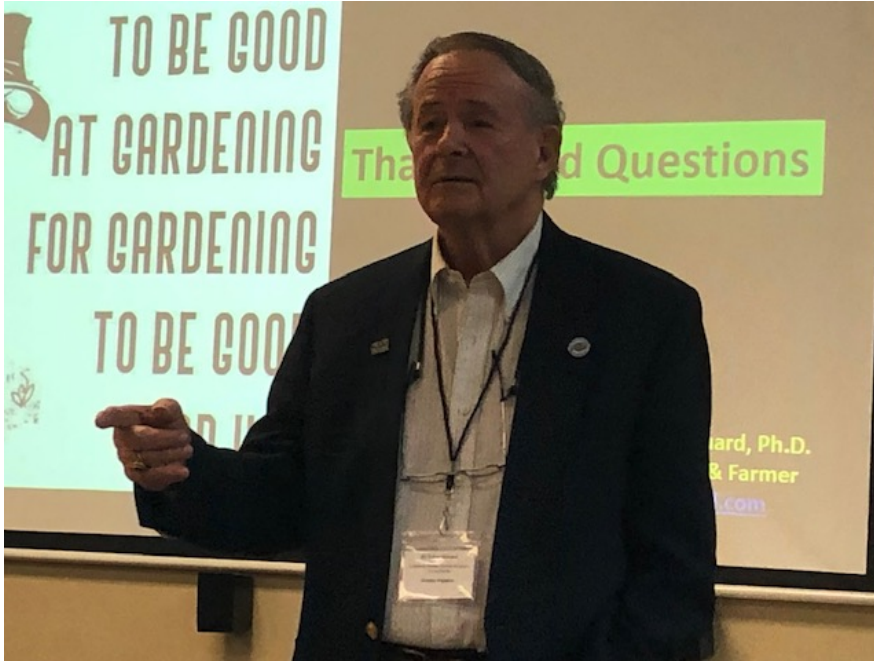
Environmental School



Environmental School Students Seated L to R: Karen Hoyt, Gwen Lanoux, Liz Gremillion, Marietta Clark, Patsy Hebert. Standing L to R: Roselie Overby, Kathy Tell, Libby Dupuy, Mary Maud Carr, Maurice Carr, Jean Gilstrap, Cecille Revels, DD Lamartiniere, Joyce Grier, Jan Lemoine. Not Pictured: Roxanna Champagne, Patricia Ortalano, Barbara Henry

The Marksville Garden Club of District VIII hosted Courses 3 & 4 of Series 6 LGCF Environmental School on September 27-30, 2021. Eighteen students gathered at the LSU AgCenter in Mansura, some to work toward or earn their Environmental Consultant or Master Consultant status. Others simply wanted to learn, including interested members of the public. Two different 2-day Courses were presented; some attended both Courses, and others only one of them.

The NGC curriculum topics covered a range of subjects that focused on Air and Water. The subjects of Ecology (Air and Water), Indoor and Outdoor Pollution, Environmental Ethics, Endangered Wildlife, Sustainability, Aquatic Plants and Animals, Beneficial Insects, the Effects of Climate Change on Birds, and Effective Citizenship were presented by lecturers from around Louisiana.



Dr. Ernest Girouard, retired LSU AgCenter Master Farmer Program and dedicated Environmental School instructor, delivers the “Outdoor Pollution” lecture.

Stacy Blomquist, Public Affairs Specialist with Kisatchie National Forest, presents a supplemental topic on “Beneficial Insects”.



The instructors were professionals from the LSU AgCenter in Alexandria, Beauregard Parish, and Baton Rouge. Also participating as instructors were biologists from Kisatchie National Forest, Natural Resources

Conservation Service, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, as well as retired teachers in the science and biology field.



Dr. Kiki Fontenot of the LSU AgCenter spoke on "Initiating School Programs"

In Course 3, nine students were in attendance. Two (DD LaMartiniere, Libby Dupuy) took the course for NGC credit toward provisional Environmental Consultant status, and 5 were refreshing Environmental Consultants and Master Consultants. Fifteen students attended Course 4. Libby and DD again earned credit toward their Environmental Consultant

status. One student (Elizabeth Gremillion) attained Environmental Consultant status, and three earned Environmental Master Consultant status (Gwen Lanoux, Cecille Revels, and Jan Lemoine). Also attending both Course 3 & 4 were Maurice Carr and Mary Maud Carr, friends of the Marksville Garden Club who enjoy our schools and travel!

As well as attending the sixteen courses provided by the National Garden Club curriculum, students took a field trip during each 2-day course. The Tunica-Biloxi Nature Trail was visited during Course 3, guided by local humorist and musician Gerard Dupuy, who shared homegrown expertise on local

native plants and played some Cajun fiddle music for us. For course 4, students were introduced to the Old River Control Structure in Lettsworth, LA (led by Park Ranger Joe Harvey), and took a short walk over the control structure, which diverts water from the Mississippi River to the Atchafalaya River.

Here are three new things I learned at this school:

1. 90% of a hummingbird's diet is small insects.
 2. To help control mold and mildew in your home, exhaust vents should be run during and 30 minutes after a shower or bath.
 3. All about the endangered American Paddlefish, a primitive fish species found throughout Louisiana's river basins.
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Rosalie Overby, LGCF Chairman of Birds Conservation/Natural Conservation/Natural Resources), presented a supplemental topic "The Effect of Climate Change on Birds".

Students Karen Hoyt and Liz Gremillion view the Outflow Channel from the Auxiliary Structure at the Old River Control Structure.



Course 3 students tour the Tunica-Biloxi Nature Trail with guide Gerard Dupuy. Pictured L to R: Jan Lemoine, Roxanna Champagne, Mary Maud Carr, Kathy Tell, Gerard Dupuy, DD LaMartiniere, and Libby Dupuy. Not shown: Patricia Ortalano (photographer)

"Aquatic Plants " lecturer and Marksville Garden Club member Polly Campbell displays her anti-litter poster and receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Local School Chairman Jan Lemoine.



Course 4 students receive instruction from LA Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries Biologist Christopher Connor on Aquatic Animals.

Symposiums

Symposium is an in-depth course of design, horticulture and allied subjects pertaining to flower shows that is more advanced than presented in Flower Show Schools. These courses are primarily intended for Flower Show Judges to maintain their credentials, but all garden club members interested in learning more about flower shows, floral design and horticulture are encouraged to attend.

The Design portion of our symposium will be held January 18 and 19th, 2022. Set-up will be on the 18th and instruction on the 19th. We will use the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center in Lafayette. Gina Jogan is our instructor. We will do the same designs as before...Spatial Thrust and Grouped Mass.

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)



Caroline Dormon, the Louisiana Pioneer Woman

by Linda Barber Auld

Born in 1888 Caroline was a prolific writer, multimedia artist, an accomplished botanist, noteworthy archeologist, an esteemed forester, school teacher, and tireless conservationist. I think to myself, is there anything this woman can't do? Well, yes. She couldn't drive a car; however, she could handle a mule team that carried her to a teaching job and back home every day. Women living in that era were expected to marry, raise children and do the housework. Yet, from sunrise to sundown her feisty determination drove her to share her deep knowledge of nature's ecosystem of plants, insects, and birds. In her world of the early 1900's simple pleasures of picnicking and strolling through a garden were entertainment and forms of

communications were very limited. Letter writing, newspapers, magazines, plus word of mouth at garden club meetings and church socials spread the news. I find it amazing that this woman from the little town of Saline, Louisiana, was able to amaze master gardeners from all over the world with her talents and wealth of wisdom presented in her many interesting articles and fabulous books of her exquisite artwork.

One of five children, Caroline spent her childhood years at Briarwood, their family's vacation home. Her father was a lawyer by trade but avid naturalist by hobby. Her family enjoyed nature walks together which helped her to develop a life-long interest in plants and wildlife.

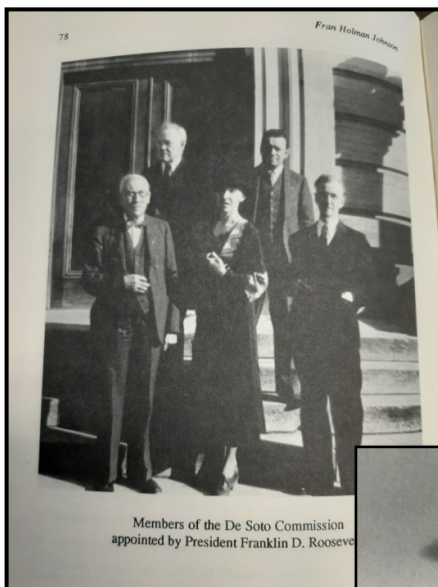


There have been many articles written about Caroline. She has been described as "the Audubon of wild flowers", "A female Thoreau", "a wild goose", "the Prima Donna of the Plant World", "A woman of many interests", "One of Louisiana's foremost educators", "Queen of the Forest Kingdom", and (my favorite) "A tiny doll-like woman of granite will". Pretty impressive!

In the April 13, 1997 Times Picayune article, Jeanette Hardy writes..." There would be a cocklebur caught on the hem of her skirt, bits of leaves and pine needles or wisps of cobwebs and cocoons stuck to her shoulders. Fair complexion. Her hair braided into a crown or pulled back severely into a bun. Straw colored. Eyes green as chlorophyll conditioned to detect the barest flicker of movement..."

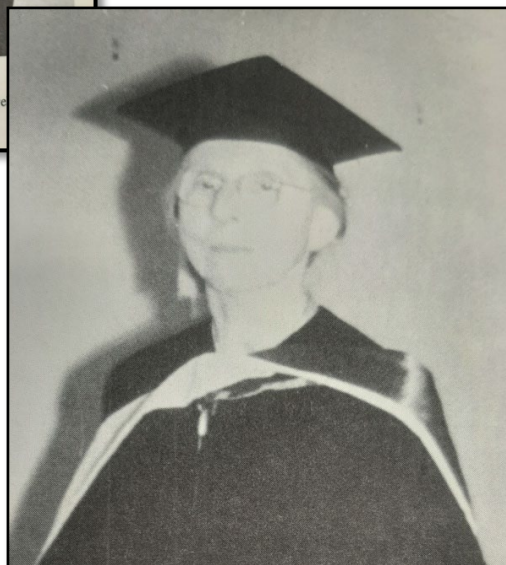
Unheard of that a woman of that day and age would pursue a formal education, Caroline was educated at Judson College in Marion, Alabama with a Bachelor's degree in Literature and Art. She taught for several years in Louisiana schools and then re-established her home at Briarwood in 1918 where she began to collect, catalog and preserve native trees and shrubs.

Her diversified career was filled with fascinating jobs that led her throughout the state. In 1922 she persuaded the U.S. Forestry Service to establish a national forest in Louisiana. She also developed forestry education materials for schools and promoted forestry conservation that was supported by civic leaders. In 1930 during the administration of President Herbert Hoover, U.S. Representative James B. Aswell worked with Caroline to establish the Kisatchie National Forest. In 1941 she was hired as Beautification Consultant for the Louisiana Highway Department. Also in 1941 the board of Public Welfare employed her landscaping consulting talents to nature-scape the Huey P. Long Charity Hospital grounds in Pineville. In 1961 the 301 acre Louisiana State Arboretum that she had proposed was dedicated. In 1964 Caroline was consultant for the popular Hodges Gardens State Park and nearby Chicot State Park. The Caroline Dormon Lodge opened in 1965 at the arboretum which serves as visitor center, library, and native plants herbarium.



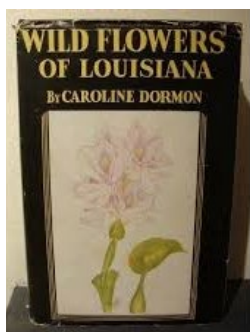
One of her assignments that piqued my curiosity was her involvement with the DeSoto Expedition Commission. It was established to study and provide a report to Congress that determined DeSoto's actual route discovering America along with recommendations for a celebration of the expedition's 400th anniversary. Caroline was the only woman selected to join this team of prominent men. After publication of the Commission's 349 page final report which included 11 maps, controversy regarding the DeSoto route subsided for a number of years.

Caroline was honored such as:
by the Garden Club of
* The Honorary
Louisiana State
Rouge for Distinguished
* Rapides Parish School
Dormon Junior
* Parks are named for
now a visitor center

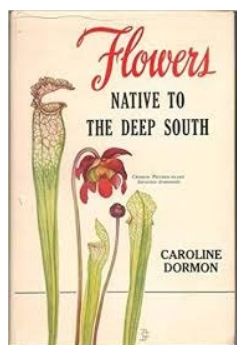


with many prestigious awards
* The Eloise Paine Luquer Medal
America
Doctorate of Science from
University in Baton
Scientific Achievement
board opened the Caroline
High School in Woodworth
her in Louisiana and her home is

The collection of Caroline's letters attest to professional correspondence with notable national figures including the President's wife Lady Bird Johnson, inventor Thomas Edison, garden writer Elizabeth Lawrence, famed botanist Dr. J. K. Small, and Landscape architect Ellen Biddle Shipman.

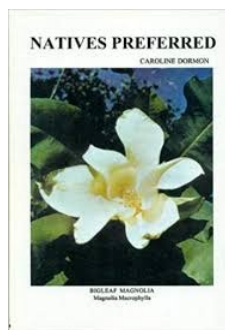


Edith Stern, creator of Longue Vue Gardens of New Orleans, befriended Caroline through a Garden Club of America roadside wildflower project. Their working relationship grew as did their friendship to the point where Edith was inspired in 1934 to finance the publishing of Caroline's first book, *"Wildflowers of Louisiana-- Most of the Herbaceous Wild Flowers of the Gulf States with the Exception of Mountainous Regions, and the Sub-Tropical Ports of Florida and Texas"*. The first edition was 172 pages accompanied by 26 color plates plus 38 black and white text illustrations all drawn by the author. Subsequently, Edith commissioned Caroline as a consultant for Longue Vue- to suggest and supply native plant selections and place them in Longue Vue's Wild Garden. This relationship continued from 1947 until her death in 1971.

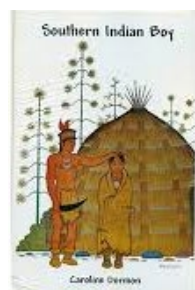


By the 1950's Caroline became good friends with Frank and Sara Gladney of Baton Rouge. In 1956 Frank and Sara, both avid gardeners, purchased a 360-acre land parcel in Gloster, Mississippi. They began enhancing the already beautiful landscape of rolling hills and deep ravines by adding a wide variety of native plants. Sara was deeply involved with the Garden Club Federation and was intrigued by Caroline's fountain of plant knowledge and artistic talents. Sara helped Caroline to get her next book, *"Flowers Native to the Deep South"* published. The first edition, containing 176 pages accompanied by 33 color plates and 102 text illustrations, was printed in April of 1958. Caroline's words taken from the foreword: "...it is hoped that this book

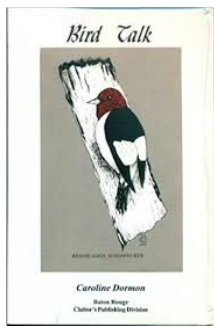
will help to arouse renewed interest in the preservation of our rapidly vanishing wild flowers. From too frequent picking, misdirected efforts to move them to gardens, forest fires and onslaughts of rabbits and insects, some species are becoming very rare..." Some of her best gardening advice was "...if one attempts to grow native plants, their natural environment, soil, etc., must be studied and imitated..."



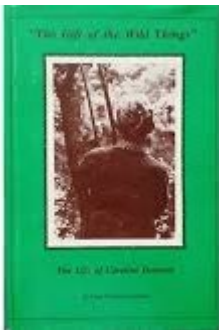
By 1965 Caroline published *"Natives Preferred"* containing 217 pages accompanied by 12 garden pictures plus 44 text illustrations. Her words taken from the foreword say it all "...The question may be asked, why use native plants? The logical answer to this is, why not? This book is not written for those who still cling to the Old World style of formal gardening, with stiff clipped hedges and beds of flowers in geometrical designs. It is for those who love the informality of Nature, with softly rounded masses of foliage and flowers scattered freely by her hand."



Caroline advocated for education and support for the Choctaw and Chitimacha tribes of Louisiana. In 1967, *"Southern Indian Boy"* was produced with 52 pages and 8 text illustrations. Red Boots and Deer-Runner, the story of Deer-Runner's People, the Chitimacha and Hi-Chah, a Caddo Indian Boy: The Story of Hi-Chah's People are Caroline's two stories describing the local Indian life.



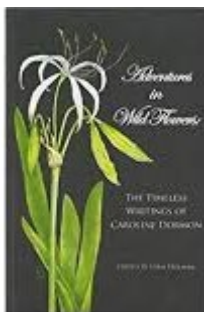
"Bird Talk" was printed in 1969 containing 122 pages plus 42 text illustrations. "From the first, birds fascinated me, and my father--a very good naturalist--taught me their common names. Around my home at Arcadia, in the hills of North Louisiana, there were trees, shrubs, and vines; so the bird life was varied and delightful. The term "bird-watcher" had not been invented then but nevertheless I became one as soon as I could walk about the yard. ...This book has little chats telling the things that I have learned by living intimately with birds throughout a long life."



"The Gift of the Wild Things--The Life of Caroline Dormon" was written by Fran Holman Johnson and published in 1990 containing 166 pages. In 1942 Caroline wrote "I was born with something--I call it 'the gift of the wild things'--and because I am simple myself, and have a sympathetic heart, I can understand animals and simple people to an unusual degree. I see, too, so much that others miss. When I know so many lovely things, I feel greedy in keeping them all to myself." Taken from the book jacket: "The fascinating and many-faceted career of this unconventional woman is outlined for the first time by Fran Holman Johnson, who examines

Dormon's childhood environment; her love of nature; her education; her brief career as a teacher, her relationship with numerous scholars, writers and artists, and her success as a naturalist. The text is complemented by numerous photographs."

When I began reading this book, I didn't want to put it down. Wondering what she was going to do next held me intrigued and spellbound. Personally, I find her country sayings to be descriptive and endearing. Some of my favorites are: "Trees are donning their green uniform," "Fall brings a riot of color," "Leafminers are villainous rabbits," "wilylilly," "hybridizing = meddling with God's business," "humbly thankful," and "My fingers are tingling for the brush."



In 2010 Fran Holman published **"Adventures in Wild Flowers: The Timeless Writings of Caroline Dormon"** containing 227 pages. Words from the preface: "Caroline Coroneos Dormon (1888-1971) published horticultural and gardening books and articles more than 75 years ago, yet her writings are still timely, still potent. This work is a collection of fifty of those articles first published in botanical and gardening magazines, including *The American Home*, *Hollands's Magazine*, *Home Gardening for the South*, *Flower Grower*, and *The Bulletin for the American Iris Society*."

I am hoping that this article will inspire you to read her books and to visit her beloved Briarwood Nature Preserve. Experience the beautiful rambling trails filled with new blooming surprises with each season and then you will know how nature inspired her to draw its splendor and preserve it for generations to come.

<http://www.briarwood.org>

LGCF TOURS

Still Nothing NORMAL!!

POSTPONED!! HOLLAND FOR THE TULIPS, APRIL 2022

Will plan dates to go in **April 2023**

2022 Passion Play **SOLD OUT BUT STILL PLANNING TO GO!!!!??**

June 12, 2022

2022 Biltmore Tour in November

Our tour to the Biltmore, Gibbs Gardens and Callaway Gardens will be **November 11-15, 2022**

Thanksgiving will be November 24, 2022

Happy and Healthy 2022!





CIRCLE OF ROSES

Kathy Van Ness
Lafayette Garden Club
District III



Kathy Van Ness of Lafayette Garden Club was born and raised in New Orleans and lived there until her husband's job relocated them to Lafayette at the end of 2006. They have two daughters and four grandchildren who all live out of state. Her hobbies include gardening, traveling, baking, reading, and painting.

Not knowing anyone in Lafayette, Kathy found an article in the newspaper about the Lafayette Garden Club having a fundraising event. She attended and the rest was history. She has been an active member of the Lafayette Garden Club since 2009 serving as a club officer, committee chair, and serving on several other committees. Kathy has found the Lafayette Garden Club to be a fun and rewarding experience where she has met many people and made many lasting friendships.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Ruth Boutte
New Iberia Garden Club
District III



Ruth Boutte was born and grew up in New Iberia, graduating from New Iberia Senior High in 1963. Ruth currently lives in Jeanerette and has lived there for the past 43 years. She was married to Allen Boutte for 41 years until he passed in 2019. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. Ruth worked as a Bellsouth telephone operator/supervisor for 14 years. She then worked as the garden center manager at her family's hardware store for 15 years until the store closed in 1999.

Ruth joined the New Iberia Garden Club in 1995. She has served as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer over the years. She has also served on numerous committees during her membership. Committees include Habitat for Humanity, Garden Tour, Butterfly Garden at Epiphany Day School, Meditation Garden at St. John Evangelists in Jeanerette, Million Pollinator and Clean City. Ruth also oversaw the installation of the Blue Star Memorial in Jeanerette.

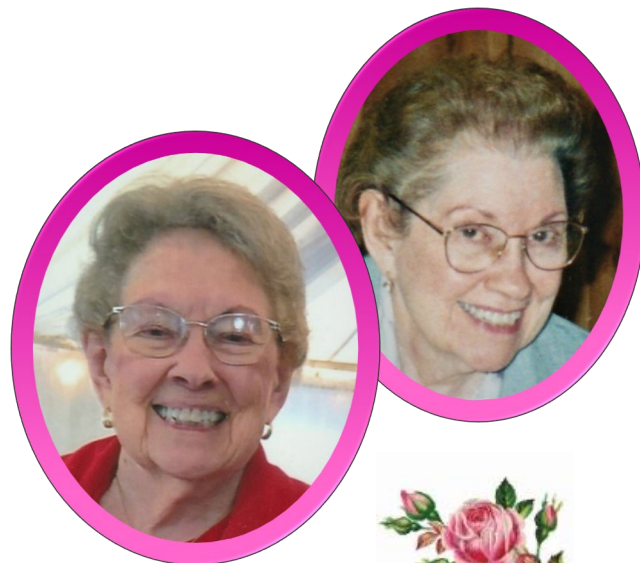
Ruth enjoys many hobbies including gardening and reading. She also hosts monthly card games for her brothers and sisters just as the family did when her parents were alive. Many of Ruth's friends depend on her to help design, plant and upkeep their gardens.

Ruth is a member of several civic organizations including St. John Parish Council and Jeanerette Museum Board. She was also a past member of St. Joseph's School Board in Jeanerette. Ruth was awarded Outstanding Senior Volunteer for the City of Jeanerette in 2002. She does volunteer work on a regular basis for St. John Church in Jeanerette.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Billie Caballero
Terrebonne Garden Club
District III



Billie Caballero was born in Smackover, Arkansas in 1928. She moved to Algiers and graduated from LSU in Baton Rouge. There she met her husband Mario and lived in Cuba for several years. They have two boys, now adults, and four grandchildren. She has been married for 70 years! Billie taught school in Houma for many years, retiring from Mulberry Elementary. She has been a member of Terrebonne Garden Club for 21 years.

Serving her community has been a part of her life and she is a member of Terrebonne Association for Family and Community Education, Terrebonne Literary Club, Kappa Kappa Iota, a professional teachers group, and Terrebonne Retired Teachers Association.

Billie has participated in flower shows, home garden tours, field trips, hostess preparations and plant sales. Her yard is filled with flowers, mostly roses and gingers...and tomatoes.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Donna Lapeyre
Terrebonne Garden Club
District III



Donna Lapeyre was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She had five younger brothers and her family moved to Houma over 70 years ago because her father loved hunting and fishing. Donna has four children, two boys and two girls, and ten grandchildren.

Donna was invited to join the Terrebonne Garden Club in 1991, and she has been an active member for 30 years. She participates in club activities including Garden Therapy, flower shows, and Cleanest City Contest, and she has chaired the Recycling Project.

Donna loves gardening and she has learned so much from her friends in the club.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Anita Pearson
Terrebonne Garden Club
District III



Anita Pearson was born and raised in Houma, Louisiana. She had four children, a son and three daughters. She is a loving grandmother to 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Anita graduated from Nicholls State University and was a preschool teacher for several years.

Anita has been an active member of Terrebonne Garden Club for 24 years. For several years Anita chaired Garden of the Month and Civic Pride Awards. She has participated in the Backyard Tours, Garden Therapy, and Flower Shows, and has won many ribbons.

One of her favorite aspects of being a member of Terrebonne Garden Club are the programs and she always learns something at every meeting. Anita looks forward to many more years as an active member of the club and a rewarding source of friendship and beauty.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Barbara Picard
Terrebonne Garden Club
District III



Barbara is a lifelong resident of Houma and has been a member of Terrebonne Garden Club for about 50 years. Her mother was also a member of the club and inspired a love of flowers and gardening. Barbara holds a dual membership in Terrebonne Garden Club and Grand Isle Garden Club. She has two children and five grandchildren.

She has been an active member of the club and has always strived for excellence when designing her flower arrangements or decorating her hats. Barbara has participated in Garden Therapy and flower shows and has entered many horticulture specimens and has won many ribbons.

Barbara enjoys tending to her beautiful yard filled with unique flowers.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Rita Clayton
Bogalusa Garden Guild
District VI



Rita Brumfield Clayton was born in St. Helena Parish on July 21, 1929. She attended Pine Ridge School and Our Lady of the Lake Nursing School in Baton Rouge where she earned her RN degree. She enrolled in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 obtaining the rank of Second Lieutenant. She married Murphy Jay Clayton, a native of Bogalusa while in service and they moved to Bogalusa. They are the parents of five children, Michael J Clayton, Effie Clayton, Mary Nell Clayton, Kenneth Clayton and John Clayton.

Professionally, Rita worked for Dr. Gerald Berenson and the Bogalusa Heart Study for 38 years.

She is an active member of Plainview Baptist Church where she has served as Church Clerk for 18 years. She is a member of WMU, supports the Lottie Moon Auction, visits the sick and the patients at Resthaven Nursing Home. She is a member of the Museums of Cassidy Park where she has served as docent.

Rita became a member of Bogalusa Garden Guild in 1999. She has served on the Washington Parish Fair committee since that date. She is well known as an advocate for the Fair. She competes in the Flower House with her flower designing and horticulture. She also enters her jellies, pickles and cakes in the Homemaker Building, her produce in the Agriculture Building and photography in the Art Building. She has been very instrumental in encouraging member participation with her enthusiasm and positive attitude. She has served as club secretary, presented programs during monthly meetings and is a strong supporter of the Garden Guild Auction and Civic Projects. Her perfect attendance alone qualifies her for the Circle of Roses.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

IN MEMORIAM

Paula Haire
Bogalusa Garden Guild
District VI



Paula Boler Haire became a member of the Bogalusa Garden Guild in 1992. She held numerous offices including Treasurer in 1987 and President in 1998. She entertained club members in her home, served on the Hospitality and Telephone Committees and always attended and supported the yearly Christmas auction and fundraiser.

Paula was born in Raleigh, MS, but attended school in Pascagoula, MS. She married Robert Eugene Haire November 2, 1950 and they moved to Bogalusa in 1959. They are the parents of Janet, Paul, and Larry. After completing a business course at Sullivan Vocational School, she kept books for Haire Electric Company, the family business located on Columbia Street in Bogalusa.

Paula was an active member of the First Baptist Church and the Martha Sunday School Class. As a member of the Civic League, she served as Vice President and President 1973-1974.

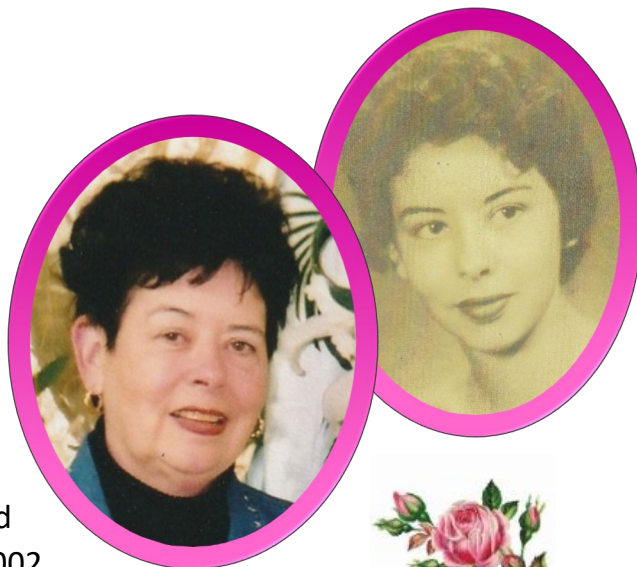
She was an avid bowler and she competed nationwide with a Bogalusa team sponsored by Haire Electric. Paula formed the Bogalusa Women's Bowling Association. She is an honorary member of the State Bowling Association and was inducted into the Bowling Hall of Fame in April 2013.

Sadly, Paula passed away on August 27, 2021 at the age of 86.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Margaret Ryals Bogalusa Garden Guild District VI



Margaret Ryals has been a member of Bogalusa Garden Guild for 50 years. She served as President in 1984-1985 and again in 2001-2002 and has held various offices including recording secretary and reporter. She has been an advocate for the Washington Parish Fair and has served as chairman for many years. She served as Flower Show Chairman and Program Chairman, and as a member of the Civic Committee. She assisted in landscaping the Washington Parish Library, planted trees at the YWCA and Willis Avenue. She helped maintain a site on the Louisiana Avenue, which is an entrance to the city (Hwy 10). She has served as chairman of the Annual Dinner and Auction for many years.

Margaret, a Mississippi native, graduated from Quitman High School and the University of Mississippi receiving a BA degree in Education before she and her husband Bill settled in Bogalusa, LA. They spent a year in Oahu, Hawaii when he served in the U.S. Army. They have 3 daughters, Suzanne Cutrer, Jackie Boone, and Amanda Prud'homme; 1 son, Bill Ryals, Jr.; 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Professionally, Margaret was a Child Protection Investigator for Washington OCS for 38 years.

Margaret is a member of First Baptist Church where she has served on the flower committee for many years. She is a member of the Civic League and has served as Vice President and President. She has served on the YWCA Board and Museum of Cassidy Park Board where she volunteers as a docent. She has served as President of the Magic City Garden Club Council and is currently serving as Vice President. She is a member of the Washington Parish Fair Association and has served as Flower House Co-Chairman and as a docent in the Mile Branch Settlement. She is currently recording secretary for the Oushola Chapter National Society of the American Revolution.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

IN MEMORIAM

Katherine Williams
Bogalusa Garden Guild
District VI



Katherine was a member of Bogalusa Garden Guild for 54 years. She held the office of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Vice President and President (1969). Her committees included Program Chairman, Hospitality, Tour, Fair and Civic. She often entertained the guild in her home. She presented a program on camellias in 1998.

Born October 9, 1928, Katherine was a native of Henleyfield, MS. She married Paul Williams and they had three daughters, Renee, Angela and Karla. They owned and operated a family business at 600 Columbia Street (Williams Super Service Gulf Station).

Katherine was a member of Westside Emmanuel Baptist Church. In addition to being an honorary member of the Bogalusa Garden Guild, she served on the YWCA Board, Cassidy Park Commission and was active in the Delphinium and Ingleside Literary Society, the Matrons Club and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Katherine passed away on November 8, 2020 at the age of 92.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Minnie Quay Posey
Home and Garden Club
District VI



Minnie Posey has been a member of the Home and Garden Club for 52 years. She has served in every office of the club and has been President for 14 years. She also served as District VI Director.

Minnie is a Master Flower Show Judge of the National Garden Club. She has served as Chairman of the Washington Parish Fair Flower Show for over 40 years. She organized the Washington Parish Garden Club Council in 1973, bringing the garden clubs together to plan and conduct activities and events during the annual parish fair. Minnie is also responsible for starting the Business of the Month and Garden of the Month judging in Franklinton. This is sponsored by the town of Franklinton, Franklinton Chamber of Commerce, and the Home and Garden Club.

She has won many awards in flower shows over the years. During the 100th celebration of the Washington Parish Fair, she was honored as the Fair Volunteer of the Year.

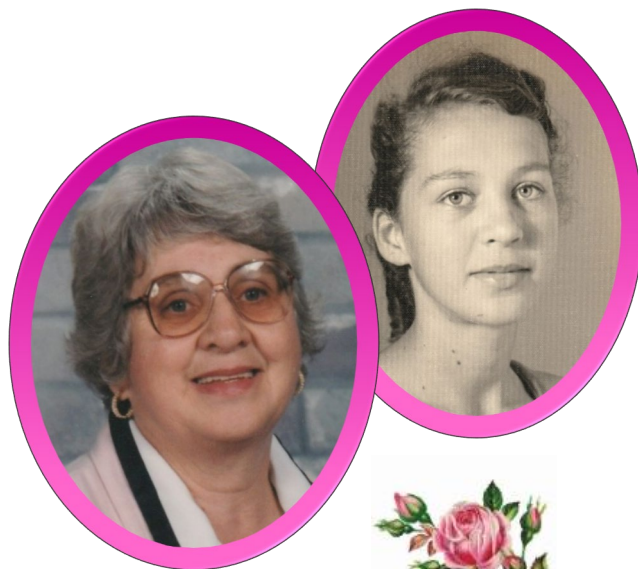
She has been married to her husband, Aubrey for 58 years. They have five children, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Minnie well deserves to be a Circle of Roses recipient and Home and Garden Club proudly bestows this honor to Minnie.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Rita Wood
Home and Garden Club
District VI



Home and Garden Club wishes to submit Rita Wood into the Circle of Roses. Rita is a Master Gardener and served as a high school English and Home Economics teacher for 31 years.

In the Home and Garden Club Rita has served in several offices including Horticultural Monthly Hints and has been responsible for planning tours for the garden club.

Rita loves gardening and sharing her plants with her gardening friends. She is a dedicated garden club member and we are honored to submit her for this honor.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Joyce Proffitt
Mt. Hermon Garden Club
District VI



Joyce Proffitt became a member of the Mt. Hermon Garden Club in 2001 after retiring from Delta Airlines. When Joyce moved from St. Rose, LA to Mt. Hermon, we learned that she had two passions—wild flowers and horses. When riding, she gets to see all the beauty that nature has to offer. She uses these rides to find creative pieces to use in designing.

In a short time, Joyce has worked her way through the different offices in the club. In 2001 Joyce took the Master Gardener classes in Washington Parish. After she finished, she presented many programs on horticulture and landscaping. Even with this busy schedule, Joyce could not stay retired. She went back to work at Home Depot in their garden center. While working there she learned even more about plants. Joyce eventually left Home Depot and for the past seven years has worked at Ace Hardware where she opened a garden center.

With all her knowledge and devotion, she has been an asset to our club. She volunteers for numerous projects. Joyce is always trying to make our club and community better. We hope she will keep up the good work for many years to come.

Thinking of you,
Garden Club Friends



CIRCLE OF ROSES

IN MEMORIAM

Gloria Fortenberry
Southeast Garden Clippers
District VI



Gloria G. Fortenberry was born on November 19, 1929 in Bogalusa, LA. Born Gloria Dell Graves, she was known to friends and kin as “Tootsie.” She lived in Bogalusa all her life. Gloria had two children, a son and daughter, two granddaughters, and three great granddaughters.

Gloria founded Southeast Garden Clippers in 1990. The nice garden ladies of Bogalusa Washington Parish helped to organize the club.

Gloria enjoyed attending flower shows, meeting people throughout Bogalusa, Washington Parish, District VI and state garden clubs. She enjoyed making flower arrangements and working at the Flower House at the Washington Parish Fair.

Gloria passed away on February 3, 2021 at the age of 91.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

We have many ladies in their senior years who have given their time and talents over 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 to please submit a short history of her garden club activities. This can include personal information such as husband, number of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, church and community activities, hobbies, etc. Enclose two pictures, a "then" and "now." (One when she joined the garden club and one that is recent.)

If you have a deserving member of your club that you would like to nominate for the Circle of Roses, please send the information to:

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337-534-0187 (Home)

Note from the newsletter editor:

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. Please clearly label which picture is "then" and which is "now."



Calendar of Events

2022

January 10-11	LGCF Winter Council, LeCompte, LA
January 18-19	Symposium (Design)–Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, Lafayette, LA
March 1	Cleanest City Deadline
March 6-9	DSGC Convention, Natchez, MS
April 2-8	Cleanest City District Judging
April 10-19	Holland Tour POSTPONED
April 25	Pre-Convention Tour, Baton Rouge, LA REGISTRATION
April 26-27	LGCF State Convention, Baton Rouge, LA (Crown Plaza)
May 2-13	Cleanest City State Judging
May 17-20	NGC Convention, Orlando, FL
July 11-12	Summer Board, Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge, LA
September 19-22	NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO
November 11-15	Tour of the Biltmore, Gibbs and Callaway Gardens and Blueridge Mountain Fall Colors

2023

March 8	DSGC Convention, Pre-Tour, Kenner, LA (Hilton Airport Hotel)
March 9-10	DSGC Convention, Kenner, LA (Hilton Airport Hotel)
April 17	LGCF Convention, Pre-Tour, Vidalia, LA
April 18-19	LGCF Convention, Vidalia, LA (Clarion Suites/Vidalia Convention Center)
May 2-5	NGC Convention, White Sulphur Springs, WV
September TBA	NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO