On our cover this quarter is our new president Yvette Hebert. The picture was taken at the 2013 Louisiana Symposium in Woodworth, LA. Yvette is a firm believer in education and is always encouraging club members to attend all the many schools LGCF and NGC offer to continue to learn all that we can. Besides her passion for gardening, she loves to sew, quilt, read, visit gardens, plant nurseries, fabric shops and hardware stores. She remarks that even though she is retired, she seems to be working harder than ever!

Yvette and her husband, Joe, are both retired now and love to visit their children and grandchildren. Her daughter Leslie and her husband Alex live in Highland Village, Texas with their four boys (Benjamin, 10 and triplet boys, Nicolas, Ethan, and Jack, 8). Son Brian and his wife, Julia, live in Kingwood, Texas with their four children (Amelie, 14; Stuart, 12; Evan, 9 and Grant, 5). Younger daughter, Renée, resides in Clemson, South Carolina with her puppy, Domino, and works as Director of the Professional Leadership Program at Clemson University, South Carolina.

If you would like to submit drawings, paintings or photos for the cover of the Newsletter, please send them (or good copies) to LGCF Newsletter, 1750 Bilbo St., Lake Charles, LA 70601-6061, or email pamxyz@bellsouth.net.

Editor .............................................. Pam Langley, 1750 Bilbo St., Lake Charles, LA 70601-6061, 337-842-2995

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO FALL ISSUE (OCT 2013) IS SEPT 1st, 2013.

Please send all information for this issue to Pam Langley, 1750 Bilbo St., Lake Charles, LA 70601-6061 ● 337-842-2995 (phone) ●pamxyz@bellsouth.net
Never in a million years would I have thought or dreamed of being President of this most wonderful organization. I must share with you a story. When I was a Freshman in college, many, many years ago... too many to remember, I looked at my class schedule and saw I was to take Botany. Now, why must I take botany? What does that have to do with Medical Technology? Needless to say, I took Botany.

It wasn't until some 16 years later when a move to Houma, LA afforded my husband, Joe, and I the chance to build a home there. The only area being built at the time was in a no-longer-used sugar cane field with no trees or shrubs or any other vegetation for that matter. After moving into the home, of course, there was a need for trees and shrubs and beautiful flowers. What an overwhelming task it was going to be!

Well, the Lord, who never lets me down, allowed me to discover a friend from my hometown of Abbeville, who happened to live in Houma, and an invitation to the Terrebonne Garden Club was issued and off I went to my first garden club meeting back in 1977. When I was introduced as a prospective “garden clubber”, the then President wanted to know if I was quality or quantity. I guess I was too young to really be insulted, but I would come to know what she meant.

After that I began to learn of trees and plants and landscape design, and one day as I was walking in my yard, I said to God, “Okay, now I get it.” I realized in God’s scheme of things that my garden filled with plants would become my way of communicating with God and become my therapy as my children grew and I sometimes needed a place to retreat. Thank goodness for that garden!

I know that each of us has such a story of how we came to be a member of a garden club. I hope that we continue to reach out and invite others into our wonderful world of gardening. Not only should we be inviting new members but also trying to retain the members we have through informative meetings, good programs and encouragement to participate in the wonderful schools offered in our state. I urge and challenge you to sign up for Landscape Design School, Gardening Study School, Environmental Studies School, or Flower Show School and to attend the meetings held around the state.

With much enthusiasm, garden club members kept asking me what my project would be and what our symbol was going to be. I hope that this enthusiasm extends well into the future!

The symbol...the “hummingbird”, seemed to exemplify what most of us appear to do anyway... “fly forward, backward and upward with great speed while presenting oneself with a flash of color and spirit”. Hummingbirds are small creatures, but that does not stop them from taking on the world daily. Each one of us, as members of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. and the National Garden Clubs, Inc., has a special gift or talent that can be brought to a special project. No matter what that gift or talent may be, how big or how small, all gifts and talents are welcome. I challenge you to come forth and use your gifts and talents. As a team anything can be accomplished. Let us not be stifled by negativity. Let us be like the hummingbird who never seems to give up.

Our theme for the next two years will be “Nature’s World Where Everything Belongs”. Our project is not just one project, but in “Nature’s World Where Everything Belongs”, I would like each club to pick its own project to accomplish and then apply for an award. There are so many wonderful projects to do and, of course, the newly installed National President Linda Nelson has her project as well as the Deep South Director Gloria Blake. We will get more information on these at a later date.
Message from Our President

I feel that each district is so unique with its own need of projects and you know best what projects you can accomplish. Fellow club members, decide on a project, volunteer to work on it and let’s keep our communities and state moving forward to be the best that we can be. Seek out the State Chairman that can help you with your project and when it is completed, apply for an award.

In closing, I would like to share the following with you:

The Garden of Life is a continuing cycle of seasons and years.

Those who reap the greatest harvests seem to look both backward and forward.

They look to the past to glean from their experiences

those things that will help solve the challenges of today.

They look to the future to decide which seeds they should plant today

to help them attain their goals for the future.

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As we work together in “Nature’s World Where Everything Belongs”...

Yvette Hebert, LGCF President

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Virginia Lee Minvielle
New Iberia Garden Club (District III)

Virginia Lee Minvielle joined the New Iberia Garden Club in 1988, after retiring from her job as an elementary school librarian. She has always been interested in nature and preserving our natural resources. As an elementary school teacher, she formed a “Tree Club” which planted trees, flowers. To provide funds for these trees and flowers she organized a litter patrol that collected aluminum cans and newspapers and sell. As a club member she continued her interest in tree planting as chairman of the Arbor Day committee for many years as well as her membership on the Cleanest City Contest committee. During her early years in the club she served as recording secretary. Although she no longer mows her yard, she is active in planting and caring for her garden.

Claire B. Moody
Lafayette Garden Club (District III)

Thank you for recognizing me as a Circle of Roses member of the Lafayette Garden Club, which I became a member of in 1975, some 38 years ago. It was my Mother’s persistence and love that lead me here. I grew up in a family of gardeners—a passion my Father and Mother shared and passed on to me and my siblings. My Mother, Lou Boriskie, was also an active member and past President. She was recognized and published in this club’s Circle of Roses in 1997. To date we are the only Mother and daughter members to have served as Presidents of this club. I hope there will be many others in years to come.

I have been blessed with a loving husband, three children, eight grandchildren, and two grand-dogs. I became involved in my children’s schooling and extra-curricular activities, which led me to understand the value of community service and civic development and improvement projects. So becoming a member of this club manifested for me the marriage of two loves—gardening and community service. My love of gardening and flower arranging has extended itself from here to St. Mary’s Catholic Church, where I have been an active member since 1984 and where I currently serve on the Décor Committee, which manages the decoration of its sanctuary.

I have served on several committees of the Lafayette Garden Club and each has provided me invaluable learning experiences. I also held several leadership positions, starting with club Secretary, a First Vice Presidency, and serving as its President from 1983-1985. I served as Membership Chairperson for 18 years from 1993-2011 and continue on today as an active member. Together we make this world a more beautiful place, starting with this patch of Earth known as Lafayette, Louisiana. For all of this I am most grateful.
I am both humbled and honored with this recognition and thank each of you for your mentorship and friendship along our shared garden paths. The gardens and flower shows we've created together and inspired others with have resulted in a most beautiful and memorable journey.

Lafayette Garden Club is both proud and honored to welcome Claire D. Moody into the Louisiana Garden Club's Circle of Roses.

**Polly Williams**
Baton Rouge Garden Club (District VI)

Polly Williams has been a member of the Baton Rouge Garden Club and the Floral Friends Study Group for many years. She was President of the Baton Rouge Garden Club from 1979-81, during the time that the Baton Rouge Garden Center was planned, built and dedicated. Polly served on the Planning Committee and then on the Board of Directors which governs the Center. She has continued to be an active member of the Club, participating in our annual flower shows and "Tablescapes" fundraisers.

Prior to joining the Baton Rouge Garden Club, Polly was a member of the Sherwood Forest Garden Club and served as President of that group, also. She still takes an active part in their activities. For many years, she served on the Bartram Trail Commission and traveled to Georgia, Florida & Alabama to help coordinate the efforts of that group.

Now a widow, Polly & her husband, George were parents of 4 children. Her son, Geordie, lives in Baton Rouge with his family. Her 3 daughters and their families live in Mandeville, La.; Texas; and Alabama.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky with degree in Journalism, Polly worked in advertising until she & George moved to Baton Rouge, where he was assistant plant manager of Rubicon Chemical.

An extremely active lady, Polly has served as State President of GFWC Women's Clubs; past President of the B.R Symphony League; Member & Past President of AAUW; member of the Board for the March of Dimes; B.R Republican Women's Club; B. R. Opera Guild; Chi Omega House Corporation; and Beta Sigma Phi. She also served as a lobbyist for the Louisiana Seat Belt Use Coalition; is a docent at the LSU Rural Life Museum and the Pennington Biomedical Research Center. She is a member of the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. Polly is long term Vice-president and program chair of the Scottish Caledonia Society and a member of the St. Andrew Society.

She always has a pleasant smile and if she says she will do something, you can count on her following through. The Baton Rouge Garden Club is proud to nominate Polly Williams for the LGCF Circle of Roses.

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.

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on the member’s garden club activities. This quarter we would like to welcome to our “Circle” three 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 LGCF Circle of Roses Chairman, Georgie Petitjean, 1006 East 5th Street, Crowley 70526-3952, (337) 783-4545, gmpetitjean@cox.net.

**Design Corner**

The three pictures here are examples of Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arrangement. In this art form special regard is shown to balance, harmony and form. Ikebana has been practiced for more than 600 years. It developed from the Buddhist ritual of offering flowers to the spirits of the dead. By the middle of the fifteenth century, with the emergence of the first classical styles, ikebana achieved the status of an art form independent of its religious origins, though it continued to retain strong symbolic and philosophical overtones. The first teachers and students were priests and members of the nobility. However, as time passed, many different schools arose, styles changed, and ikebana came to be practiced at all levels of Japanese society.

More information is available at Ikebana International web site: www.ikebanahq.org
Cleanest City Contest Results
Submitted by Jean Gilstrap, LGCF Cleanest City Chairman

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Congratulations to all the winners AND to all that participated!

District 8 Flower Show Judges
Submitted by Liz Coco

The Eighth District Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges recently elected a new slate of officers for 2013-2015.

Pictured above (left to right) are Parliamentarian-Barbara Coates (West Carroll Parish); Treasurer-Laura Murchinson (Rapides Parish); Corresponding-Secretary-Kate Moreau and Recording-Secretary-Sherill Laborde (both from Avoyelles Parish); Vice-President-Patti Killen (Rapides Parish) and President-Nancy Miller (Grant Parish). The parishes of Caddo and Ouachita also make-up the district.

Also, pictured is Past President Virginia Webb, (Natchitoches Parish) passing the gravel to newly elected Nancy Miller.

The May meeting was held in Marksville, La. at what was once the family home of Mr. Sam Moreau (circa 1918) and currently is now the office of his great-grandson, Mike Moreau (Kate). Kate Moreau and Sherill Laborde were wonderful co-hostesses for this event. A delicious meal was served following the installation. All of the ladies wore hats in honor of Mrs. Virginia Webb who always wears hers so elegantly.
All of the judges look forward to the next two years with great anticipation.

We are also honored and proud to have Yvette Hebert, as our State Garden Club President; Carla Gauthier as our State Judges Council President; and Patti Killen as our State Garden Club 1st Vice-President. They are part of our council. Congratulations Ladies !!!!!

In Memory
Submitted by Glenda Mitchell

Rose Perino Fontenot passed away Saturday May 4, 2013. Rose was a registered Pharmacist who, with her husband Rodney, operated the Ville Platte Pharmacy for 30 years. She was also an active member of her garden club. Rose was originally a member of the Magnolia Garden Club and a Life Member of the National and Louisiana Garden Club Federations. She was an accredited flower show judge and served on the Louisiana State Arboretum Committee. After her husband’s death she moved to New Orleans to live with her daughter and family. She joined a garden club which I believe was Lake Vista Garden Club. The New Orleans family and Rose lost their home to Katrina and Rose moved temporarily to Michigan with her son and later to an assisted living home in Lafayette. When they rebuilt their home she moved back to New Orleans and last year, after the death of her daughter, moved back to a nursing home in Lafayette. Rose was not able to do gardening but still spoke to anyone who would listen about gardening.

New Club
Submitted by Gail Lonibos, Dist. VI Director

We have a new garden club in District VI. They are:

Eden Isles Garden Club
President - Naomie Hess
130 Moonraker Drive
Slidell, La. 70458
nhess120@bellsouth.net

We also have lost a club. The Ponchatoula Community Garden Club has merged with the Gardenettes in Ponchatoula.

LGCF Memorials and Honorariums

Contributions are gratefully accepted for the Special Funds, or may be allocated to any special project of the LGCF. The LGCF has two books in which to record the names of those so designated by a gift of ten dollars or more: 1) The BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE for those deceased members, friends or relatives, and 2) The specified person for the BOOK OF HONORS for those receiving special recognition. Checks should be made to LGCF Memorials and sent to the Memorials Chairman. Letters of acknowledgment will be sent to the donors of contributions, to the specified person for the donation of a Memorial, and to the recipient of Honors.
LGCF Gardening Consultants Council New Officers

Submitted by Mary Ellen Miller

Dear Friends,
Your new slate of officers was installed at the LGCF convention in Kenner. We are all eager to start the new year. Sarah LeBlanc is setting up the checking account to be ready to give the annual $500 scholarship at Summer Boards. Gail Lonibos is working on a new handbook which will be distributed at Summer Boards. Eleonor Capretto, the new Corresponding Secretary (not pictured) is trying to check the current e-mails of us all. She and I will be trying to send out a monthly newsletter to all Gardening Consultants. This will be something new.

For our newsletter I have contacted the New Orleans Botanical Garden and have enlisted the help of two of their horticulturists. They will be giving planting and growing tips that makes them the ultimate "green thumb". I am planning to contact the head gardener of Longue Vue to learn even more from people that are so successful at growing. I am just a novice learner in the field of horticulture but I am surrounded by so many experts that I thought that this year could be a learning experience for us all.

I am also hoping to learn from each of you. If you have planting hints and timetables, let us know. If you have a great source for seeds and bulbs we would like to know that too.

I would like to publish pictures of winning horticulture from flower shows (yours or a friends). That will help us to learn what to show, what the name is, and how to evaluate our own horticulture.

I have a project and could use your help. The New Orleans Botanical Garden is seeking the status of "Plant Museum". To accomplish this goal all the plants in the Garden must be named with a sign and registered on computer. When completed, people living in New York will be able to check online and find the plant they are interested in growing in the New Orleans Botanical Garden. When the Botanical Garden achieves this status it will not only bring national recognition but also huge financial grants.

At this time 85 to 90% of the plants are named. They need help with the other 10%. Each week we will go to the Garden for a couple of hours and look for plants with no signs and then attempt to name that plant. We will work on one room at a time. Together with the others working on this project it will be completed.

So come with us on this journey for the next two years and we will see what we can learn. I invite you to not just be a reader but a participant. Please send pictures and information. If you can, come join me for a morning in the Botanical Garden. It will be fun!!

District 7 Fall Meeting

Submitted by Betty Foret

The Opelousas Garden Club welcomes All Garden Club Members to the

District VII Fall Meeting
Indian Hills Country Club
1141 E Prudhomme St., Opelousas, LA
Wednesday October 16, 2013

The program will be “Managing Storm Water Plants” by Dana N Brown ASLA, AICP. Luncheon fee is $25.00 and is due by October 2 and payable to “District VII Fall Meeting”. Mail to : Betty Foret, 7929 Hwy 31, Opelousas, LA  70570-1620
Book Review

Submitted by Dolla Farmer, 2011-2013 LGCF Book Review Chairman

Louisiana Wildflower Guide, Written by Dr. Charles M. Allen, Ken Wilson, and Dr. Harry Winters, M.S. Photography by Ken Wilson, Allen’s Native Ventures, LLC 2010, paperback 251 pp
ISBN-10: 0971862532 $30.00

Louisiana Wildflower Guide, is an excellent guide of wildflowers throughout the southeast from Texas to the Carolinas. Well written information, which comes from a lifetime of botanical quests of Dr. Charles Allen who resides in Pitkin Louisiana. With more than 500 color photos you can see the common and even rare wildflower species. Generic and species descriptions are included along with tips for identification of many species. A set of charts guides your choices by several characteristics, including flower color, habitat, and leaf arrangement and leaf type. A glossary, plan anatomy line drawings and index close out the book. This is a must for anyone who appreciates wildflowers.

http://www.amazon.com/shops/A3IPPEPCE09A13

Horticulture Corner

The five most common mistakes in gardening as condensed from Louisiana Gardening.

1. Planting too early. It never fails that somewhere in mid-February a warm front comes through and everyone gets bit by the gardening bug. Air temperature, however, is a bad indicator of when to plant. Soil temperature is the most important. Most summer crops prefer soil temperatures at least 55-60 F. Closer to 65 F if you are talking about sensitive crops like okra and super sweet corn.

2. Planting when it is too wet. To know if the soils are the proper moisture to plant, grab a handful of soil from the garden and squeeze it tightly together in your fist. Take a finger and push it into the soil ball you just formed. If it breaks apart into multiple pieces, the soil is perfect for working. If your finger pushes into the ball and it doesn’t break apart, it’s too wet to work and may need a few more days to dry out.

3. Not controlling weeds. Prevent them through the use of mulches that include pine straw, wheat straw, wood chips, newspaper or some type of landscape fabric.

4. Improper fertilization. Start with a soil sample through your county extension office to determine the nutritional needs as well as the pH of the soil. In general, most vegetables need fertilization at planting time and then not until they put out their first small fruit.

5. Improper watering. Most vegetables need between 1 to 2 inches of irrigation a week to thrive. Frequency depends on the soil type and the amount of supplemental rainfall we receive. It’s far healthier for the plants and much more efficient to irrigate with either soaker hoses or drip irrigation. Overhead watering does work, but can lead to foliar diseases and also wastes a lot of water wetting non-target areas.

The full article may be seen at

http://statebystategardening.com/state.php/la/articles/top_five_mistakes_in_the_vegetable_garden/
Representing 98 garden clubs from throughout Louisiana, a three day convention held at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner with the theme "...and all that Jazz" culminated with the installation banquet at Chateau Estates Country Club where Mary Jacobs of Chateau Estates Garden Club retired after a two-year term as president. Her successor is Yvette Hebert of Alexandria.

A pre-convention tour included shopping at the New Orleans French Market, an historic preview of Jackson Square, and a special guided tour of St. Louis Cathedral followed by lunch at Muriel's. The George Rodrigue Gallery opened its doors to the state visitors and the New Orleans Historic Collection had a private showing for them of Louisiana's colorful history. The day ended with a "party streetcar" ride from Canal Street to the end of the line at Jefferson Avenue and St. Charles Avenue.

Convention events that were crowded into two more days included table exhibits of everything that garden clubbers achieve; a swamp exhibit by sixth grader, Chandler Koch of Hazel Park School in Harahan, bird exhibits, Blue Star Memorials, a butterfly display, Arbor Day, Water Conservation, bee pollinators and a huge exhibit honoring the president of the Live Oak Society, the Seven Sisters Oak of Lewisburg (Mandeville) which has a girth of over 38 feet and an age of over 1200 years. This Quercus virginiana also holds the title of National Champion of Live Oaks.

The formal convention opened with a presentation of the colors by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office Color Guard and a stirring rendition of the National Anthem by Michael Catalano.

Conventioneers were welcomed by Jefferson Parish President John Young who read a proclamation honoring President Mary Jacobs for her two years of service. Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni and Jefferson Parish Councilman Ben Zahn welcomed everyone to Kenner.

At a noon luncheon Jennifer Granger installed local members Lynn Ryan and Millie Quick of Acres of Green Garden Clubs and Lea Baraldi of Petals of North Bridgedale into the “Circle of Roses”, an honor given for decades of service. Table floral arrangements of red roses were created by Twilight Gardeners and Creative Planters garden clubs, both of Gretna.

Keynote speaker for the luncheon was Dr. Andy Leonard whose title was “Honeybee Pollinators”
Later that evening an awards banquet honored some 3,000 members for their year’s achievements. Table arrangements of multi-colored hydrangeas were created by Chateau Estates Garden Club. A beautiful candlelight memorial service was held remembering deceased members of the past year.

The final day of the convention featured a luncheon with the theme of “The Beauty of the Wetlands” with table floral designs by Acres of Green Garden Club featuring irises, swamp grasses and Spanish moss. The invocation was delivered by Rt. Rev. Abbot Justin Brown, OSB of St. Joseph’s Abbey who proclaimed the beauty of nature. The luncheon was followed by speaker Coleen Landry’s power point presentation of her wildlife and swamp photographs titled “The Beauty of the Wetlands and our Need to Preserve Them”. She was followed by Joe Baucum and his presentation of “Developing an Environmentalist attitude.”

The convention ended in a grand New Orleans style with the installation banquet at Chateau Golf and Country Club with a menu of Veal Orleans and all the trimmings. The heart shaped floral designs of palm branches and red anthuriums were creations of Petals of North Bridgedale Garden Club. The Dr. Jazz trio provided music and a second line.

The Convention Committee 2013 spearheaded by Chairman Mary Crum and Vice-Chairman Joe Baucum included:

Sabrina Phillips
Shelia Sparacio
Marieanne Arata
Brenda Montgomery
Lee Baraldi
Willie La Nasa
Harriette Charles
Mary Lou Adragna
Melinda Doucet

Coleen Landry
Tricia Ortalano
Noted distinguished members were
BeBe Ebel of New Iberia
Federation Webmaster Kathy Tell of Lake Charles
Jeanette Gatzman of Baton Rouge
Sara Marshall of Lecompte
Former presidents Donna Bucci of Morgan City, and Margo Racca of Iowa.


The committee’s farewell message to the delegates was “We hope you passed a good time…and, all that Jazz”.

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MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013

9:00 AM.................................................................Registration
9:00 AM.................................................................Ways and Means Opens
9:00-9:30 AM.....................................................Finance Committee Meeting
9:40-10:30 AM............................................LCNAFS Judges Council Meeting
10:30-11:45 AM..............**Workshop - “Creating a Power Point Presentation”**
                        By Beth Erwin District V Director  (You may bring your laptops.)
12:00-12:30.....................Landscape Design Consultants Meeting
12:30-1:30 PM..............................................Lunch Break
1:30-2:30 PM.........................Presidents/District Directors Meeting
2:45-3:45PM..........................LGCF Executive Council Meeting
4:00-4:40..............................Environmental Consultants Council Meeting
4:50- 5:30..............................Gardening Consultants Council Meeting
7:00 PM......................................................LCNAFS Judges Council Dinner
                        (Open to all)

Program: “Nature’s Secrets”
Presented by Eighth District Judges Council

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013

8:00 AM.................................................................Registration
9:00 AM.................................................................Ways and Means Opens
9:00-9:45 AM.........................**Workshop – “Community Gardening”**
                        (Everyone should attend)
                        Deep South Regional Project by
                        DSRP Chairman Sherrill Sasser
                        Co-Chairman Dianne Watson
10:00-12:00 Noon......................LGCF Business Meeting
12:15PM-2:30 PM......................Luncheon Honoring Club Presidents
                        and Life Members

Program: “One of Nature’s Small Gifts”
presented by
Tom Jackson (Lecompte, LA)
Emily Winners (LGCF Birds Chairman)
Deeds and Doings

District III

Abbeville Garden Club and Lafayette Master Gardeners’ provided an information booth at the Daylily Festival in Abbeville, which concentrated on Louisiana Super plants and general concerns for Louisiana Gardeners. This was part of the National Garden Week activities for Abbeville Garden Club.

Pictured on the right, from left to right, at the Gardening information Booth are Abbeville Garden Club Members Sandy Richard, Patsy Hebert and Jules LeBlanc.

Pictured below left, from left to right, at the Gardening Information Booth are Abbeville Garden Club Members Patsy Hebert, Rose Hagood, Sandra Creswell, Liz Gremillion, Gwen Lanoux, and Jeanell Duhon. Members participating, but not pictured, are Lauren Daspit, Jules LeBlanc, Sandy Richard, Pat Webb, Susie LeDet, Susan DesOrmeaux, and Ingrid Jones. Lafayette Master Gardeners participating were Sandra Creswell, Jeanell Duhon, and Lauren Daspit. All booklets and information was obtained through the LSU AGCENTER.

At the request of the Abbeville Garden Club, Mayor Mark Piazza declared June 2nd - 8th, 2013, as National Garden Week in the City of Abbeville. Present at the signing of the proclamation are (pictured seated left to right) Liz Gremillion, Past President, Mayor Mark Piazza, and Patsy Hebert, President. Standing, left to right, are members Susie Ledet, Susan DesOrmeaux, Sandra Creswell, Sandy Richard, and Pat Webb.

C. A. “Buck” Vandersteen, executive director of the Louisiana Forests Association and professional Forester and Tree Farmer, spoke at Lafayette Garden Club’s March meeting, about the “Role Forests Play in Our Environment.” Cecile Revels is pictured, presenting Mr. Vandersteen with a gift in appreciation for his presentation. This talk was in line with National Garden Clubs’ mission to provide education, resources and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.

Glenda and Norman Balliviero, Garden Club members, at the April Garden Club meeting, presented a power point presentation on The Beauty of Spring in Holland.

Lafayette Garden Club’s standard Flower Show “Forever Blooming,” held on Saturday, April 6, at the IRA Nelson Horticulture Center, was chaired by Betty Foret and Angel Broussard.
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The Tricolor Award for Division II, Division A (Design) was won by Becky Latiolais for her “Blooms that Sparkle” Creative Line-Mass floral design. Edna Wheeler placed first for “Blooming in Glory,” a Multi-rhythmic design, and Pat Evans placed first with “Tantalizing Blooms” Pot-et-Fleur design.

Margaret Hargroder was awarded the Sweepstakes and Designers’ Choice Awards in the Division II, Section B. Also Cathy Andrew won first place for “The Splendor of Blooms” Reflective Design.

The Sweepstakes Award for Division I (Horticulture), went to Glenda Balliviero, whose winning entries included Vines - Clematis “Duchess of Edinburg”; Trees - Chinathus retusus “Chinese Fringe Tree”; Shrubs - Philadelphus burfordensis “Mock Orange,” and Container Plants - Begonia x hybrid “Gryphon.”

Other blue ribbon winners for Division I (Horticulture) was several awards to Lois Manuel for Collector’s Showcase, Cut Ornamental Foliage, Shrubs and Trees, as well as awards to Jan Vinning, Angel Broussard, Diana Nolan, Jean Bonneau, JoAnn Pugh, Joy Hargrave, Kathy Van Ness, Linda Bourg Madelyn Hoyt and Maggie Chaisson.

Division III Award of Appreciation for Special Exhibits went to Glenda Balliviero for her Educational Exhibit on “Garden Therapy.”

Much was accomplished at a Thursday, March 14 work day at Lafayette Garden Club’s Honorary Bridge Garden on the ULL campus, by Committee members Angel Broussard, Jean Bonneau, Carole Gaubert, Amanda Harson, Becky Latiolais, Mary Toce and Jan Vinning, assisted by ULL’s Horticulture Foreman, Claude Douglas. Their volunteer service is greatly appreciated.

Twenty-three Daisy Scouts from the Acadiana area planted flowers in Lafayette Garden Club’s Honorary Bridge Garden on the ULL campus, on Saturday, April 27. Garden Club volunteers, Angel Broussard, Margaret Hargroder, Claire Moody, Sarah Schoeffler, Mary Toce, Jan Wyatt and Henrietta Boriskie, and troop leaders, helped these Scouts earn their Plant a Garden Girl Scout badges. After the planting, some of the Daisy Scouts, along with Lafayette Garden Club volunteers Angel Broussard, Henrietta Boriskie, Mary Toce and Daisy Scout leader, Danielle Couvillion (current Mrs. Louisiana), posed beside the garden for a photo.
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The beautiful gardens of Sarah Schoeffler’s Oakbourne home was the setting for Lafayette Garden Club’s May 8 Spring Luncheon. At the luncheon, the Woman of the Year Award went to Babette Werner, and Honorary Member of the Year is Diana Nolan. The new officers were installed by outgoing President Roxanna Champagne. They are (pictured from left to right in the following photo): Anita Petitjean, member at large; Diana Nolan, Parliamentarian; Charlotte Castille, Corresponding Secretary; Kathy Van Ness, Recording Secretary; Jo Ann Pugh, Treasurer; Rachel Babino, 2nd Vice President; Betty Foret, 1st Vice President; and Cindé Risinger, President. Absent from the photo are members at large, Julie Anna Ousse and Angel Broussard.

District VI

Gail Lonibos, new District Director, announces 2014 Convention news: At the LGCF 2013 Convention that was held in Kenner, La, several garden club members performed a skit called "Louisiana at its Best", which is also the theme of the 2014 Convention.

Pictured from left to right- Diane Dufour, Chairman, Willie Allen, Jeanette Gatzman, Debbie Harris, Janice Hickey, Co Chairman and Sally Daigle.

Next year’s convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge on March 26-28, 2014, all are invited to attend.

The Gardenettes of Ponchatoula, members of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, had a work day at the Butterfly Garden after delivering Easter Baskets to Youth Horizon. Acadian Cypress in Ponchatoula donated mulch to fill the raised planted beds in the garden. We still have a lot of work to complete our planting.

Much to our surprise we were joined by a volunteer walker on the surrounding trail. Shelia Bernard helped to move the mulch to the beds and then spread it. She also gave us her e-mail, so we can contact her when we work.
Deeds and Doings

again. Special thanks to Shelia. We appreciate any help we can get.

Pictured on the right are: Dale Rieth (President), Maria Griener, Janice Hickey, Shelia Bernard, Anna Poland and Camille, enjoying the shade if the truck door. Photographer is Lynda Byrd.

District VII

Iowa Garden Club members and a youth group from the Iowa Calcasieu Parish Library celebrated Earth Day, April 22, 2013. The students made planters from recycled aluminum cans which they painted and decorated. Garden club members assisted the students in planting herbs in the pots. Identification and use of the various herbs planted was discussed.

Garden club members also planted spring flowers in a newly created flower bed on the library grounds.

Members who took part in Earth Day activities are Carolyn Vest, Marlene Miller, Betty Buquet, Mary Lee Foreman, Juanita Hubley, and Earline Williams. Friends of the garden club who assisted are Cornell Thomas, Julian Quebodeaux, and Wilford Miller.

The Lake Charles Garden Club and the Diggers and Weeders Garden Club of Lake Charles joined forces in asking Mayor Randy Roach to proclaim June 2-8 as National Garden Week in Lake Charles. Pictured on the right (from left to right) are Bobbie Young, Vice President of Lake Charles Garden Club, Mayor Randy Roach, and Pam Langley, President of Diggers and Weeders.

In other activities for National Garden Week, the Diggers and Weeders put up a display at the main branch of the parish library. Pictured below with the display at the library are club members Barbara Watkins and Jennifer Granger.
Calendar of Events

2013

July 22 – 23  LGCF Summer Board Meeting, Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge
Sept. 1  **Newsletter Deadline** for Fall Issue
Sept. 24-29  NGC Fall Board Meeting, Marriott, St. Louis, Missouri

*October LGCF Fall District Meetings:*

11  Dist. VI  Friday  
15  Dist. III  Tuesday  
16  Dist. VII  Wednesday  
17  Dist. VIII  Thursday  
22  Dist. V  Tuesday  
Dist. I & II  TBA  Dist. IV  TBA

Oct. 31  Yearbooks due to Yearbook Award Chairman
Nov. 1  Awards in hands of chairman by December 1
Dec. 1  **Newsletter Deadline** for Winter Issue

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Jan. 22-24  NGC Executive Council Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Feb. 3-4  LGCF Winter Council Meeting, Headquarters House, Lecompte
March 1  **Newsletter Deadline** for Spring Issue
March 26  LGCF Pre-Convention Tour
March 27-28  LGCF Convention, Crowne Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA (Deep South Director Gloria Blake will be our guest)
April 12-14  Deep South Region Convention, St. Petersburg, FL (Hilton St. Petersburg Bay Front)
April 30 – May 3  NGC Convention, Norman, OK
June 1  **Newsletter Deadline** for Summer Issue
June 1-7  National Garden Week
July 21-22  LGCF Summer Board, Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge, LA (NGC President Linda Nelson will be our guest)
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Sept. 23 – 28  NGC Fall Board Meeting, Des Moines Airport, Des Moines, IA

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