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On our Cover: The hibiscus featured on our cover was photographed by **Norman Balliviero, Lafayette Garden Club** member and Lafayette Parish Master Gardener. Thank you, Norman for sharing your photos with us.

The topic of our Horticulture Corner article, found on page 13 this quarter, is the tropical hibiscus. If you have a favorite flower, please photograph it and submit it for the Newsletter's cover photo.

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, or email pamxyz@bellsouth.net.

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President's Message

It was great being with all of you at our recent LGCF Convention in Vidalia. Wow! What a great job Beth Erwin, Chairman and Lena Bateman, Co-Chairman and their committee did hosting this meeting. The Vidalia Conference and Convention Center was a beautiful venue for the convention with a great view of the mighty Mississippi River. The workshops were informative and entertaining. The speakers for all meals were great. We should all have Wanda's energy! The food was delicious and the servers sweet and attentive.

Thanks to all officers and chairmen who reported. You did a great job keeping within the time frame. I know two minutes doesn't seem like a long time, but we have a lot of reports and a short time to get them in at the business meeting. You are timed on a telephone so there can be no mistakes. We do not discriminate - everyone is timed and treated the same. Remember your time starts when you speak the first word in the microphone. I apologize to everyone who did not get to report at convention.

Thank you for approving the Amazon Smile ways and means project. We will advise when we get LGCF's account set up on Amazon Smile. Let's all order from Amazon Smile and ask your friends and family to do the same. Every little bit helps! Thanks to Ruth Delhomme for researching and presenting the project.

I had the pleasure May 13, 2016 of attending the dedication in Welsh, Louisiana of a beautiful black granite monument sponsored by the Welsh Garden Club and dedicated to all the United States armed services – Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard and Navy. The monument was installed at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Park. It was a moving ceremony and well attended by veterans, garden club members, and Mr. Jim Solari of Solari Marble and Granite in Lake Charles, who did all the work on the monument.

We all need to congratulate the Abbeville Garden Club for ordering a Blue Star Highway Marker, a Blue Star By-Way Marker, a Gold Star Family By-Way Marker, and two Prisoner of War Memorial Markers. Willie Allen, Ruth Delhomme, Mary Hazen and I attended the dedication of the markers on Memorial Day, May 30, 2016. There were beautiful and moving ceremonies at three locations: the Vermillion Parish War Memorial, the Louisiana Hall of Fame and Military Museum, and the Louisiana National Guard Armory. We were reminded at each of the ceremonies that "freedom is not free".

One of our newest clubs, Grand Isle Garden Club, is sponsoring the Grand Isle Palm Tree Project, which aims to replenish and restore Grand Isle one tree at a time. Go to either of these web sites to learn more about this worthwhile project: www.indiegogo.com/projects/grand-isle-palm-tree-project, www.grand-isle.com, or email treesforgrandisler@gmail.com with your questions. Let's all try to help with this worthwhile project to restore Louisiana's only inhabited barrier island.

It is with a heavy heart that I have to report that we have lost one of our LGCF Clubs. The Tall Timbers Garden Club of District I has resigned. Tall Timbers had been active for four decades. A few of the members have joined other clubs in the area. But we have some good news! Kyle Martin, District VI Director, is working to get Designs by Pine Garden Club in Pine, Louisiana federated. Thanks, Kyle.

Louisiana now has an official state butterfly – the Gulf Coast Fritillary, also known as the Passion Butterfly. Let's plant and prepare for these beautiful pollinators in our gardens.

Congratulations to the state winners in the Cleanest City Contest – Fenton, Loreauville, Jean Lafitte, Farmerville, St. Martinville, Abbeville, Hammond, Lake Charles and Lafayette. Great job! Jean Gilstrap and I presented the plaques to the winners on May 26 and 27th.

President's Message

Lena Bateman, Mary Sue Colvin, Clara Earl, Julia Gilmore, Mary Jane Peters and I had a great time at the NGC Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 12-13. The hotel was beautiful, the food delicious, and the workshops and meetings informative.

While at convention I thought of a new meaning for LGCF – Loving, Good, Caring, Friends. That applies not just to the friends who joined me at the convention, but to all of you. I thank each of you for being such Loving, Good, Caring, Friends.

Hope to see all of you at Summer Board, July 18 and 19, 2016 at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge.

Jeanette Gatzman,

LGCF President



Who are we?
Who do we
want to be?

Official Louisiana State Butterfly



Louisiana State
Butterfly, the
Gulf Fritillary

Gulf Fritillary
Emerging from
Chrysalis



Gulf Fritillary Caterpillar

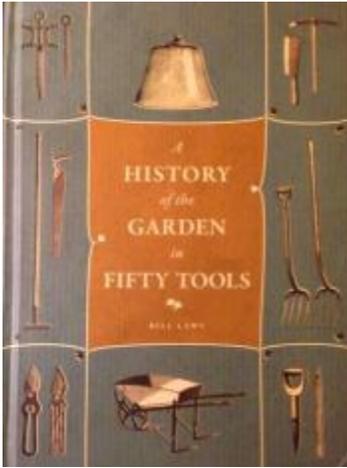
The purple passion
flower or Maypop vine
(*Passiflora incarnata*) is
a favorite host plant of
the Gulf Fritillary
Butterfly and is native
to our state.



Book Review

Book Review

By Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair



A History of the Garden in Fifty Tools

By Bill Laws

The University of Chicago Press, 2014

ISBN-13: 978-0-226-13976-0

This super book caught my eye because I mostly use a large, old butcher knife and a shovel with a broken handle to do my gardening. And my old baby stroller was put into service as my wheelbarrow for a while. What? There are better tools? Indeed.

Since the Garden of Eden, mankind has tilled the soil, and inevitably has looked for ways to make the work easier. Truly, every task of a gardener involves a tool of some kind, from the primitive to the specialized. Pick up this book if you'd like to explore the origins of our gardening tools, often accompanied by amusing and entertaining anecdotes featuring gardening experiences and challenges that we can all relate to. You'll cherish your own favorite tools all the more!

LGCF Award Changes and Additions made at Convention

Changes in the following awards are in bold.

Award #7A-Club Award

Donor: Mary Sue Colvin

A certificate and \$25.00 **to be awarded to an LGCF, INC. member club whose garden club activities, through the years, has contributed most to the community, through** cooperation with public officials, service organizations, etc. This award **can only** be received once in a lifetime. ***Award application must include a summary of the club's activities and verification in the form of pictures, press clippings, letters or any other pertinent material. All verification should have attached dates and signed letters, etc.*** See General Rules. Do not answer questions 1-6 on LGCF application form. Exception to rules: ***Up to three pages (front and back) will be allowed in application. Use a lightweight, solid color, theme type binder, size not to exceed 8.5"x11", sheets may be placed in top loaded sheet protectors. (NGC Rules)***

Award #7B-Individual Award

Donor: Billie Massa

A **certificate and pin** may be awarded to an LGCF ***individual club member*** whose garden club activities, through the years, has contributed most to the community, ***through cooperation with public officials, service organizations, etc.*** The individual must be nominated by a Federated Garden Club and **can** received this award only once in a lifetime. Award application **must** include a summary of the individual's activities and verification in the form of pictures, press clippings, letters or any other pertinent material. **All verification should have attached dates and signed letters, etc.** See General

LGCF Award Changes/Additions

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AWARD #13 - THE BEAUTY OF LIFE GARDEN AWARD

Sponsored by Mary Hazen and Kathy Bedenbaugh

Send Applications to: Gardens Chairman (Beauty of Life) Laura Murchison 4121 Waterford Dr. Alexandria, LA 71303

A freestanding Louisiana shaped traveling plaque will be awarded annually to a Louisiana Federated State Garden Club for the most outstanding permanent pink **flower** garden **and must have at least one pink rose plant**. The garden must be planted in a public place in the community during the month of October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. The garden is to be planted to create awareness of breast cancer in both men and women; or in recognition/dedication to breast cancer survivors; or in memory of breast cancer victims, both men and women. A certificate will be presented to each applicant. See General Rules.

The following are new awards that have been proposed and adopted.

AWARD #33-1 and #33-2, Website - Sponsored by Kathy Tell or an LGCF District

A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring club, LGCF, Deep South, and NGC objectives. On the LGCF Awards Application Form provide your website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current site.

#33-1 Designed and managed by club member/members

A. Single garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv extra large. Winning club in each size category will receive \$10. *Donor: Kathy Tell or an LGCF District*

B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

#33-2 Professionally designed

A. Single garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv extra large

B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

SCALE OF POINTS FOR WEBSITE JUDGING #33

Presentation: Design/Appearance: attractive, engaging, easy to view; layout 25 pts.

Navigation: Ease of navigation, navigation system (bar, map, etc.), logical flow of pages, clear page headers, links active 35 pts.

Achievement: Club/group information present/easy to find, educational 20 pts.

Promotion: Promotes LGCF, DS, NGC and sponsoring club objectives 10 pts.

Maintenance: Does it appear to be updated? 10 pts.

TOTAL 100 points

AWARD #34-Social Media - Sponsored by Beth Erwin or an LGCF District

A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for the best use of social media (i.e. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.) promoting the sponsoring club, LGCF, Deep South, and NGC objectives. On the LGCF Awards Application Form provide your social media account type and address/handle. Provide the names/identifiers of club members who participate.

Winning clubs in each category will receive \$10. *Donor: Beth Erwin or an LGCF District*

SCALE OF POINTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USE JUDGING #34

Live Oak Society Report

PRESENTATION: Engaging, easy to understand: 25 pts.

Participation: Evidence of participation among the majority of club members. 35 pts.

Achievement: Club/group information is shared in a concise, easy to understand manner. 20 pts.

Promotion: Promotes LGCF, DS and NGC objectives 10 pts.

Frequency/timely: Does it appear to be used on a regular basis throughout the club year? 10 pts.

TOTAL 100 points

The Live Oak Society Report

Annual Report—April 2015 to April 2016

In the past year some 404 new members have joined our registry, a record for the year, Madam President.

Donations have been very generous and I graciously thanked each donor. The largest donation came from the Foundation of Cherokee Plantation and Cane River House in Natchitoches and Talla Bean Plantation in Eldorado, Arkansas, all owned by the heirs of the founders of Murphy Oil Company. (see the story and photos in the Spring issue of our LGCF newsletter).

Huge thanks are in order to the Daniel Island Historical Society of South Carolina who registered over 100 trees with us and generously donated to us, and who had one of the oaks declared the "Live Oak of South Carolina" by the governor. Thanks to Gonzales Garden Club, Diggers and Weeders Garden Club, Nottoway Plantation, Marksville Garden Club, New Iberia Garden Club and Welsh Garden Club who measured and collected all the data necessary for registration. A monumental task was taken on by Thibodaux Garden Club as they canvassed their town and measured many live oaks. Beau Chene Garden Club measured and registered every eligible in their subdivision and even celebrated in March and April with a large blue ribbon tied around each live oak that became a new member.

We have gotten nice publicity this past year with articles about the Live Oak in city and town newspapers. Just this past Saturday The Morning Advocate carried a story about the live oaks in Audubon Park that are members of the Society. I was an advocate for saving the mature Live Oaks on the Fly at Audubon Park which were slated for death due to the construction of a sports complex by Tom Benson and Drew Brees. The project has been cancelled because of so much opposition.

I composed a new Power Point Presentation where I show and lecture about "Live Oaks for All Occasions" depicting photos of live oaks at funerals, weddings, baptisms, dances, and every imaginable occasion. It seems to be enjoyed by all the groups who see it.

We are now at the 8,052 mark in the membership. I began as Chairman in 2001 and membership was 3,767. I said when I doubled that number I would hand over the chairmanship to someone else; little did I know, and here I am some 4,285 oaks later, still happy to be saving trees and honoring the Live Oak.

To all the Garden Club members, please continue to honor and preserve our heritage, not only in Louisiana but in the 14 states where our trees are members.

Thank you for giving me the pleasure of serving.

COLEEN PERILLOUX LANDRY
Chairman, Live Oak Society

LGCF Tours

LGCF Tours

By Roxanna Champagne

LGCF Recording Secretary

LLDCC President

LGCF Membership Promotion Chair

I was asked by LGCF Tour Chairman Jan Smith to write an article about the tours that I have been on. Jan puts a lot of time and effort into making all the arrangements for LGCF sponsored tours.



Northern California Coast

If you have never been on an LGCF Tour under the direction of Jan Smith, you do not know what a great time you are missing. I have only been able to go on two of the tours, one with my husband accompanying me and another solo. On both tours I had a wonderful time and made many special memories and new friends. I saw and did things I would never have done on my own. Jan makes sure we stay in unique hotels, B & B's, or historic inns. Don't get me started on the food! Every meal is a gastronomical delight! Jan sees to it that we not only ever miss a meal, but each meal has something special to offer whether it is fantastic vistas or exceptional food.

Once you have paid for your trip, the only extras are souvenirs and alcoholic beverages. Everything else including airline fares, hotel rooms, sightseeing tours, rental cars, all meals and tips are covered. I promise you that you will get a lot of bang for your buck. Not only will you have new experiences and see new sights, but you will meet garden club members from around the state that you might never meet otherwise. I have met such wonderful ladies and gentlemen on the tours I went on. We bonded and laughed until we cried!

On the trip to northern California, we were five husband/wife couples and two single ladies. Some of the men were apprehensive about going on a trip when they did not know the other men attending. By the end of the trip, the men all became friends and the two single ladies had lots of help with their luggage! On this trip we



**Back row(L to R): Beth and Terry Erwin, Earl Champagne, Carl Gilstrap
Middle row(L to R): Roxanna Champagne, Jean Gilstrap, Cindé Risinger, Jan Smith and Shirley Key
Kneeling (L to R): Roger Smith, Ruth Mulkey, and Steve Johnson**

stayed in an historic inn and a bed and breakfast on the Pacific Coast. We visited wineries, gaped in astonishment at the giant redwoods, admired the beautiful rocky cliffs and coasts and fields of wildflowers. We gained access to plant nurseries that are not open to the public and even climbed to the top of an old lighthouse. We ate fresh cherries by the bags full and enjoyed meals overlooking California's Pacific coast.

My most recent tour was this past January when we travel south in search of warmer weather to the Caribbean island of St.

Thomas U S Virgin Isles. Almost all of our meals were eaten al fresco with memorable views of the sparkling turquoise water of the Caribbean Sea. A few of my firsts on this trip was tandem kayaking and snorkeling as

LGCF Tours

well as spending an entire day on a 60 foot sailboat. While on the sailboat we partook of two delicious meals prepared by Captain Joe, who pointed out a few homes owned by the rich and famous as we viewed the isle of St. John from the deck of the sailboat. I won't go into detail about our near death experiences as we traveled the steep, curvy and heart thrilling drives going the wrong way on the mountainsides. I will just say most of us needed Dramamine the entire trip. I learned that there are wild donkeys on St. John and you can get up close and personal with iguanas.



Pictured, on the left, is the St. Thomas Gang enjoying a tour of a butterfly garden. Left to right: Roger Smith, Roxanna Champagne, Georgia McMurray, Jean Gilstrap, Meme Johnson, Jan Smith, Donna Moran, Kathy Burgess, Sandy Waters, Brook Reagan

The following pictures were all taken on the Caribbean tour.



LGCF Tours

The next big LGCF tour will be along the Danube River in Europe, *Celebrate the Holidays Along The Danube*, with Viking River Cruises. Tour dates are DEC 2 – 9, 2017. The tour will start in Amsterdam, Netherlands and end in Basel, Switzerland. [Click here for more details of the trip.](#) What follows is an open letter from our own Jan Smith, LGCF Tour Chair.

Dear Garden Club friends;

December 2017 seems so far away, but when you are going to be a part of a very limited-scheduled, one-time-of-year cruise--you MUST plan and book NOW!

I am working with a fellow Garden Club member, and her company, and a "cruise planner," to make the arrangements for a CHRISTMAS MARKET cruise for December 2 to 9, 2017. This is the only schedule that will allow us to visit the Christmas Markets and still get back home to enjoy the Christmas Season!

Booking a cruise is just like checking on an airfare and it not being good unless you buy the ticket!! So you will make a \$500 deposit--\$100 of which is non-refundable, and can get the rest of your deposit back 100% up until September 1, 2017! So you only risk \$100 to book this trip today. So because we can not hold any cabins until names and deposits are attached, it is imperative that we book early! There are very few cabins left on this cruise date, as it is a very popular time and cruise! 15 cabins is not a large amount, and since you can take spouses and friends--this should not be difficult to accomplish. But note--if 15 cabins are not booked, the fare may very well increase!

The cruise-only prices by cabin category, are stated on the flyer, AND THE CURRENT OFFER FROM VIKING (which can change at any time) is the following: airfare from NY is included in price. To travel from LA will cost extra, depending on from which airport you fly. Here is an example of what your airfare would be: For us to all fly as a group through Viking, \$50 + \$300 from NO; \$50 + \$450 from Jackson, MS; \$50 + \$400 from Lafayette! (THIS IS A BARGAIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!) BUT REMEMBER--THIS CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME AND AIRFARE MAY NOT BE INCLUDED AT ALL AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE!). The \$50 is for Air Plus, which will at least insure that we can fly on a certain airline and fly to Amsterdam together!!

Please note ALL THAT IS INCLUDED!! And you only unpack once on the boat!!

You will note that there is a "pre" and a "post" tour. Because Thanksgiving is the third week of November, in 2017; you could go early to visit Amsterdam--and if you have never been, it is a wonderful city to visit. And yet you would still be back home in early December. Lucerne, Switzerland, too, is a beautiful city, especially at Christmas time.

Please consider this great opportunity and contact me--and most importantly--contact Kathy (cruise planner) too, to pay your deposit and get you and your roommate on the list. Remember, you can include your spouse and your friends.

BTW Remember that as always, there is a \$100 addition for the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, per "the rules!"

Contact Naomi Cordill with questions: symphony@bayou.com

Thank you,
Jan Smith
Louisiana Garden Club Federation
Tour Chairman

NGC Scholarship Awarded to Louisiana Student

Jennifer Granger, LGCF Scholarship Chair, would like to announce that we have a National Garden Club scholarship winner this year. Anna Eileen Ribbeck was awarded the Phyllis J. Wood Scholarship and will receive \$4000 for the 2016-17 scholastic year. Congratulations, Anna.



Anna Ribbeck, NGC Scholarship Winner

Winner of Headquarters Benefit Raffle

Nettie Landry of Lake Charles was the lucky winner of the stained glass raffle. Nettie attended the tour and raffle at Headquarters in March. She was still at the Nursery Festival in Forest Hill when her ticket was drawn. She was contacted by phone and returned to receive her prize.

The tour and raffle for Headquarters was a great success. It was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. It gave members an opportunity to see the home, learn about its history and appreciate the sacrifices of the ladies who bought and furnished it.



Pictured from left are Mary Jacobs former LGCF President, Janet Moriarity Headquarters Local Chair, Nettie Landry winner of stained glass and Pattie Killen Headquarters Trustee

Many thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets, to all who attended, to the tour guides, to those who contributed flower arrangements, and to those who contributed food. A very special thanks goes to Evelyn Schrock Soderman who created the

stained glass piece for us and Mike Armand who fashioned the frame for it.

Thus far the funds raised have allowed us to re-landscape the foundation plantings at the front of the home and cut back the side hedge. Other projects are being considered. Plan to drop by for a visit soon.

LGCF Celebrates National Garden Week at Governor's Mansion

There were approximately 50 state garden club members in attendance on the June 6th meeting at the Governor's Mansion. Mary Hazen was the Master of Ceremonies, Lena Bateman, President-Elect, read the National Garden Week Proclamation, Jeanette Gatzman, President, presented Mrs. Edwards with an Honorary LGCF, Inc. Membership, and Joe Baucum introduced Peggy Martin, The Katrina rose was named after her. According to Mary Hazen, LGCF, Inc. donated 8 Peggy Martin roses to the Mansion. It seems that one will be given to Kathleen Blanco since she was governor during Katrina. She would have been there but she was in D.C. on business.



First Lady Donna Edwards addresses the LGCF group

Horticulture Corner

By Pam Langley, LGCF Gardening Consultant and Calcasieu Master Gardener

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis, is a member of the Malvaceae family and is native to tropical Asia and is known as the tropical hibiscus. *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* was named by Carl Linnaeus. The Latin term *rosa-sinensis* literally means "rose of China", though it is not closely related to the true roses. Some close relatives of hibiscus are okra, cotton, Confederate Rose, hollyhock, althea and quite a few others

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis is one of many plant species that is a polyploid. Polyploids have more than two complete sets of chromosomes, unlike most other species. A side effect of polyploidy is a condition where the characteristics of the offspring may be quite different from the parent, or indeed any ancestor, essentially allowing possibly random expression of all (or any) of the characteristics of all the generations that have gone before. Because of this trait, *H. rosa-sinensis* has become popular with hobbyists who cross and re-cross varieties, creating new named varieties and holding competitions to exhibit and judge the many resulting new seedlings and often strikingly unique flowers.

H. rosa-sinensis will survive in USDA hardiness zones 9 to 11, which means it should survive in the southern part of Louisiana. In north Louisiana they can be grown in pots which are set outside in the summer months and brought indoors to overwinter. They reach a height of 4 to 10 feet and can spread 5 to 8 feet. Since plants flower on new growth, plants should be pruned in spring after all danger of frost has past. From April through September, small monthly applications of a complete fertilizer are beneficial. Container-grown plants will require more frequent applications. To bloom and grow profusely, hibiscus must have sufficient water. Water thoroughly, but not too frequently. To keep mature plants growing vigorously, prune out about 1/3 of the old wood in spring.

The flowers of *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* are edible and may be used in salads. A tea may also be made from the dried flowers. The flower is additionally used in hair care as a preparation. It is also used to shine shoes in certain parts of India. In Indonesia, these flowers are called "kembang sepatu", which literally means "shoe flower". It can also be used as a pH indicator. When used, the flower turns acidic solutions to a dark pink or magenta color and basic solutions to green.

The American Hibiscus Society National Convention will be held in Houston Texas this year on June 23 – 26. For more information and some gorgeous photos of Hibiscus consult the following resources.

International Hibiscus Society, *Culture Notes*, by Jim Purdie
<http://www.internationalhibiscussociety.org/hiv1n16P2.htm>

American Hibiscus Society, <http://americanhibiscus.org/>

Mike Bernard Acadiana Chapter of the AHS, <http://www.acadianahibiscus.com/>

Queen of the Tropics, <http://www.trop-hibiscus.com/index.html>

Missouri Botanical Garden
<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=b557>

Wikipedia, *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hibiscus_rosa-sinensis

Deeds & Doings

District II

Rambling Rose Gardeners had a Home Placement Flower Show entitled "Welcome Spring" at their March Meeting at the home of Elizabeth Gibbs. Judges were Reba Mackey and Mabel Himel. Daria Vincent was awarded Designer's Choice ribbon. Among the placements for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention were Elizabeth Gibbs, Betty Rena, Billie Massa, Sharon Massa, Carol Fourmaux, Elaine Lescale, Angie Cole, Mary Ann Vincent, Lynne Cashio, and Virginia Warren. We toured Elizabeth Gibbs garden which is a delight to see every time. Enjoy the Designs shown below:



Deeds & Doings

The Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Club conducted a Spring Tour of the Rose Garden in Armstrong Park in New Orleans. One of the volunteers at the Garden, Peggy Martin, conducted the tour and explained the old roses many of which have been rescued from cemeteries, old homesteads and old neighborhoods. Following the tour the group had lunch at Dooky Chase's restaurant where Mrs. Leah Chase greeted them.



Enjoying lunch at Dooky Chase's Restaurant are, first row from left, Larry Guillot, Mercees Ortalano, Gail Meyers, Peggy Martin and Tricia Ortalano. Second row from left, Cindy Baucum, Sabrina Phillips, Mary Crumb, Sheila Sparacio, Betty Bonura and Gail Boling. Third row from left are Dottie Hebert, Connie Guillot, Jean Stewart and Charleen Ardoin. Fourth row includes Cindy Metcalf, Reba Mackey and Betty Gibbs. Fifth row are Joe Baucum and Gary Lehr



Peggy Martin, Tricia Ortalano and Joe Baucum in Armstrong Park Rose Garden in New Orleans.

Peggy Martin Giving tour at Rose Garden in Armstrong Park in New Orleans.



District III

Bayou Vista Elementary School students and Bayou Vista Garden Club members completed the final harvest of carrots in the vegetable gardens planted at BVES in the Fall. Students planted, harvested, and cleaned the carrots which were then distributed to the student body as healthy snacks.



Deeds & Doings

BVGC Adopt-A-School Chairman Donna Richard planned and organized the "Healthy Eating" project in conjunction with BVES Principal Carol St. Germain, St. Mary Parish Supervisor of School Food Service Claire Guarisco; BVES teachers Kayla Perry (PreK) and Marita Voison (P.E.), and BVES Cafeteria Manager Jennifer McDonald.



New Iberia Garden Club held their May meeting and Spring Luncheon on May 6, 2016, at the Parkview Branch of the Iberia Parish Library. A regular business meeting was held first, with a special presentation from Ruth Delhomme, District III Director, of the Circle of Roses Award, to New Iberia Garden Club member, Marie Musemeche.



Circle of Roses Award presented to Marie Musemeche by District III Director, Ruth Delhomme



NIGC members looking so lovely wearing hats honoring the Kentucky Derby. Back row (L to R) Ruth Delhomme, Nancy Hebert, Susan Landry, Cindy Trahan, Joy Hudson, Darnelle Delcambre, and Mary Spreitzer. Front Row Seated (L to R) Carolyn Bienvenu, Jancie Mekas

Since the Kentucky Derby was being held that weekend, many club members wore lovely hats designed by a milliner, who is the daughter-in-law of club member, Janice Mekash.

Deeds & Doings

After the regular meeting, club members divided into groups and set up small tables, with table settings for the spring luncheon. Centerpieces of lovely flowers from all members' gardens were featured with China and silverware. The club officers, Carolyn Bienvenu, Cindy Trahan, Harriet Boudreaux, and Marie Musemeche, along with monthly meeting hostesses, Ruth Boutte prepared a fabulous lunch, which everyone enjoyed as well as dessert and coffee.



Samples of the lovely table settings created by club members for the luncheon.

A silent auction was held with artwork and other handmade items created by NIGC members, and, as at all monthly meetings, door prizes were awarded to club members.



NIGC members at May meeting and Spring Luncheon. Back Row Standing (L to R) Marie Musemeche, Diana Delcambre, Janice Mekash, Yvonne Stokes, Carolyn Bienvenu, Cindy Trahan, Inez Barras, Mary Spreitzer, Nancy Hebert, Elaine Landry, Jenny Lacour, Darnelle Delcambre, and Ruth Delhomme. 2nd Row Seated (L to R) Becky Delhomme, Judy de la Houssaye, Shirley Dubose, Harriet Boudreaux, and Carmen Decuir. 3rd Row Seated at Table (L to R) Ruth Boutte, Virginia Minvielle, Susan Landry, and Joy Hudson

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Abbeville Garden Club members gathered for their March meeting at the home of Sandy Richard. The educational speaker for the meeting was Mary Ann Armbruster, Lafayette Parish Master Gardener. Armbruster presented an educational program on “Medicinal Herbs”. Members learned how common and native herbs can be used for our health and well-being.

In May, AGC members gathered for a social and tour at the home of Charlotte and Glenn Waguespack. Members toured the Waguespack Vineyards, learned the history of their venture into cultivating the vineyards, and participated in wine tasting of the Waguespack’s home grown wines.



Pictured (from left to right) are Sandy Richard, AGC Vice President of Programs, Mary Ann Armbruster, Lafayette Parish Master Gardener, and Liz Gremillion, AGC President.



State CCC 2016 Award: Louisiana Garden Club President Jeanette Gatzman (left) and State Cleanest City Contest Chair Jean Gilstrap (right) present the State Cleanest City Contest Award for Category G to Abbeville Mayor Mark Piazza (center).

On Friday, May 27th, The State Cleanest City Chairman, Jean Gilstrap and LGCF President Jeanette Gatzman presented the State Cleanest City Award to the city of Abbeville. A reception was held to honor all the city workers and volunteers for all their efforts to “Keep Abbeville Beautiful”.

Abbeville Garden Club hosted their Fourth Annual Abbeville Garden Tour on Sunday, May 22nd. Visitors strolled leisurely through four private gardens, each with its own distinctive personality. Gardening experiences and expert advice were the topics of the day, leaving visitors filled with new ideas for enhancing their own gardens.

The Abbeville Garden Club sponsored Abbeville in the 2016 District III Cleanest City Contest with the cooperation of Keep Abbeville Beautiful, Mayor Mark Piazza, city workers, Abbeville Councilmen, the Abbeville Police Jury, the Vermilion Parish Sheriff’s office, the Vermilion Parish School Board, civic organizations, and concerned citizens. This collaboration and hard work helped Abbeville to foster the importance of a litter free community.

Abbeville placed first in the LGCF District III Cleanest City Contest, Category G, on March 22, 2016. Abbeville then competed in the State Cleanest City Contest on Friday, April 29, 2016 and placed first in State as the Cleanest City in Category G.



Celebrating Cleanest City Win are (L-R) Abbeville City Councilman Wayne Landry, Abbeville Mayor Mark Piazza, Sandra Creswell (Abbeville Cleanest City Co Chairman, Keep Abbeville Beautiful Chairman, and Abbeville Garden Club Member), Liz Gremillion (Abbeville Cleanest City Co Chairman, Keep Abbeville Beautiful Member, and Abbeville Garden Club President), Patsy Hebert (LGCF District III Cleanest City Contest Co Chairman, Keep Abbeville Beautiful Member, and Abbeville Garden Club Member), and Gwen Lanoux (LGCF District III Cleanest City Contest Co Chairman, Keep Abbeville Beautiful Member, and Abbeville Garden Club Member).

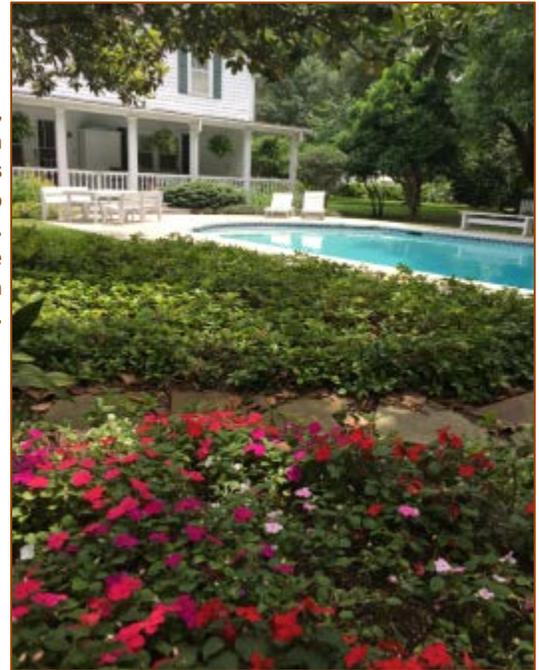
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The host gardens were those of Steven and Manique LeBlanc, Brady and Reba Broussard, Bruce and Liz Gremillion, and Dr. Georges and Susan DesOrmeaux. Liz Gremillion and Susan DesOrmeaux are Abbeville Garden Club Members.



Club member Liz Gremillion's gardens were toured. Pictured are the front porch and garden.

The Abbeville Garden Club, in cooperation with the Louisiana Garden Club Federation and the city of Abbeville, hosted a Memorial Day ceremony honoring all those who have served in the armed forces, past, present and future. They also unveiled two Blue Star Memorial markers and one Gold Star Memorial marker, the first one in the state, together with two Prisoner of War Memorial markers at three locations throughout the city.



AGC member, Susan DesOrmeaux's garden was also on tour. Pictured is the pool area with flowers.



Pictured above are Ruth Delhomme, LGCF District III Director, Patsy Hebert, LGCF District III Director Elect, Odile Segrest, AGC Blue Star Memorial Committee member, Sandra Creswell, AGC Blue Star Memorial Committee member, Karen Hoyt, AGC Blue Star Memorial Committee Chairman, Jeanette Gatzman, LGCF President, Mary Hazen, LGCF Blue Star Memorial State Chairman, and Liz Gremillion, AGC President.

The first unveiling of the Gold Star Memorial marker and POW Memorial marker was at the Vermilion War Memorial on Concord Street by the Courthouse. The second unveiling was a Blue Star Memorial marker and POW Memorial marker at the Louisiana Hall of Fame and Military Museum, 911 Revis Sermon Loop. The third was a Blue Star Memorial marker at

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the Louisiana National Guard Amory at 3415 Veterans Memorial Drive. Veterans Memorial Drive from South State Street in Abbeville to the Abbeville Airport has been dedicated as a Blue Star Memorial Highway.

The Abbeville Garden Club is thankful to the Blue Star Memorial Committee for all of their effort and time dedicated to this project. Committee Chairman is Karen Hoyt. Committee members are Sandra Creswell and Odile Segrest.



Pictured above (from L to R) are Abbeville Garden Club members Gwen Lanoux, Patsy Hebert, Theresa Broussard, Odile Segrest, Denise Files, Sandra Creswell, Sandy Richard, Karen Hoyt (AGC Blue Star Memorial Committee Chairman), Mary Hazen (LGCF Blue Star Memorial State Chairman and LGCF District II Director), Jeanell Duhon, Marietta Clark, Liz Gremillion (AGC President), and Susie Ledet.

Lafayette Garden Club, this season, has been actively following National Garden Club's goal of promoting the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility. Sarah Billeaud presented a "Journey by Memory" program on journaling, at the March Garden Club meeting. Ms. Billeaud, a New Orleans native, retired school teacher and world traveler, gave an interesting and informative lesson on how to make books, especially books of beautiful flora and fauna in natural landscapes, botanical gardens or neighbors' yards.

Our 25th anniversary Flower Show "Celebrating America's Music," was held in conjunction with Festival des Fleurs de Louisiane, on April 2 and 3, at Blackham Coliseum. In preparation for the annual Flower Show, Jan Vining passed out horticulture entry cards and demonstrated how to fill them out. Jan challenged club members by asking each member to try to enter at least one horticulture specimen. As a result, 19 Lafayette Garden Club members received at least one blue ribbon in Horticulture. At the Festival, Julie Anna Ousse and Sharon Bakay hosted the



Winners of the Flower Show were announced by General Chairperson Margaret Hargroder (on right) and Co-chairpersons Betty Foret (on left) and Cecille Revels, who are pictured beside Lafayette Garden Club's "Celebrating America's Music" poster and arrangement.

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Hospitality Room, and Glenda Balliviero led the Children's activities.

In the Design Division "Celebrating Genre and Performance Types," the Designers Choice Award winner is Julie Anna Ousse for her Cajun Zydeco – Plaque Design, and the Tricolor Award for Design Excellence award recipient is Jean Bonneau for her Gospel – Multi Rhythmic Design. Other first place Design winners are Roxanna Champagne for her Country – Still Life Design, Becky Latiolais for her Rock 'n Roll – Synergistic Design, Cecille Revels for her Jazz – Reflective Design and Jan Vinning for her Classical – Traditional Line Design.

In the Horticulture Division "Celebrating Symphony," the Arboreal Award went to Glenda Balliviero for Shrubs – *Philadelphus burfordensis* (Mock Orange), and the Growers Choice Award winner is Linda Bourg for Container Grown Plants – *Drimiopsis maculate* – Little White Soldiers.

The Horticulture Excellence Award went to Becky Latiolais for *Begonia escargo*; and Glenda Balliviero was presented with the Horticulture Sweepstakes Ribbon, which is awarded to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons.

Awards of Merit went to Glenda Balliviero for Perennials – *Abutilon pictum* 'Thompsadii' (Varigated Flowering Maple); Becky Latiolais for Cut Ornamental Foliage *Begonia escargo*; and Loraine Allain for *Rosa Rosa* – "Crepesculc."

Glenda Balliviero, assisted by hubby Norman Balliviero, is shown helping her special Nursing Home residents plant *Impatiens* in pots, as part of her continuing volunteer work in Garden Therapy at the Evangeline Oaks Nursing Home. Glenda also talked about growing grass seeds to make them into Cajun babies or Hedgehogs.

Guest speaker at the April Lafayette Garden Club meeting was Jackie Carlisi, a licensed landscape horticulturist who manages the Lafayette Convention and Visitors' Center. Ms. Carlisi presented a program on "Making Organic Gardening Easy." Club members listened avidly as she talked about biological pest control, landscape design, fruit production and horticulture therapy.



Lafayette Garden Club Member , Glenda Balliviero, practicing Garden Therapy at Evangeline Oaks Nursing Home



Lafayette Garden Club members are pictured, as they attended the LGCF State Convention at Vidalia, on April 11 through 13.

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A work day was held at ULL's Bridge Memorial Garden on Wednesday, April 27, to check the garden, weed, fertilize, pick up litter, or water as needed. Memorial Garden Chairman Manda Harson and her granddaughter Aspen did much to prepare the garden for the upcoming Daisy Scouts planting day.

Thirteen Daisy Scouts from the Acadiana area, assisted by Lafayette Garden Club volunteers planted flowers at the Club's Honorary Bridge Garden, on Saturday, April 30. Julie Haack, of Lafayette Garden Club, addressed the young Scouts as they posed on the bridge before preparing to begin planting, and later directed the Scouts as they planted individual yellow marigolds to take home. Genny Vaughn, Program Specialist with Girl Scouts of Louisiana Pines to the Gulf presented each Daisy Scout with her Plant-a-Garden merit badge.



Daisy Scouts from Acadiana prepare to begin planting.



Garden Club Members and Daisy Scouts loading wheelbarrows.

Lafayette Garden Club volunteers were Cathy Andrew, Loraine Allain, Jean Finley, Julie Haack, Margaret Hargroder, Angelle Marsh, Jeanie Richard, Sarah Schoeffler, Kathy Van Ness and Henrietta Boriskie, who all did a great job, making the garden planting a success. ULL's gardener Karen Prichard provided the pentas, tools and a mound of mulch for

the volunteer

s to work with. Volunteers and Daisy Scouts had fun loading mulch onto the wheelbarrows.

The City of Lafayette won 2016's Cleanest City in Division "J." There was a reception and Award presentation held at the City Hall Atrium, on Friday, May 26 to celebrate the occasion.

Leading to this Cleanest City event, a cleanest schools' competition and poster judging contest were held at City Hall. Pictured below, from left to right, are first place poster entries for Elementary Schools, Middle schools, and High schools.



Pictured at the award presentation are Sgt. Joe Lama of the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department, City employee Eric Trahan, Civic Development and Cleanest Chairman Diana Nolan, LGCF President Jeanette Gatzman, City Parish President Joel Robideaux, State Cleanest City Chairman Jean Gilstrap, and Neil Bob, City employee.



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Points of View Subdivision's Park and Pond was the setting for Lafayette Garden Club's Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, May 11, 2014, that was hosted by Henrietta Boriskie. A special guest was Ruth Delhomme, District III Director, from New Iberia, LA. Following the favorite dishes Spring Luncheon and meeting, Club President Betty Foret recognized and presented certificates to the special winners of the Festival des Fleurs Flower Show. Pictured, left to right, are Betty Foret, Becky Latiolais winner of the Horticulture Excellence Award, Jean Bonneau winner of the Tricolor Award – Award

Pictured from left are LGC President Betty Foret, and Festival des Fleurs winners: Becky Latiolais, Jean Bonneau, Blenda Balliviero, Linda Bourg, and Anna Ousse.



of Design Excellence, Glenda Balliviero Horticulture Sweepstakes Ribbon winner, Linda Bourg winner of Growers Choice, and Julie Anna Ousse winner of Designers Choice Award.



Announced Woman of the Year is Jeanie Richard, and Margaret Hargroder was selected Member of the Year. As the grand finale, Diana Nolan, assisted by Anita Petitjean, Angelle Marsh and Cecille Revels, very well conducted the Plant and White Elephant Auction.

Pictured from left are Member of the Year Margaret Hargroder and Woman of the Year Jeanie Richard.

District V

District V has been busy this spring with many activities but the most important event was the State Convention held in our District in Vidalia on April 10-14. We have Beth Erwin and Lena Bateman to thank for a job well done. Jan Smith, our state tour chairman, spent much time and effort planning a great pre-tour and Mother Nature changed those plans as we had flooding that kept us from doing part of the planned event. Alternate plans were made and we had a fun day.

Clubs throughout the District have been hard at work implementing some of the recommended activities proposed on the State and National level. We have given out the Frightened Frog books to the libraries in our district and have gone back to read and explain them. We purchased 22 books to share in our district.

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Oak Grove Garden Club members at Cleanest City judges reception. Not everyone who worked on CC could be there. — with Sandy Waters, Annie Maxwell, Shirley Key, Dotty Berry and Ruth Horton Mulkey.

The cleanest city campaign was very successful even with all the flooding in our part of the state. Farmerville, sponsored by the Farmerville Garden Club, won for the third time in their category. Oak Grove entered the contest for the first time in several years, won in the district and they went on to compete on the state level and came in 2nd in their category. Delhi, sponsored by Delhi Garden Club, won on the District level also. We are very proud of all the hard

work these garden clubs are doing.

We held our Spring Meeting on May 24, 2016, at the Princess Theater in Winnsboro, Louisiana. We shared what is happening in the different clubs and ideas for program planning. We are working hard in District V to establish butterfly gardens to attract these pollinators.

The second Environmental Study School will be held in our District in late August and that is under the leadership of Jean Gilstrap. I do hope that many of you will attend and encourage your members to attend. It is a great learning experience.

We have had several members from our District to attend Deep South and the National Convention. They continue to learn and experience leadership at the higher level.

District VI

The **Magnolia Forest Garden Club** hosted another award winning Home Flower Show on April 14, 2016, at the home of Margo and Greg Necaie. The theme “Louisiana Festivals” was featured throughout the viewing areas of her home. The show included designs created and horticulture grown by members. The show was judged by federated garden club judges who were impressed by the show’s overall beauty and creativity. A lot of hard work goes into putting on these shows from the Flower Show chairman, Betty Rose down to the members creating their designs. Many awards were given out, here are the top overall awards: The Designer’s Choice Award went to one of our newest members Barbara Burgueno. The Magnolia Forest Garden Club Award and People’s



The Flower Show Committee:
(Standing L to R) Tammy Artalona, Nancy O'Bryan, Lynell Braun, Margo Necaie, Betty Rose Flower Show Chairman
(Sitting L-R) Georgette Frichter President, Carroll Knowles

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Choice Award was awarded to: Jane Freeman. Our People's Choice Award Runner Up winner was Janet Bernard. The Horticulture Excellence Award and The Award of Merit (Best in Perennials) was awarded to Sandy Solar for her Bird of Paradise! The Award of Merit (Best in container grown foliage) went to Jamie Powers for her Christmas Cactus!

Design Awards were presented to Jane Freeman, Jill Courseault, Joann Round, Barbara Burgueno, and Beryl Deris .



The Magnolia Forest Garden Club Award and People's Choice Award was awarded to: Jane Freeman



The Designer's Choice Award went to one of our newest members Barbara Burgueno



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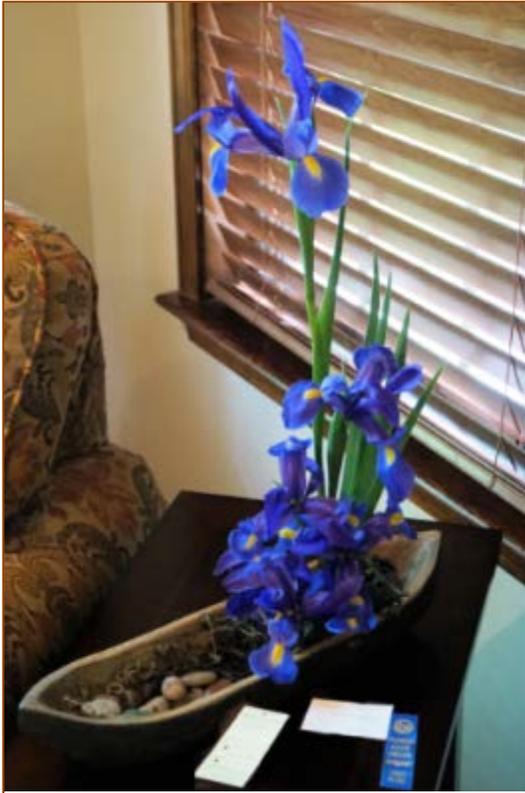


People's Choice Award Runner Up winner Janet Bernard



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First Place Design Award by Jill Courseault



First Place Design Award by Joann Round



First Place Design Award by Beryl Deris

2016-2017 Officers of the Magnolia Forest Garden Club were installed on May 12, 2016 at Palmettos on the Bayou in Slidell, Louisiana. Willie LaNasa was the officiating installer.



2016-2017 Officers

(Back row L-R) Jane Freeman - 1st Vice President, Janet Bernard-Historian, Tammy Artalona - 2nd Vice President, Carroll Knowles - Secretary, Nancy O'Bryan - Treasurer
(Sitting L-R) Willie LaNasa - Installing Officer, Georgette Frichter - President

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It's time once again to say goodbye for a few months as May is always the last meeting of our year for the **Hammond Garden Club**.....and it has been a wonderful year!

We began with the President's Tea learning all the terrific ideas that we were to try to achieve in this coming year and we received our fantastic new year books with all of our mug shots on the front cover which everyone loved...great job Karen Nelson! We have learned so many things from bee keeping and bee appreciation, to making arrangements and wreaths from fresh, dried and silk flowers, to making many different things from gourds including some beautiful jewelry and information about the life cycle of the butterfly.



Some of the members attending the HGC May meeting on the front steps of Lee Collins Hughes House B & B

We made two road trips the first to Natchez to see an antebellum home and a cemetery (sounds scary.....but not) and last month to St. Francisville to view another plantation and wonderful gardens. I must say we ate our way through both cities with such a delectable array of foods to choose from and to say nothing of what fun we had in the souvenir shops! Many of us also attended the Louisiana Garden Club Federation's fall meeting in Covington, and it seems no matter where we go someone always walks over to our table and says they want to come and sit with us because we always have so much fun!

We have also donated our time to many community projects; at Christmas we decorated tree(s) at North Oaks Hospital and the Cate Square gazebo. Several of our members work at the Zemurray Park collection of hazardous waste, several work on the scrapbook that has given us many deserved (because of Phyllis Mire) points in the Cleanest City contest that has been won by the City of Hammond for 10 straight years, and those that attend the Keep Hammond Beautiful meetings and several that volunteer their time at the Fuller House!

But I guess the event we are most proud of was our Easter Parade of Fashions Show! (Thank you Daily Star for the wonderful coverage)! The place was fabulous, everything about it was so elegant, the clothes from Dillard's were stunning and all the men escorts in tuxedos had all the ladies ooh la la-ing!!! It was our fund raiser for the year and we were able to make a generous donation to the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center. They are doing so much teaching the children about litter prevention and beautification which is what the garden club is also all about.

.....and so with a little sadness we have come to our last meeting of the year. Held at Lee Collins Bed & Breakfast, it's THE place to go for the ambiance, a great time, good food (we had it catered this time), seems like every event we have or attend there is always a gastronomic delight for us to indulge in! Carolyn Schwebel our President began the meeting with the usual prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and announcements of Garden of the Month for April awarded to Michael and Eleanor Delaney at 804 Robert Street. The Link Award had not as yet been awarded.

This last meeting is also where we install new officers, which was charmingly done by



Peggy Dunn seated receiving plant from Linda Ryan center for taking the job as Parliamentarian as Carolyn Schwebel, President looks on

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Linda Ryan. Karen Granier is to be our new Secretary and thankfully Peggy Dunn is back as our Parliamentarian. All the rest of the officers are still very pleased with their jobs and are staying in their positions, (seems as though we are all very serendipitous)!

In all that we do there is an element of creativity, of care for others and care for our community and our nation. Sometimes we even create peak experiences such as our fund raiser and helping the city to win ten years in a row the title of Cleanest City. All these things make us proud to be a member not only of the Hammond Garden Club but also of the District VI Garden Club Federation and the Deep South Region of the National Garden Clubs. We do our best to unify and beautify our homes, gardens, our city and our nation, meet some wonderful new friends along the way and enjoy always being with our old friends.....and as the saying goes "Every day on this side of the flower bed is a good day"! See you again in August, have a great summer and may God bless America.

District VII

Six garden clubs in LGCF District VII hosted "Birds, Butterflies and Bees", a small standard flower show, in conjunction with the Southwest Louisiana Garden Conference and Expo at Burton Coliseum, April 8-9, 2016. The show was judged by the National Garden Club standards.

Members from the **Crowley Garden Club, Diggers and Weeders Garden Club of Lake Charles, Iowa Garden Club, Lake Charles Garden Club, Sulphur Garden Club, and Oakdale Garden Club** entered plant material in the show's Horticulture Division and 12 creative floral designs in the Design Division. Awards winners are:

DIVISION I—Horticulture: *Award of Merit* to **Margo Racca**, Iowa Garden Club, for her Amaryllis (*Amaryllis belladonna*);
Award of Merit to **Pam Langley**, Diggers and Weeders Garden club, for her Nun's orchid (*Phaius tankervilleae*);
Award of Horticultural Excellence was awarded to **Margo Racca**, Iowa GC, for her moth orchid (*Phalaenopsis amabilis*);
The *Sweepstakes Award* for the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons in the entire flower show was presented to **Jackie Farrar**, Sulphur GC.

DIVISION II—Design: Class 1: Exhibition Table Type 2 Informal, first place went to **Pam Langley**, Diggers and Weeders;
Class 2: Stretch Design, first place went to **Georgie Petitjean**, Crowley GC;
Class 3: Small Design, first place when to **Jennifer Granger**, Diggers and Weeders;
This design also won the *Award of Design Excellence* which is awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in the entire design division.



Margo Racca's Award of Horticultural Excellence Winning Entry



Jennifer Granger's Award of Design Excellence Winning Design

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The **Diggers and Weeders Garden Club of Lake Charles** has been busy at the end of the club year. The May meeting included a tour Taylor and Patti Smith's yard. The next week, the club accepted an invitation to view daylilies in two local yards.

The club also continues to help with the raised beds vegetable garden at Nelson Elementary School.



D&W club members on tour of local gardens



(L to R) Jennifer Granger (Club President), Kathy Tell (LGCF First VP), Club Guest, Marilyn Ford, and Margie Castille (Club Members) tour daylily display.

Club member Sharon Nabors was in charge of setting up a club display for National Garden Week in the main branch of the parish library. Club President, Jennifer Granger was on hand to present the library with a copy of *The Frightened Frog*.



Pictured above (L to R): Jennifer Granger (Club President), Librarian, Sharon Nabors along with her three granddaughters.

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Lake Charles was well represented at the LGCF's celebration of National Garden week held at the Louisiana Governor's Mansion. Members from both the **Lake Charles Garden Club** and the **Diggers and Weeders Garden Club** enjoyed the day and getting to meet the state's First Lady, Donna Edwards.



Pictured from left are Linda Finley, LGCF Finance Committee Chair; Bobbie Young, Lake Charles Garden Club President; Kathy Tell, LGCF First VP; Emilee, Kathy's Granddaughter; and Jennifer Granger, President of Diggers and Weeders at the Governor's Mansion.

The **Welsh Garden Club** has been busy raising money to purchase a memorial to our service men and women. In May they succeeded with the help of Mr. Jim Solari of Solari Marble and Granite. The black granite memorial was installed at Welsh's Veterans Park. What a beautiful tribute to all Veterans alive and for those who died serving our country. Each branch of the service is represented.



Monument Donated by Welsh Garden Club



Lake Charles Garden Club members are left to right Gayle McInnis, Camille Stakes, and Diane LaFargue

The **Lake Charles, Louisiana Jr. Garden Club of College Oaks Elementary School** held its monthly meeting on Friday, March 4, 2016. The focus of the meeting was endangered amphibians. A book written by Brenda Moore of the National Garden Club entitled "The Frightened Frog" was read. Frog headbands were then constructed and are proudly displayed.

Designs from LGCF 2016 State Convention



Calendar of Events



2016

- July 18-19 LGCF Summer Board, Baton Rouge
- July 28-30 Flower Show School, Course 3, Lafayette, LA
- Sept 21-24 NGC Fall Board Meeting, Portland, Maine

LGCF FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS:

- Oct 18 District VIII
- Oct 19 District V
- Oct 20 District VII
- Oct 25 District VI
- Oct 26 District I & II
- Oct 27 District III

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- January (TBD) LGCF Tour, Australia/New Zealand
- February 9-11 Flower Show School, Course 4, Lafayette, LA
- March 26 Set-up for Deep South Flower Show, Harrah's New Orleans
- March 27-28 Deep South Convention, Harrah's New Orleans
- March 29 LGCF Pre-Conv. Tour and Tri-Refresher
- March 30-31 LGCF Convention, Harrah's New Orleans
- May 16-21 NGC Convention, Richmond, Virginia
- June (TBD) LGCF Tour, Nova Scotia/New Brunswick, Canada
- (TBD) NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri

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- (TBD) LGCF Convention - District VIII
- May 21-24 NGC Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Sept 26 - 29 NGC Fall Board Meeting, Orlando FL

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- April 30-May 4 NGC Convention, Biloxi, Mississippi

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