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On our Cover: Nothing says summer like a sunflower! This particular sunflower comes from the farm of Delony and Roxy Blanton. Along with the vegetables, Mr. Blanton plants rows of sunflowers for Roxy to enjoy and take pictures of each year. She is a member of Azalea Garden Club of District III and one of the new co-editors of the LGCF Newsletter.

If you would like to submit drawings, paintings or photos for the cover of the Newsletter, please email them (or good copies) to lcgfnnewsletter@gmail.com or mail to one of the co-editors listed below.

Co-Editors .......................................................................................... Ruth Delhomme and Roxy Blanton

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO FALL ISSUE OCTOBER 2017 IS September 1ST, 2017.
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President’s Message
“Plant America-Plant Louisiana”

Has it been 16 years since I joined the Ferriday Garden Club?

After working in the banking industry for 20 years in Baton Rouge, my husband, Hugh (Butch), and I moved back to our hometown, Ferriday. We moved into my family home on Lake Concordia. With Butch’s love of the outdoors, he was in his element, and I began to work in our yard. After one month, he went back to work for Ducks Unlimited (another passion), and I joined the Ferriday Garden Club.

By that time, our two children, Jay and Amy, were on their own in the business world. With time, changes come. A good change - Jay and wife, Terri, have one daughter, Anna Claire, and Amy and husband, Brad Dutruch, have three boys, Hunter, Andy and Cooper. These are my pride and Joy.

My participation in the FGC was minimal; in fact the first thing I did was give an Arbor Day Report in January, 2001. In March, 2001, Mrs. Marjorie Vogt came to our home and asked if I would be president. After much persuasion, I accepted, not really knowing anything about garden clubbing.

Well, I remained president for four years. In 2003, Ms. Eleanor Talley, Mary Sue Colvin and Johnnie Ruth Sturgeon asked me to go to the LGCF State convention in Lafayette. Some of you know the rest of the story: The night of the installation, our Dist. V Director “TO BE” did not show up. The rest is history and 16 years later, here I am writing this message.

I have been on the LGCF Board for 14 years and, during that time; I have worked alongside many garden club ladies who have been lifesavers, mentors, friends and even a confidant. I would like to THANK those ladies who have traveled this road with me. I want to give a big “Thank You” to my district, District V, for supporting me through this time. They have been behind me the whole way. AND what about that reception in New Orleans? Outstanding! Most of all, I would like to thank my family for being so understanding when I was doing “my garden club thing.”
The theme that our National Garden Club President chose is “PLANT AMERICA,” with the focus on Native Plants, Community Gardens, School Gardens/Classrooms, Blue Star Marker Landscaping and more. I have chosen to follow that lead with “PLANT AMERICA – PLANT LOUISIANA.” My goal is for LGCF to have more youth garden clubs, native plants, the implementation of environmental practices, dedicate more Blue Star Markers, Gold Star Families, and for LGCF to “PLANT LOUISIANA.”

It is my honor to serve LGCF as 2017-19 President and be among the many garden club members who work and strive to make our communities places where we can be proud to raise our children, and we can thank God for the sheer beauty of the land we call ours.

Let us continue to work together, share our goals and explore new ideas.

Lena Bateman

Remember this: The” love of gardening” is
A seed once sown that never dies.

Gertrude Jekyll
EDITORS’ CORNER

Meet Your New Co-editors

Ruth was born and raised in New Iberia, LA. Married for 46 years to Al, they have one Daughter-Brooke, Son in law-Jerard, Granddaughter-Layla and one on the way. Member of the Garden Club for 8 years, Past President of the New Iberia Garden Club for 2 terms. Immediate Past District III Director. Work is her passion; she loves gardening and enjoys helping her clients with accounting work.

Roxy was also born and raised in New Iberia, LA. She is a retired educator and prize-winning photographer. In addition to co-editing the LGCF Newsletter she presently serves as Parliamentarian for District III and Parliamentarian for Azalea Garden Club. She also serves as President of Iberia Parish Library Board and is active in L’Acadian Art Guild and Iberia Retired Teachers Association. Both she and her husband Delony are Master Gardeners and participate in Teche Area Farmers’ Market with produce grown on their farm in Cade, LA.

The new co-editors would like to encourage any feedback you may want to give them. They are committed to providing you with information they receive and hope that you will support them and encourage members to read this publication.
BOOK REVIEW

By Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair

Heirloom Plants    A Complete Compendium of Heritage Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs & Flowers

By Thomas Etty and Lorraine Harrison

ISBN: 978-1-61373-575-6    224 pages


“Trowel and book in hand, let your motto be, Growing the Past, Saving the Future.”

Oh, what fun it is to sit with a seed catalog, and plan what you’d like to grow in the upcoming season! Fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers; so many to choose from. By far, our choices have been limited to plants that have been hybridized for color, scent, flavor and/or hardiness. There is a growing trend, due to a growing concern for the extinction of many cultivars around the world, that heirloom plants need to be saved and cultivated.

This book introduces nearly 500 heirloom plants, notes on their cultivation, seasonal planting tips and lists of heirloom seed suppliers, with the bonus of lovely artwork from cover to cover!
Circle of Roses

Dot Griffon

District VI

Dorothy, fondly called "Dot," attended St. Basil Academy and St. John High School in Plaquemine, graduating with honors. She has practiced what she has been taught - ingrained values of giving to others throughout her lifetime. That nurturing spirit influenced her career choice, graduating from Lady of the Lake Nursing School. Dot worked as an elementary school nurse in Iberville Parish until her retirement. She married Tommy Griffon and together they had 5 children and 13 grandchildren. As a dedicated garden club member, she served as Corresponding Secretary from 1996-2000. She also served as chairman of the Bereavement Committee from 2005-2010, Beverage Chairman for the annual Christmas Tea and Flower Show for 12 years, and served as club hostess and floral designer many times. She is active in her church, St. John the Evangelist.
Bute Richard

District VI

Bute Richard is known by everyone she meets as having a winning smile, very cooperative spirit and a heart of gold. She attended St. Basil Academy and graduated from Plaquemine High School. She was employed Plaquemine City Light and Water Department. She married J.B. Richard and together raised 2 sons and today has 6 grandchildren. A dedicated, hard-working garden club member, Bute worked diligently with "Adopt-A-Spot" project, planting along Highway 1 into the city of Plaquemine. She also chaired Cleanest City Project for nearly 2 decades. She was recognized as an outstanding community volunteer by leading the Acadian Festival parade as Grand Marshal in 2015. Bute is always the first to don her white apron to assume kitchen duty for club Christmas Tea and Flower Shows and May Hat luncheons. Additionally, she is recognized as an acclaimed artist, meriting many first place blue ribbon honors in local art shows. Bute also volunteers tirelessly, supporting local women's centers and the needy. She is sometimes fondly referred to as "Saint Bute."
We have many ladies in their senior years who have given their time and talents over the many years and we would like to honor them in the newsletter. In order to do this, we are asking each club that wishes to honor a senior member or members this way please submit both a “then” and “now” photograph with a short write-up on the member’s garden club activities. This quarter we would like to welcome to our “Circle” these special ladies.

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

**LGCF Circle of Roses Chairman**

Georgie Petitjean

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LGCF Inc. SUMMER BOARD
"Keep America Beautiful From the Mississippi, Rivers, Streams and Bayous"
July 17 - 18, 2017
Embassy Suites Hotel
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

This 2-day meeting is held every July in Baton Rouge. It provides gardeners with information on programs that are offered by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc., Deep South Region, and National Garden Clubs Inc. You may attend workshops and participate in Tuesday's Luncheon which gives special recognition to all LGCF, Inc. club presidents.

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Decorations Table - Dinner July 17, Lunch July 18
Louisiana Garden Club Federation
Summer Board 2017
“Keep America Beautiful From Sea to Shining Sea”
Plant America – Plant Louisiana
July 17 - 18

Registration Form

Name ____________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State _____ Zip ______________

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THERE WILL BE NO SAME DAY REGISTRATION ACCEPTED
Make checks payable to LGCF Summer Board
Mail form and payment to:
Juanita Pearson, 801 Rue Chalet, Hammond, LA 70403 (985) 542-0657
LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.
2017 SUMMER BOARD MEETING AGENDA

July 17 - 18, 2017
Embassy Suites Hotel Baton Rouge, Louisiana
“KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL FROM THE BAYOUS TO THE MARSHES”

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

8:00 AM…………………………………………………………………………..Registration - Hall
8:00 AM…………………………………………………………………………..Ways and Means Opens –Hall
8:00-8:30 AM……………………………………………..Headquarters Meeting – Senate Room
8:40-9:10 AM……………………………………………………Finance Committee Meeting - Senate Room
9:20-10:10 AM………………………………………………Landscape Design Consultants Meeting - Senate Room
10:20-11:10 AM……………………………………………LCNAFS Judges Council Meeting - Senate Room
11:20 AM-12:10 PM……………………………………Environmental Council Meeting –Senate Room
12:20-1:30 PM……………………………………………………………..Lunch Break - Atrium
1:40-2:40 PM…………………………………………………………2016 Club Presidents/District Directors Meeting - Senate Room
2:50-3:50 PM………………………………………………LGCF Executive Council Meeting - Senate Room
4:00-4:50 PM………………………………………………Gardening Consultants Council Meeting - Senate Room
7:00 PM……………………………………………………………LCNAFS Judges Council Dinner – Assembly Room

Program: “A Cajun Plant Legacy”
Presented by Gerard Dupuy, Cajun Carpenter and Storyteller
Sponsored by the District VIII Judges Council

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017

8:00 AM…………………………………………………………………………..Registration - Hall
8:00-8:30 AM…………………………………………………………………………..Ways and Means Opens - Hall
8:30-9:30 AM…………………………………………………………………………..Assembly Room

“The Saved Seed”
A workshop featuring NGC Project, saving and collecting seeds by Jan Smith”
9:40-12:00 Noon………………………………………………LGCF Business Meeting - Senate Room
12:15- 2:30 PM…………………………………………………………………………..Assembly Room

Luncheon Honoring Club Presidents and Life Members

Program: “Laugh with Native Plants and Wildflowers”
Presented by Annette Parker Kahn, Associate Professor,
Louisiana State University, Department of Landscape Architecture,
Photographer and true friend of LGCF
Information regarding Hotel Reservations

SUMMER BOARD

Embassy Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge, La.

Attached is the information along with CODE LGC in order to book your room for summer board. This rate has been agreed on and no other discounts are allowed. You cannot request the government rate, military or AAA along with this group rate. The 3 room suite with King size bed, the 3 room suite double has two full sized beds. (One bathroom, one bedroom, and one living room.) Included with room rate is a Cook-to-Order Breakfast, Complimentary Evening Reception, Lemonade Stand, Indoor Pool Fitness Room and Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service.

You may make reservation at (1-800-EMBASSY) 1-800-362-2779 or GO On-Line to www.embassysuites.com. If you have question or require additional information regarding hotel, please do no hesitate to contact them:

Your 3-Digit Code, Courtesy Group Reservation Block has been created here at the Embassy Suites of Baton Rouge, please be sure to indicate it when making reservation otherwise you will not secure this hotel rate.

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SCENES FROM THE 2017 LGCF CONVENTION

New Orleans City Park

Deep South Flower Show
FRENCH QUARTER TOUR
MORE CONVENTION SCENES

Carrie Martin convention chair with Carol Bullard Deep South Director

JoAnn Christopher Tour Chair, Thomas Bruno, speaker, Mary Ellen Miller Convention Chair
Marlene Alvarez with her prize-winning design.

Park Soniat, Director of Botanical Garden, with group at Botanical Garden.

Welcome Party
JoAnn Ryan, Jeanette Gatzman, and Donna Buck
Dried Flowers Under Glass

Molly Prokop Gives Orchid Program

Meade Wensel Design Class
2015 Landscape Council President Roxanna Champagne turns gavel over to 2017-2019 President Donna Moran

District VI honors Jeanette Gatzman with a party

Speaker and Chef Kevin Belton with a tiny LGCF member
Environmental School, October 2017

Gwen Lanoux, newly appointed LGCF Environmental Chairman, announces an Environmental School (ES) to be conducted in Jean Lafitte (Jefferson Parish), Louisiana on October 3 and 4, 2017. Gwen has appointed Joe Baucum as the Local ES Chairman and Cindy Baucum as the Local ES Registrar. You may recall that Joe and Cindy produced and directed ES Courses I thru IV, Series III in Jean Lafitte in 2013 and 2014 and are both Certified Master Environmental Consultants. This time, they will compose and supervise the conduct of Course 1, Series V. The course will naturally follow the provisions of the NGC ES Handbook but with allowable provisions for local environmental issues and sites. The instructors will generally be well-credentialed and very knowledgeable naturalists from Greater New Orleans area universities and the Louisiana Master Naturalist Program --- all approved by the NGC ES Chairman. The cost of the two-day program will be $ 50.00 which includes all classroom materials, refreshments, two lunches, and a field trip. Registration forms will be available through the ES page on the LGCF website as soon as all details are firm. Gwen, Joe, and Cindy invite all garden club members to attend, to learn, to experience, and to have a good time.

Gardening Study School, November 2017

Gardening Study School Series 10, Course 1: LSU Ag Center Hammond Experiment Station, November 7-8, 2017.
LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB NEW YORK TOUR

Sonnenberg Gardens

DEADLINES: Subject to change!!

July 15 to August 15
Those interested/reserving

September 15 to October 15
Reservations and deposits

March 15, 2018
Final Payment

April 15, 2018??
Last Refund

Because so many of the locations included in the tour are “seasonal,” we do not have until next Spring to make reservations.
2018 SCHEDULE LGC TOUR NEW YORK JUNE 2-10, 2018

JUNE

2 Saturday  Travel to NYC (early)
3 Sunday  Tour and attend Broadway Show
4 Monday  Tour and attend Broadway Show
5 Tuesday—begin tours of gardens, wineries and parks!
   Hyde Park/Poughkeepsie
6 Wednesday  FDR Park
7 Thursday  Cooperstown and Canandaigua
8 Friday  Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion and Hammondsport
9 Saturday  Tour wineries
10 Sunday  Depart afternoon and home evening

Below is only an estimation of costs. Because we are over a year away from the dates, NO ONE would give me a guaranteed price for anything! It is my hope, that all of the estimations will come down, but what I have at present:

4 people  $3,300—$3,800 PLUS food + $100 to LGCF
6 people  $3,000—$3,500 PLUS food + $100 to LGCF
8 people  $2,875—$3,375 PLUS food + $100 to LGCF
10 people  $2,750—$3,250 PLUS food + $100 to LGCF

Difference is getting group rates and dividing costs that are constant, not per person.

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NEW FLOWER SHOW JUDGES COUNCIL
OFFICERS

New LCGF 2017-2019 State Chairman Carrie Martin accepts gavel from outgoing Chairman Mary Jane Peters.

Installation of new officers for 2017-2019 of the Southwest Judges Council was recently held. Pictured are Ruth Delhomme, immediate past District III Director; Majorie Melancon, immediate past president of the Southwest Judges Council; new officers Versa Dore, President; Margaret Melancon, Vice-President; Cecile Revels, Recording Secretary; Pam Langley, Corresponding Secretary; and Sherri Labbe, Treasurer.
The River Ridge Garden Club inducted a new slate of officers at its annual May luncheon: President Elizabeth McDougald, Vice President Susan Finney, Secretary Lillie Latham, and Treasurer Charlotte Upadhyay. Glenn McDougald, husband of Elizabeth McDougald, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Members thanked outgoing officers Maria Nogueira, President; Stephanie Kenning, Vice President, Charlene Ardoin, Secretary, and Elizabeth McDougald, Treasurer, for their many contributions to the club. Charlene has been selected upcoming President of the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs.

The luncheon was held at the Chateau Estates Country Club and featured a raffle of themed baskets that included garden supplies, specialty chocolates and food items, as well as decorations and table settings for holiday parties. Raffle proceeds will support several of the club’s ongoing projects, including Thanksgiving food baskets and Christmas gifts for area families in need. Special thanks to members Jean Stewart, Dottie Hebert and Patsy Swanson for helping to make the luncheon raffle such a success. And thanks to member Brenda Montgomery for organizing the awards portion of the luncheon program.

Member Dottie Hebert was honored as Member of the Year, a designation richly deserved. Dottie works tirelessly for the club and represents us at the council and state levels.

Pictured from left: Susan Finney, Vice President; Elizabeth McDougald, President, and Charlotte Upadhyay, Treasurer. Not pictured: Secretary Lillie Latham.
Jefferson Island

Abbeville Garden Club members enjoyed a tour of Jefferson Island on a beautiful spring day in March. They toured the semi-tropical gardens that are located beside beautiful Lake Peigneur, identified plants, and enjoyed a luncheon meeting at Café Jefferson amid the beautiful, old oak trees. They also visited Rip’s Rookery to view the roseate spoonbills. Pictured from left to right are Abbeville Garden Club members (front row) Karen Hoyt, Marietta Clark, Susie Ledet, and Susan DesOrmeaux. (Back row) Denise Files, Theresa Broussard, Judge Edwards, Sandy Richard, Gwen Lanoux, Ingrid Jones, Odile Segrest, and Patsy Hebert. Not pictured was Brenda Cross.

Abbeville Garden Club Members Attend 2017 Deep South and LGCF Conventions

Members of the Abbeville Garden Club attended the 2017 Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention in New Orleans, March 26 – 28, 2017. These members were Patsy Hebert, Karen Hoyt, and Gwen Lanoux. These members also attended the 2017 Louisiana Garden Club Federation Convention in New Orleans, March 29 -31, 2017. Abbeville Garden Club members Marietta Clark and Liz Gremillion also joined their fellow members at the LGCF Convention. This year’s LGCF Convention included the installation of the 2017 – 2019 LGCF Officers. Patsy Hebert, AGC member, was installed as the new LGCF District III Director. Abbeville Garden Club members at the 2017 LGCF Convention (pictured left to right) were Marietta Clark, AGC Vice President of Membership, Gwen Lanoux, District III Cleanest City Contest Chairman, Patsy Hebert, LGCF District III Director, Liz Gremillion, AGC President, and Karen Hoyt, AGC Blue Star Memorial Chairman.
Abbeville Garden Club April Meeting

Abbeville Garden Club members gathered for their regular monthly meeting on April 17, 2017. Judge and Elizabeth Edwards hosted the event. Co hostess, Susan DesOrmeaux, served fresh fried trout at the picnic themed social. In keeping with the National Garden Club’s Conservation Pledge “to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet Earth”, Judge Edwards, a Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, guided the AGC members through his Bamboo Garden. Members were introduced to different varieties of bamboo and learned about the different ways that bamboo can be used. Gathering edible bamboo shoots was also discussed. Club members went on to review upcoming projects and activities during the regular meeting time. The Cleanest City Contest and anti-litter educational programs were items of great importance. The Abbeville Garden Club works hand in hand with Keep Abbeville Beautiful to have a litter free environment. Pictured (from left to right) are Elizabeth Edwards, AGC hostess, Susan DesOrmeaux, AGC Co Hostess, Liz Gremillion, AGC President, and Judge Edwards, AGC Member, Master Gardener, and Master Naturalist.

Abbeville Garden Club District III Director Patsy Hebert, LGCF District III Director, (left) receives District Director Pin from Ruth Delhomme (right), Immediate Past District III Director, after LGCF Installation of Officers at the 2107 LGCF Convention In New Orleans on May 31, 2017.
Abbeville Garden Club Installs New Officers

Abbeville Garden Club installed their new officers for the 2017-2015 term on May 20, 2017 at the Caldwell House in Abbeville, LA. Hostesses for the event were Patsy Hebert and the AGC May Social Committee. Patsy Hebert, LGCF District III Director, and Liz Gremillion, Immediate AGC Past President, conducted the beautiful installation ceremony centered around a flower theme. Each officer was presented a flower symbolizing their new office and responsibility. The new president’s flower was the Iris, symbolizing faith, wisdom, and cherished friendship. The Iris is Abbeville Garden Club’s chosen flower. Pictured, left to right, are the newly elected officers for Abbeville Garden Club: Jeanell Duhon, Treasurer, Brenda Cross, Secretary, Theresa Broussard, Vice-President of Membership, Marietta Clark, Vice-President of Programs, and Sandy Richard, President.

Azalea Garden Club Installs New Officers

Pictured left to right are Amy Bernard, Installing Officer; Roxy Blanton, Parliamentarian; Betty LeBlanc, Treasurer; Sherry Darcey, Secretary; Margaret Melancon, Vice President; and Millie Comeaux, President.
Activities of the Lafayette Garden Club

In preparation for the flower show, Flower Show Chair Margaret Hargroder spoke at the March Club meeting about requirements for registering horticulture, where to find the correct botanical names and how to properly fill out registration forms – things for many of us to learn in order to better prepare for the Lafayette Garden Club Standard Flower Show, using the National Garden Club procedures. And at the February meeting, award-winning designers and flower show judges gave hands-on instructions to small groups of Garden Club members, showing them how they might become blue ribbon winners. Pictured is Roxanna Champagne and her "students," beside their completed design.

Lafayette Garden Club presented its annual flower show "Favorite Things" at the Festival des Fleurs de Louisiane at Blackham Coliseum. Chairladies of the Flower Show, Betty Foret, Cecille Revels and Margaret Hargroder are pictured beside the Flower Show entrance.

This annual Festival, sponsored by the Acadiana Advocate, Jim Stone Company, Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners, All Seasons Nursery, University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Lafayette Garden Club, benefits the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center in Lafayette. This Flower Show is in keeping with National Garden Club, Inc.’s objective to provide education for its members to promote the love of gardening and floral design.

Jean Bonneau received the Tri-Color Award, and Betty Foret received the Designer’s Choice and Award of Design Excellence for their designs. Other first place Design winners are Margaret Hargroder, Linda Bourg, Diane Kohm and Donna Augustine.
In Horticulture, Glenda Balliviero won two Awards of Merit, an Arboreal Award, a Collectors Showcase Award, the Award of Horticulture Excellence and the Sweepstakes Award. Other horticulture award recipients are Cathy Andrew, a Growers Choice Award and Margaret Hargroder, an Arboreal Award.

Glenda Balliviero of Lafayette Garden Club led the children's activities at Festival des Fleurs, and is shown helping a youngster with her project.

Lafayette Garden Club also recognizes recipients of Awards of Appreciation, Babette Werner for her special exhibit "All about Iris Plants," and Anita Petitjean for her special exhibit "Recognizing Native Plants."

Lafayette Garden Club Butterfly Education Committee established a Monarch butterfly garden on the Cathedral-Carmel School ground, with Margaret Fermion's first grade class enthusiastically listening as Sarah Schoeffler spoke to the students about the life of the Monarch butterfly and plants that are needed in a butterfly garden, such as lantana, parsley, milkweed and fennel. [PHOTO 5] Pictured at the Monarch butterfly garden planting are Butterfly Education Committee Chair Connie Gremillion, Sarah Schoeffler, Kathy Van Ness and Manda Harson.

This butterfly garden, in cooperation with National Garden Clubs, Inc., provides education, resources and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening and civic and environmental responsibility.
Club members took a “Bamboo on the Bayou and Other Places as Well” field trip to see W.B. “Judge” Edwards’ Abbeville grove collection of bamboo, in Abbeville. Mr. Edwards, a Master Gardener and president of the Louisiana Gulf Coast Bamboo Society, led the group through the bamboo groves that he plants and maintains. Mr. Edwards talked about the muku bamboo tree and showed us a green dragon native plant related to Jack in the pulpit. Some bamboo are about 40 years old, and he showed us how he processes charcoal bits made from bamboo poles, and gave out samples. The day ended with the group having a delicious seafood dinner at Shuck’s Restaurant.

Daisy Scouts from the Acadiana area, under the direction of Girl Scout Program Specialist Elise Morrison, planted flowers, assisted by Club volunteers, at Lafayette Garden Club’s Honorary Bridge Garden on the University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus. The young Scouts, after planting pentas and dianthas in the Garden and receiving their gardening badges, posed on the bridge with their yellow marigold potted plants they planted to take home.

Lafayette Garden Club volunteers who led the Daisy Scouts as they planted are Cathy Andrew, Loraine Allain, Henrietta Boriskie, Julie Haack, Margaret Hargroder, Manda Harson, Angelle Marsh, Jeanie Richard, Sarah Schoeffler and Jan Vinning.

The City of Lafayette has won the Cleanest City Award 2017 for Division “J.” Area school winners in the 2017 Lafayette Cleanest City competition are Broadmoor Elementary, Edgar Martin Middle School and Acadiana High School.
City of Lafayette’s 2017 Anti Litter Poster Contest first place winners in the Elementary School Category are Riley Rowell of St. Pius Elementary, Ethan Ellis of Katherine Drexel Elementary and Jasmine Lormand of Evangeline Elementary. First place winners in the Middle School Category are Trinh Nguyen of Edgar Martin School, Taliyah Pickney of Paul Breaux Middle School and Kennedy Pellerin, Jailyn Campbell, Jessie Simon, Cali Albarado of Judice Middle School. Miss Trinh Nguyen, upon the announcement that she placed first for her poster, said that she is donating her $50 winning from the City to her classmates at Edgar Martin School since she says that they are all winners.

At the Spring Luncheon at the Settlement Subdivision riverside home of Diana Nolan, our 2016 Woman of the Year Jeanie Richard presented the silver bowl bouquet of flowers and keepsake, smaller silver bowl to Kathy Van Ness, who was chosen as 2017 Woman of the Year, as Betty Foret, current Club President and 2017 Annual Honorary Member, looks on.

Many Garden Club members received certificates of appreciation for their contributions to Lafayette Garden Club, whether it be butterfly education, yearbook, membership, photography, protecting aquatic ecosystems, hostessing, plant auctions, social, sunshine memorial, ads for the yearbook, providing programs for meetings, maintaining Lafayette as a bird sanctuary, youth horticulture education, etc. Diana Nolan received the award for Cleanest City Chair and another award for her two years of perfect attendance at Lafayette Garden Club meetings.
Pictured are incoming officers for the 2017-2019 season, who were installed by Club President Betty Foret at the Spring Luncheon. The newly elected officers are President Diana Nolan; President-Elect & Program Chair Cecille Reveles; Vice-President and Yearbook Chair Julie Anna Ousse; Recording Secretary Jan Vinning; Corresponding Secretary Jean Bonneau; Treasurer JoAnn Pugh; Parliamentarian Babette Werner; Historian Anita Petitjean; and Board members Becky Latiolais, Joy Hargrave and Cindy Hamilton.
District V

District V club members posing at the LGCF Convention with incoming State President, Lena Bateman. Lena is a member of District V club, Ferriday Garden Club.

Pictured on the left is the LGCF Convention reception fun showing Shirley Key (incoming District V Director) and President Jeanette Gatzman enjoying The Mardi Gras party. On the right is a picture of the incoming State President Lena Bateman with Outgoing District Director, Martha Burnside (left) and Incoming District V Director Shirley Key (right).
Representing District VI at the LGCF State Convention in New Orleans was from left, Past District VI Director Kyle Martin, Donna Moran, Willie Allen, President Jeanette Gatzman, Clara Earl, Diane Dufour, Sally Daigle, Cindy Moran, District VI Director Nancy Delahaye and Carolyn Schwebel.

News from the Ponchatoula Gardenettes

The April meeting was held at the Strawberry Hut.
Hostess: Vicky Fannaly
Co-Hostesses: Karen Moran, Pat Walsh, Linda Taranto, Lydia Cosgrove
Presenting Genesis Award for March-April to Mayor Bob Zabbia for grounds landscaping: Margaret Hardin, Anna Poland, Lynda Byrd, Mayor Bob Zabbia, Margaret Bailey, Pat Walsh. Standing - Ellen Pusey, Vicky Fannaly, Cynthia Cummer, mayor's assistant Rhonda Sheridan and Lydia Cosgrove.
District VII

Jackie Farrar, of the Sulphur Garden Club, received the Sweepstake and Arboreal Award during the Southwest Louisiana Garden Fest. The Sweepstake award is given to the individual who has won the most blue ribbons during the show. The Arboreal Award recognizes the best of show in the tree and shrubs category. Ms. Farrar is shown here with her Ardisia Crenata, or Christmas Berry, a flowering plant in the primrose family.

Members of the Lake Charles Garden Club met in April to redo their planter boxes at Tuten Park in Lake Charles. Members helping included Veronica Cole and husband, Camille Stakes, Nell Hayes, Belle Thomas, Patsy Trahan, and Bobbie Young. Diane LaFargue (not pictured) assisted in plant selection.
The Sulphur Garden Club welcomes its newest member, Ruby Guidry. The Sulphur Garden Club meets monthly to encourage civic beauty and to cooperate with other organizations in the progress of our community.
The Sulphur Garden Club has elected new officers for the upcoming 2017-2018 year. Pictured are Germaine Daigle, Chaplain; Dolla Farmer, Treasurer; Karen Brasher, President; Jackie Farrar, Vice-President; Dana Frankland, Recording Secretary; and JoAnne Dugas, Historian. The SGC meets monthly from August to May to discuss, learn and encourage civic beauty throughout the community.
Calendar of Events

2017

July 17-18, 2017  Summer Board - Baton Rouge
Sept. 12-16, 2017  NGC Fall Board Meeting, St Louis MO

Fall District Meetings:
October 17 - District VIII
October 18 - District V
October 19 - District VII
October 24 - District VI
October 25 - District I & II
October 26 - District III

Oct 3-4, 2017 – Environmental School, Course 1, Jean Lafitte (Jefferson Parish), LA

Nov 7-8, 2017 - Gardening Study School, Hammond
Dec 2-9, 2017  LGCF Trip - Viking River Cruise

2018

April 17 - 18, 2018  LGCF Convention - Alexandria - District VIII
May 21-24, 2018  NGC Convention - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
June 2 - 10, 2018  NYC and the Lake District
Sept 26-29, 2018  NGC Fall Board Meeting, Orlando FL

Fall District Meetings:
Oct. 16 - District VIII
Oct. 17 - District V
Oct. 18 - District VII
Oct. 23 - District VI
Oct. 24 - District I &II
Oct. 25 - District III

Dec. 28, 2018 - Jan 4, 2019  Rose Bowl and parts of California

2019

April 9 - 11, 2019  LGCF Convention - Lafayette - District III
April 30 - May 4, 2019  NGC Convention - Biloxi, Mississippi
NGC Fall Board Meeting - St Louis, MO

2020

NGC Fall Board Meeting - North Carolina

2021

NGC Convention,  New Jersey | Installation Convention