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On Our Cover: The photo on our cover was taken by Donna Cline of Terrytown Garden Club, District II. This scene of native yellow coneflowers was captured along the new 4th Street extension right in the heart of Gretna, LA. The plant identifies as Clasp Coneflower *Dracopis amplexicaulis*, which is a warm season forb in the Asteraceae family. Found in southeastern United States from Georgia to Texas, it provides nectar for bees and butterflies.

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

Please email all information for this issue to lgcfnews@gmail.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Plant Louisiana—Practice
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Conversation Starters for Gardening Nerds

1. What color were carrots in the 16th century?
2. Which three vegetables do we consume the flowers?
3. What country is named after a tree?

The answers are at the end of my report.



What have I been up to these past few months? Attending conventions! It was so much fun to finally have our state convention after being on hiatus for the past two years. The convention was filled with informative workshops and speakers. Immediate Past DSGC Director Lena Bateman and Immediate Past President Linda Finley were honored by the Convention at a lovely reception Tuesday evening. District III honored yours truly with a poolside reception on Wednesday evening. It was wonderful to see old friends that I had not seen for several years and meet new ones. The convention was a blooming success due to the hard work of the Convention Chairman Ruth Delhomme, Co-Chairman Clara Earl and their Committee.

In May, I attended my first ever NGC Convention in Orlando. Oh, what a delight it was to meet the NGC celebrities! After zooming for over a year, I finally met the movers and shakers in person. Trish Bender, NGC Membership Chairman, was the first celebrity I met. Tricia and I ended up helping her and Robin Hammer bag gladiolus corms to give to convention goers because they were glad to see them.

Another first is that I was invited to judge an NGC Petite Design Specialty Show in which I also exhibited, winning a 90+ red ribbon. It was a challenge to carry my plant material through a TSA checkpoint, through the Atlanta airport and two planes. I hope I never have to do that again. Photos of the flower show are on the NGC Facebook page, along with an interview that Trish Bender did with David Robson, Chairman of the Flower Show.



I finally met my boss, NGC First Vice-President Brenda Moore and renewed acquaintances with NGC Second Vice-President Donna Rouch, flower show instructors Gina Jogan and Darlene Newell to name a few.

Brenda and I are pictured on the left.

Of course, Tricia and I hit the vendor room when we had free time and ended up with pearls!

Yes, I did attend all the meetings I was supposed to attend and made so many new friends!

On my return trip home I had an unanticipated adventure. My original flight was cancelled and I was rebooked on a later flight, which I knew was not a good thing. Upon arriving at the airport, I was able to find a flight that was a little earlier and I changed flights. Good thing I did that because the later flight ended up being cancelled also. Severe thunderstorms were predicted that day which is an ominous sign that things might not go as planned. I was relieved to finally be on a plane, but that didn't last long. We were too late and had to wait for storms to pass. When I finally landed in Atlanta, my flight to Lafayette had departed without me. It was almost midnight and I was stranded. Lucky for me the airline booked a hotel room and provided a free Lyft ride to the hotel and then back to the airport the next morning. Despite not having nightclothes or any clean clothes I was happy to spend the night in a bed instead of a deserted airport. The Lyft driver that picked me up for my ride to the airport got lost several times, then took me to the wrong terminal all the time telling me that he would get me to the right place. My confidence in his ability to do that was diminishing quickly. When I did reach the correct terminal, I could not leave that vehicle quickly enough. Thankfully the weather in Atlanta was good and I finally was on a flight home. When I landed in Lafayette and went to baggage claim, my

suitcase was not there. I heard a gentleman who had been on the same flight as me asking for help because his bag was not there either. The attendant went outside and returned with the gentleman's bag. I asked the attendant if he could



assist me, giving him my claim check and showing him the app that said my baggage was in Lafayette. Once again, he went outside and returned telling me he could not find my bag. Oh well, I guessed it would show up eventually. Then he opened the door wider and there was my bag. Finally, all was well and for my next flight home, I will have clean clothes in my carry-on!

In the photo above are Tricia and me with our good friend NGC President Mary Warshauer. The photo was taken by Mary's sister in the Vendor room, of course! Mary likes to shop too!

This past week, I traveled Louisiana with Jean Gilstrap, Cleanest City Chairman, awarding plaques to the state Cleanest City winners. That was much more fun than judging and the homework that goes along with that job! Seeing the Mayors that I met last year when judging was an added plus.

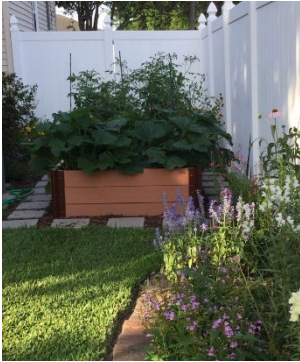
Enjoy the rest of the summer and I will soon see you at Summer Board in Baton Rouge!

Joyanna

Answers:

1. Purple! In the 17th century Dutch farmers started growing a mutant form of carrot that was orange which is why we have orange carrots today.
2. Broccoli, artichokes and cauliflower.
3. Brazil

Editor's Corner



Gardening can be a rewarding hobby and this year it has been especially so for me. My new pollinator garden is in bloom and attracting bees and butterflies, while my new raised bed has provided a good crop of tomatoes and zucchini. The raised bed addressed my problem of poor soil drainage that comes with heavy clay soil, with the added bonuses of fewer weeds and less strain on my back and knees.



Many of you attended the LGCF Convention in April held in Baton Rouge and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. It was an opportunity for me to put faces to names and to attend some very interesting workshops. There were a variety of vendors that provided shopping opportunities, and I admired the floral designs that were on display.

Summer Board meetings will be this month, and you will find the schedule and registration form in this issue of the newsletter. I hope you will take the time to read some of the interesting articles included this month and to keep up to date with many of the LGCF events and opportunities.

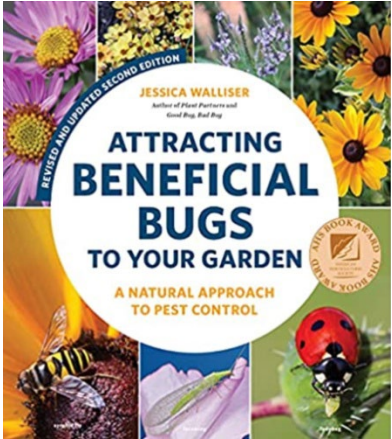
Donna Cline

White Loropetalum is also called Chinese fringe flower because of the long, thin petals that spread out delicately to form each bloom. It presented this gorgeous burst of blossoms this year.

Submitted by **Daria Vincent** of
Metairie Ridge Garden Club



Book Review



Attracting Beneficial Bugs to Your Garden

By Jessica Walliser

Cool Springs Press, Beverly MA, 2022

ISBN-13: 978-0760371718

208 Pages

Hospitality at its lowest?

Yes, we MUST learn the difference between good bugs and bad bugs, and as Southerners it is our duty to invite our friends in and make them so comfortable that they won't want to leave!

As an Author/Journalist/Horticulturalist/Podcaster and more, Ms. Walliser shares all she knows, as well as all those she has interviewed know, about the importance of bringing ecological balance back into our gardens and eliminating the use of chemicals to control pests. It's predator vs. prey clearly defined and encouraged.

Submitted by Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair

2022 LGCF SUMMER BOARD SCHEDULE
July 11-12, 2022
Embassy Suites
4914 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge, LA

Monday, July 11, 2022

9:00am – 5:00pm Registration

9:00am – 10:50am Finance Committee

11:00am – 11:50am Executive Council Meeting

Noon - 1:00pm Lunch Break (Boxed Lunches are available for \$30.00)

1:00pm – 5:00pm Ways and Means

1:00pm – 1:50pm Flower Show Judges Council

2:00pm – 2:50pm Gardening Consultants Council

3:00pm – 3:50pm Landscape Design Consultants Council

4:00pm – 4:50pm Environmental Consultants Council

Dinner is on your own

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

8:30am – 9:30am District Directors Meeting

8:00am – 10:00am Registration
 Ways and Means

10:00am – Noon Board of Directors Meeting

Please join us for Summer Board!
The Councils will have their Meetings and Ways and Means will be there.
All are invited to attend the Board of Directors Meeting.

Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
Summer Board 2022
July 11-12

Registration Form
Due Date June 30, 2022

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone (_____) _____

Garden Club _____ District _____

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

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

		Price	Amount
Mon., July 11	Registration	\$20.00	\$
Mon., July 11	Box Lunch* Circle choice of meat: Ham Turkey Roast Beef *Includes chips, cookie, soda or water	\$30.00	\$
Tues., July 12	Registration	\$20.00	\$
Late Fee	If you register after June 30, 2022 there will be a late fee of \$10.00	\$10.00	\$
Total	Amount Enclosed		\$

THERE WILL BE NO SAME DAY REGISTRATION ACCEPTED

Make checks payable to **LGCF, Inc.** Include Summer Board on the memo line.

Mail form and payment to:

Vicky Fannaly, PO Box 23, Ponchatoula, LA 70454-0023 c. 985-386-6417 h. 985-974-1677
Vicky_fannaly@yahoo.com

NINE MONTHS FROM NOW WILL BE THE

DEEP SOUTH CONVENTION MARCH 8-10, 2023

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A RANGER GUIDED TOUR OF FONTAINEBLEAU STATE PARK
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WE NEED FROM YOU....

**CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR SHOE FUNDRAISER
ALMOST HALF WAY TO OUR GOAL BUT NEED MANY MORE**



**SOLICIT SPONSORSHIPS FROM BUSINESSES,
INDIVIDUALS OR YOUR CLUB**



**SIGN UP FOR OUR BUNCO SEPT. 21
HOLD YOUR OWN AND DONATE SOME OF THE PROCEEDS**



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU...

2023 Deep South Garden Club Convention Fundraisers

We NEED Your SHOES!

The fundraising committee for the 2023 Deep South Garden Club Convention is looking for your support. We have decided to embark on an “out of the box” fundraiser. This endeavor will require no financial donations, manpower, or physical contact. It also has no out-of-pocket expenses. Basically, it cannot hurt to try something new!

As stated on the flyer on the following page, we will be collecting new and gently used shoes. Did you know 70% of the global population uses repurposed clothing and shoes? This is an important fact when you talk about global environmental sustainability.

Where do these shoes go?

They are sold to micro-entrepreneurs, mostly women, in developing nations.

Why not just donate?

These shoes create commerce; they sell them for a living wage. In other words, it is a hand up not a hand out.

It is easy, just collect as many new and gently used shoes from family and friends. Place them in clean trash bags labeled with your club name and district. It would be helpful to label inside and out to make sure you get proper credit. The pickup times are on the flyer but can be flexible for large loads. Because we are competitive by nature, there is a contest involved! With over 2000 members, if each member donates one pair of shoes, we reach our goal. Let's set the bar high and hit this one out of the park!

BUNCO, LUNCH and FUN!!!



Other ways to be involved!

- Ads or Sponsorships
- Raffle Items
- Throw Your Own Fundraiser!
- Buy a Bunco Ticket as a Donation

For more information contact:

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We NEED Your SHOES!

All new or gently used shoes will be accepted
Any type and size of shoes needed
(kids, women, men, boots, heels, sneakers, sandals, etc.)
Please ask family, friends & neighbors

Fundraiser for the Deep South Garden Club, Inc.
Convention in 2023

We are thinking out of the shoebox!
Place all shoes in clean trash bags and label with
your garden clubs name and district.
Collection will take place at 2022 LGCF Convention,
Summer Board, and Fall Meetings.

A full page 2023 Deep South Garden Club Convention program ad will be
awarded to one club in each category for the largest amount of shoes donated!

Small Club: 20 and under members

Medium Club: 21 –50 members

Large Club: 51 members plus

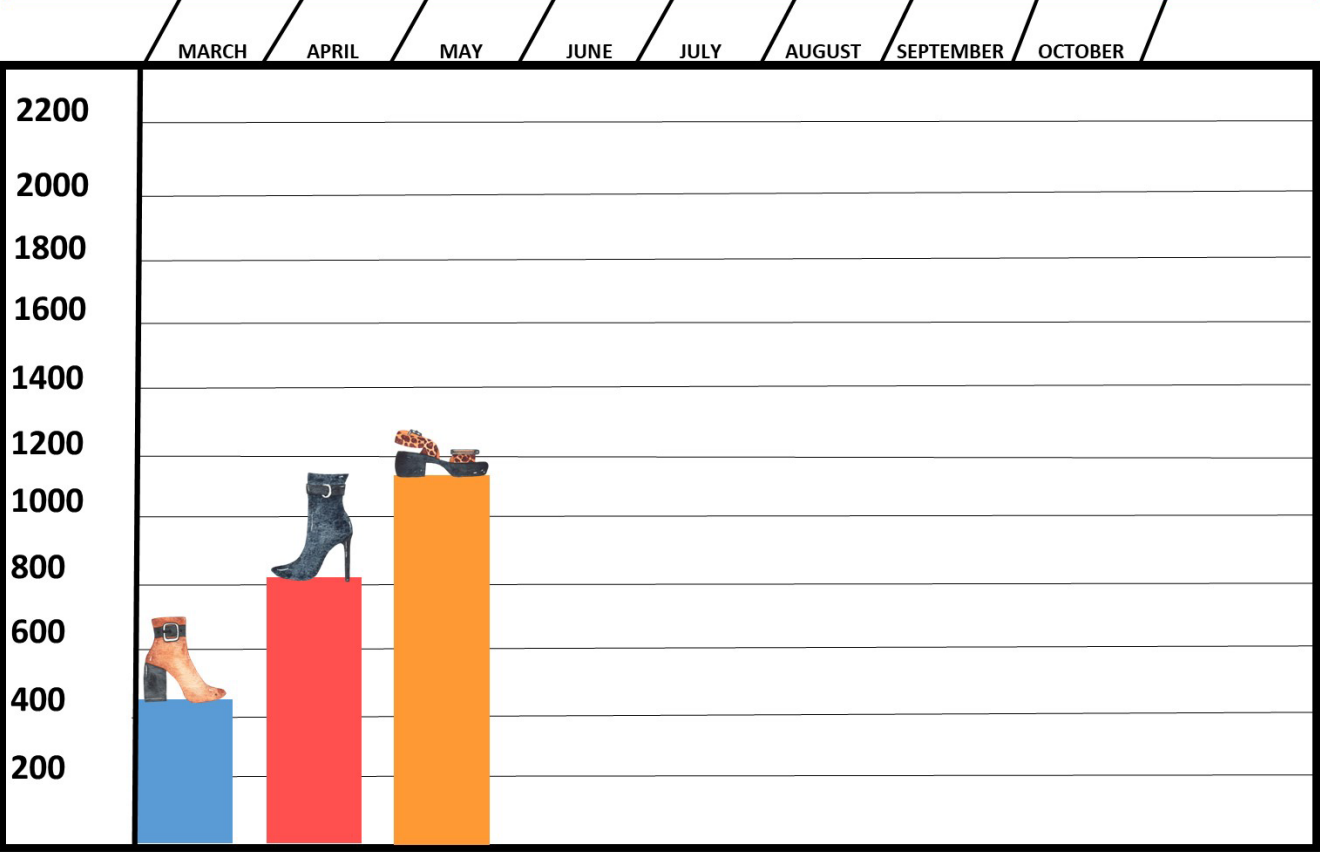
Contact elizmcdoug@gmail.com for questions or early pick up





Shoe Closet Update!





LGCF Environmental School 2022

Efforts are being made to continue offering an in-state Environmental School or Refresher every year. The next LGCF Environmental School, Series 7- Courses 1 and 2, is tentatively scheduled to be held the third week in September in Farmerville, LA. Farmerville Garden Club will host the in-person only classes, with Jean Gilstrap serving as Local School Chairman.

Pending NGC's approval, additional information and the Registration form will be available at Summer Board and on the NGC and LGCF websites.

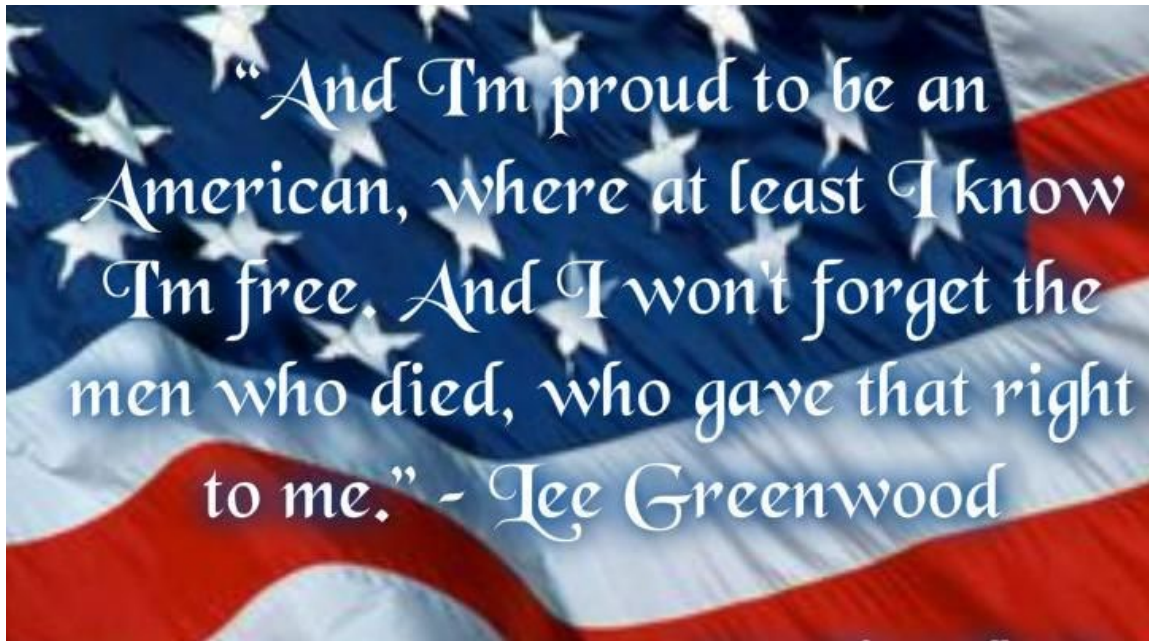
This school will offer an opportunity for students to begin or complete a Course requirement and for Consultants to refresh. Please refer to the ES Roster on the LGCF website to confirm your status and contact me if you have any questions. There are options for anyone needing to take action to maintain their "good standing" status by 12/31/2022.

Gwen Lanoux, ES State Chairman
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Indian Blanket Flower
Gaillardia aristata

"Freedom Isn't Free" Blue Star Marker Project



As we celebrate this 4th of July, let us take time to pause and appreciate the fallen soldiers, Veterans and active military members who have and continue to secure your freedoms by serving our country. A great way to honor our veterans, is through the Blue Star Marker program and the "Freedom Isn't Free" ongoing project to place Blue Star Markers at Louisiana Veterans' Cemeteries. The Louisiana Garden Club Federation's "Freedom Isn't Free" project started with a Blue Star Memorial Marker going to the WWII museum in New Orleans. The project also includes By-Way Markers to be installed at all military installations in the state.

This 4th of July, please consider a gift to:

"FREEDOM ISN'T FREE"

Make Checks Payable to LGCF, Inc.

Mail to: Ruth Delhomme, LGCF Treasurer

18340 W. Village Way Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810-8929

Note: On the memo line write "Freedom Isn't Free"

Thank you so much for supporting "FREEDOM ISN'T FREE."

Mary Hazen

LGCF Blue Star/Gold Star Chairman



LGCF Tours

BILTMORE TOUR — November 12 to 16, 2022 (Thanksgiving is November 24)

1. 12th Travel EARLY to Atlanta via Delta and travel to Biltmore, Ashville NC (about 4 hour drive)
2. 12th Christmas Night House Tour and Evening Christmas Dinner, The Biltmore
3. 13th Tour the Biltmore and Gardens and have lunch (spend 2 nights) (night and day entrance)
4. 14th Travel Blue Ridge Parkway to see colors; have lunch, and then travel towards Gibbs Gardens in Ball Ground, GA. Will stop for the night and dinner in Blue Ridge, GA
5. 15th Tour Gardens, have lunch and travel to stay the night and have dinner near the Atlanta Airport
6. 16th Travel home during the morning from the airport

We will view the Fall Colors, as well as see the Biltmore and Biltmore Village decorated for Christmas!!! Our travels will be along the mountains and through the fall colors. We will also see the beautiful Gibbs Gardens in Ball Ground, GA; and will have lunch.

Includes: airfare, bus travel, rooms (4 nights), entrance fees, all breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner, taxes and gratuities and all bus driver's expenses.

Maximum to travel: 40-42 persons OR 24 persons (based on bus size)

ALL ESTIMATES!! Rooms based on 2 persons to a room

Reservations by June 27; deposit of \$200 by July 6. After October 1--NO refund

ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$1,600 to \$1,800

Extra expenses: Food, drinks, shopping (Most meals will have to be pre-arranged, so you will know what those charges will be before we depart.) Possibility of Da Vinci Exhibit and High Tea at the Biltmore?

Naomi Cordill, LGCF Tours Chairman

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LGCF TOUR OF TULIPS — April 23 to May 2, 2023 10 days (EASTER IS APRIL 9, 2023)

1. Travel to Holland for the prime Tulip time!
2. Fly into Amsterdam from your airport to Atlanta and over. (Hope Groups Tickets purchased!!??) *
3. Stay in Utrecht City Center (**Hampton Inn by Hilton**)
4. Local Guides and transportation will be provided for our customized, private trips. (Tips included)
5. Use of “whispers,” (individual earphones where can hear the guide at all times)
6. Tour Amsterdam, take Private Canal ride, visit museums, etc. (**Will have opportunity to visit Anne Frank House**) (**24 per ticket**)**
7. Visit Tulip farm and Kurkenhof Gardens
8. Visit interesting cities and sites near Utrecht on day trips (Delft, Gouda, Kinderdijk (canal ride), The Hague, Giethoorn, palaces and gardens, museums, National Park and Brugge, Belgium).
9. Tour Utrecht and take small, private canal ride from Utrecht
10. Can purchase Trip cancellation insurance options as an extra (**Cancellation Any Reason and/or Pre-existing Condition Insurance has to be purchased when deposit is placed on the trip*****)

MINIMUM: 24 PERSONS at this price

Reservation by July 6, 2022; Deposit of \$300pp by July 20, 2022 \$100 NOT REFUNDABLE after October 1)

ALL ESTIMATES!! PRICE IS PER PERSON BASED ON TWO TO A ROOM ?? 2023 increase 5-10%??
Checks to: Cordill Enterprises, Inc. Venmo: naomi-cordill credit cards 2.5% convenience fee

YOU MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT!!!!

ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$5500 to \$5900 * including estimated Air fares + Insurance ***

Includes: flights (\$2000*), transfers, transportation, all tours and entrance fees and tips. Breakfasts and some meals- (8 lunches, 3 dinners, 8 snacks and 1 reception)

***Estimated cost.** Will secure flights after July, 2022! Prices are estimates so **will owe for tickets when booked-** based on the \$2000 estimate. (Can make your own arrangements if you have points??)

Extra expenses: Evening meals (5), drinks, wine/liquor, shopping and possibly luggage fees. ****Possibly Anne Frank Tickets and ***Insurance (Estimation \$700 to \$1000 pp??)**

Timetable and payment schedule to be provided when you sign up for the trip!

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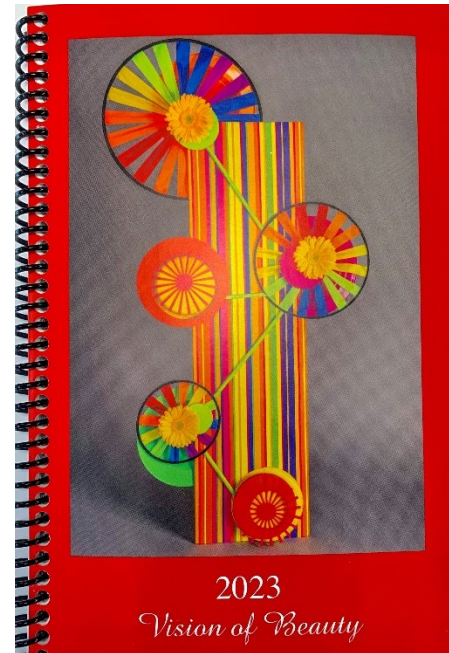
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Vision of Beauty Calendar

The new 2023 Vision of Beauty Calendar is out and available on the NGC website:
<https://gardenclub.org> On the website, go to Our Store and then click on Calendar.

The calendar highlights numerous designs from traditional to creative to botanical arts, as well as small pocket gardens. It is a great teaching tool to inspire and educate designers on new trends. It is also a wonderful gift to give to members, family and friends. Please consider going online and ordering one or more copies of the 2023 Vision of Beauty Calendar. Sales to our members are an important part of your support and the continued success of this beautiful publication.



Unfortunately, like everything else, the cost of the VOB Calendar has gone up in price.

- 1-49 copies are \$10.00 per calendar
- 50-100 copies are \$9.00 per calendar
- 101+ is \$8.00 per calendar

In order to get a lower price, your club can get together with other clubs to order the calendar thus saving in the cost per calendar and shipping fees.

NGC BLOG NEEDS YOU!

I recently received the following email from Peggy Riccio, NGC Blog Administrator:

I am the National Garden Clubs Blog Administrator. I am reaching out to the state presidents to ask them to submit one blog article so we can increase our number of articles and diversity. If each state submitted one article, we would have 50 articles that we can spread out over a year. You don't have to write it yourself, you can either ask someone in your state or maybe even "recycle" an article in one of your newsletters.

There is no deadline. We can always use articles. Don't worry about photos, we can get them from the Internet. We do need a title and a byline (the author's name and title), so we can credit the person. Don't worry about formatting, it is a simple Word document – as if you were writing an article for your local gardening newsletter.

Here is the link to the [blog guidelines](#) on the NGC website, a link to our [blog articles](#), and a link to an article I wrote on [tips for writing](#) a blog article. Feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions.

*Thank you for your submission.
Peggy Riccio*

I know some of you are talented and knowledgeable about gardening, horticulture, leadership, youth gardening, photography, projects, environmental concerns, wildlife and the list goes on. You can visit the Blog page on the NGC website to see the variety of articles. I subscribe to the Blog and every Monday the newest Blog appears in my email. They are short and quick reads with delightful information. The following articles are taken from the NGC Blog.



Lemon Verbena

By Peggy Riccio, NGC Blog Administrator

Known as the queen of lemon scented herbs, lemon verbena has the clearest, sharpest lemon scent in the world of herbs. Lemon verbena (*Aloysia citrodora*) is a tropical plant that we grow as an annual in the mid-Atlantic area. Native to South America, the Spanish brought the plant to Europe where it was primarily used in perfume. In fact, lemon verbena is mentioned in the famous book/movie, *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell. Scarlett O'Hara's mother Ellen used lemon verbena as her signature fragrance: "The faint of lemon verbena

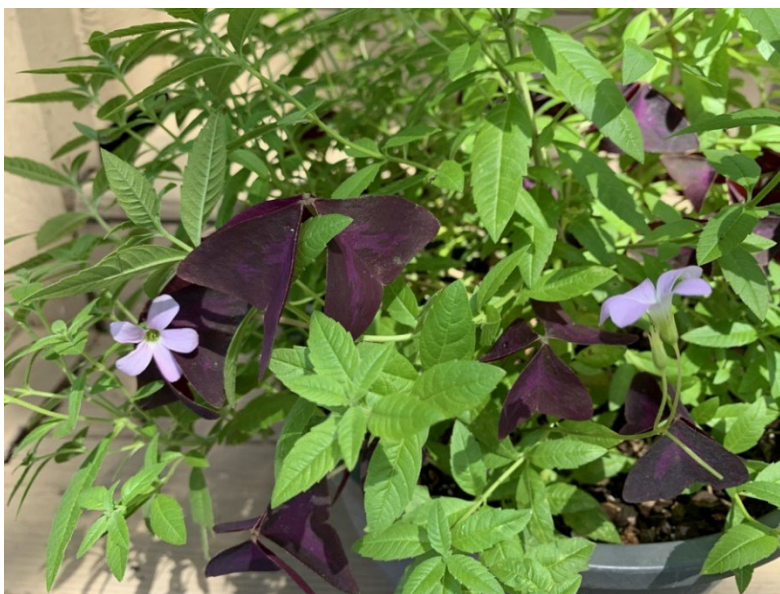


surrounded her, floating gently from Eleanor Butler's silk gown and silken hair. It was the fragrance that had always been part of Ellen O'Hara, the scent for Scarlett of comfort, of safety, of love, of life before the War."

Today, you will still find lemon verbena used as a fragrance in hand lotions, soaps, perfumes, and bath products. Usually, I use mine in the kitchen but recently I thought of a way to use the leaves in the bath which I will explain later. Lemon verbena pairs well with fish, poultry, fruit, vinegars, sugars, butters and syrups. The leaves also can be added to baked goods such as quick breads, pound cake,

sugar cookies, scones, muffins, pies custards. I add leaves to my black tea but an herbal tisane can be prepared (just the lemon verbena leaves and boiling water). Sometimes I add the leaves to lemonade or cocktails. Because the scent is retained when the leaves dry, lemon verbena is great for sachets and potpourris.

The key to using lemon verbena is to pick the leaf in the proper stage. If you rub the mature, bigger leaves you will feel the sensation of fine hairs. This rough texture is not good for eating raw but these leaves can be used for non-edibles such as sachets, potpourris, and bath products. Or they can be used like bay leaves, where you add to fish or chicken and then remove before serving.



Seed Balls

I subscribe to the NGC Blogs, so that every Monday a new blog is delivered to my e-mail. The blogs are short, to the point, entertaining, educational and sometimes just fun! One such blog was written by Donna Rouch, NGC 2nd Vice-President. I was fortunate to meet Donna when she attended Gardening School in Abbeville last year. Donna has a great project that you can do with your grandchildren or in schools if you are allowed inside these days. I had never heard of seed balls, have you? According to Donna, seed balls are like cocoons for seeds.

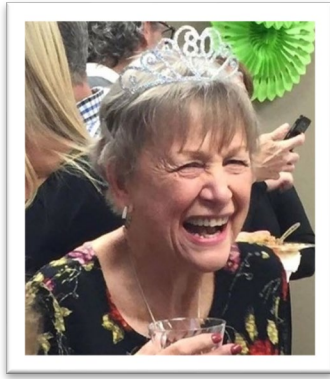
Below is the recipe for a good time:

1. Obtain ready mixed clay (may be found in the craft section), potting soil, or compost and seeds.
2. Mold the clay in the palm of your hand, placing an indentation in the middle.
3. Add a pinch of soil and a pinch of seeds (approximately 4-6 if small seeds or two large seeds). If you have seeds that germinate quickly, you only need 1-2 seeds.
4. Wrap the clay around the seeds and soil forming a dime-sized ball.
5. Let the seed ball dry for 24-48 hours at room temperature.
6. You may toss the ball with your hand, use a slingshot or blowgun to disperse the seed balls.
7. Giggling is encouraged!

In the blog Donna remarked, "The former Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska, Inc. President and current contributor to *The National Gardener*, Charlotte Swanson, increased the milkweed population for monarch butterflies and gave seed balls filled with milkweed to motorcyclists to throw as they ride the highways and byways of Nebraska."

Joanna





In Memory of Jeanette Gatzman

The world lost a beautiful soul on Friday, May 27, 2022, when Marie Jeanette Gatzman, 86, died peacefully in Baton Rouge. She was born March 2, 1936, the only child of Goddard Langlinais and Marguerite Olivier (Lafayette).

Jeanette graduated from Lafayette High School, class of 1954. She married Rodney W. Gatzman (1956) and together they moved to Baton Rouge where Jeanette eventually retired from Fidelity National.

Jeanette was an LGCF Life Member of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation and served as president for two years (2015-17). She was also a Life Member of the Deep South Garden Clubs and treasured member of the Baton Rouge Garden Club. She was an avid lover of family, flower arranging, crossword puzzles, and sharing laughs over a great cup of coffee! As a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, she was always supportive and encouraging. She left us with lessons of quiet strength, rarely complaining, and maintaining a spectacular attitude throughout life.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by husband Rodney (May 2002). Surviving her in death are her 5 children: Mike Gatzman of Port Allen, LA; Kim Bondy and husband, Jim, of Jarreau, LA; Kelley Day of Atlanta, GA; Kristy Casey and husband, Greg, of Rome, GA; and Mark Gatzman and wife, Rachael, of Baton Rouge, along with 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

LGCF will miss Jeanette with her unique sense of humor and dedication to LGCF.
Rest in peace Mama Jeanette.



Calendar of Events

2022

July 11-12	Summer Board, Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge, LA REGISTRATION - SCHEDULE
September 19-22	NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO
September 21	Bunco Fundraiser DS Convention INFO
Tuesday, October 18	District III Fall Meeting (Morgan City)
Wednesday, October 19	District VII Fall Meeting (Jennings)
Thursday, October 20	District II Fall Meeting
Tuesday, October 25	District V Fall Meeting (Molto Bella, Calhoun)
Wednesday, October 26	District VIII Fall Meeting (Mansura)
Thursday, October 27	District VI Fall Meeting
November 12-16	Tour of the Biltmore, Gibbs Gardens and Blue Ridge Mountain Fall Colors

2023

January 9-10	Winter Council, Headquarters, Lecompte
March 8	DSGC Convention, Tri-Refresher, Kenner, LA (Hilton Airport Hotel) SAVE THE DATE
March 9-10	DSGC Convention, Kenner, LA (Hilton Airport Hotel) FUNDRAISER - MORE!
April 1	DUES DUE – State and District
April 17	LGCF Convention Pre-Tour, Vidalia, LA
April 18-19	LGCF Convention, Vidalia, LA (Clarion Suites/Vidalia Convention Center)
April 23 – May 2	Tulips of Holland Tour
May 2-5	NGC Convention, White Sulphur Springs, WV
September TBA	NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO