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On Our Cover: Pictured on our cover is Roxanna Champagne, Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. President 2021-2023. Roxanna lives in Lafayette and joined the Lafayette Garden Club seventeen years ago. She has served as President of her club and as District III Director. Roxanna was the Membership Promotion Chairman for the last twelve years and LGCF Recording Secretary, 2015-2019 before being elected President-Elect in 2019. Her theme for the 2021-2023 term is *Plant Louisiana—Practice Sustainable Gardening* and her symbol is the beautiful *Iris nelsonii* or Abbeville Iris, native to a swamp near Abbeville in District III.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO FALL ISSUE, OCTOBER 2021, IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 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
Sustainable Gardening*

Who knows what the future holds for any of us? A world-wide pandemic never crossed my mind, neither did being president of LGCF, Inc. I was supposed to give an acceptance speech at the 2021 Convention in Baton Rouge. We all know that did not happen. For the last two years convention committees have spent countless hours and sleepless nights planning a wonderful and informative convention for us. Well, you know the old saying, “If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” I believe what many of us learned from the COVID-19 pandemic is that we can never be sure of the outcome of anything. We just plan for the best and have a plan B.

I so enjoyed Linda sharing her life story in her first newsletter report, that I thought I would share my story with you. I am not a Louisiana native; I was born on a cold October’s day in Anchorage, Alaska. Later when I was in elementary school and my classmates learned where I was born, they teased me calling me an Eskimo! At the age of three, I was back in Louisiana living in Lockport along Bayou Lafourche. I grew up spending almost all of my summer weekends swimming and skiing in the bayous and lakes surrounding our town. Eating fresh seafood that we caught was one of the delights of growing up surrounded by water. I graduated from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education. The summer before I graduated from Nicholls, I married my husband, Earl. After graduation we moved to Columbus, Mississippi for Earl’s brief stint in the Air Force. From Mississippi we moved to Lafayette. Three years later after Earl graduated from USL with a petroleum engineering degree we moved to Houma and became oil field trash. My two children, Jonathan and Caroline, were born in Houma. Six years after living in Houma we were transferred to Tyler, Texas. No one could figure out how to spell Champagne, so I soon began saying Champagne like the bottle. Unfortunately, I was in the Bible belt and a dry county, so that did not help much with the spelling. After six years in Tyler, we were transferred down south to Houston. Again, after six years (do you see a pattern here?) we settled in Lafayette, where I have lived for 25 years.

My son is married and has a daughter. He lives in Fulshear, Texas and is a Houston Police Officer. My daughter is married and has five children. She is a pediatrician which is why she has all those kids. She loves children. I spend a considerable amount of time in Lake Charles as there is always someone having a special event or birthday party to celebrate.

Seventeen years ago, when I joined Lafayette Garden Club, I had no idea how my life would change. I never imagined that one day I would be the state president. Believe me, this was not on my Bucket List. I remember the first time it was mentioned that I might one day be state president. I was at Donna Bucci's Installation Reception in 2009, when former LGCF President Bera Smith and JoAnn Blanchard told me that I was going to be the next LGCF president from District III. First a sense of terror gripped me, then I thought there is plenty of time for them to forget. Bera may be gone, but JoAnn remembered. Two years later I found myself as the president of my club, followed by a term as District III Director and I was on my way to the Executive Council. I still clung to the hope that someone would come forward and take this cup away from me, but it was not to be.

The symbol I have chosen is the *Iris nelsonii* or Abbeville Iris. I chose this iris because it is the rarest of the "Louisiana Irises" and can only be found growing naturally in one small swamp near Abbeville, which is in District III. How native can you get? The blooms come in a range of colors from reddish-purple to nearly brown to orange and even yellow. The most incredible aspect of the Abbeville iris is that it is the result of hybridization between not two but three different iris species. It was first described as a species in 1996. Its parentage includes the copper iris (*Iris fulva*), the Dixie iris (*Iris hexagona*) and the zig-zag iris (*Iris brevicaulis*). In order to reduce the possibility of the Abbeville iris becoming extinct, it has been planted in other locations. UL Lafayette now has Abbeville irises planted around Cypress Lake.

I have chosen as my theme: Plant Louisiana—Practice Sustainable Gardening. You may already be using sustainable practices and do not even realize it. Some of these practices are planting the right plant in the right spot, composting, saving and sharing seeds, planting natives, not using herbicides, using natural pest control, planting trees, mulching and conserving water resources.

When I first joined garden club, it was tough to give up my time for club projects, the duties of being a club chairman or officer, state chairman and later state officer. In giving of my time, I received so much more. From attending club, district and state meetings to completing all four NGC Accredited Schools, I have not only increased my knowledge of horticulture, floral design, landscape design and environmental issues, but have made lifelong friendships throughout the state of Louisiana. In my quest for knowledge, I had no idea the benefits I would reap by being a member of LGCF.

I appreciate all of the work that everyone contributes to this organization, without your countless hours of dedication we would not exist. Every contribution no matter how small makes a difference. Each one of you is needed to make LGCF a successful organization, one that we can be proud of. I may be captain of this ship, but without you as my crew I will go nowhere. Let's set our sights on new horizons as we navigate our way through the next two years.

Thank you for this honor and opportunity to serve you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "JoAnna".

Editor's Corner



I am pleased to have this opportunity to be the new editor of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Newsletter. My name is Donna Cline and I have been a member of the Terrytown Garden Club since the Fall of 2016.



I was born and raised in Downers Grove, Illinois (a suburb of Chicago) and then moved to Champaign, Illinois where I lived for 43 years. With four children, three sons and a daughter, life was very busy, but I always found time to garden. I focused mainly on vegetable gardening because I felt strongly about feeding my family nutritious food. Over the years I incorporated flower beds around my yard, and was especially proud of my rain garden with native plants. For many of the years that I lived in Champaign, I worked at the University of Illinois in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics.

When I first moved to Louisiana six years ago, I couldn't wait to put in some garden beds at my new home. Little did I know that there would be such a difference between gardening in Zone 5 and Zone 9a. I had so much to learn and Terrytown Garden Club provided the knowledge I needed and became a great resource for me. But beyond that I have found friendship with like-minded people and opportunities to become involved in gardening projects within the community.

I would be remiss if I did not commend Ruth Delhomme and Roxy Blanton for their excellent job and for the countless hours they put into editing this newsletter over the past several years. A special thank you to Roxy for her guidance and sharing her "tips and tricks" to make my job easier.

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

Donna Cline

2021 LGCF SUMMER BOARD AGENDA

July 12-13, 2021

Smith's Landing

1704 Hardy St., Lecompte, LA

Monday, July 12, 2021

9:00am – 9:50am	Headquarters Trustees
10:00am – 10:50am	Finance Committee
11:00am – 11:50am	Executive Council Meeting
Noon -1:00pm	Lunch Break
1:00pm – 1:50pm	Environmental Consultants Council
2:00pm – 2:50pm	Flower Show Judges Council
3:00pm – 3:50pm	Gardening Consultants Council
4:00pm – 4:50pm	Landscape Design Consultants Council

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

9:00am – 9:50am	District Directors' Meeting - Headquarters
9:00am – 9:50am	Registration – Smith's Landing (No fee, necessary for Credentials Report) Ways and Means
10:00am – Noon	Board Business Meeting

There is no Registration Form or Fee for attending Summer Board

Hotel Reservations – Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

2830 S. MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, LA, 318-449-9000

Rates for a room with 2 queens is \$108.00/night (includes taxes)

Cutoff date to reserve rooms is **Sunday July 4, 2021**

Arrival – Sunday, July 11, 2021

Departure – Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Amenities – Free individually wrapped breakfast options, coffee, tea
Business Center

You may book your room using the link below or call the hotel @1-318-449-9000.

Mention Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc if making reservation by phone. I have booked a certain number of rooms. If all rooms are booked additional rooms may be added if there is availability.

[Book your group rate for LA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION INC](#)

CANCELLATION POLICY: Guests may cancel with no charge 24 hours before the arrival date, so they can cancel up until 2pm on the 10th of July with no charge; after that time, it will be a one night's charge for canceling.

REVISED CONVENTION ORDER OF ROTATION

Beginning in 2021, the following plan of rotation will be in effect and each District will become responsible for hosting the LGCF Annual Convention, and a Flower Show if feasible, in the year stated, with the District selecting the town or city.

2022	District VI	2025	District VIII
2023	District V	2026	District III
2024	District VII	2027	District II

Please make note of these changes in your LGCF Handbook, p. 92 #2.

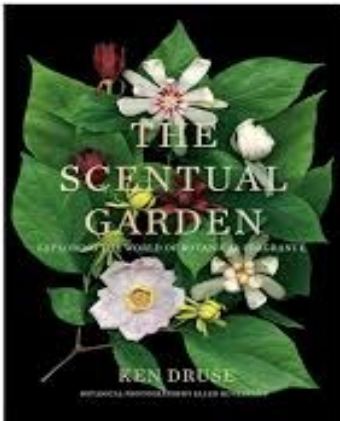
REVISED ORDER OF ROTATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE LGCF PRESIDENT

Beginning in 2021, the suggested order for the office of President of the LGCF will be as follows:

2021-23	District III
2023-25	District II
2025-27	District VIII
2027-29	District VI
2029-31	District V
2031-33	District VII

Please make note of these changes in your LGCF Handbook, p. 93 #3.

Book Review



The Scentual Garden

By Ken Druse

Photography by Ellen Hoverkamp

Abrams, New York 2019

250 Pages

ISBN: 9781419738166

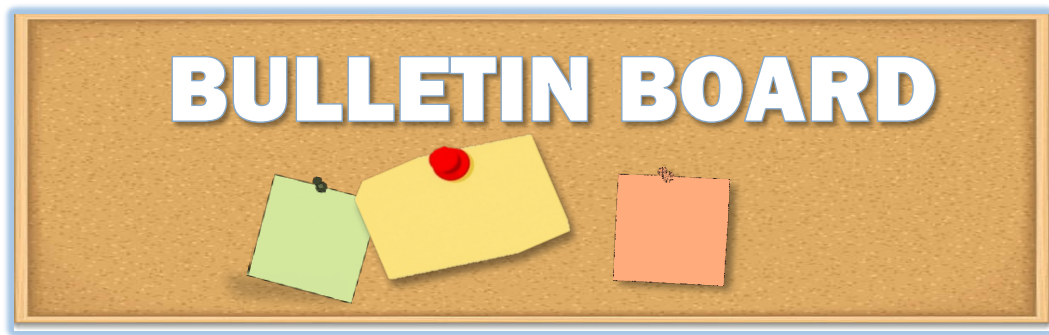
Whether your passion is horticulture, design, photography or landscaping, this is a book you will want to experience!

From the author of *Encyclopedia of Fragrant Plants* and an award-winning photographer, a visual treat is not all you will receive!

When a plant is tagged as “fragrant”, what does that truly mean? Not only do we experience flora visually and texturally, but a separate dimension of awareness can be received through scent.

Discover the 12 master categories of fragrance for yourself as you enjoy this gorgeous book. The photographed compositions alone are divine, and the detailed listing of fragrant plants will inspire or enrich the desire to add this mostly underutilized element to our gardens.

Submitted by Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair



NGC Environmental School

Environmental School will be held September 27-30, 2021 in Mansura, LA.

LGCF, Inc will have in-person classes on 9/27-28 for Course 3, and on 9/29-30 for Course 4. The Registration form with additional Course and contact information can be found on LGCF's Schools website.

Students and Consultants with questions concerning their Environmental School "Good Standing" status, please contact Gwen Lanoux, ES State Chairman, 858-414-3015.

NGC Gardening School

**Gardening School, Series II, Course 2
September 1-2, 2021**

REGISTRATION FORM FOLLOWS

NGC Gardening School
SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2021
Registration

Registration Fee: \$80 per course
Or \$75 + \$5 Refresher Feeper course**

The registration fee includes lunch, snacks, and beverages.

*Students taking the course for credit must remit the \$80 course fee.

**Consultants who wish to refresh must remit the \$5 Refresher fee along with the \$75 course fee, for a total of \$80/per course.

Registration Deadline: AUGUST 1, 2021

Please Print Legibly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

NGC Members District# _____

Club Name: _____

Master Gardener? Yes No

Need overnight accommodations? Yes No

Include **check** made payable to:

LAFAYETTE Garden Club

Mail **registration form** and check to:

Linda Broussard, Registrar
 803 Canberra Road
 Lafayette, LA 70503

LAFAYETTE/ABBEVILLE
 GARDEN CLUBS

Vermillion Parish AG

Extension Office

1105 W. Port Street

Abbeville, La 70510

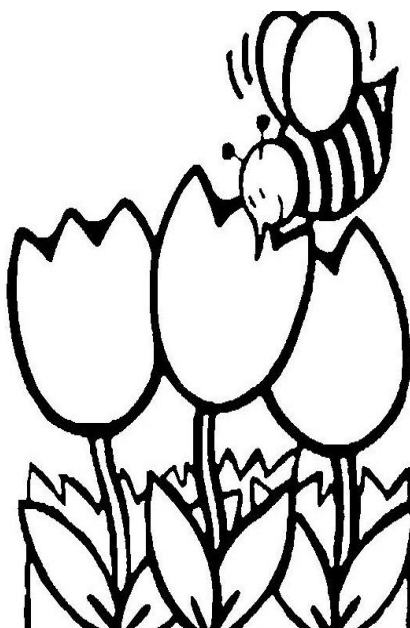
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National
Garden Clubs, Inc.

Gardening
School

Series 11

Course 2



WEDNESDAY -THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2021

8 AM – 5:00 PM

Lafayette/Abbeville
GARDEN CLUBS
Abbeville, LA

Overview

Helping members become accomplished horticulturists.

The NGC Gardening School Courses are designed to provide educational information to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects.

The School consists of a series of four courses, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, followed by a general examination. Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected subjects of local interest.

Additional topics and areas of interest that may be covered are subjects such as Reconciliation Ecology (the science of inventing, establishing, and maintaining new habitats in places where people live, work, and play) and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians.



Course 2 Highlights

COURSE 2 Total hours: 11.5

PLANT DISEASES AND GARDEN PESTS 4 hours 15 questions

Raghuwinder Singh, PhD, Professor LSU AgCenter

IRRIGATION AND WATER 1.5 hours 8 QUESTIONS

Candy J. Bienvenu, Master Gardener

LAWN ALTERNATIVES AND GROWING GRASS 1.5 hours 8 questions –

Dan Devenport, Associate Parish Extension Agent, Horticulture, Lafayette Parish

Ron Strahan, PhD, Associate Professor LSU AgCenter

GROWING FRUIT 1.5 hours 8 questions-

Dan Davenport, Associate Parish Extension Agent, Horticulture, Lafayette Parish

GROWING VEGETABLES 2.0 hours 11 questions

- Stuart Gauthier, St. Martinsville Extension Agent

SUPPLEMENTAL SUBJECT 1.0-hour SUPPLEMENTAL SUBJECT

1.0-hour Hydroponic Gardening, Larry Lemarie, Engineer

Open to Everyone!

Gardening School courses are open to everyone, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership. Each of the 4 courses has an optional exam. NGC members wishing to apply to be NGC Gardening Consultants must take all four courses and pass each exam.

Non-members fulfilling the above requirements may apply to be Consultants upon joining an NGC affiliated club within one calendar year of the completion date of the 4th course.

GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS Requirements

- Each of the four courses consists of ten hours of lectures, which may include field trips to evaluate and receive instruction on specific course topics.
- Attendance is mandatory at all lectures and field trips.
- Textbook "Botany for Gardeners"
- The student/prospective consultant must take and pass each exam to receive credit.
- Open book/notes for all test questions
- Each Test Question valued at 2.5 points for Course 1 and 2 points for Courses 2, 3, & 4.
- A score of 70 is passing.

Southwest Judges Council New Officers for 2021-2023

New officers for 2021-2023 of the Southwest Judges Council were recently installed. Officers are Karen Hoyt, Recording Secretary; Cecile Revels, Vice-President; Pam Langley, President; and installing was District Director, Versa Doré. Missing from the photo were Sissy Gaul, Corresponding Secretary; and Sherri Labbe, Treasurer.



Flower Show Judges Symposium

A Flower Show Judges Symposium is planned for Flower Show Judges, Garden Club members & others interested in gardening and floral design. Only nationally accredited Flower Show Judges are eligible to take Symposium for credit. All judging/exhibiting requirements must be fulfilled before taking this symposium for credit. Master Judges: Audit for credit \$5 fee required. Judges must attend all scheduled sessions to receive credit. No Exceptions Allowed. Tags will be validated after each session. Bring 2017 Handbook for Flower Shows.

REGISTRATION FORM FOLLOWS.

Notice to Judges

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LGCF Accredited Judges who will take the Symposium for credit must submit their credentials on Form 13, Life Judges use Form 15L and Master Judges who will audit for Good Standing must submit Form 15M no later than 4 weeks prior to scheduled event.

Out of State Accredited Judges must mail their credentials to their respective State Credentials Chairman who will forward Form 18 to LGCF Chairman no later than 6 weeks in advance.

LGCF Flower Show Chairman: Sherri Labbe', 701 Wellington Dr., Houma, LA 70360-7124 985-851-3593/shedigsdirt@att.net

NON-MEMBERS WELCOME
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.



2021 SYMPOSIUM August 23-25, 2021

Sponsored by
THE LOUISIANA COUNCIL OF NATIONALLY
ACCREDITED FLOWER SHOW JUDGES

Member of:
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Location:
Solomon Episcopal Center
54296 Hwy. 445, Loranger, LA 70446
985-748-6634 – www.solomoncenter.org

2021 Symposium Chairman:
Versa Dore, Southwest Judges Council
(337) 967-2401; versadore@yahoo.com
Co-Chairman:
Marty Debolt, New Orleans Judges Council
(601)596-4670; deboltmartha@yahoo.com

Registration for Louisiana (LGCF) Symposium August 23-25, 2021

Name	First	MI	Last	Club	District
Street Address	Email				
City	State	Zip	Phone/s		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Course: Registration, All Instruction (Hort, Design, Allied)				\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday, Aug 23: Registration and Allied				30.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday, Aug 24: Registration, Horticulture Session				65.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday, Aug 25: Registration and Design Session				65.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Point Scoring Exam for Credit – ACCREDITED AND LIFE JUDGES				5.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Audit for Credit – MASTER JUDGES				5.00
TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES (ENTER THIS AMOUNT ON REVERSE SIDE)					\$

SOLOMON CENTER ROOM RESERVATIONS OR COMMUTER MEALS

Name First MI Last Room Mate's Name (if applicable) First MI Last

☐ SINGLE ROOM, 2 NIGHTS single occupancy \$292.00

☐ DOUBLE ROOM, 2 NIGHTS, double occupancy, Cost per person \$236.00

☐ TRIPLE ROOM, 2 NIGHTS, triple occupancy, Cost per person \$216.00

☐ COMMUTERS: LUNCH ONLY (Tues & Wed.) (Includes Daily Facility Fee) \$ 58.00

DINNER add additional \$21.00/day

*TOTAL ACCOMMODATIONS FEE or COMMUTER FEE \$ _____

*TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES (From reverse side) \$ _____

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (ACCOMMODATION + REGISTRATION) \$ _____

(Your room rate includes all (6) meals and daily facility fees)

REGISTRAR

Registration Deadline July 12, 2021. Send completed Forms for Registration and Reservation for Accommodations with your remittance. Make check payable to: Louisiana Council Of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges (LCNAFSJ). Mail to:

Sherri Labbe', 701 Wellington Dr., Houma, LA 70360; shedigsdirt@att.net; 985-851-3593.

INSTRUCTORS

Shirley Tetreault, Design

Shirley joined Uptown Garden Club in 1997 after completing a beginning design class that she now teaches. She takes every opportunity to share new ideas with others, from the basic design class at the Albuquerque Garden Center to more complicated class instruction for judges. She is a former NGC Secretary, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. 2 times President, S. Central Region Historian. Shirley is a Master Gardener as well as a member of African Violet Society, Daffodil Society, Uptown Garden Club, President of High Desert Design Club and President of the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc. She is the founder of The Blooming Gardeners (youth) Garden Club that is now in its tenth year. **TOPICS:** Spatial Thrust/Grouped Mass; Allied "Make It or Break It" Mechanics

Darlene Newell, Horticulture

Darlene is a retired nurse and nursing home administrator, is a NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure and Symposium Instructor and Daffodil Judge. She has lectured in twenty-two states. She is a life member of the American Horticulture, Hosta and Daffodil Societies. She serves on the NGC Board of Directors on the Handbook Exam committee and on the state level as the WV Flower Show Chairman. In 2001, she founded the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal Project. To date, hundreds of volunteers have provided over 20,000 hot meals on Thanksgiving Day. Special interests include growing plants from seeds, gardening with her five grandchildren, and creating stained glass and concrete projects. **TOPICS:** Ferns and Collections/Displays; Allied "What's New Philadelphia"

AGENDA

MONDAY, Aug 23, 2021

3:00-4:00pm	Registration
4:00 - 5:00pm	ALLIED- Horticulture
5:00 - 6:00 pm	ALLIED- Design
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner

TUESDAY, Aug 24, 2021

7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30-8:45 am	Welcome /announcements
8:45-9:45am	HORTICULTURE INSTRUCTION
9:45-10:00am	Morning Break
10:00-12:00	HORTICULTURE INSTRUCTION
12:00-12:45pm	Lunch
12:45-1:45pm	HORTICULTURE INSTRUCTION
1:45-2:00pm	Afternoon Break
2:00-4:00pm	HORTICULTURE PS EXAM
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner

WEDNESDAY, Aug 25, 2021

7:30-8:30am	Breakfast
8:30-8:45am	Welcome / announcements
8:45-9:45am	DESIGN INSTRUCTION
9:45-10:00am	Morning Break
10:00-12:00	DESIGN INSTRUCTION
12:00-12:45pm	Lunch
12:45-1:45pm	DESIGN INSTRUCTION
1:45-2:00pm	Afternoon Break
2:00-4:00pm	DESIGN POINT SCORE EXAM

Live Oak Society Report—June 2021

As of this writing there are 9,415 Live Oaks registered with the Society. Bravo to all who love their oaks and want to recognize them.

The St. Martinville Garden club began fundraising over a year ago to restore the Evangeline Oak, one of the most popular oaks of the Society. They held raffles and sold acorns from the tree. In May 2021 their biggest fundraiser, “Dinner with Evangeline,” was a huge success and the club was able to pay their expenses of the tree’s restoration. The Live Oak Society donated \$400 to the very worthy cause.

The Society also donated \$1,000 to LGCF Headquarters to correct damages done in the winter ice storm. Two of the Society’s members frame Headquarters from the street.

In early June, Chairman Coleen Perilloux Landry, presented certificate #9385 to Councilman Joe Giarrusso in the New Orleans’ Lakeview area. Named “The Giarrusso Family Oak” it is one of nine trees registered on Harrison Avenue. In an effort to preserve the oaks, the Civic Association of Lakeview, along with all the business owners, are sponsoring registrations and upkeep of the oaks.



Joe Giarrusso and Coleen Perilloux Landry

A recent article about the Society that appeared in the Baton Rouge and Acadiana areas brought much publicity and registration applications are pouring in. The article appeared a week later in New Orleans.

During the Pandemic shutdown the Society registered almost 200 members with people getting into their gardens more and becoming renewed with nature.

Submitted by Coleen Perilloux Landry

Louisiana Conservation

The Apple Snail is destroying south Louisiana wetlands at an amazing rate. It has moved in residential canals, golf course lakes, swamps and bayous. Wherever you see a bright pink cluster on a drainage pipe, a tree, foliage, and even fishing boats, you will know the Apple Snail is present. It lays its bright pink eggs in the nighttime and each cluster can have as many as a thousand eggs. The Snail has invaded the rice fields and the crawfish farms of southwest Louisiana, too.

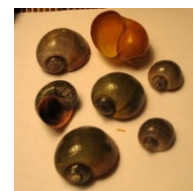


Coleen Perilloux Landry of Acres of Green Garden Club is studying the Apple Snail. The only known predator of the destructive mollusk is the Limpkin, a Florida bird



that is the only bird of its species. For more than a year she has seen the destruction of the snails in the Louisiana swamp and in April discovered two pairs of Limpkins in a swamp in St. Charles Parish. The Limpkins feed 24 hours a day and wherever there is a pile of empty shells she knew the Limpkins had been eating. Unlike other birds, it has a long, straight beak with a slight tweezers curve on the very end that enables it to get inside the shell and eat the snail. It is not suggested that people consume these snails because they carry a rat lung disease.

Limpkins make their nests on the ground so high water coming in with tidal flow can easily destroy a nest of eggs. However, she is certain that at least one chick survived the May floods. As a wildlife and bird photographer she goes out regularly in search of the Limpkin. It is hoped that quick reproduction can help destroy the snails, which came to the United States by people emptying fish tanks into waterways.



Submitted by Coleen Perilloux Landry
Photos by Coleen Perilloux Landry

Louisiana Garden Club Tours

2022 Holland with the Tulips

The special, private tour for Holland to see the Tulips, is still on schedule for **April 10 to 19, 2022**. Information has been provided to each of the District Directors, and shared with the individual Garden Clubs and their members. We have **22** persons who have signed up for the Tour, with several others noted for interest! **The deposit is due by July 15, 2021**, but just let me know by then that you plan to go **OR** are interested in going, and we can communicate about the deposit. There is no greater time to see Holland, than during the Tulip Time! **A new and exciting event** that is now part of the tour will be the **Floriade Expo**, the **Horticulture Symposium** that will be in Holland--only happens every ten years!!!! If you have not received information, or would like the information sent to you, please let me know. And if you have any questions, please feel free to call me.



2022 Passion Play -- June 12 to 22, 2022

SOLD OUT

2022 Biltmore Tour

The tour of the Biltmore for Christmas and tour of Fall Colors along the Blue Ridge Mountains, Gibbs Gardens and Callaway Gardens will be November 7 to 11, 2022. We will, as of now, fly into Atlanta and take a bus to all three locations and fly back home. Thanksgiving is late again, November 24, 2022; so this will be a most lovely time to travel these routes. I will send out the up-dated brochures soon, with deposits being due in July.

LGCF Tours

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Calendar of Events

2021

- July 7 - New Orleans Judges Council Standard Flower Show, "Out to Lunch", Madisonville, LA
- July 12-13 - SUMMER BOARD, Smith's Landing, Lecompte, LA
- July 15 - Deposit Due for Holland Tour
- August 23-25 - Flower Show Judges Symposium, Solomon Center, Loranger, LA
- September 1-2 - Gardening School, Course II, Abbeville, LA
- September 21-25 - NGC Board Meeting, Saint Louis, MO
- September 27-30 - Environmental School Series VI, Course 3 & 4, LSU AgCenter, Mansura, LA
- October 12, Tues. - District VIII Fall Meeting
- October 13, Wed. - District V Fall Meeting
- October 14, Thurs. - District VII Fall Meeting
- October 19, Tues. - District VI Fall Meeting
- October 20, Wed. - District II Fall Meeting
- October 21, Thurs. - District III Fall Meeting

2022

- March 6-9 - DSGC Convention, Natchez, MS
- April 10-19 - Holland Tour (Private Tour, Floriade Expo and Horticulture Symposium)
- April 25 - Pre-Convention Tour, Baton Rouge, LA
- April 26-27 - LGCF State Convention, Baton Rouge, LA
- May 17-20 - NGC Convention, Orlando, FL
- November 7-11 - Tour of the Biltmore, Gibbs and Callaway Gardens and Blue Ridge Mountain Fall Colors

2023

- March TBD - DSGS Convention, Louisiana
- May 2-5 - NGC Convention, White Sulphur Springs, WV