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Sherri Labbe from **Terrebonne Garden Club** submitted the photo for our cover this month. The beautiful pink flowering tree shown is *Prunus campanulata*, a species of cherry native to Taiwan, widely grown as an ornamental tree, and a symbol of Nago, Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands of Japan. The common name for the tree is the Taiwan Floweing Cherry Tree. Thank you Sherri for sharing this photo with us.

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

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Message From Our President

President's Message/Report
"Nature's World Where Everything Belongs"
Symbol - Hummingbird

It is hard to believe that two years have already gone by since the 2013-2015 LGCF Administration was installed to lead this great organization. What great strides we have accomplished!

LGCF, Inc. has seven (7) Districts with ninety-nine (99) clubs consisting of 2,538 members. This president has presided over two (2) LGCF Summer Board Meetings and two (2) LGCF Conventions. This President has attended two (2) years of District Meetings and invitational events throughout Louisiana. It has been my pleasure to be able to represent LGCF, Inc. at two (2) Deep South Regional Conventions and two (2) National Garden Clubs, Inc. Conventions and two (2) Fall Board Meetings and to be able to share our one-of-a-kind projects that LGCF, Inc. has continued through the years with Deep South and NGC, Inc. Those are the Cleanest City Contest and the Live Oak Society.

The Cleanest City Contest was conceived in 1958, some fifty-seven (57) years ago. In 2014, for the first time, the Louisiana Mayors' Association (600 members strong), passed a motion at their yearly meeting to fully support the contest state wide as LGCF, Inc. continues to aid in ridding our state of litter. What a feather in our hats! We need to thank Jean Gilstrap, Cleanest City Chairman, for her hard work in accomplishing this and let us not forget all those who came before and helped get us to the place we are today.

Live Oak Society Chairman, Coleen P. Landry, has been a busy "hummer" getting those live oak trees (*Quercus virginiana*) registered (7,612 as of this writing in 14 states). I can't wait to get her final report for this administration to see if a record has been broken for the most trees registered in an administration! Hats off to her for all the paper work that has to be done and in organizing the files she was given several years ago. She not only does this, but keeps us abreast of live oaks that need to be saved. During this administration there have been incidents that have resulted in saving several trees throughout the state. Thank you, Coleen, for being that (in garden club terms) steward of our natural resources – trees. I encourage each of you to visit the website (lgcfinc.org) to see who the President of this organization is, to learn more about this wonderful project and keep up to date on what's happening with the "oaks".

In making a report for National Garden Clubs, Inc., LGCF, Inc. was proud to provide educational opportunities for its members: A Landscape School, chaired by Clara Earl, a Gardening Studies School, chaired by Carrie Martin, an Environmental School, chaired by Joe and Cindy Baucum, a Flower Show Judges School, chaired by Carrie Martin and a Flower Show Judges Symposium in 2013 chaired by Carrie Martin. Thanks to each of you who have worked so hard to see that these schools are available to all members. Members, please attend these schools. You will not be disappointed. Throughout the state there were approximately twenty-two (22) Standard Flower Shows.

How proud we should be of the wonderful scholarships we offer worth $15,550. During this administration Sheryl Fisher won the NGC Hazel Dillingham Scholarship in the amount of $4,000. LGCF received eleven (11) Deep South Awards and a $500 Grant for the Deep South Project, "Community Gardens". At the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention, LGCF won twelve (12) awards. Congratulations to all the winners! BUT… all the clubs are winners who attempt projects whether you win an award or not. I challenge each club to take the time to apply for the awards. You do the work, so get recognized for it.

One of the most emotional times for me has been attending the Blue Star Marker dedications at military installations. What pride the veterans in attendance display! To see soldiers shed tears brought joy and sadness to my heart. Joy, that we remember and honor those who are protecting our freedoms, and sadness, that lives sometimes have to be lost. With Mary Hazen as Chairman of the Blue Star Marker, LGCF, Inc. will continue to strive to achieve our goal of a marker on every military installation in our state

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and at our welcome centers. Let's get a marker in every community in the state. Wouldn't that be an accomplishment!

In closing, I would like to thank my administration for all their support and amazing work they have accomplished. Of course this is not possible without the work of all the clubs and their members who work so diligently year after year to make our world the best it can be. As "garden clubbers" we call ourselves "stewards" of our world. And so, I think the theme for the past two (2) years, "Nature's World Where Everything Belongs", has been accomplished. Members have chosen projects applicable to their area and carried them out in grand style. We have all been "hummingbirds" going in whatever direction we needed to in order to accomplish our goals for the past two (2) years. Congratulations to everyone!!

And you know by now, that I must leave you with some chosen words:

"There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

And so it is that this "hummingbird" was planted in the midst of LGCF, Inc. for a time and now is the time to be uprooted and let the next administration take root. What joy as I leave office as your President to know that LGCF, Inc. will be in very capable hands as I, in the future, will be planted where I will be needed in …

"Nature's World Where Everything Belongs"
Yvette Hebert, LGCF President

Old Garden Roses

Old garden roses include many groups. A few groups have a history of doing well in Louisiana, and some are listed below along with a few cultivars in each group.

China Roses. These were the first everblooming roses introduced to Europe from China in the 1700's. The flowers are produced constantly and have thin, delicate petals. The foliage is neat, dark green, pointed and rarely bothered by black spot. These roses have a bushy, twiggy growth habit that fits in well with landscape plantings. They thrive in heavy clay soils. Cultivars include Archduke Charles (red blend), Cramoisi Superieur (red), Ducher (White), Old Blush (pink) and Green Rose (green).

Tea Roses. These are outstanding everblooming roses for Louisiana and produce relatively large flowers in pastel shades and light reds. The fragrant flowers are produced continuously on robust bushes that are rugged and disease resistant. These roses were used to develop the hybrid teas popular today. Cultivars include Bon Silene (dark pink), Ducheese de Brabant (light pink), Mrs. B. R. Cant (red) and Mrs. Dudley Cross (yellow).

Noisette Roses. This category was developed in America and a\contains mostly well-behaved climbers, although a few are robust shrubs. These everblooming roses thrive in Louisiana. The pastel flowers are fragrant and grow in clusters that hang down from the canes. Cultivars include Champney's Pink Cluster (light pink) , Lamarque (white), Mme. Alfred Carriere (white), Natchitoches Noisette (Light pink), Reve d'Or (pale gold).

LGCF OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT-ELECT

JEANETTE GATZMAN

What a great two years it has been serving as LGCF President-Elect. As President-Elect my main duty is to guide the District Directors in the organization of their work. Our seven District Directors didn't need much organizing or guidance. All seven have been wonderful to work with and I am sure we will be friends forever. We worked hard together for two years, but had a good time doing it!

Since my last report in the Newsletter I have attended the 2014 LGCF Convention in Baton Rouge, 2014 Deep South Convention in St. Petersburg, Florida, the NGC Convention in Norman, Oklahoma, all six 2014 Fall Board Meetings around the state and Winter Council Meeting in January, 2015.

I will be attending our 2015 Convention in Lake Charles where I will be installed as LGCF President 2015-2017. It still feels like a dream.

Also, I will attend the Deep South Convention in Birmingham, Alabama and the NGC Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Please join Yvette, me and others as we represent LGCF at the Deep South and National Conventions.

Our LGCF President Yvette Hebert has been a wonderful mentor to me. She has been patient and kind and a wonderful teacher.

I look forward to serving LGCF as President 2015-2017. Join me as we ask -

"Who Are We? Who Do We Want To Be?"

which will be the theme for my administration. Let's all work together to make LGCF the very best that it can be.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

PATTIE KILLEN

Thank you for allowing me to serve as First Vice President of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation during President Yvette Hebert's administration 2013-2015. It has been an honor and a significant learning experience. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to get to know so many of you sometimes in person but most often by phone and email. This job is one that I could not have done without a lot of advice and guidance from Lena Bateman. Thank you Lena, and a special thank you to Second Vice President Mary Jane Peters, for your support. Congratulations to every Award Chairmen for always cooperating fully with the judging and awarding process. I am sure that the next person who serves in this position will also find it both interesting and rewarding.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

DOTTIE S. HEBERT

The Minutes for the last two years have been recorded and approved by the appointed committee after each meeting. These minutes were then approved and voted on at each following meeting. The records are now on file and will be completed once the 2015 Convention is over.

I would like to thank everyone who worked on the committees to review the minutes and helped to compile complete and accurate records. I would especially like to thank Yvette Hebert for her guidance and support during the past two years.

TREASURER

BETTY FORET

This officer began her duties rather reluctantly. With the many components of the duties of a treasure, for me, it has been somewhat of a physical and mental challenge. However, being able to get involved and interact with many of the wonderful garden club members gave me such gratification and certainly was very enjoyable. Also, the garden club members (2,538) have helped me to grow with a positive impact.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the District Directors for working so diligently with their clubs to provide information and encouraging payment of dues on time.

Here are a few recommendations to be considered: first, state membership dues should be increased; second, a co-chairman to the treasurer to attend all tax concerns for a term of six years instead of two years should be appointed.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as LGCF Treasurer. It has been a privilege and a most beneficial learning experience.

HISTORIAN

NANCY CLICK

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as LGCF, INC. state historian for the past 2 years. As historian, some of my duties include compiling a personal scrapbook for the state president to be presented to her at summer board 2015. I know, as Yvette reminisces over the pages it will bring back so many wonderful memories of her travels representing LGCF, INC. but, most of all, the people she has encounter along the way. I would like to include photos of Yvette visiting your district or attending conventions, schools or where she represented the LGCF.INC.

Happy Gardening!

LGCF DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

District III

Roxannna Champange, Director

It is hard to believe that my term as District III will be ending next month. I can truly state that I have relished the experience of being a District Director. It has been quite a learning experience. Our fearless leader, President-Elect Jeanette Gatzman, made our responsibilities and obligation fun! We never knew what item she would require us to wear at convention or summer board. We were fortunate to have her as our guide on our journey. Thank you Mama Jeanette! I loved working with my sister District Directors also known as "ya-yas." Although I will still see them at conventions and meetings, I will miss our sitting together and having such a good time. Many of us are moving on to more challenging roles in LGCF. Good luck!

Getting to know the club presidents in my district was a special perk of the job. Each is as remarkable as the projects they spearheaded during their tenure. It always amazed me as I read their yearbooks and Garden Club Achievement Award Application forms how varied and relevant their projects are in a world that is gradually becoming more aware of the consequences of our actions concerning air, water, and land. I applaud them in all of their undertakings to make our communities a better place. Among the projects that District III Clubs are doing include: memorial tree plantings as well as Arbor Day plantings, litter abatement programs in local schools, maintaining and planting public gardens, garden therapy programs at nursing homes, distributing recycling information to the public at events, participating in the Vermilion River clean-up, art projects with youth using recycled items, restoration of a Blue Star Memorial Marker, adopting a park, sponsoring Cleanest School Contest and Cleanest City Contest, landscaping of Habitat for Humanity homes, creating butterfly gardens at local schools, presenting Standard Flower Shows and sponsoring a youth garden club.

Special thanks go out to Patterson Garden Club and St. Martinville Garden Club for the tremendous job you did hosting the District III Fall Meetings that I chaired.

It has been an honor and privilege to have served as District III Director. I wish my successor, Ruth Delhomme, the best.

District V

Beth Erwin, Director

My goals when I assumed the position of District V Director was to encourage the clubs to seek inspiration from NGC, LGCF, and their own clubs to define their goals, direct their meetings and educate their members. Above all, I wanted them to have fun doing it. My theme was "Laugh and Learn." At the Spring 2013 district meeting, I made copies of the NGC lesson plans available for them to look over, so they could in turn order copies for their clubs. These were enthusiastically received, and many of them planned the next two years of programs around ideas they found within those materials.

I encouraged the clubs at every opportunity to take advantage of NGC schools. I had four members, including myself, complete at least one school, with others still working in that direction. I was

fortunate that most of the clubs received and shared the emails sent out to them. The clubs with activities and events were very good about sharing those dates and most of the clubs were enthusiastic about attending the other's events.

I am very proud of my clubs and what they do to serve the population centers in the Mississippi Delta region of the state. Most of them not only promote beautification, landscaping, and gardening, but devote at least one meeting per year to serving the poor and disenfranchised—i.e. "the least of these." I am proud to have been their leader and treasure the friendships made and deepened in the past two years.

District VI

Gail Lonibus, Director and Kyle Martin, Director Elect

As District VI Director, I want the members to know how much I have enjoyed traveling around the district to attend many club meetings and socializing with such wonderful ladies. I have learned so many creative ideas from you and will treasure my time with you for many years to come. It has been a privilege to serve as District VI Director.

I would like to thank, Kyle Martin, District VI Director Elect for stepping in for me while attending to my husband. To the Louisiana Garden Club Family thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in my life. As many have said to me over the past weeks, "Take one day at a time", "Just One Day at a Time!" With this sound advice in mind, I ask that you continue to keep my family and me in your prayers. With much love, Gail

Since Summer Board in July 2014 much has happened in District VI. The District VI Fall meeting was held on October 30, 2014 at Nottoway Plantation in White Castle, LA. It was a huge success thanks to the efforts of the Plaquemine Garden Cub with nearly 140 attending. Courtney Elliot, Consultant for Iberville Parish Tourism, presented the program "Iberville Parish-Delightful Discoveries at Every Bend."

In reading the Garden Club Achievement Award No. 1 applications, I have found that many clubs in District VI have had programs that promote LGCF, Deep South and NGC goals. They have learned more about horticulture and design exhibits, the art of arranging flowers and preparing to hold flower shows. District VI clubs have promoted civic beautification by sprucing up and maintaining their butterfly gardens, healing gardens and their community parks and recognizing both individual and business gardens with the Garden of the Month. There have been conservation and environmental projects and lectures, litter prevention education, Arbor Day memorials and tree plantings. They have donated their time through breast cancer awareness projects and at Christmas time, they have decorated nursing homes, held Christmas tree trimmings and contributed to food banks.

District VI's goals have been and will be continued due to the ongoing generosity, sharing, encouragement, cooperation and teachings of its clubs' members.

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District VII

Jennifer Granger, Director

It has been a pleasure being District Director for the past two years. I have met many wonderful people. I have touched base through emails, phone calls, and visiting with the clubs over the last two years and learned a lot from each one of them. I want to thank all of you that attended the Presidents' Meetings, Fall District Meetings and Conventions.

Bulb and Blossom Garden Club, President Melba Stelly and members have kept busy planting donated plants and Crepe Myrtles around Eunice, involving children when they planted native plants to attract birds and butterflies.

Crowley Garden Club, President Christie Brammer and members conducting meetings on trees and native plants, making hypertufa containers, planting around town and discussing birds and bees.

Diggers and Weeders, President Dr. Pam Langley and members have had informative speakers at their meetings, including a bee keeper and a presentation by Suzy Heck from Heckhaven, a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center in Lake Charles. Members have presented information on herbs, planted Crepe Myrtles for Arbor Day and cleaned streets for Adopt-A-Spot along with Team Green.

Iowa Garden Club, President Dr. Jim Racca and members are involved in their continuing projects, Arbor Day, Civic Pride, Garden of the Month, and Meditation Garden, held programs with guest speakers such as Dr. Charles Allen on "Gardening to Attract Butterflies and Hummingbird Moths.

Jennings Garden Club, President Jane Miller and members are involved in their downtown area. Planting and keeping everything beautiful in their town.

Lake Charles Garden Club, President Cheri Landry and members have been busy with civic Improvements, garden preservation and involving the youth in lots of their activities in their community. This busy group conducted workshops on dried flowers, birdhouses and art projects. They do an annual plant sale and raffle.

Magnolia Garden Club, President Hazel Fontenot (2013- 2014) and President Mable Foreman (2014-2015) and members in Ville Platte stay busy with projects and programs on native plants, Arbor Day, Civic Beautification, school ground improvements with plantings and landscape, and bird and butterfly sanctuaries. They also enjoy Christmas lightning with "Lighting of the Oaks" along Main Street.

Oakdale Garden Club, President Jane Anders (District VII Director-Elect) and members have had projects and programs on gardening with less work and time, companion planting, and exchanging of plant, seed and bulb. They are also involved in Arbor Day, Gardens of the Month and Birds and Butterfly projects.

Opelousas Garden Club, President Pam Harmon and members are also involved in Arbor Day plantings, Horticulture and Design programs, Garden of the Month, and Historic Preservation of their local cemeteries.

Rayne Garden Club, President Julia Breaux and members hosted the Fall District Meeting this year and did a wonderful job. I would like to thank them for all their hard work. Rayne is also involved in presenting horticulture at each of their meetings, Arbor Day planting, Garden of the Month, and plantings around their town.

Sulphur Garden club, President Kelly Keers and members main objectives are maintaining membership, creating educational programs for student and community, conservation projects and "fun in the garden". Programs include fall color and dried flowers, Orchid cultivation, city beautification, horticulture and flower designs.

Washington Garden Club, President Anne Jones and member's headquarters is St. John's Episcopal Church, circa 1872. When I think of Washington I think "history". The club members are always coming up with wonderful ways to support their headquarters. Some of their programs this year included organic composting, iris hybridizing, native plants, vegetable gardening and hummingbirds.

Welsh Garden Club, President Bernadine Daboval and members are new to District VII and doing a great job. They are very interested in Cleanest City Contest and planting beds of flowers around town. Programs this year include Speaker Jean Gilstrap, State Cleanest City Contest Chairman, horticulture, flower arranging and bee keeping.

The State Convention is being held in District VII this month, the 22nd and 23rd, at the Isle of Capri. All the clubs are participating to make this a great event. I want to thank everyone in our district for volunteering to help out and a special thanks to Convention Chairman, Kathy Tell and Co-Chairman Barbara Watkins, Diggers and Weeders Garden Club members.

It has been a pleasure to serve under our President Yvette Hebert. I truly do not know how she has done it. She has been there when any of us have needed her, not matter what.

Jeanette Gatzman, what can I say, you have made this experience informative and fun. It has been great having you as our "mama" and all the best to you as our next LGCF President.

District VIII

Diane Bordelon, Director

I've enjoyed my two years as District Director. There are six clubs in my district: Alexandria Garden Club, Lecompte Garden Club, Mansfield Garden Club, Marksville Garden Club, Moreauville Garden Club, and Olla Garden Club. During my first year Olla Garden Club became federated and joined our district. This past year Mansfield Garden Club joined our district.

All garden clubs attended the President's Meetings held in June of 2013 and 2014. Presidents were issued material to bring back to their members, which they put to excellent use.

All garden clubs were represented at the Fall Meetings held in October. Club members attended and made beautiful designs for the Silent Auction.

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District VIII was responsible for Table Designs for the luncheon during the 2014 Summer Board. All clubs made beautiful designs.

The clubs held monthly meetings with an array of guest speakers, made designs, sharing and exchanging horticulture and horticulture tips. Beautiful and educational flower shows were held by the clubs. They took part in or sponsored Cleanest City or Blue Star Marker projects and Community Gardens; applied for and received awards; had fund raisers to generate funds for their clubs. What a group of busy, hardworking ladies!!!!!

The club members in District VIII are very gifted and dedicated individuals and I am proud to have been their District Director.

LGCF Chairman Reports

Gardening Consultant Report

Mary Ellen Miller, President, LGCF Gardening Consultant Council

The road to Gardening Consultant excellence has been interesting these past two years. We feel that Gardening Consultant courses are the basic education all garden club members should have but most do not. We are surprised at the esteem given among our members to the Master Gardener graduates yet not the same for a Gardening Consultants taking the same courses. Our goal for these two years was to bring pride to our members and recognition in our community.

To accomplish both we started a monthly E-mailed newsletter on horticulture issues. We tapped the knowledge of the experts around us, formulating a theme related report on the world of nature. As of this writing we are getting ready to publish our 17th issue of "What's Growing". Some of our topics have been greenhouses, retention pond plantings, dealing with rainwater runoff, Tulips, Daffodils, Sansevieria, wild flowers, Orchids, freeze damage to Palm trees and a little about medicinal herbs.....or maybe Voodoo, and more. The main topic is always accompanied by recommendations from our two experts from the New Orleans Botanical Garden, Mark Munier on vegetable gardening, and Melinda Taylor on colorful annual planting combinations. The LSU Ag Center has been so helpful with articles from then agent Andrew Lloyd and present N. O. Agent Lee Rouse. We thank them and all the contributors who helped make our newsletter interesting, not only for our members, but requested by Master Gardeners, other groups and individuals throughout the state.

My greatest thanks go to Eleanore Capretto for her outstanding job of putting this together in a professional manner. In order to gain respect we had to be professional and she accomplished this for us.

LGCF CHAIRMAN REPORTS

In order to build individual pride in our students, we have developed and given T shirts with NGC logo and proudly stating "Gardening Consultant" to all who complete our courses. We have also developed NGC Master Gardening Consultant name tags and have given these to members who have achieved Master status. We hope our members wear these recognitions of achievement with pride as they serve the community. What better way to gain recognition for our organization then through individual accomplishment and service.

We thank Lafayette a garden Club and their leader Roxanna Champagne for successfully hosting three Gardening Consultant schools. The attendance has been encouraging and the enthusiasm contagious. Thank you Lafayette Garden Club!

And so my term as LGCF Gardening Consultant Council President comes to an end. I thank you for your support and confidence. It has been good to get to know so many of you. I hope we continue to gain respect in the community and among our members for the education received in NGC Gardening Consultant program. I leave you in the very good hands of Mary Jane Peters.

I am so proud to be one of you!

LIVE OAK SOCIETY

Coleen Perilloux Landry, Chairman

The Live Oak Society is continuing to flourish and now has a membership of 7,635 liv e oak trees. During the two year term of LGCF President Yvette Hebert, some 497 oaks were registered. We have come a long way with the Society since I read a report several years ago that said “We had a great year with the Society this year. We registered five oaks.”

Besides individuals registering their trees, several of the garden clubs in the Federation have taken on projects with the oaks in their communities, seeking out the qualified ones, getting permission from the owners, measuring the trees and registering them. Special thanks to the members of New Iberia Garden Club, Plaquemine Garden Club, Eunice Bulb and Blossom Garden and Franklin Garden Club for their exemplary work in getting the trees measured, named and registered.

A Herculean task was taken on by the Daniel Island Historical Society in South Carolina. They registered more than 100 trees in the past year, gave a gala to auction naming rights to the trees to raise money for the care of them, then gave a very elegant “Light the Oaks” night tour to celebrate the oaks. They have also contributed generously to the coffers of the Society, keeping us in postage and printing money.

One memorable achievement of the Society in 2014 was the joy of saving some 13 ancient oaks along the highway near Jeanerette from destruction by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Following my plea to the clubs of the Federation many wrote to the governor asking for a reprieve for the oaks. I personally wrote a letter to Governor Jindal giving him the history and legacy of

our Louisiana oaks and suggesting a better way to solve the problem. The Governor immediately ordered the DOTD to find a way and the magnificent oaks were spared.

Also in 2014, the Chairman was invited to be a speaker at the National convention of the Garden Club of America held in New Orleans. The topic was "The Live Oak Tree and the Role it Plays in America".

It has been a pleasure to serve as Live Oak Society Chairman for the past 14 years. I continue to give lectures to groups and to sing the praises of our Society whenever I can. I am still trying to get Deep South and National Garden Club to carry a link to our web page on their web sites. Since we have oaks registered in 14 states it is only fitting that we should be recognized nationally.

Ladies of the Federation please continue to promote, protect and preserve our wonderful Louisiana Live Oaks and spread the word to the 14 states in which we exist to keep up the good work.

NEWSLETTER

Pam Langley, Editor

I have enjoyed being Newsletter editor for the past 8 years. This last term I relinquished some duties that had fallen to the Newsletter Editor, but was not outlined as an assigned duty in the LGCF Handbook. Thanks to Beth Erwin, my job has become somewhat easier and my husband has quieted down about my always being on the computer! Beth is now keeping track of address and phone changes/updates for the LGCF Directory, and helping out with printing the awards booklet.

I look forward to serving the next two years under Jeanette Gatzman and becoming a 'ya-ya'! It will also be my last term as Newsletter Editor. At the end of next term, I will have served 10 years as Newsletter Editor. I think that is long enough to hold a position. I believe in term limits. It will be time for a fresh face and new ideas for the Newsletter!

Pre-Convention Tour

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

* *Private Bus*
* *Pre-tour Lunch*
* *Guided Tour*
* *Post-tour Tea/Desserts*

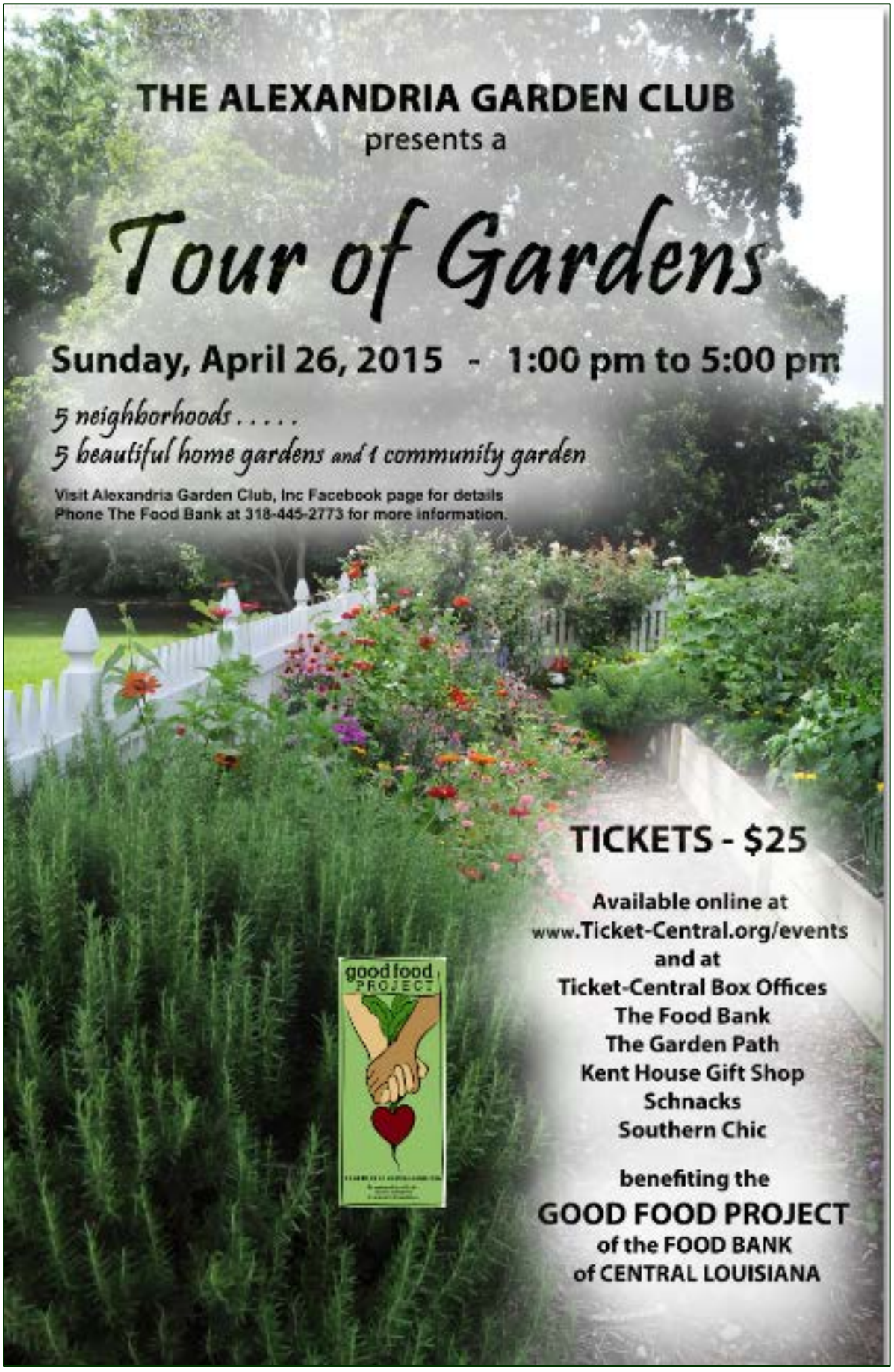
10:30	Arrive & Board Bus at Henning Cultural Center, 923 Ruth St, Sulphur LA
10:55	Depart for Shangri-La Botanical Gardens, Orange TX
11:30	Boxed Lunch
12:00	Garden Tour
2:00	Outpost Boat Tour
3:15	Board Bus back to Sulphur
4:00	Coffee, Tea, Punch, Desserts - salty and sweet finger foods Henning Cultural Center - *Honoring LGCF Officers & Chairmen*
6:00	Check-In Isle of Capri

Hurry! Only a few openings left.

$50 tour package

Check the LGCF website for the registration form or call Pam Langley @ 337-842-2995

Alexandria Garden Tour



Louisiana Garden Club Federation
Summer Board 2015
July 20 & 21
Embassy Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge
Registration Form

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 DSR Director
NGC	Officer	Chairman	Life Member	

Due Date July 4, 2015

			Price	Amount
Please make an (x) in the desired boxes.				
	July 20 – 21st	Entire Summer Board registration/meal package	$122.00	$
		I want to register for a portion of the meeting		
	Monday	Registration for Monday only	$20.00	$
	7/20	Lunch	$25.00	
		Banquet	$40.00	
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	7/21	Lunch	$37.00	
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Notes:

Alma (BeBe) Ebel

New Iberia Garden Club (District III)

Alma (BeBe) Ebel: BeBe joined the New Iberia Garden Club in 1995. She served as President, Vice President, and Secretary of the club. She also served as District III Chairman. BeBe has also participated in several committees during her membership of NIGC including Christmas Tea Committee, Clean City Committee and Downtown Flower Beds Committee.

BeBe moved to New Iberia in 1960 and lived next door to Gloria Delcambre. Mrs. Delcambre and her mother loved flowers so they gave BeBe tips on gardening. BeBe's mother in law was also influential in developing her passion for gardening. With three small children in tow BeBe planted Louisiana Irises and Day Lilies at her home. She felt they "made a good show".

Since 2003 BeBe has been working in the New Iberia downtown flower beds planting and weeding. She started working in the flowerbeds as a Lenten penance and has never stopped that penance. She feels that "Blooming flowers are so rewarding". Every week when she is driving to downtown New Iberia she listens to Cat Stevens "Morning Has Broken". It's a great way to start your day.

BeBe is very passionate about gardening. She loves to share and educate about gardening. We are very pleased that she is an extremely active member of the New Iberia Garden Club at 79!

Georgette Boos Frichter

Magnolia Forest Garden Club (District VI)

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Georgette Boos married George Frichter and raised a family in Chalmette, Louisiana. George and Georgette have been married for 55 years and have 3 children, and are proud grandparents to 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

In 1987, George and Georgette along with her mother Lillian Boos, uprooted and planted their feet in the ground in Pearl River, Louisiana. Once settled in, Georgette and her mother immediately joined the Magnolia Forest Garden Club. Instantly, she knew this was her new "home." She has been an active member of the Garden club for the past 28 years and has helped the Magnolia Forest Garden Club grow from 15 members to the present 38.

Georgette has held just about every office position in the garden club and has been elected President six different times, more than any other member, from 1990-1992, 1997-

1999, and 2002-2004. She currently holds the Treasurer position, which she has efficiently held numerous times.

Her home has been open to many garden club meetings and often the special Christmas Luncheon and meeting. She has chaired many different Standing and Special Committees in our club. She always volunteers to help whenever needed from the simplest things up to challenges as design and scheduling chairmanships for our Standard Home Flower Shows. Over the years, she has entered floral designs in many Home Flower Shows, as well as Art in Bloom in New Orleans. She is always ready to give encouragement and advice to others.

Georgette is presently involved the Slidell Lionesses, the Slidell Republican Women's Club, The Perseus Carnival Club, and she is a member of XI GAMMA LAMBDA.

Her pastime includes sewing (including costumes for the carnival club), shopping, and spending time with her family and friends. She is a devout member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Slidell, Louisiana.

Fay Claire Gaulene Gonzales Vogt

Magnolia Forest Garden Club(District VI)

Fay was born in New Orleans to Edward and Thelma Gaulene. She has a younger sister, Peggy Guelfo. Fay attended St. Joseph's School and received a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's Dominican College. She taught elementary school for 28 years, spending most of her career teaching first grade at Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) in New Orleans East. Fay cared for two husbands, Ronald Gonzales and Peter Vogt.

In high school, Fay enjoyed acting, playing volleyball, and writing. Inspired by the Sisters of St. Joseph, she planned on joining the sisterhood and becoming a nun. Instead, she married Ronald and raised five wonderful children, three girls and two boys. Fay managed to receive her bachelor's degree while juggling her duties as a spouse, mother, and full-time teacher. Fay spent a few years as an assistant principal at IHM, but her true calling was teaching young children, engaging their young minds with the joyful qualities of life. Once retired, Fay continued to work with children, volunteering to teach Sunday school and vacation bible school at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Pearl River.

Fay moved to Magnolia Forest subdivision with Peter in the early 90's. She joined the Magnolia Forest Garden Club and is still an active member. When she joined, she was not an experienced gardener, but wanted to learn as much as she could about the flowers that captured her imagination.

Fay participates annually in local flower exhibits. She enjoys sharing her love for flowers with others. She particularly enjoys making arrangements from native species that grow wild in the surrounding areas. You might catch her walking in a field or maneuvering along a ditch to pick wild flowers. She has a passion for the colorful flowers that most of us ignore.

CIRCLE OF ROSES

SHIRLEY BROUSSARD

Lake Charles Garden Club (District VII)

Shirley was born in Ville Platte on March 27, 1935. After graduating from high school, she attended Sacred Heart College in Grand Coteau for two years. After this she attended the University of Lafayette and received a degree in business.

Shirley moved to Lake Charles and was employed at Citgo Refinery where she met her husband, a chemical engineer. For several years Shirley was kept very busy with four children. Then she met Barbara Jones and Mary Scoggins, who were members of the Lake Charles Garden Club. When she attended her first meeting she knew that this was for her and she joined in 1988.

Her mother loved gardening and Shirley always loved working with flowers. Her artistic endeavors so far had been oil painting and watercolor, but she found out quickly that she enjoyed working with fresh materials.

She has been an active club member working the Clean City, hosting meetings, participating in flower shows and holding various offices. One of her favorite activities is making greeting cards with pressed flowers. Shirley learned this from Juanita Crawford, a member of the Oakdale Garden Club, who gave our club a workshop on this procedure many years ago. The sale of these cards made by our members makes a significant contribution to our club treasury. The garden club continues to provide Shirley with an outlet for her many artistic endeavors.

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” four special ladies.

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

LGCF Circle of Roses Chairman
Georgie Petitjean
1006 East 5th Street
Crowley, LA 70526-3952
(337) 783-4545, gmpetitjean@cox.net

In Memory

Elaine Tucker Umphrey, 93, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 4, 2015. Elaine served as President of the **Baton Rouge Garden Club** 1973-1975, was President of the Bud and Blossom Study group, recording secretary for the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, and served as the Baton Rouge Garden Club Scholarship Chairman for 15 years, a role she was particularly passionate about and delighted in doing. In 1997 she received the Baton Rouge Garden Club Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her dedication. In addition, she held the offices of Council President and Treasurer of the EBR Parish Louisiana Extension Homemakers. She will be greatly missed.

Gloria Patri Delcambre was called up by her heavenly father on Thursday, February 15, 2015 from her home in New Iberia. She was born March 30, 1932 in New Iberia, LA. Gloria was a long time member of **New Iberia Garden Club** where she served as President. Gloria was a founding member of Azalea Garden Club. She was a former District III Director and has served as a judge in the Cleanest City Contest.

Kevin Russo, another member of the **Azalea Garden Club** passed away on January 13, 2015 in New Iberia at the age of 55. He was a member of the Rose Society, Hibiscus Society and hybridized Hibiscus.

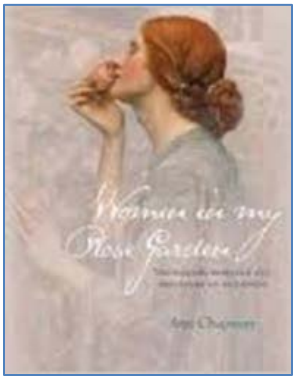
Betty Ann Chaisson Langlinais, 78, passed from this life peacefully on Wednesday, February 4, 2014 in her home surrounded by her family.

Betty will be remembered as a loving wife, exceptional mother, affectionate grandmother and loyal friend. She was a devout Catholic and was very active in her church. She, also, enjoyed being a part of the **Lake Charles Garden Club**. Betty was a woman of many talents. She was an accomplished artist who often exhibited her paintings at area art shows. She lived life to the fullest, brought out the best in everyone and was always ready with a friendly smile.

Lucille W. Gates, 94, died on January 24, 2015. Lucille was a very long time member of LGCF from **District VIII**, talented floral arranger and Flower Show Judge. Her love, though, was Horticulture. She had many other talents too numerous to mention here. She will be missed.

Book Review

By Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair



Women in My Rose Garden
The History, Romance and Adventure of Old Roses
By Ann Chapman
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Oh, what a beauty!! Whether you grow roses, or avoid roses altogether, this is a wonderful read, thorns and all!

During the course of developing her own rose garden, the author began to wonder about the women for whom most of her plants were named. Some are old roses, others more modern, and their namesakes span the centuries. Who were they, and why had they been honored with a rose?

This lovely little book presents us with 35 special roses, a short biography of their evocative namesakes, and gorgeous photographs of both intriguing specimens.

Enjoy!

Bloomin' Art

By Molly, Stillinger, Madisonville Garden Club

The Madisonville Garden club was founded in 1954. One of their premier events is their annual Flower Show where members create beautiful flower arrangements which are judged by Federated Judges. This year the club will do a "take off" on Art in Bloom as the theme is "Bloomin' Art". There will also be a Horticulture Division where members bring flowers picked from their gardens to be judged. Committee members for this year's show are: Celeste Fahey, Debbie Novosel, Crissie Pennock, Arleen Bennett, and Betty LaGraize.

The show will be at the Madisonville Town Hall, 403 St. Francis Street on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. A viewing reception will be from 1pm to 3pm and is free to anyone wishing to enjoy the beautiful, creative flower arrangements.

For more information, please contact Celeste Fahey at 985-845-9609 or bobceleste1@yahoo.com.

New Louisiana Landscape Design Consultants

Four students of the latest Landscape Design School completed the four course series to become Landscape Design Consultants and are pictured on the right. From left to right are Pam Langley, JoAnn Ray, Janis Poche, and Mary Ellen Miller.

Cleanest City Contest

By Jean Gilstrap, LGCF Cleanest City Chairman

(**Editor's Note**: The following article appeared in the December 2014 issue of the Louisiana Municipal Review, which is read by all mayors, governing body members, administrators and other key employees of Louisiana Municipal and State governments.)

The Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.(LGCF) is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., and is the only member to sponsor a contest like the Cleanest City Contest.

It is an excellent contest that has helped clean up the state of Louisiana. The LMA has seen so much of the benefit from the contest that the board unanimously voted to promote the contest that was started in 1958 by Bera Smith.

The contest is aimed to instill civic pride in the individual citizens, thus, improving the appearance of villages, towns and cities.

Each year, competition has become stronger and cities have achieved higher and higher standards of cleanliness.

We point, with much pride, to the many participating communities through the years and to the ever- increasing number who work year around to keep their communities clean and beautiful.

Entries for next year's contest must be in by February 1, 2015. There are 10 categories to compete in that are determined by population. Each community will be judged on a district level first.

If the community scores high enough, the community will move on to the state level to compete.

Each community will receive an entry form by the end of December that comes with partial information pre-filled out (municipality name, Mayor or Parish President's name, population, category, district, District Chairman's name and Garden Club President's name).

In order to compete, the municipality must be sponsored by a Federated Garden Club. If the municipality doesn't have a club, the LGCF will appoint a club to provide your sponsorship.

A book of evidence of before and after pictures showing the progress and any pertinent information (letters from citizens, newspaper articles, flyers, etc.) must also be submitted as it is the only way to show community involvement.

The 2014 State winners were Pollock – Category A, Marion – Category B, Grand Isle – Category C, Jean Lafitte – Category D, Farmerville – Category E, Rayne – Category F, Pineville – Category G, Hammond – Category H, Alexandria – Category I and Baton Rouge – Category J.

For complete details and more information on awards, please visit the Cleanest City Contest page at lgcfinc.org or contact LGCF Cleanest City Contest Chairman, Jean Gilstrap at jeangilstrap@gmail.com.

Design Corner

Two Louisiana Flower Show Judges, **Sherri Labbe** and **Mary Jane Peters**, attended the 2015 NGC's Instructors' Symposium in Las Vegas in February. They brought back lots of information to share with us including information on the Armature Form Design which follows.

Armature Form Design

By Tony Todesco, FSS Design Consultant

A Creative Design featuring an armature (a skeleton and/or grid-like structure). The Armature Form is created by the exhibitor, which supports plant material and other optional components. The Armature is imaginative and made from plant or ma-made material, or may be a combination of both. It is greater in proportion than the combined other components and becomes the support system. The Armature is self-supported, or may rely on a container(s) or other device. Water tubes or other means of water supply for fresh plant material may be used. The design may be floor design, staged on a pedestal, table or may be suspended.

Other Design Information

The Armature structure is constructed of crossing lines. It may be created by combining two found or purchased grid like components of near equal size of may be constructed of many grid like components, or may be constructed piece by piece to form the grid like structure. The structure may be one component that has been formed and shaped by the exhibitor (as hardware cloth, etc.).

Unity of the structure is achieved by using one or two types of material and colors, and is greater in proportion than the combined other components. Metal structure/sculptures may be used if enough other material is used to complete the grid effect. The Armature may be supported by devise/mechanic that becomes part of the Armature, and adds to the grid effect.

Floral foam may be used in/on (supported by) the Armature to hold fresh material. If a container is used to support the Armature, and Floral foam or a pin holder is used in the container, non-Armature components may not be inserted as the foam/pin holder would support the components, not the Armature. All components are supported by the grid like Armature structure. The Armature is an important feature of the design type and should be clearly recognizable as this type of design.

District I & II

Members of the **New Orleans Judges Council** of LGCF created Traditional Mass designs for the two large urns in the main hallway of the New Orleans Museum of Art. Pictured on the right, from left, are JoAnn Christopher, Mary Jacobs, Debbie Corales and President, Carrie Martin. Taking the picture was Mary Ellen Miller.

Rambling Rose Gardeners celebrated their December Christmas Luncheon and Party at Chateau Country Club enjoying fine dining, exchanging gifts, and valued fellowship, as they looked forward to having a Merry Christmas!

The picture on the right shows Betty Gibbs, Betty Rena and Daria Vincent of Rambling Rose, among members from other clubs, who participated in the JPCGC Christmas Tea wearing their Hats and Gloves. What a Blast!

In January, we met at the house of Nancy Hernandez. Emily Zielke, who runs a native, edible and rain garden landscaping business, was our speaker. She shared okra seeds and catalogs with us. She was an exciting and enthusiastic young lady. We had a Plant Exchange and also a Silent Auction.

In February, we met at the home of Betty Rena with co-hostess being Joan Gist. As part of our Garden Therapy and in support of Breast Cancer, (see picture at left, from left to right), Mary Ann Vincent-Treasurer and Daria Vincent-President, planted a Pink Knock-Out Rose at Metairie Manor in Metairie. Garden Therapy serves within healthcare to be rehabilitative and therapeutic. Remember to pray for all individuals suffering with Breast Cancer and families for support, healing and understanding. Daria also gave a presentation on PINK Plants along with giving each member a Breast Cancer Emblem Pin. We had a plant sale which supports the rules of the Horticulture Honor Roll Award. For our Philanthropic, we brought toiletries for a Nursing Home. We enjoyed refreshments from Betty Rena's vegetable and herb garden.

Our March Meeting is going to be an exciting meeting as Betty Gibbs, Betty Rena and Angie Cole will be presenting "Tablescapes". Our meeting will be at the home of Angie Cole and co-hostess will be Carol

Fourmaux. The theme will be "Family Gathering" and techniques will be presented learned from Flower Show Design School. We will also have a Plant Exchange.

We are also looking forward to a field trip to the Plant Gallery in Metairie. It is a family owned garden center offering a large selection of plants, flowers, bedding and housewares. We will learn how to examine and inspect flowers, plant, and shrubs for disease and insects.

Lastly, we will be installing new officers for another couple of years, who will promote knowledge of horticulture and demonstrate care for plants and our ever-changing environment.

District III

The members of **Terrebonne Garden Club** celebrated the eighty-fifth anniversary of their club on Friday, October 10, 2014 with a flower show and luncheon to honor past presidents and honorary members. They were given Certificates of Appreciation from the club to recognize their contributions to our history and by providing the foundation and know- ledge for our club to continue. One of our past presidents is the current LGCF President, Yvette Hebert. The program was opened by Pat Gordon, the son of a garden club member, who spoke of his mother's activities in the club when he was young. Entertainment was provided by members who wrote a skit about Recycling and Reusing through the years. The flower show was titled "Somewhere In Time" and had 24 artistic designs, with 128 horticulture entries. Forty eight members and the six judges enjoyed the luncheon.

Shown above are, from left to right, Mary Jane Peters, our friend Isabelle, Sharon Chatagnier, and Trudy Doiron.

Shown on the left, Cindy Thibodeaux struts around the pool in her recycled costume as members enjoy the show.

Deeds and Doings

To celebrate Christmas of 2015, the members of **Terrebonne Garden Club** held a tea at the home of Kate Wood. A highlight of the tea was a hat decorating contest divided into two categories – traditional and fascinator. The winners pictured on the right were Barbara Picard with her fascinator and Frances Pellegrin in a traditional hat.

Pictured below are three members (L to R) Janet Myers, Karen LeBourgeois and Raymonda Guidroz. Over fifty members and guests attended the tea with food prepared by a student of the John Folse Culinary School at Nichols. Presidents and a guest from clubs of District III were also invited and Roxanna and Cynthia of Lafayettte, Penny and Sandra of Abbeville and Brenda and Eddie from Thibodaux were there to judge the hats. Kate's house and lawn provided a perfect backdrop for the food, fun and Christmas spirit.

Four members of Terrebonne Garden Club went to the recent Louisiana Landscape Design School, Course 1 held in January 2015. L to R are Karen Breaux, Linda Brashier, Paulette Henry and Linda Downer. With this class, both Linda's completed their Master Consultant status.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Alumni House was the setting for **Lafayette Garden Club**'s December 10 Christmas Tea. Pictured on the left are Cecille Revels, Margo Racca, guest LGCF's Circle of Roses Chairman Georgie Petitjean and Sybil Allis.

Anne Meleton, being commended by Club President Cinde Risinger for being a Lafayette Garden Club member for 36 years, said she first became interested after taking a horticulture class from Ira Nelson. Our beloved, more recently deceased Betty Calendar, who was unable to be with us at the Tea, was recognized for her greatest number of years with the Club, as well as a recipient of the Circle of Roses Award. Caroline Bernard was introduced and acknowledged for her 30 years as a Club member.

Deeds and Doings

Georgie Petitjean, LGCF Circle of Roses Chairman, attended the Tea and honored the new Circle of Roses recipients. Pictured on the left, are Mrs. Petitjean and the four recipients with their bouquets of red roses: Jan Dennen, who served many years as Cleanest City Chairman; Ann Meleton, best known for hosting luncheons at her Lippi Boulevard home; Claire Torry, a very active 93-year-old member; and Lorraine Newberry, who said that her motto is "No matter what happens, plant a green tree in your heart and one day the songbirds will sing."

Under a very welcomed January bright, sunny sky, members of Lafayette Consolidated Government and Lafayette Garden Club, observed Louisiana's Arbor Day, which is the third Friday in January, dedicated a red oak tree at Beaullieu Park in Lafayette, in memory of recently deceased Lafayette Garden Club members: Betty Wiggs, Bera Smith and Betty Callender.

Gretchen Stewart, Chair of Lafayette Garden Club's Arbor Day Committee, welcomed everyone and introduced Joey Durel, City-Parish President of Lafayette Consolidated Government. Durel greeted the crowd, deferring to the lady speakers who, he said, would have more to say about this event. Cynthia Risinger, President of Lafayette Garden Club; Louisiana Consolidated Government's Kevin Blanchard, Director of Public Works; Heather Warner-Finley, President of Trees Acadiana; Katherine McCormick, Project Front Yard Coordinator and Brian Smith LGC's Street Superintendent, reported on visions for tree-planting and landscaping in Lafayette. Mr. Smith complimented Eric Trahan and his staff for excellence in maintaining the good quality of our City's grounds. City-Parish President Joey Durel and Lafayette Consolidated Government Staff members, along with Lafayette Garden Club President Cinde Risinger, Chair of Lafayette Garden Club's Arbor Day Committee, Gretchen Stewart, Tom Callender, son of honored deceased member Betty Callender, Jo Ann Pugh and members of Lafayette Garden Club, pose with a shovel in hand, at the memorial Arbor Day planting of a red oak tree at Beaullieu Park in Lafayette.

Julie Haack of Lafayette Garden Club spoke about the three deceased Club members, Betty Wiggs, Bera Smith and Betty Callender, remembering them for what they have done to benefit the Garden Club. Ms. Haack then introduced the Arbor Day special guests, who are family members of the three deceased members of Lafayette Garden Club. The special guests are, pictured from right to left, Jessica and Glenda Giddens and Nathan, Elana, Krista and Tom Callender.

Deeds and Doings

Doug Trahan, Maurice nursery owner and Member of Lafayette Garden Club, the Bromeliad International Society, International Crypthanthus Society and the Mike Bernard Acadiana Hibiscus Society, gave a Program at the January meeting about Correct Plant Watering and Maintenance.

At the February meeting, Cecille Revels and Betty Foret, Master Flower Show Judges, presented a program/demonstration on design styles listed in the Flower Show Schedule, explaining creative designs and encouraging Club members to participate in the upcoming Festival des Fleurs Flower Show. Dee Nolan announced that she and Club volunteers would be judging for Cleanest Schools on February 26. And Margaret Hargroder, Flower Show Chair, announced “Gardens Galore,” Lafayette Garden Club’s standard Flower Show at Festival des Fleurs, set for Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, at Blackham Coliseum. Ms. Hargroder invited any Garden Club member to enter their Floral Designs and plant specimens for the Horticulture category, which horticulture contest is open to everyone. Floral arrangements, horticulture, photo of Flower Show participants, and listing of awards will later be posted on the Garden Club website, Lafayette Garden Club.org under Events, Flower Show. And the July issue of LGCF Quarterly Newsletter will offer a writeup about "Gardens Galore."

In observance of Arbor Day, **Bayou Vista Garden Club** members planted a tree at Bayou Vista Elementary School. The tree was dedicated to honor Donna Bucci for her service as BVGC President from 2013-2015, The Cow Oak (Quercus michauxii), also know as a Swamp Chestnut, is native to wetlands and bottomlands in the Southern and Central United States. The acorns provide food for wildlife and livestock, especially cows.

BVGC Arbor Day Chairman Donna Richard also presented a program to the BVES kindergarten students. The picture on the right shows Donna reading the book Arbor Day by Rebecca Rissman, which was donated to BVES. Richard exhibited a specimen tree and each student was given an activity sheet and acorns. BVGC also donated the book What's That Tree? by Tony Russell, which is a beginner's guide to tree identification.

Pictured on the left, with representatives from Teia Dolci's kindergarten class are, from left, BVGC member Carol Smith, BVGC President Donna Bucci, and BVGC Arbor Day Chairman Donna Richard. (not pictured Janice Verret)

District V

Members of **Palmetto Garden Club** in Rayville made 160 small floral arrangements for every nursing home resident in Rayville and delivered them Valentine's Day. Members along with their District Director, Beth Erwin, and their handiwork are shown in the picture on the right.

District VI

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl took center stage at the recent **Baton Rouge Garden Club** awards program. Pictured with Smokey were First Place winners from area schools. Including Willie Allen, Co-Chairman, Debbie Harris, and right Susie Smith, event Chairman.

Guest speaker LA State Representative, Steve Carter, gave opening remarks and words of encouragement to the students and parents present for this afternoon reception. Pictured are Debbie Harris, Carter, LGCF President-Elect Jeanette Gatzman, and Beth Rush.

Magnolia Forest Garden Club held an Arbor Day program in conjunction with our "Adopt a School Project" at Riverside Elementary School, Pearl River,LA on Thursday, January 29, 2015. Pam Anderson, Arbor Day Chairman, and Fay Vogt, Adopt-A-School Chairman, scheduled the program with Principal, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Whitehead's fourth grade class (shown in the picture below) for the students to learn about the importance of trees and the Arbor Day Foundation. After the program, the students, some faculty, and 8 garden club members moved outside to attend the red maple trees planting on the school grounds. The Red Maple trees were donated by the Magnolia Forest Garden Club.

Deeds and Doings

After the Arbor Day program, three Magnolia Forest Garden Club members met with Mrs. Jordan, Principal Riverside Elementary School on January 29, 2015. In the picture on the right, the club members are Fay Vogt, Adopt School Chairman; Sandy Solar, Club President; Pam Anderson, Arbor Day Chairman; and Mrs. Jordan, Principal.

Magnolia Forest Garden Club members who attended the Arbor Day Program and tree planting at Riverside Elementary School on January 29,2015 are pictured on the left and are (L to R) Fay Vogt, Jane Freeman, Sandy Solar, President, Nancy O'Brien, Carol Hodge, Pam Anderson, Carol Carrigan, and Betty Rose.

District VII

The **Diggers & Weeders Garden Club** of Lake Charles was busy this spring. Members planted crepe myrtle trees at three different Habitat for Humanity homes in February. Shown on the right (L to R) are Jennifer Granger, Habitat for Humanity Manager, Marcy Gregg, Barbara Watkins, Kathy Tell, and Pam Langley.

The city of Lake Charles organized an 'Arbor Day Event' for Tuten Park, where Club members manned a sunflower planting booth. Children of all ages planted sunflower seeds in cups to bring home and transplant after they sprouted. There were more than 200 cups of sunflowers planted.

Planting Roses in Louisiana

Bare root roses should be planted in January or early February, but container grown roses may be planted as late as May with good results. Avoid planting in the heat of summer since the stress of trying to get established in the landscape and the intense heat of summer will likely be too much for the rose.

Roses must have at least six to eight hours of direct sun daily to bloom as we expect. Any shade they receive should ideally come in the afternoon. Morning sun helps dry dew early in the day which can help recude disease problems.

Roses also need good drainage, so avoid low areas that stay wet. One exception to this is the swamp rose, Roas palustris scandens, which thrives in wet soil.

Calendar of Events

2015

April 7-17	State Judging Cleanest City Contest
April 21	LGCF Pre-Convention Tour, Shangri La
April 22-23	LGCF 2015 Convention, Lake Charles, LA
April 26	Alexandria GC Garden Tour, Alexandria, LA
May 15-18	NGC Convention - Louisville KY
May 14-20	LGCF Tour, California
June 1	Scholarship Applications Due
June 7-13	National Garden Week
July 20-21	Summer Board Meeting, Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge, LA
July 30-August 1	Flower Show School, Ira Nelson Center, Lafayette, LA
September 15-19	NGC Fall Board Meeting - St. Louis, Missouri
September 22-25	Environmental Study School, Course I & II, Monroe (Black Bayou), LA
October 13	District I & II Fall Meeting, TBA
October 14	District VI Fall Meeting, Covington, LA
October 15	District III Fall Meeting, Houma
October 20	District VII Fall Meeting, The Pioneer Club, Sulphur, LA
October 21	District V Fall Meeting, TBA
October 22	District VIII Fall Meeting, Pineville Community Center, Pineville,LA

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January (TBD)	LGCF Tour, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
February 15-17	Louisiana Judges Symposium
March 7-9	Deep South Convention, Tunica, Mississippi
April 12-13	LGCF, Inc. Convention – Vidalia, LA
May 2-6	NGC Convention, Grand Rapids, Michigan
June (TBD)	LGCF Tour, Heritage Trail, Elkhart, Indiana
Sept 27-Oct 3	NGC Fall Board Meeting – Portland, Maine

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(TBD)	LGCF Tour, Australia/New Zealand
(TBD)	Deep South Convention, New Orleans, LA
(TBD)	LGCF Convention, New Orleans, LA
May 18-20	NGC Convention, Richmond, Virginia
June (TBD)	LGCF Tour, Nova Scotia/New Brunswick, Canada
(TBD)	Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri