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On our Cover: Our cover photo features a variety of camellia blossoms from the yard of **New Iberia Garden Club member Diana Delcambre who resides in District III.** Photo was taken by Roxy Blanton. Camellias are flowering, shade-loving, small trees or shrubs that are available in a remarkable range of colors, forms, and sizes. Depending on the variety, they may bloom in late fall, winter and early spring adding cheer to the garden when little else is in flower. Their blooms are set against dark green glossy leaves. Grow a camellia as a spectacular specimen, plant several to form a loose hedge, or train them as espalier to cover fences and low walls. The South is the heart of camellia country. Although it seems these beautiful plants must have been born here, in truth they hail from eastern and southern Asia.

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

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

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO SUMMER ISSUE (JULY 2019) IS JUNE 1st, 2019.

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President's Message

"PLANT AMERICA – PLANT LOUISIANA"



As I am writing my president's report for the 2019 Deep South Garden Club Convention, I am reminded of all the accomplishments that the garden clubs in LGCF have made over these past two years. It's so important to note that it's clearly evident that when we work together to achieve these accomplishments, we become more like a family and, working together, we can do anything!

Where would we be without our wonderful LGCF Website? Here we have been able to keep up with and take advantage of the many opportunities that LGCF, DSGC and NGC offer. Thank you, Vicky, for "A Job Well Done!"

We have had great success in the protection of our natural resources, encouraging civic pride in our communities, advancing the art of gardening, landscape design and the study of horticulture through the NGC Supported Schools and educational scholarships. Our four schools continue to provide courses to educate members in making our world a better place.

By participating in the "Keep Louisiana Beautiful" campaign, we continue to promote a campaign against the littering of our roadsides and waterways, as well as promote civic pride. Our Cleanest City contest and the popular saying, "Love the Boot, Don't Pollute," say just that. Thanks to all the towns and cities that participate in one of LGCF'S projects to improve the appearance of our

towns, cities and parishes. A special thanks goes out to Jean Gilstrap for her devotion to this very worthwhile campaign.

We are very proud of our Blue Star Program with two Blue Star Markers dedicated in 2018-19 and one Gold Star Marker going to France to be dedicated on June 6, the 75th anniversary of D-Day, in the small village of St. Mere Eglise. The monument is dedicated to the efforts of a lady, Simone Renaud, who is lovingly called "The Mother of Normandy" for all that she did for the American families of those loved ones who are buried in France. This is the first time a Blue or Gold Star Monument has left the United States. I attended a very moving ceremony at the WW II Museum in New Orleans, presenting the marker to the son of this amazing lady. Thanks to Mary Hazen, Blue Star Memorial Chairman, for her hard work in making this a reality -- and not only this worthwhile project, but also for consistently promoting the Blue Star Program statewide.

Louisiana is fortunate to have The Live Oak Society with 8,675 members in eleven states and with only one human as a member. During my term in office, we have registered 361 beautiful Live Oaks and have saved countless trees from destruction. Coleen Landry, Live Oak Chairman, works very hard to gain new members. Thanks, Coleen, for all you do for the preservation of our beautiful Live Oaks.

I would like to thank all the NGC sponsored Council Presidents and School Chairmen for their continued efforts to involve, educate and bring together so many club members to learn more about this place we call home. When I look on our website at the large number of members in the different councils, I am amazed at the wealth of knowledge that these members have gained.

I have had the opportunity to view and read the other DSGC Newsletters and I must say, without a doubt, LGCF has the best articles with a wide variety of information provided by our garden clubs. I am hoping that this great source of information is filtering down to all clubs and their members. I want to thank Ruth and Roxy for doing such a great job and also, when I asked them to be the chairman and co-chairman, they said "YES."

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank this administration for all the hard work during the last two years. Without the support of all LGCF Chairmen, garden clubs and the club members who work so diligently to use their talents, time and energy, this organization would not be nearly as great as it is today!

Lena Bateman

EDITORS' CORNER



This issue marks the end of our first two-year term. We have agreed to continue as co-editors for 2019-2021. We thank you for the positive comments we have received. As always, we strive to bring you garden club news from around the state. Our success depends upon your cooperation in sending us your news to publish. We look forward to the 2019 LGCF Convention so that we can visit with all the people with whom we have been corresponding. We would like to give special thanks to Vicky Fanally, our LGCF Webmaster, for all her encouragement, and to Georgie Petitjean for all her help with the Circle of Roses.

Please continue to follow our deadlines and send in articles and pictures!!

Ruth Delhomme and Roxy Blanton, Co-editors



Summer Board will be July 15-16 at Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge, La. Room rates and registration fees will be announced at a later date.

Gardening School

On February 19th and 20th, 2019, NGC school, course IV of Series X was held in Hammond, Louisiana at the LSU Research Station. Beth Erwin and Linda Brashier, school co-chairs, want to thank all the students who attended the series during the past two years. At the last school we had thirty students with seventeen testing. There are five new consultants who are: Karen Breaux, Vicky Fannaly, Tricia Ortalano, Babette Werner and Susan Wilhelm. There were also three Masters who refreshed.

This was the last school for Beth and Linda, but the NGC Gardening School will continue in the fall in Lafayette. Anita Petitjean, the next Gardening Council President, will conduct the schools.

For your information, during the summer, NGC will introduce a new digital Handbook for all the Schools, excluding Flower Show Schools. Also the electronic files for Gardening School were brought up to NGC requirements and transmitted. However, original paper files still exist with updated information.

Again, many thanks from Beth and Linda in making the last Series a success and we hope you continue your studies and your participation in activities of Louisiana Garden Clubs.

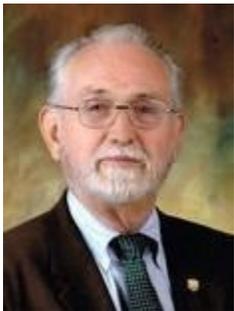


Beth Erwin, Instructor



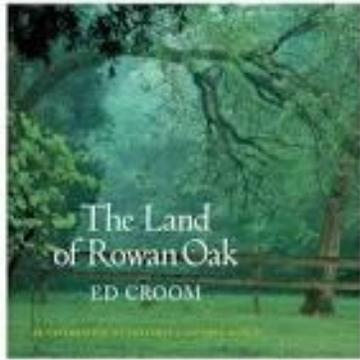
Class members (l to r) Sherri Labbe, Dot Wu, Pam Langley, Dorothy Delaune, Sarah LeBlanc

Winter Board 2019 at our LGCF headquarters in LeCompte,La. with our state president and president-elect and district directors.. Pictured left to right are Kathy Boudreaux, Reba Mackey, Patsy Hebert, Linda Finley, Lena Bateman, Nancy Delahaye, Shirley Key and Fran Anderson.



Joe Edward Baucum, age 78, passed away peacefully at his home in Barataria, LA, on February 6, 2019, with his beloved wife Cindy at his side, following a fierce and courageous battle with cancer. He had a passion for volunteering with non-profits – especially those involving the natural environment and horticulture. In recent years, he served on the boards of Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater New Orleans, the state Louisiana Master Naturalist Association, Friends of Jefferson the Beautiful, Better Swamps & Garden Club, Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs, the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, and Louisiana Urban Forestry Council. Among his most fulfilling accomplishments were the planting of a forest of live oaks in the Westbank Expressway median through Marrero and Westwego, construction of a mile-long raised boardwalk through the cypress swamp in Jean Lafitte's Nature Study Park, and facilitating the installation of numerous Blue Star Memorial Markers throughout the Greater New Orleans area, dedicated to past, present and future veterans of the Armed Services.

Book Review



The Land of Rowan Oak

By Ed Croom

University Press of Mississippi, Jackson, 2016

ISBN: 9781496809032 176 pages

Oh, this book is a beauty!

A visual exploration of the Oxford, MS, property owned and tended for over 30 years by famed southern author William Faulkner, the photographs evoke the sounds and scents and ambiance of an antebellum property that is filled with hundreds of native plant species, as well as other exotic imported flora.

These 33 acres are owned and tended today by the University of Mississippi, Rowan Oak is now a National Historic Landmark.

After enjoying this book, I think I need to go to Rowan Oak.

Submitted by Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair



CIRCLE OF ROSES

GLENDA AND NORMAN BALLIVIERO

Lafayette Garden Club: District III



Glenda was born in New Orleans but was raised in Boothville, in South Plaquemines Parish. She grew up surrounded by orange groves and vegetable gardens; however, her Aunt Rosie was the one who passed on to her the Love of Gardening. She began attending the University of New Orleans upon completion of high school but soon married Norman Balliviero, her childhood sweetheart, and they began their family of two children Tammy and Michael. Two major hurricanes, Betsy and Camille, destroyed their first homes in Boothville so they relocated to Belle Chasse. Glenda then completed her Bachelor Degree in Education at Holy Cross College graduating Cum laude and taught at the Belle Chasse Elementary school for many years. She continued her studies while raising a family and volunteering with youth groups and received her Masters in Curriculum and Instruction and Specialist in Reading from the University of New Orleans the same year her son finished high school. She became the Curriculum Coordinator at BC Elementary and was honored as Outstanding Teacher of the Year for Plaquemines Parish in 1981 and Teacher of the Year for the LA PTA.

Norman working for Chevron in Training was transferred to Lafayette in 1989 and a new life began there. She traveled to Belle Chasse weekly for 9 years to volunteer at the BCPS. She and Norman completed the LA Master Gardener course in 2000 and she developed the Children's Garden at the MG Demonstration Garden. In 2009 she and Norman received the MG International Award for Gardening with Children.

Glenda chaired the Lafayette Garden Club Civic Pride and Garden of the Month Committee for 9 years and then Garden Therapy at Evangeline Oaks Nursing Home and the Greenhouse Sr Citizen Center for many years. Her project was so successful it was awarded the Overall National Garden Club Garden Therapy Award.

Glenda and Norman are avid gardeners and have many unusual plants thus she has received numbers of top horticultural awards at the Lafayette Standard Flower Shows. They are also both very active in LSHR and LSHS, both having received the distinguished LSHR Medallions and life membership in LSHS. Their garden was featured in the Louisiana Gardener and Woman's Day magazines in addition to several local newspapers. Their life has also been filled with special love for their granddaughter Abbey who now has one year old Wyatt who is the joy of their life.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Kay DeMange Allen

Acres of Green Garden Club: District I



Kay Allen has been a “giver” all of her life. She is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Ole Miss in Oxford, Mississippi where she was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. To this day she is still active in her sorority, having raised thousands of dollars for charitable causes. If possible, she attends every Ole Miss football game. Kay was married to Charles Allen, now deceased, and is the mother of three children and grandmother of many. She has lived in the “cold north” and the “great west” and settled in Louisiana for several decades now. As a longtime member of Acres of Green Garden Club in Metairie, she has served two terms as president and held every office in the club. She chaired two of the club’s big fundraisers with the money going to the development of Lafreniere Park’s Parterre Garden. She is active in the Jefferson Parish Council, having chaired one of its fundraisers, and never misses a meeting. She is a very gracious, true southern lady who helps anyone in need. She recently purchased two Live Oak trees that were planted in Lafreniere Park in memory of her father and a friend. She follows a motto of “As ye sow, so shall ye reap”.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Dolores Ann (Racca) Ward

Lake Charles Garden Club: District VII



Dolores Ann (Racca) Ward joined the Lake Charles Garden Club in 1993. She served as president and held most of the positions on the board. She also served on most committees and helped with plant sales and the Garden Expo and Conference in Lake Charles. She holds a Masters certificate in Gardening and Landscape Design. She is also an Advanced Louisiana Master Gardener.

Dolores is married to Robert H. Ward. They have two children and two grandchildren. She is a long time member of the Episcopal Church of the Good shepherd in Lake Charles. She enjoys serving time on the Altar Guild there.

Her favorite activity is playing Mahjong. She also enjoys occasionally painting in watercolor.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Ellie Lemoine

Lake Charles Garden Club

District VII



Ellie Lemoine grew up in Somers Point, New Jersey. She attended Rider College in Trenton, New Jersey where she met her husband, Roland Sherwood. She and Roland raised three wonderful children Chip, John and Lynda. When the eldest was in third grade, they moved to Lake Charles and the family quickly grew to love the state that had so much history, friendly folks who loved the good times and fabulous food.

After the children were educated and married Roland left his career as a retailer with Muller's and studied to become an Episcopal priest in a Chicago seminary. They both enjoyed the area and all it had to offer but Louisiana was home and when Roland was ordained in 1990 they moved back to Louisiana. Ellie's first flower garden was in a sunny backyard in Deridder and when they moved to Westlake the empty lot next door had gorgeous wildflowers which inspired pressing flowers and identifying them.

Life was blessed until her husband, Roland passed away in their 60's. Back in Lake Charles, Ellie found a cottage to renovate with five live oak trees and no landscaping, but lots of opportunities. In her youth, her beloved grand mom, who lived with the family, had inspired a love of flowers and gardening, so she put this at the top of her list. She also desired to join a garden club which came about when she retired from her school position in 2000.

Around that time she met her Frenchman, Chuck, and they married in 2002. As the years went on she was involved in club activities and offices becoming Lake Charles Garden Club President co-chairing the city's Clean City Contest for two years, starting a Youth Garden club and a Native Plant Garden at the Imperial Museum. Chuck was always her help mate and encourager. Life has been good of thanksgiving.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Thelma Fontenot

Lake Charles Garden Club: District VII



Thelma became a member of the Lake Charles Garden Club in 2009, after retiring from Sowela Community College as a nursing instructor for 22 years. She and her husband Gene have three children and four grandchildren all of whom they are very proud.

She loves to cook and collect recipes. She has lots of things with which to experiment since she has two hunters and a fisherman in the family. The hobby she loves the most is gardening. Being in the garden club has educated her tremendously. She thinks they are a great group of ladies.

She became the President in 2019. She commented that this is quite an education, "I have learned so much about this organization and what make it tick. Then I became Parliamentarian for 2017-2019." She will be serving a First Vice-President for the 2019-2021 term.

She has participated in the Cleanest City Contest and Adopt-a-Spot. This year will be her second year serving as Co-Chair of the Flower Show held in conjunction with the Southwest Louisiana Garden Conference and Exposition.



CIRCLE OF ROSES



We have many ladies in their senior years who have given their time and talents over the many years and we would like to honor them in the newsletter. In order to do this, we are asking each club that wishes to honor a senior member or members this way please submit both a “then” and “now” photograph with a short write-up on the member’s garden club activities. This quarter we would like to welcome to our “Circle” these special ladies.

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

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Note from the newsletter co-editors:

We think the Circle of Roses is a very special honor and we strive to make the presentation in the newsletter one that each recipient can print out as a keepsake. Since the newsletter is done in a digital format, it would be very helpful if the biographies could be sent in to Sarah digitally. We do the newsletter in Word so that is the preferred format. We prefer that it not be sent in PDF format.

The “then” and “now” pictures are especially important! We must digitize them also. Please use as large a picture as possible to scan. Please scan each picture individually. The quality of the picture is greatly diminished when there is more than one picture in a scan and each one has to be cropped and enlarged. If we have to crop someone out of a group picture the resulting quality of the picture is often poor. Please clearly label which picture is “then” and which is “now”.

LGCF Tour Information

It is quickly approaching the time for the much-anticipated trip to the Rose Center and to Arkansas. The bus is FULL!! And that is a great thing!! So 55 of us will enjoy our time on the bus and seeing some beautiful scenery, homes and flowers. We leave May 28, with the bus starting in New Orleans very early on May 28, with stops for sure in Lafayette, Alexandria and Shreveport and on to Hot Springs and Little Rock; returning in reverse order on May 31, 2019.

September, 6-15, 2019, is the next planned LGCF Tour. We will visit: Banff and Lake Louise, Jasper, Vancouver and Victoria. There will be 10 days via shuttle (there are no rails in this area of Canada going north) with tours in each location included. We will leave Jasper going west to Vancouver via Canada Rail. Time spent on the train will be about 20 hours, and part of that will be over night. So this is the time that you want to select the category you want for this tour and train travel. We will be in Vancouver for three nights. Ferry to Victoria Island, transportation and visit to Butchart's Garden is included. There are still plenty of spaces left for this trip-so plan to sign-on and join us! Sign-up sheets will be at the Convention in Lafayette in April.

June 14-24, 2020 are the dates for the Passion Play Tour in the Bavarian part of Germany. This tour too is totally Sold Out! And I cannot find any more trips available that anyone can afford!!

The new proposal for Fall 2020 (November 9 to 13), will be to travel to Atlanta via Delta and travel via vans or bus to the Biltmore in Ashville, North Carolina; where we will spend two nights and tour the Biltmore and Gardens. We will travel along the Blue Ridge Parkway for a ways and then travel to Gibbs Garden in Ball, GA. There we will tour the gardens, and then we will make our way back to the airport for our trip home on November 13. There is a big plus for going at this time of year, as not only will we view the beautiful fall colors, but the Biltmore and Biltmore Village will be decorated for Christmas!!! More about this at the April, State Meeting in Lafayette. Plan to come along!

Something to think about!!! I have had several mention that they would love to travel to Holland to see the tulips in season. That would have to be during the dates of April 8 to 17, 2021!! Is a busy time for our Garden Clubs, but maybe if clubs know the dates in advance, meetings could be planned prior to this time-frame. I have been to Keukenhof Gardens, and everyone should be so privileged as to see its magnificent floral landscapes. There will be a sign-up sheet at the April meeting for those who think they might be interested in this LGCF Tour.

Naomi Cordill, LGCF Tours Chairman

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OFFICERS' REPORTS

LGCF Treasurer

It has been my Honor, Privilege and Pleasure to serve as your LGCF Treasurer for the 2017-2019 Administration. I truly did appreciate your trust in me handling the finances of this wonderful organization of 82 Clubs with 2276 Members.

It has been very busy these last two years, keeping records in order and accurately as possible; Posting every check deposited and every check written on Quicken and reporting at all the State Meetings: State Convention, Summer Board and Winter Council. Thank you to the Finance Committee for keeping me in order and for your support at all times. Being Treasurer has given me a different perspective of how LGCF functions financially and has given me an opportunity to work with so many wonderful people throughout Louisiana! I wish my successor, Kyle Martin the best and will be there for you whenever needed.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Dues are due April 1; Delinquent June 1. Please print your dues form from the LGCF website and send in your payments as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me.....anytime!

Special THANKS to District II Members for your support, for believing in me to represent you on the LGCF Board. I've truly enjoyed it and hope to never let you down. I'm very proud of whom I'm representing.

I look forward to working with you as LGCF First Vice-President, serving as Awards Chairman in 2019-2021 and seeing you at Convention in Lafayette!

Patricia G. Ortalano

LGCF Historian

The past two years as LGCF Historian has been a wonderful learning experience. One of my duties as Historian is to compile a scrapbook of LGCF activities for the 2017-2019 term of our President, Lena Bateman. My hope is that this book will be an enjoyable reminder of the places she has travelled, meetings she has attended and the people she has met along the way.

A big "thank you" to all the members who have sent me pictures and articles. I plan to present this scrapbook to Lena at Summer Board in July 2019, so keep those pictures coming!

It has been my privilege and honor to serve LGCF.

Kyle Martin

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

DISTRICT III

It has been an honor to serve as 2017-2019 LGCF District III Director. It has been two years of rewarding experiences and adventures. District III Officers and Chairmen accepted their responsibilities and performed their duties to the best of their ability. I have appreciated their support and guidance. District III members stepped up to serve as LGCF State Chairmen. They have promoted the NGC Schools: Environmental, Gardening, Landscape Design and Flower Show Schools. They have also encouraged members to participate in LGCF, Deep South and NGC projects. And our LGCF Newsletter Chairmen, Roxy Blanton and Ruth Delhomme, have worked very hard to keep our members informed. District III Club Presidents have led their club members to participate in service projects for their communities and educational projects for our future leaders. They have encouraged their members to participate in LGCF and NGC projects and conferences as well. I have enjoyed working with each one. I appreciate all our members who continually learn by doing projects and participate in our state and local organizations. Attending club meetings and getting to meet District III club members was the highlight of my term. I enjoyed special programs, plant exchanges and field trips. My goal this year was to attend all District III club meetings before my term ended. Although I did not reach my goal, I did keep in touch through phone calls, texts and emails with each club. A special thank you to Azalea Garden Club for hosting the District III Fall Meeting "Murder on Mainstreet", Thursday, October 25, 2018. Their diligent planning and hard work was appreciated. Thank you to all District III Club Presidents, District III Members, LGCF Officers and LGCF Chairmen for attending. District III will host the 2019 LGCF Convention in Lafayette - April 2 & 3, 2019, with a Tri-Refresher on April 1st. Convention Chairman Babette Werner and Co-Chairman Ruth Delhomme have been working diligently on plans with committee members throughout these two years. Thank you to all District III club members who have worked so hard to make our 2019 LGCF Convention a success. At the Installation Banquet on Wednesday, April 3rd, District III member Roxanna Champagne will be installed as our 2019-2021 LGCF President Elect. Linda Brashier will be installed as our 2019-2021 LGCF District III Director. I pledge my support to

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them as we move forward to promote our Louisiana Garden Club Federation. I am always just a phone call or email away.

Patsy Hebert, District Director

DISTRICT V

It has been my privilege to serve as District V Director for the 2017-2019 term. "Planting District V, Our Louisiana " has been our theme. Our thirteen clubs have truly incorporated this theme into their many garden club projects.

I would like to thank my District V officers for being willing to serve and doing a great job as we served this term together. They are Roselie Overby, Secretary; Julia Gilmore, Treasurer; Naomi Cordill, Parliamentarian and Joyce Grier, Cleanest City Chairman.

Being a District Director has given me the wonderful opportunity to meet more garden club members in our district and also to make new friends throughout our great state. The LGCF officers have been strong leaders for our organization. I am especially proud of our President, Lena Bateman, who calls District V her home. Incoming President, Linda Finley has been most helpful in her role at mentoring the District Directors. I enjoyed all the time spent with her at our district meetings and appreciated her traveling from the far southwest corner to the far northeast corner of Louisiana to support us in District V.

As my term comes to a close, I also have to recognize our District V club presidents and members who have supported me these two years. They were always willing when called upon to serve. Their hometowns and parishes are truly blessed by these LGCF clubs.

District V clubs will soon welcome our incoming Director, Julia Gilmore. She will be a great leader and our clubs will remain strong with her leadership and support.

Regards,

Shirley Key, District Director

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

2018 LGCF Summer Board Nominations Report

As chairman of the committee, I feel obligated to give a history of the planning that goes into this report.

1. Each District sends a Delegate and an Alternate to serve on the committee so that each District is properly represented.
2. The LGCF Officers' Candidates are presented to the Nominations Committee so that the positions are filled in the rotation as presented in the Standing Rules. Standing Rules are easier to change than By-laws.
3. It is our goal to fill each position in the order of rotation listed in the Handbook on page 93, number 3.
4. When this committee met at the past Convention, we had each position filled and they were in the proper rotation. This may have been a first. We were so very pleased.
5. The goal is to have a candidate begin as Historian and work their way up the ladder to eventually become the LGCF President. In this process it takes sixteen years, but the person who completes this journey is well trained to serve as State President. However, this rarely happens, but it is a goal we strive for.
6. None of the Committees' Delegates and Alternates takes their duty lightly. We want to present the cream of the crop to serve LGCF to the best of their ability.

I will now present the Candidates in the position that they will serve for the next term: President – Linda Finley – District VII; President Elect – Roxanna Champagne – District III; First Vice President – Patricia Ortalano – District II; Second Vice President – Sherrill Sasser – District V; Recording Secretary – Carla Gauthier – District VIII; Treasurer – Kyle Martin – District VI; Historian – Kathy Tell (filling in for District I. The Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian and the three Representatives at Large are appointed by the Incoming President.

District I represented by Donna St. Louis has had to withdraw for health issues. She was to serve as President Elect. When a Candidate gets to the position of President Elect they automatically become President in the next term. With a heavy heart Donna felt that she could not do justice to either of the positions and that it was in the best interest of LGCF that she withdraw.

The District I Nominations Delegate and Alternate along with their District Director are diligently searching for someone to represent them on the Board. These Officers are not elected until the 2019 Convention, so we have a short time to locate a Candidate to represent District I. If someone who resides in that District is not found, then this committee will fill that position by other means. We will not let you down. At this time the Nominations Committee has stepped in to fill the Historian position as noted above.

From this Committee, we would like to say thank you for the trust you have put in us. And to let you know that we serve you knowing our responsibility and doing it with the utmost concern for the betterment of LGCF.

Thank you.

Margo Racca,
Nominations Committee Chairman

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

Headquarters Report

On behalf of Louisiana Garden Club Federations's Headquarters in LeCompte, serving as State Chairman and our "Team" of Headquarters Trustees, I would like to especially thank Officers, District Directors and members for your care, concern and generous donations during 2017-2019 years. Enough money was raised to purchase a new Cedar Fence, which completely encloses the back property. A big "Thank you" goes to Donna Bucci for Saint Francis Statue, Stained Glass Artist, Evelyn Soderman for her Louisiana Iris and Frank Smith for great frame holding Evelyn's stained art and Mary Jacobs for wonderful items donated towards our raffle. I would like to include Patricia Ortalano's son for his accounting expertise on pricing the raffle tickets. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve on as Chairman, especially with Sara Marshall as Honorary Committee Member and Historian. Janet Moriarty, Local Chairman, including Fran Francis and Pattie Killen working together to welcome our Resident Caretaker, Sarah. They keep quite busy with daily routine of keeping building & roof in tip top shape. Dottie Hebert records the minutes and keeps us abreast of important business held at early bird meeting-8:00 am. Lynn Jackson contributions were great and we miss her since her move to Texas to be near her children.

Happiness is sharing our LGCF's Headquarters with all of our Garden Club friends in our beautiful State of Louisiana!!

Always remember each one of us can do our part in keeping HQ up and running in this busy world we live in.

Cordially,
Mary S. Jacobs
Headquarters Chairman

LIVE OAK SOCIETY

By Coleen Perilloux Landry

The Live Oak Society is in the green, membership wise and financially. Since President Lena Bateman took the reins in 2017, I have registered almost 500 new Live Oaks to the membership, which gives us a total of over 8,800 trees in our Society in 14 states in the U. S.

Several towns and cities have asked for help in saving mature Live Oaks from destruction and we were successful in Youngsville, Louisiana, and Fort Myers, Florida to name a few. New construction would prefer to cut down a beautiful 300-year old tree rather than try to build around it and have it as part of the beauty of the development. We battle that daily. Also, road construction has destroyed so many of our Louisiana oaks that lived in their own little forests for centuries. What a shame that our culture does not respect trees as much as other countries do.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

Currently, we are working with citizens in New Orleans who are trying to save mature Live Oaks from demolition on the City Street near Jesuit High School and another at a HANO project where they are going to cut down 4 registered oaks to build. I always start at the top, be it the Mayor, the Parish President or the Governor. And, the news media has always been a big help, too. People do not like bad publicity.

It has been my pleasure serving as chairman since 2001. In this time I have registered more than 5,000 Live Oaks and hopefully, brought awareness of this treasured tree to many people around the globe.

Pictured is “The Lee Bing Oak” in Lacombe, Louisiana. He was the father of the late Sheriff Harry Lee. He was so proud to have this Live Oak named for him. Another one on the property is named “The Mrs. Lee Bing Oak”



Lee Bing Oak taken in 2001

DEEDS AND DOINGS

DISTRICTS I and II

Gold Star By-Way Marker to be Placed in France By Coleen Perilloux Landry, JPCGC

For the first time in the history of garden clubs, a Gold Star Memorial By-Way Marker will be placed outside the United States. The **Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs** will place a By-Way Marker as well as a memorial plaque in the French town of Saint-Mere-Eglise, the first place that was liberated by American troops in World World II. The woman being honored is Madame Simone Renaud, who was the wife of the mayor of the town.

In 1944 when D-Day took place, her husband was so overwhelmed that he did not have time to answer all the letters that American families were sending inquiring about their loved ones lost in battle. Madame Renaud made the decision to help him in this mournful task and the project mushroomed with each passing day. At first she wrote five to ten letters a day and in the months and years to follow, she wrote hundreds and hundreds to American families telling them where their relatives had died or were buried, and sometimes she had the joy of telling them that their loved ones were still alive. During the remainder of her life she gave everything that she had to honor the American soldiers who fell for her country's freedom. She tended to the graves of the soldiers and many times she sent a picture of the grave accompanied with some personal consolation to the family. She faithfully put flowers on the graves and sometimes, in a letter to families, she put a little French soil from the grave with petals from a flower. She passed that legacy to her sons for the rest of her life. She became known as "the Mother of Normandy".

On the 75th anniversary of D-Day in June, 2019, a contingent from the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs, led by Blue Marker Chairman of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation and a member of the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs, will attend the ceremonies. The marker and plaque will be dedicated on D-Day in the town of Saint-Mere-Eglise, a great occasion of women honoring a woman who showed her gratitude to the United States by caring for its sons and daughters' graves and the families who will forever mourn them.

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By-Way Marker Chairman, Mary Hazen, Mary Jacob of JPCGC, Maurice Renaud, youngest son of Madame Simone Renaud, and Coleen Perilloux Landry of JPCGC. Jacob and Landry passed the resolution acquiring funds for the project. Chairman Mary Hazen has worked for more than a year to make this project a reality. In October, Monsieur Renaud addressed the District I and District II Fall meeting and expressed his gratitude for the honor of his mother.



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DISTRICT III

Members of the **Abbeville Garden Club** gathered on December 17, 2018 for their annual **Christmas Social**, celebrating the holiday season at the lovely home of AGC member, Karen Hoyt. Members enjoyed a delightful evening of entertainment, a wonderful meal, and participated in a lively gift exchange in a beautifully decorated atmosphere. AGC members also participated in the “Spirit of Giving” by collecting donations for an adopted family through Faith House. The generous donation was delivered by AGC President Sandy Richard. Christmas Social Committee members were Karen Hoyt, Denise Files, Odile Segrest, and Ingrid Jones. Special Guest of the evening was Louisiana Garden Club Federation Recording Secretary, Roxanna Champagne.



Enjoying a wonderful time at the Abbeville Garden Club Christmas Social on December 17, 2018 are (pictured left to right) Patsy Hebert, Susan DesOrmeaux, Brenda Cross, Susie Ledet, Ingrid Jones, Odile Segrest, Roxanna Champagne, Sandra Creswell,

Denise Files, Liz Gremillion, Marietta Clark, Nancy Schexnaider, Karen Hoyt, Elizabeth Edwards, Susan Wilhelm, and Judge Edwards. Not pictured are Theresa Broussard Jeanell Duhon, Gwen Lanoux, Sandy Richard, and Joyce Thibodeaux.

Abbeville Garden Club members gathered for their **January meeting** on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019. Pam Wallace served as hostess of the event, with Sandy Richard, AGC President, as co-hostess. The educational speaker for the meeting was Steve Bender, aka “The Grumpy Gardener,” whose gardening advice has been followed by millions of readers in both Southern Living Magazine and his blog of the same name. During his tenure at Southern Living, Bender edited a number of gardening books for Southerners and co-authored the popular garden book, “Passalong Plants”. Bender entertained and educated AGC members as he answered gardening related questions with humor and wit. This exchange was accomplished via Skype.

Abbeville Garden Club members were entertained and educated about gardening-related topics via Skype by Steve Bender, aka “The Grumpy Gardener” of Southern Living Magazine and “Grumpy Gardener” blog posts. He provided sound gardening advice with wit and humor. Pictured (from left to right) are Pam Wallace, AGC hostess, Steve Bender, “The Grumpy Gardener” via Skype, and Sandy Richard, AGC President and co-hostess.



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Abbeville Garden Club members learned about setting up an automatic garden irrigation system and controlling it with the use of technology at their **February meeting** on Monday, February 18, 2019. Elridge Vincent, self-taught gardener and garden irrigation expert, presented the program. Pictured (from left to right) are Marietta Clark, AGC Vice President in charge of Programs, and Elridge Vincent, program speaker.



Abbeville Garden Club, Keep Abbeville Beautiful, and the City of Abbeville celebrated 2019 Louisiana **Arbor Day** on Thursday, February 7th with a Memorial Trees Planting at Godchaux Park. As a tribute in memory of Cecil Bruce Gremillion, Jr., husband of AGC Immediate Past President Liz Gremillion, and James “Jimmy” Richard, husband of AGC President Sandy Richard, two Live Oak trees were donated and planted by Abbeville Garden Club in partnership with the city.

An Arbor Day Program was led by AGC Horticulture Chairman and Louisiana Garden Club Federation Environmental School Chairman, Gwen Lanoux. The Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge were led by AGC member and LGCF District III Chairman, Patsy Hebert. The Invocation was given by Father Louis Richard, Pastor of St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Mayor Mark Piazza gave the Welcome and read the Proclamation, proclaiming February 7, 2019 as Arbor Day in the City of Abbeville. Lanoux explained the history of Arbor Day and the importance of wise environmental stewardship of trees. The dedication and blessing for each tree was presented by Father Louis Richard followed by the Benediction.

The two Live Oak trees are memorials given by Abbeville Garden Club with thoughts of comfort and peace. They are living monuments to the memories of Cecil Bruce Gremillion, Jr. and James “Jimmy” Richard. Their families will place a plaque at the base of each tree.

AGC members attending (pictured from left to right) are Susan DesOrmeaux, Joyce Thibodeaux, Ingrid Jones, Jeanell Duhon, Susie Ledet, Sandy Richard, Liz Gremillion, Patsy Hebert, Juliette Dumond, Linda Hedio, Judge Edwards, and Gwen Lanoux. Not pictured are Sandra Creswell, Brenda Cross, and Ed Wilhelm.

DEEDS AND DOINGS

AZALEA GARDEN CLUB awarded its Iberia Beautification Awards for January, February, and March. Azalea is a member of District III Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs Inc., and National Garden Clubs Inc.



January Award went to Dickie and Sharon LeBlanc at 601 Terrell Court



February Award went to MidSouth Bank at 2309 Old Jeanerette Road



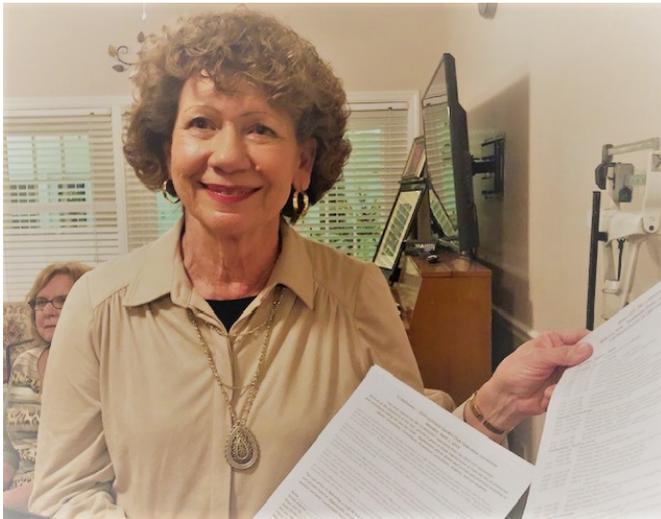
March Award went to Mary and Ronald Romero at 4902 Decuir

DEEDS AND DOINGS

Scenes from the **January meeting of AZALEA GARDEN CLUB.**



Patricia Tenette is shown describing the plant that was given as a door prize.



District III Director Patsy Hebert talks about the 2019 LGCF Convention.



Guest speaker Garrie Landry, Avery Island botanist and herbarium curator, gave a power point presentation on Jungle gardens.

DEEDS AND DOINGS



Millie Comeaux and Versa Dore gave a program at the **February meeting** on medicinal herbs.



Amy Bernard tells about the shrimp plant she brought to share during the plant exchange.

DEEDS AND DOINGS

Members of **Azalea Garden Club** gathered at Bayou Carlin in Delcambre to commemorate Arbor Day. Pictured are members Phyllis Cutrera, Versa Dore, and Linda Davis; Wendell Verret, Delcambre Port Authority Commissioner; club members Patricia Tenette and Francine Garzotto; Homer Stelly representing Mayor Pam Blakely, and club members Margaret Melancon, Millie Comeaux, and Betty LeBlanc.



Members of **Azalea Garden Club** and **New Iberia Garden Club** gathered to make table decorations for the 2019 LGCF Convention. Pictured at left are Millie Comeaux, Azalea GC; Kathy Fuqua, New Iberia GC; Versa Dore, Azalea GC; Carolyn Bienvenu, New Iberia GC; and Judy Delahoussaye, Azalea and New Iberia Garden Clubs. Pictured at right are Carolyn Bienvenu and Kathy Fuqua. Photographer was Margaret Melancon, Azalea GC.

DEEDS AND DOINGS



Azalea Garden Club members Margaret Melancon and Versa Dore competed in a flower show in Houma. Margaret received a first place for her African Violet and Versa received a third place for her Iris.



DEEDS AND DOINGS

LAFAYETTE GARDEN CLUB celebrated the season on December 12 at its annual holiday social at University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Alumni House. New Club members were introduced and those inducted into the Circle of Roses were Jean Bonneau, Linda Bourg, Joy Hargrave, Jeanne Latiolais, Sarah Schoeffler and Betty Foret. They are pictured at the Tea (PHOTO 1) with Georgie Petitjean, LGCF Circle of Roses Chairman, who presented the inductees with their certificates and pins. Bercis Ovunc, Cecille Revels and Claire Torry were honored at 25 year Club members, and are pictured with Rosanna Champagne, Membership Chairman, and Diana Nolan Club President (PHOTO 2). Pictured with President Nolan is Membership Chairman Roxanna Champagne who presented Emily Bailey, reinstated member, and new members Paulette Prochaska and Mary LeBlanc. Not pictured is new member Brittany Pitruscha and reinstated member Lisa McCowen (PHOTO 3). The hors d'oeuvres and desserts were excellent, as well as the hospitality at this event.

The group ventured forth to an adventurous tour of the Bayou Rum Distillery a/k/a the Louisiana Spirits Distillery in Lacassine. John, our tour guide, led us through the various steps in making rum. The Distillery featured many types of rum, including Satsuma rum. The rum and satsumas used in making some of the rum tie in with gardening because they are made of Louisiana-grown sugar cane and satsumas. The Distillery has a large mural across from the aging barrels, depicting "T-Boy," reportedly the very first rum runner in the area. The ladies then visited an ancient bridge before having lunch at various restaurants. Pictured in front of the Louisiana Spirits building, enjoying the outing, are those who attended this trip (PHOTO 4).

Connie Gremillion, Chairman of the Butterfly Committee, presented an interesting, informative Power Point presentation on how to increase the butterfly population of the world, and how it is an important part of conservation. This butterfly project is part of a worldwide community conservation effort.

February featured a tour of UL Lafayette's Experimental Farm in Cade. Mark Simon, retired operations manager of the farm, noted that the Wildflower Seed Bank is producing native seeds to be planted along highways and interstates to beautify State roadways and reduce mowing costs and emissions. Mark Simon is shown giving a demonstration at the Farm (PHOTO 5). The University of Louisiana Lafayette is partnering with UL Monroe and Southeastern Louisiana University for the 1.7 million grant to be administered by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

DEEDS AND DOINGS



Photo 1

Photo 2



Photo 3



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Photo 4

Photo 5



DEEDS AND DOINGS



The family of the late Levy “Buddy” Roy gathered Dec. 29 as a tree was planted in his memory during the **Patterson Garden Club** Arbor Day ceremony. The Magnolia was planted at the site of the former Roy’s Supermarket which is now part of the property where the new Patterson Junior High School is located. It was planted in memory of Levy “Buddy” Roy, husband of Garden Club member Iris Roy. Buddy and Iris Roy were the owners of the supermarket. Present were his widow and his children, Cindy Roy Cloutier, Cindy Dugas Bundy, Carl Dugas and Travis Roy, their spouses and Buddy Roy’s grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Patterson Garden Club members also attended. The Rev. Angelo Cremaldi gave a prayer for the occasion and Barbara Lacoste, a former Roy’s Supermarket employee, spoke about working at the store.

DEEDS AND DOINGS

The **St. Martinville Garden Club** recently conducted their Arbor Day event. Arbor Day chairman, Marlene Castille, contacted committee member Dale Mouton, to help refurbish the 6 cement planters, belonging to the city. Each planter received new soil and mulch. New sweet olive shrubs and pansies were planted in each planter. Shown are garden club members, Dolores Gaudin, Claire Berard, Marlene Castille, and Betty Bulliard. Back row includes Nicole Bradley, club president Brenda Courville and Janis delaHoussaye. The St. Martinville Garden Club is a member of District III, the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc., the Deep South Garden Clubs, and the National Garden Club, Inc.



DEEDS AND DOINGS

NGC Gardening School held its last course of the Series X on February 19th and 20th of 2019 in Hammond, Louisiana at the LSU AG Center. Seven members of **Terrebonne Garden Club** in Houma attended the class. They are pictured as follows: Seated L to R, Linda Brashier, School Co-Chair, Karen Breaux, Paulette Henry, Sherri Labbe, Dot Wu, Janet Myers and Elaine Bayus. Standing behind us are Beth Erwin, School Co-chair and Dr. Allen Owings, our instructors.

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DEEDS AND DOINGS

DISTRICT V

COLLINSTON GARDEN CLUB member Shirley Chilton is pictured with an arrangement at the February 19 club meeting. Club president , Paulette Word presented the program “Pot et Fleur”. Other February arrangements are also pictured.



Ferriday Garden Club members Sherrill Sasser and Lena Bateman recently attended a meeting in Franklin La. to learn about the Main Street program.



GARDEN GATE STUDY CLUB recently presented their Community Pride Award to the Louisiana Land Bank in Winnsboro , La.



DEEDS AND DOINGS

GARDEN GATE STUDY CLUB is shown as they gathered in December to present their toy donation to the local WellSpring Group.



OAK GROVE GARDEN CLUB celebrated Christmas with a delicious lunch and holiday plant exchange at Roma's Italian Bistro in Bastrop, La.



DEEDS AND DOINGS

Oak Grove Garden Club celebrated Arbor Day on January 18 by planting a redbud tree in the city park. The program included the reading of the proclamation of Arbor Day for the town of Oak Grove by Mayor Adam Holland.



Photos below taken by Kathy Bedenbaugh of Gardenettes Garden Club in Ponchatoula, District VI



DEEDS AND DOINGS

DISTRICT VI

Hammond Garden Club

The Hammond Garden Club hosted the area garden clubs joint meeting this February 13th and the theme was President's Day! The ceremony opened with the color guard from the Junior ROTC of Ponchatoula High. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by soprano Phyllis Mire accompanied by Gail Bornholdt on piano, The National Anthem!

The President Mary Thornhill welcomed everyone and asked Mayor Panepinto to share a few words for the City of Hammond, and as he ended his speech she then asked Pastor Jeff Robinson for the invocation and blessing. A wonderful lunch was served by Marilyn's Catering.

Linda Ryan our Program Coordinator, always comes up with wonderful ideas. The hall was decorated with flags, bunting of red, white and blue! Even gorgeous arrangements that adorned each table which were also covered in either a red, white or blue tablecloths! Linda also produced and made costumes for the "The Calendar Girls".

Twelve of the Hammond Garden Club members were "The Calendar Girls" reporting on the presidents that were born during the month they represented. Each had a sash depicting the month, i.e. Miss January, Miss February, etc. Carrying placards showing the president's pictures born in that month with a head piece and shoulder decoration descriptive of something that takes place during that month, i.e. flags for July, valentine hearts for February, etc. After telling everyone who our president's birthdays illustrated on our placard were, they then gave some gardening tips for that month.

Our President then asked everyone to stand for the last song "God Bless America" again sung by Phyllis Mire and Gail Bornholdt on piano. TAPS were then played by Samuel Echols a Sophomore at Ponchatoula High.



The line-up of The Calendar Girls of Hammond Garden Clubs hosted Joint Meeting- January (missing from picture) Clara Houston, February-Linda Broussard, March-Linda Ross, April-Eldie Stafford, May-Phyllis diBenedetto, June-Kathleen Bohlinger, July-Leah Sadden, August-Mona Crapanzano, September-Karen Granier, October-Mary Thornhill, November-Sylvia Dileo and December-Carolyn Schwebel Todd.

DEEDS AND DOINGS

Miss January HGC member Clara Houston holding Presidents born in January.



Miss February HGC member Holly Broussard holding Presidents born in February.

Miss July HGC member Leah Sadden holding Presidents born in July



Left to right: Phyllis DiBenedetto holding Presidents born in May; Mary Thornhill (President) holding Presidents born in October; and Carolyn Schwebel Todd holding Presidents born in December.



DEEDS AND DOINGS

Magnolia Forest Garden Club

Magnolia Forest Garden Club started off the new year with their January meeting at Park Provence Senior Living Center where one of its members resides. The meeting was opened by the First Vice President, Suzanne Robinson as the President was unable to attend. Plans for Arbor Day, the Flower Show in March, and other activities for the month were discussed.

The speaker was Robert Hazard, Vice President of Twin Shores Landscape and Construction Services, Inc. who spoke on Regional soils, Irrigation, Drainage and Stormwater management. A beautiful table of refreshments was served and enjoyed by everyone. Magnolia Forest Garden Club is a member of Louisiana Garden Club, Inc., National Garden Clubs, Inc., and Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.



Pictures here are Joann Round and Beryl Deris, co-hostesses; Kiyome Boyer, hostess; Alma Dupre and Nancy Fisher, co-hostesses.

DEEDS AND DOINGS

Magnolia Forest Garden Club met at Park Provence Senior Living to celebrate Arbor Day, and the planting of a satsuma tree in the courtyard where one of its member's resides. There was a short program in the large living room to explain the Foundation and how they strive to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Not only that but trees improve the living conditions in our yards, in our neighborhoods, and, in our cities. Arbor Day is always celebrated on the third Friday of January in Louisiana. Magnolia Forest Garden Club is a member of Louisiana Garden Club, Inc., National Garden Clubs, Inc., and Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.



Pictures here in the yard: Betty Rose, Jane Freeman, Beryl Deris, Margo Necaie, Kiyomi Boyer, Alma Dupuy, Nancy O'Bryan, Janet Bernard, and Mary Jean Herman



Program picture: Members from left are Betty Rose; Margo Necaie; Nancy O'Bryan; Alma Dupre, program leader; Mary Jean Herman; Beryl Deris; and front, Kiyomi Boyer

DEEDS AND DOINGS

Sandy Solar of Magnolia Forest Garden Club, was invited by her sister Dianne Daniel, to share her hobby of raising giant Swallowtails and butterfly gardening with the members of Northlake Garden Club, which meets monthly at the Mandeville Yacht Club. Magnolia Forest Garden Club is a member of the Louisiana Federation of Garden clubs.



Pictured here is Sandy Solar, Magnolia Forest Garden Club, the presentation chart, and Dianne Daniel, Northlake Garden Club. Sandy explained how the female swallowtail lays her eggs mostly on citrus leaves. These eggs eventually hatch; grow through five larval instars as they grow up to two inches long and prepare to enter into the chrysalis stage. Eventually they turn into beautiful butterflies.

DEEDS AND DOINGS

Magnolia Forest Garden Club recently held their March meeting at the home of Janet Bernard, with 4 co-hostesses. The meeting was called to order with a prayer by Fay Vogt followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Committee reports were given including a Horticulture report by Pam Anderson on beetles and ladybugs. Also, there will be an Adopt-A School program on Bees at Florida Elementary School next month. Update on our upcoming Flower Show for Thursday, March 28, 2019 was presented.

The table was decorated with an Easter theme, and delicious refreshments were served. The program was given by Debbie Corales, an LCGF Flower Show Judge and Master Gardener. She spoke on the many schools that LCGF offers especially the Environmental School which she found very interesting. Magnolia Forest Garden Club is a member of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc., National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.



Seen here are co-hostesses Carroll Knowles, Jane Freeman, and Carol Carrigan; hostess, Janet Bernard, and co-hostess, Tammy Artalona.



*Eleven **Magnolia Forest Garden Club** members recently attended the Covington Garden Club Luncheon and Style Show at Tchefuncte Country Club. The show was titled "Over the Rainbow 2019", and it was a fundraiser with a silent auction as well as raffle items. Shown here are the members; seated is Judy Cougle, Carol Carrigan, Kiyome Boyer, Lynell Braun, and Georgette Frichter. Back, standing is Tammy Artalona, Sandy Solar, Beryl Deris, & to the right, Jill Courseault, Carroll Knowles, and Mary Jean Herman.*

DEEDS AND DOINGS

Plaquemine Garden Club



In keeping with both the National Garden Club and the Louisiana Garden Club Federation's Presidents' themes, Susan Persilver, Master Gardener and local landscaper with Iberville Parish, presented a PowerPoint presentation and spoke at the Plaquemine Garden Club's January 8th meeting on how to take a blank piece of ground and make a flower bed from concept to completion. Presenting a thank you gift from the Plaquemine Garden Club is First Vice President, Sandy Stassi.



Plaquemine Garden Club High School Essay Contest. 2018-19 National Garden Club theme: "The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water supply". Three St. John High School students won the honors. Katherine Desselles, Chairwoman; Madison Young, 1st; Cole Lambert, 2nd; Alyssa Young, Honorable Mention; Gwen Gum, Judge; Sheryl Ramirez, Plaquemine Garden Club President; and Yvette Johnson, St. John High School Counselor.

DEEDS AND DOINGS

The **Plaquemine Garden Club**, Chamber of Commerce and City of Plaquemine held it's Christmas Lighting Contest Dec 10 and presented plaques to winners on Dec. 19. 1st place-Flo Parlow, 2485 Pecan Pointe Dr., 2nd place-Mercedes and Jimmy Dore, 24010 Ferdinand, 3rd place-Melwyn and Dave Wendt, 23920 Eden, Doorway winners, Denny and Eugene Bujol, 59475 Island Dr. Pictured with winners are Carolyn Marchand, Mayor Ed Reeves and Chamber of Commerce Hank Grace.



Kyle Primeaux, 58340 Fort St., was awarded Garden Club Yard of the Month for March 2019.

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Each March 10 selected Garden Club members are asked to bring in a potted plant. Information is shared with the membership, including name of the plant & the instructions for its care. The following members who participated are: Lucille Distefano, Plant Exchange Chairwoman, Members, Jeannine Dunn, Susan Dupont, , Beverly Fourroux, Carol Ann Marionneaux, Ann Joffrion, Jennifer Markins, Mary Lou Medlen, Jaynel Nadler, & Patricia Ramirez, not pictured, Bernadine Legendre. Plants are then exchanged between the selected members.



DEEDS AND DOINGS

Ponchatoula Gardenettes



The January 9, 2019 meeting was held at the home of Anna Poland in Ponchatoula, LA. Hostess: Anna Poland Co-Hostesses: Sonya Avery, Jamie LeBlanc



Julie and Max Emmons, 530 North 7th Street, were awarded the Gardenette January Garden of the Month. Present to receive the award were Julie Emmons, her children, Amelia, Avery and Jack and her mother, Mrs. Munson. Gardenettes Anna Poland, Sonya Avery, Margaret Bailey and Cricket Ayala represented the Gardenettes.

DEEDS AND DOINGS

The Gardenettes January / February Genesis Award was presented January 18 to the new City of Ponchatoula Police Department building in the old Homestead building.



Pictured are Vicky Fannaly, Tim Ridgel, Marilyn Wright, Annie Miller, Margaret Hardin, Karen Moran, Pat Walsh, Bill Moran, Chief of Police Bry Laryisson, City Hall representative Rhonda Sheridan, Anna Poland, Sonya Avery and Margaret Bailey.

For Arbor Day the Gardenettes planted three trees in Memorial Park honoring deceased club members Flora Nelson and Liz Anderson. A third tree was dedicated for Don Steadman, husband of former club member Louise Steadman. Ponchatoula Chamber donated the trees and helped officiate at the ceremony.



Vicky Fannaly, Bill Poland, Anna Poland, Margaret Bailey, Johnnie Sliagemeyer, Kathy Bedenbaugh, Sonya Avery, Mary Domiano, Garnett Bedenbaugh, Marilyn Wright, Jim Anderson, Margaret Hardin, Pat Walsh, Karen Moran, Joan Morse, Cricket Ayala, Louise Steadman, Mayor Bob Zabbia, Barbara Lessard, Brooks O'Connor, Chamber of Commerce President Tammy Murphy

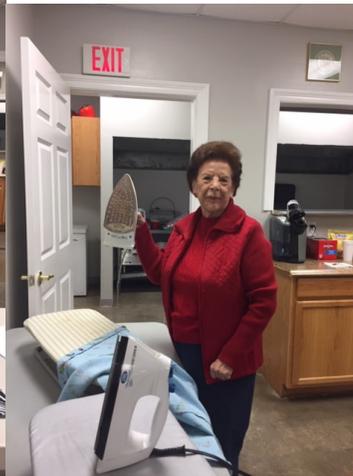
DEEDS AND DOINGS



Gardenettes visited with State Representative Steve Pugh at the January Ponchatoula Chamber After Hours event held at the Lions Club. More delicious fish than we could eat and great company! — with Steve Pugh, Anna Boyd Poland, Louise Steadman, Cricket Hamaker Ayala, Margaret Hardin, Margaret Varnado Bailey, Sonya Avery Dottie Boudreaux and Vicky Fannaly.



Cold hands and warm hearts, Gardenettes once again are making Bosom Buddy Bags for Cancer patients.



Thanks again to the ladies who came to cut, iron, sew, and package completed bags. After today's work, we have 41 bags ready to deliver and 27 ready to sew. Once we get these delivered, we should be near our goal of 75 again! We'd like to deliver these no later than March.

Karen and Dottie Co-chairs

DEEDS AND DOINGS

Gardenettes attended the Tangipahoa joint club meeting hosted by Hammond Garden Club at First Baptist in Hammond Wednesday, February 13.

Mayor Pete Panepinto and Pastor Jeff Robinson welcomed the ladies. The Ponchatoula High School Junior ROTC Color Guard and a trumpet rendition of TAPS by PHS sophomore Samuel Echols, rounded out the President Day theme. All clubs are members of District VI, Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs Inc., and National Garden Clubs Inc.

Gardenettes attending included Sonya Avery, Anna Poland, Margaret Hardin, Vicky Fannaly, Margaret Bailey, Cricket Ayala, Karen Moran, Marilyn Wright and Joan Morse. Patriotic songs were sung by Phyllis Mire, accompanied by pianist Gayle Bornholdt. Mary Thornhill, president of Hammond Garden Club opened the meeting and a skit entitled "The Calendar Girls" was introduced by Linda Ryan. Lunch and door prizes rounded out the entertainment.



DEEDS AND DOINGS

First United Methodist Church of Ponchatoula was presented the Genesis Award by the Gardenettes March 7. Margaret Bailey presented the award to Rev. John Lacascio.



The church recently embarked on a landscape renewal program implemented by church members/master gardeners Lisa Madden and Anna Poland. Many other church members also assisted in the renewal project.

Gardenettes are members of District VI, Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs Inc., National Garden Clubs Inc.

Tall planters containing cast iron plants, English ivy, and sedges flank the front entrance. Clumping blue Liriope surrounds the large lighted sign. The Grotto currently is planted with seasonal pansies, snapdragons, and ornamental kale with miniature gardenias anchoring each side of the cross. The office entrance is enhanced with a row of dwarf gardenias on each side of the door. A pair of planters are found at the back entrance containing crotons, pansies and Liriope.

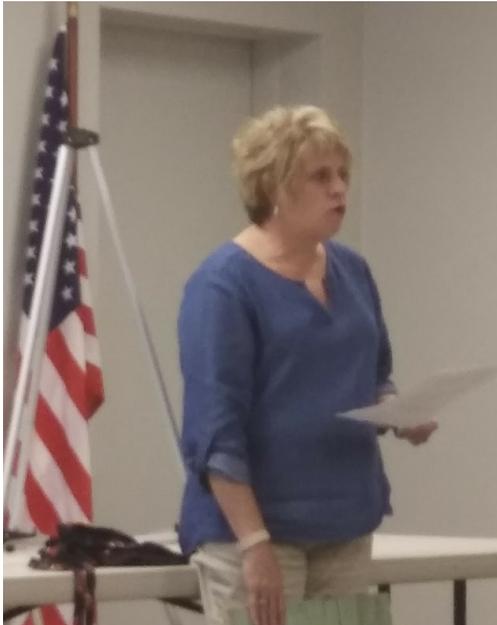
The landscape committee received horticultural advice from Jason Stagg, Instructor from the LSU Agcenter, Hammond Research Station and help in securing healthy and affordable plants from Allen Owings, senior horticulturist of Bracy's Nursery. Lawn maintenance is done by Woody Watts.

DEEDS AND DOINGS

Gardenettes Garden Club March Meeting

Program: Carleen Ott, Local Artist—“Painting Flowers”

Carleen Ott, left, demonstrated her technique for painting dandelions and other flowers on weathered fence boards. Anna Poland, right, was the lucky winner of one of Carleen's lovely paintings. Which made a lovely intro to Anna's birthday celebration with a special cake baked by Cricket Ayala.



Exhibits: “Spring Awakening” – Designer’s choice celebrating Spring - Created by Anna Poland, using pear blossoms



DEEDS AND DOINGS



Karen Braun, 38 Weldon Circle, was awarded Gardenette Garden of the Month for March. The presentation was made by Marilyn Wright and Pat Walsh.



Gardenettes delivered Bosom Buddy bags, made by garden club members. These are used by cancer patients to hold their drains and afterward for convenience items. Pictured are Maycie Ransom, Laura Byrd, Shannon Baliskowsky, Joan Morse, Marilyn Wright, Lanie Frazier, Margaret Hardin, Margaret Bailey, Karen Moran, Vicky Fannaly, and Sonya Avery.

DEEDS AND DOINGS

DISTRICT VII

Crowley Garden Club

Residents of Southwind Assisted Living recently participated in a “Faux Flower Show” under the direction of the Crowley Garden Club. Garden Club members provided the materials and assisted the residents with design techniques. Awards were given for Best Valentine’s Day design and Best Mardi Gras Design. All residents who participated received a gift and were allowed to keep their arrangements.



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DISTRICT VIII

On February 27, **Lecompte Garden Club** hosted a Lunch and Learn Program to introduce the Spring Great American Clean-up Program to kick-off Lecompte's 2019 Cleanest City Program. Patti Killen gave an overview of Lecompte Garden Club Projects. Mayor Craig Phillips highlighted economic reasons for a clean city. Lecompte Garden Club Cleanest City Chairman Joyce Lyford and Councilman Lonnell Clark gave specifics on the Lecompte's 2019 Cleanest City route.

Mayor Craig Phillips and Lecompte Garden Club Co-President Patti Killen recognized the winners of the High School Recycle – Reuse Art Projects. The projects were exceptional. Ties were declared in each category.



1st Place – Unicorn by Katie Couvillion and Jacob Vidrine; 1st Place Tie – Dog by Annette Valle.



2nd Place Tie – Butterfly made of shells by Lilyann Henry; 2nd Place Tie – Fleur De Lis

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3rd Place Tie - Elephant by Mallory Evans; 3rd Place Tie – Crayon Bird by Bethany Newton

Rapides High School Art Teacher Brenda Howell, who is retiring at the end of this year, was presented with a LA Garden Club Federation Cookbook. Lecompte Garden Club members cooked Gumbo, Vegetable Soup and many desserts. Decorations included repurposed containers from microwave plates, washer door glass insert, and a podium from a refrigerator shelf. Forty community members attended.



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THE LECOMPTE GARDEN CLUB

PRESENTS

All Things Bright and Beautiful

AN NGC FLOWER SHOW
A Standard Flower Show

Smith's Landing Depot
Home of the Lecompte Garden Club
Corner of Hardy and Water Streets
Lecompte, Louisiana 71346

Thursday, April 11, 2019
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public

Member
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Deep South Region, NGC
Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
Eighth District

Calendar of Events

2019 **April 2-3, 2019** LGCF Convention - Lafayette - District III [SCHEDULE - REGISTRATION](#)
April 15-16 Cleanest City Contest state judging
April 29 - May 2, 2019 NGC Convention - Biloxi, MS [INFORMATION](#)
May 28-31 Tour of Shreveport Rose Center, Hot Springs Garvan Woodlands, Little Rock P. Allen Smith's Moss Mt. Home.
June 2-8, 2019 National Garden Week
July 15-16, 2019 Summer Board
September 6-15 Rockies by Rail, tour of Butcharts Garden
September 18-20 NGC Fall Board Meeting - St. Louis MO
October 15 District VIII Fall District Meeting
October 16 District V Fall District Meeting
October 17 District VII Fall District Meeting
October 22 District VI Fall District Meeting
October 23 Districts I & II Fall District Meeting
October 24 District III Fall District Meeting

2020 **April 13-17** Deep South Garden Club Convention, Tampa, FL
May 12-14 NGC Convention, Milwaukee, WI
June 14-24 Tour to Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany; Visit Munich, Vienna and more
September 24-26 NGC Fall Board Meeting Fargo ND

2021 **May 17-20** NGC Convention, East Rutherford, NJ
