On our cover this quarter is our new President Jeanette Gatzman. The picture was taken at a recent Baton Rouge Garden Club meeting. Jeanette’s focus for the next two years will be revising the LGCF Handbook and the LGCF By-Laws, if necessary. Yvette Hebert, 2013-2015 LGCF President, will chair the committee composed of all former LGCF Presidents. Jeanette and her husband, Rodney, who died in 2001, had five children - three daughters, Kim, Kelley and Kristy, and two sons, Mike and Mark. She now has eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Kelley and Kristy live in Georgia and Kim, Mike and Mark live in the Baton Rouge area. She has been a garden club member for 38 years and floral design is her garden club passion.

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.
Message from our President

Wow what an honor! Being installed as 2015-2017 President of LGCF at our convention in Lake Charles by one of my best friends, Peggy Cazes! Sixteen years ago in 1999 Peggy was installed as 1999-2001 President of LGCF at the same hotel and now she has installed me. Thanks, Peggy!

My husband, Rodney, who passed away in 2001, and I were married in 1956 and had three daughters and two sons. I now have eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and many wonderful in-laws - all of whom are the joy of my life.

For the past two years I have had another family - the 2013-2015 District Directors: Donna St. Louis, Tricia Ortalano, Roxanna Champagne, Beth Erwin, Gail Lonibos/Kyle Martin, Jennifer Granger and Diane Bordelon. I was their Mama and they were the Yayas. The past two years have been wonderful thanks to them. They made me so proud! I know we will be friends forever.

I have been a garden club member for 38 years. First with Villa del Rey Garden Club and then Baton Rouge Garden Club. All I ever wanted to be was a garden club member. Look at me now – President of LGCF!! How did this happen!

Sixteen years ago our then District VI Director, Mary Mehaffey, called and asked me to represent the District on the LGCF Board to one day become president of LGCF. I told her in 16 years I would be 79 and would she push my wheel chair. Well guess what – I am 79, but not in a wheel chair.

One of my fondest garden club memories is my first LGCF convention. I had the pleasure of sitting next to Miss Irene Petitjean. Miss Irene made me feel like I was a part of LGCF. She was so welcoming. I challenge each of you to “be a Miss Irene” when you sit next to someone attending their first convention – be welcoming as she was to me.

Before his death Rodney asked Peggy and Laura Broussard not to let me get out of the Garden Club. Guess they heeded his wishes because here I am your LGCF President. I really don’t think he or I ever envisioned this happening, but I am totally honored and will serve to the best of my ability.

My theme for the next two years will be “Who are we? Who do we want to be?” It is pronounced “Whoooo are we? Whoooo do we want to be? My “critter” as Kathy Tell put it, is the Owl - thus the pronunciation of my theme.

Yvette Hebert, our Immediate Past LGCF President, has graciously volunteered to chair the committee to revise the handbook and the by-laws, if necessary. With her help and the committee’s help we will bring LGCF into the 21st century. The committee will be made up of the Former LGCF Presidents.

As members of the Deep South Region and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. LGCF will participate in the Deep South Director Carol Bullard’s project – Community Action and NGC President Sandra Robinson’s projects: Crown Bees/Bee Gap, Monarch Watch and “The Frightened Frog”.

The Deep South Project includes Gardening (community, memorial botanic), Environment (air, water, litter control, litter prevention) and Education. I’m sure every club can find a project that fits into one of these categories.

We will have more information on “The Frightened Frog” project after we get back from the NGC convention in May, but Crown Bees and Monarch Watch were Linda Nelson’s projects during 2013-2015 – so they are being continued.
Message from our President

I don’t have a special project as such, but pick one or more of the Deep South or NGC projects and run with it. Make it successful and apply for awards.

There’s someone else I need to thank - another one of my best friends – Willie Allen. Thanks, Willie, for being there every day to listen to me, critique my work, and most of all make me laugh, laugh, laugh.

With everyone’s help we will make this a productive and fun-filled two years! Thank you again for this privilege.

Let’s remember to be wise…...and sparkle and shine.

Jeanette Gatzman,
LGCF President

Elements of Design
The physical characteristics of design are known as the Elements of Design. These characteristics are:

- **LINE** - the visual path that directs eye movement through an arrangement. Line gives life and movement to a design. It leads the eye along a definite path. It can be slow or swift, gentle or exciting. Line direction determines the emotional impact. Thin spike like material gives a swift dramatic line. Gently curving material gives elegance of line. Broad material suggests slow movement.

- **FORM** - is the shape of your arrangement. It could be three-dimensional, geometric composition... circle or oval, curve or crescent, right angle, S curves, triangular, horizontal and vertical.

- **SPACE** - Consideration should be given to space within and around a design. The space AROUND a design makes it three dimensional. The space within a design also has to be considered.

- **TEXTURE** - The surface quality of the plant material and how the eye sees that. If the plant material is smooth and shiny, your eye will travel over it quickly as it sees all there is to see very fast. The texture can be rough, dull, or coarse and the eye will stay longer as it takes in all the different tones, tints and shades created by the shadows and lights.

- **PATTERN** - A repeated combination of line, form, color, or texture. That means, simply, repeating what you did several times, to make a pattern.

- **SIZE** - the physical dimensions of line, form, or space.

- **COLOR** - Creates moods and emotions. It is often the first consideration that influences a designer's selection. Color changes may occur due to influences of light quantity and quality.
CIRCLE OF ROSES

Penny Crawford
Westchester Estates Garden Club (District VI)
Penny has been an active member since 1970 and president six times. For over 40 years she has been a leader in our club. She shares her extensive knowledge of horticulture with us at every meeting through identification of native plants and rarer species. She has hosted and competed in flower shows and entered and won multiple prizes for her flower designs over the years. Some of the most remarkable in recent years have been the D. H. Holmes, “Mr. Bingle” designs she did for several Christmas seasons. They were displayed at New Orleans, City Park for “Christmas in the Park.” An accomplished artist, she used her talents for the flower paintings found on the LFGC’s second cook book of 2003, “Che’r... its Good, too!” and the totes sold by LFGC a few years ago. Penny was the District VI Director for 1993-1995. She is a Master Flower Show Judge, one of the founders of the beautification program for Slidell and a past president of the Slidell Council of Garden Clubs.

Rita Grant
Baton Rouge Garden Club (District VI)
Rita Grant has been an active member of the Baton Rouge Garden Club since 1965. She credits her lifelong interest in horticulture to her parents and growing up in rural Baton Rouge. Her current efforts are confined to a camellia garden, and raised beds of cacti and perennials, in which she enjoys working.

A long-time member of Bud and Blossom Study Group, Rita has participated in all club activities. An interesting note from her third year of membership was mention of raising the dues from $4.00 to $8.00, so the club could dedicate $3.00 per member to the Building Fund. The continued diligence of the BRGC members enabled the club to build the Baton Rouge Garden Center in 1979.

Rita’s smiling face has graced many meeting and club events, as she is always ready to lend a helping hand when asked. Rita and her husband, F.T. (Ted), are long-time residents of Broadmoor Subdivision.

The Baton Rouge Garden Club is honored to add the name of Rita Grant to the LGCF Circle of Roses.
Barbara Blanchard Guillot
Gonzales Garden Club (District VI)

Barbara Guillot has been giving of herself since she was a single lady in a small town. She has served her school, her church, her town and her parish. Barbara is not one to hesitate to volunteer when needs arise. She is a lovely inspiration to all who serve beside her.

Barbara married Allen Guillot 58 years ago. This couple has three daughters, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren so far. The Guillot children are proud of their mother’s community involvement and unwavering willingness to help others. They remember her as someone always ready to lend a hand by helping at their school, providing treats for their school parties and serving as their Girl Scout leader. Whenever friends, coworkers, or neighbors were unable to be with their loved ones during the holidays, Barbara would invite them to join the Guillot family celebrations. This mom was always thinking of ways to help those around her.

Barbara loves the people in her community, too. She has been part of many civic organizations working to make our parish a better place to live. For years, she assisted her husband in promoting the city of Gonzales at state-wide business conventions by decorating the Gonzales Economic Development Team booth with homemade display boards and table decorations and using her seamstress skills to sew matching vests for all team members. She has been a member of the Friends of the St. Elizabeth Hospital, parish planning committees, and the Gonzales Woman’s Club. She is an active member of St. Theresa Catholic Church who helps with the bereavement committee and numerous other worthwhile activities. As a busy board member of the Council on Aging, she conceived of and spearheaded recreational activities such as sock hops, holiday parties, and exercise classes, which remain wildly popular regular events for our senior citizens today.

Another love of Barbara’s is gardening, so she wove her hobby into her knack for public service when she joined the Gonzales Garden Club in 1990. She began to promote the club by encouraging the community to work with us in protecting and improving our environment. She established our annual tree planting celebrations at various municipal locations in Gonzales for Arbor Days. She prepared flower arrangements for decades of flower shows and floral design teaching activities. In all, Barbara served as President for 2 years, Civic Chairman for 16 years, Publicity/Photographer for 12 years, and Arbor Day Chairman for 2 years, as well as Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Membership Chairman over time. She currently serves as Gonzales Garden Club Parliamentarian. With such extensive involvement in the club business over the past 25 years, she has a deep appreciation for the history of our club and has become invaluably instrumental in continuing our connection with our ever-growing community.

Barbara’s life continues to be filled with her activities, family, church, gardening, sewing, and civic interests. Interwoven into all these things are her joy for living and the sharing of her gift of compassion for others. She is another beautiful rose added to the Circle of Roses.
**Dell Nelson**  
*Community Gardeners of Baton Rouge (District VI)*

Dell Nelson joined the Community Gardeners Club of Baton Rouge in 1998. As a long-time member she has participated in many projects, served on numerous committees and developed lasting friendships with other club members. Known for her delicious desserts, Dell has co-hosted many meetings. She has served as corresponding secretary and helped the club in the making of a quilt that was raffled by the LGCF.

Dell has been married 62½ years to Charles Nelson, Sr. (an unofficial club member with an avid love for daylilies). They are parents to five married children and have 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dell maintains a nice collection of pot plants and a collection of several varieties of daylilies. Dell’s husband grows a large vegetable garden which keeps her busy cooking and freezing veggies.

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**Conchita Richey**  
*Gonzales Garden Club (District VI)*

Conchita Ritchey has been a member of the Gonzales Garden Club for 37 years, joining in 1977. Dedicated in her service to the club, she has served in the positions of: President (4 years), Vice President (4 years), Yearbook Chairman (11 years), Horticulture Chairman (4 years), Parliamentarian (3 years), Newsletter/National Gardener Chairman (3 years), and Membership Committee (14 years).

In 2007 she became an LSU AgCenter Master Gardener. Conchita is a founding member of the Ascension Parish Master Gardener Association, and is currently serving as the Chairman of the very successful Ascension Parish Library Gardening Series.

Conchita has been married to her husband Terry for 44 years. They have two children, Ty and Amy, and have five granddaughters. Terry and Conchita are the granddaughters’ biggest fans. They attend their extracurricular activities—rain or shine. Conchita is a big LSU fan; even Coach Les Miles knows her. One friend said this in describing Conchita, “Conchita is a woman of strong faith. She meets no stranger and she loves family, friends, food, and a good cold beer!”

Hear the word “Gardening” and Conchita’s name comes to mind. Her enthusiasm for gardening spills over to others; she is always willing to share her knowledge and her plants. And, she continues to learn more about gardening for the benefit of herself and others. Gardening is truly a lifelong passion of Conchita’s, one that she fully enjoys.
Joan Zimmerle
Westchester Estates Garden Club (District VI)

Joan has been an active member in all club and federation projects since 1993. She was president in 1995-96, is currently WEGC’s vice president. Over the past ten years she has served almost continually as either 1st or 2nd vice president. She is an expert in planning programs, officer initiations and field trips for our club. She always makes her home available for our summer workshops to make our decorations for Christmas in Slidell’s Griffith Park, or any other club endeavor. Since Katrina she has been in charge of the Christmas in Slidell project and with her notable artistic talent she is such a help to those of us who are not as talented. She has competed in many flower shows with her winning designs. Joan served as judge for the LFGC cleanest city contest in 2008. She is a go to person when we need help with design 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” these special ladies.

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

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

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Do you want to help pollinators? The single most important thing each of us can do to help them is to plant a pollinator garden. There is an APP for that! Check out the BeeSmart app for IOS and Android. Enter in your zip code, and it will help you find plants that grow in your area and meet your goals! It is FREE! http://www.pollinator.org/beesmartapp.htm
### 2015 Cleanest City Results

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All of the above cities received a score of at least 90 and are designated as “Clean Cities”. Congratulations to all!

### Become an NGC Ecology Warrior

The Environmental Concerns and Conservation Committee of National Garden Clubs, Inc. invites you to become an Ecology Warrior as you investigate and study the contents of our Ecology Warriors Workbook. Remember, you can Make a World of Difference through the choices you make for the conservation and preservation of our natural resources. It’s just a matter of what kind of difference you want to make. Choices matter!


### Horticulture Corner

Daylilies are one of the most popular flowering plants for late spring and early summer Louisiana landscapes. Serious gardeners know daylily by its scientific name of Hemerocallis – Greek for “beauty” and “day.” As the name implies, daylily flowers open for just one day. The best daylilies for today’s landscapes, however, make many buds and can bloom for upwards of three months.

Daylilies are low-maintenance plants in the landscape. Planted in full to partial sun, daylilies prefer a well-drained bed but can tolerate poorer soil conditions. At planting, make a slightly raised bed for daylilies by incorporating organic matter. Adjust the soil pH so that it is slightly acid – pH 6.0-6.5 – and fertilize in early spring and again in early summer, if needed, to promote plant vigor.

Goldie Locks daylily is pictured on the right. It is a new variety in the Southern Living Plant Collection and was developed in Louisiana by Dale Westmoreland at Westfarms Nursery in Franklinton, Louisiana.
LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.
2015 SUMMER BOARD MEETING
July 20 - 21, 2015
Embassy Suites Hotel       Baton Rouge, Louisiana

“IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME”

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015

8:00 AM .................................................................Registration - Hall
8:00 AM .................................................................Ways and Means Opens - Hall
8:00-8:30 AM .......................................................Headquarters Meeting - Senate Room
8:40-9:10 AM ..................................................Finance Committee Meeting - Senate Room
9:20-9:50 AM ..................................................Landscape Design Consultants Meeting - Senate Room
10:00-10:30 AM ...................................LCNAFS Judges Executive Meeting - Senate Room
10:30-11:10 AM ..............................................LCNAFS Judges Council Meeting - Senate Room
11:20AM-12:20PM .........................................................“From the Grocery Store to Your Home” - Assembly Room
12:30-1:30 PM .................................................................Lunch Break - Atrium
1:40-2:40 PM ..........................................................2015 Club Presidents/District Directors Meeting - Senate Room
2:50-3:50 PM ............................................................LGCF Executive Council Meeting - Senate Room
4:00-4:50 PM .....................................................Environmental Consultants Council Meeting - Senate Room
4:55- 5:30 PM ....................................................Gardening Consultants Council Meeting - Senate Room
7:00 PM ..............................................................LCNAFS Judges Council Dinner – Assembly Room (Open to all)

Program: “Sunrise, Sunset”
A floral design program
Presented by the Southwest Judges Council

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015

8:00 AM .................................................................Registration - Hall
8:00 AM .................................................................Ways and Means Opens - Hall
8:30-9:30 AM ...................................................... “The Care and Propagation of Begonias” - Senate Room
Workshop presented by Cindy Moran, President of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Begonia Society and owner of Moran’s Nursery in Baton Rouge
10:00-12:00 Noon ..........................................................LGCF Business Meeting - Senate Room
12:15-2:30 PM ..............................................................Luncheon Honoring Club Presidents and Life Members- Assembly Room

Speaker - Carol Bullard, Deep South Director

Program: “Way Down South in the Summer”
presented by Dr. Sam Hyde, History Professor in the Department of Regional Studies at Southeastern Louisiana University
The Southern Garden Symposium
Offering prestigious speakers amid gracious surroundings.

October 23 & 24, 2015
St. Francisville, Louisiana
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With featured speakers like LSU Ag Center's Allen Owings, award-winning floral designer Scott Hasty, and noted author Larry Mellichamp, no other gardening program brings together top quality speakers and historic plantation settings as well as the Southern Garden Symposium in St. Francisville, Louisiana. Known as much for its engaging social events and historic venues as for its outstanding gardening lectures and workshops, the Southern Garden Symposium - now in its 27th year - has become an annual tradition for garden enthusiasts from across the south.

While the symposium's workshops and lectures provide ideas and inspiration for the gardener, the social activities surrounding the event are classic southern elegance at its best. From the home-baked breakfast breads served in the morning, to the sumptuous fare of the evening gala and the delightfully relaxed Saturday afternoon tea, not a single detail of southern hospitality is overlooked.

For complete program information and registration forms, visit www.SouthernGardenSymposium.org; call 225-635-3738 or email luciecassity@bellsouth.net. For information regarding overnight accommodations in St. Francisville, visit www.stfrancisville.us or call 225-635-4224, toll free at 800-789-4221.

2015 Deep South Convention
The 2015 Deep South Convention was held in Birmingham on March 24 – 27. Mary Ellen Miller of Shady Oaks Garden Club, LGCF District II submitted the following photos from the convention.

Fun Owl Facts
- There are over 200 different owl species, but only 19 different species are found in North America.
- A group of owls is called a parliament. Baby owls are called owlets.
Garden Clubs on Facebook
Submitted by Carolyn Bienvenu, New Iberia GC President

The New Iberia Garden Club has recently turned to Facebook to communicate with our members. One member set up a face book page with our club logo. Members download articles and hints as well as photos of their gardens. The idea has been appreciated by club members and may get the word out to possible new members. Our page is listed as "New Iberia Garden Club." To set up a page of your own, go to a personal page and select "create page." Follow instructions. Once the page is set up, the administrator (creator) controls the posts. To post more than one photo, send photos to the administrator and they may post. A single post is possible by any group member. Administrators may also delete posts. The administrator may also invite friends to the page. It's a fun and convenient way to share with club members!

LGCF Book Review
By Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair

Floral Design Manual

By Pim van den Akker
Published by Lannoo Publishers; March 16, 2013
Available on Amazon
360 pages

This is a BIG book, y'all!! And when I say big, I’m not just referring to its size.

For those who love floral design, or those who want to understand how to begin, the author of this book has gotten down to the basics, and at the same time, shows the possibilities.

Full of wonderful illustrations, this manual reveals all sorts of techniques and unusual materials that are the foundation of modern floral design/floral art.

LGCF Objectives
The objectives of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation are:

1. To bring into closer relationship the Garden Clubs of the State of Louisiana to coordinate the interests of the separate Garden Clubs; and to promote the organization of new clubs.
2. To aid in the conservation and protection of our natural resources, encourage civic beauty and stimulate roadside beautification.
3. To advance the fine art of gardening, of landscape design and the study of horticulture.
4. To further horticultural education, conservation and landscape design through gift scholarships.
5. To exist on a nonprofit basis for benevolent, charitable, scientific and educational purposes conducive to the well-being of the community and useful to the public.

From the LGCF Handbook, Articles of Incorporation of Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
District I & II

The Civic Beautification Association of Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes was formed in 1959 to beautify public roadways, buildings, playgrounds and schools. Garden clubs from the three parishes participated in the beautification projects until 2003 when the Association closed its books. Monies left in the Treasury were used to purchase a Blue Star Memorial Marker which was placed in Lafreniere Park in Metairie in May. The marker was installed in the traffic circle in front of the Foundation Center. Algiers American Legion Post and Auxiliary furnished patriotic music and the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office Color Guard presented the colors as participants sang the National Anthem. Coleen Perilloux Landry, a member of the board of Patrons of Lafreniere Park, accepted the marker, on behalf of the Park. Miss Sophia Cruze (pictured on the right), age 12, granddaughter of Mary Hazen, closed the program with the singing of God Bless America.

Pictured on the left, from the left is Mary Hazen, Blue Star Memorial Chairman, LGCF, Inc.; Tricia Ortalano, LGCF, Inc. treasurer, Youth Activities chairman of LGCF and president of the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs; Coleen Perilloux Landry, Live Oak Society Chairman of the LGCF, Inc., historian of the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs and board member of Lafreniere Park Advisory Board and Patrons of Lafreniere; Lee Baraldi, LGCF, Inc. Historic Preservation chairman and secretary of Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs; and, Debbie Corales, co-chairman of Deep South Convention of 2017, co-chairman of LGCF Gardening Study Schools and parliamentarian of the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs.

Members of the Little Shadows Junior Garden Club sponsored by Shady Oaks Garden Club, Dist. II, are shown on the left at work on their entry in the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs/ Federated Council of New Orleans Garden Clubs Flower Show. Their entry was an educational exhibit on the Monarch Butterfly Waystation that they developed and registered at their school, Hazel Park-Hilda Knoff School.

The Shady Oaks Garden Club entered a design in the New Orleans Museum of Art’s “Art in Bloom” display on March 18-21, 2015. Mary Ellen Miller sent in a photo of their entry shown on the right.
Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs/ Federated Council of New Orleans Garden Clubs held a standard flower show April 1, 2015. The winners (shown on the left) of the top exhibitor designs are Carrie Martin, Marleen Alvarez, Harriette Charles, and JoAnn Christopher. Marleen also won the Award of Design Excellence.

Winners of Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards are (on right, from L to R) Lupe’ Perez, Tricia Ortalano, Betty Rema, and Ellen Cook. Not pictured is Margaret Handy. Betty also won the Award of Horticulture Excellence.

Pictured on the left is Mabel Himel, Chairman of the show, with Betty Gibbs, left, Co-Chair and President of Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs and Mary Ellen Miller, Staging Chairman and President of Federated Council of New Orleans Garden Clubs.

Federated Council of New Orleans Garden Clubs held their Founders Day Tea at the home of Debbie Corales. Pictured are Marleen Alvarez, Tricia Ortalano, District II Director and Mary Jacobs, Immediate Past President of LGCF

Other photos of garden club members who attended the tea are shown below. Mary Ellen Miller submitted the photos. The bottom left most photo is of Diane Baur, Immediate Past President FCNOGC, with Nance Click, LGCF Dist. I Director. The middle photo shows Carrie Martin, Lee Baraldi and Arieanne Arata enjoying the tea. The bottom rightmost picture is of Debbie Corales, Founders Day Tea Chairman, with Mary Ellen Miller, President FCNOGC.
District III

**Abbeville Garden Club** members gathered at the home of Lauren Daspit to celebrate their successful Abbeville Garden Tour on Sunday, May 17, 2015. The tour featured the four local gardens of Karen and Fred Hoyt, Rebecca and Pat Donahue, Jeanell and Bernard Duhon, and Lauren Daspit and Steve Montgomery. Karen Hoyt, Jeanell Duhon, and Lauren Daspit are Abbeville Garden Club members. Jeanell and Lauren are also Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners.

Pictured on the right, from left to right, are excited Abbeville Garden Club members: (Standing on porch) Susan DesOrmeaux, Lynn Griffin, Patsy Hebert, Cindy LeBlanc, Ingrid Jones, Pat Webb, Jo Ann Crochet, Brenda Cross, Theresa Broussard, Judge Edwards, Lauren Daspit, and Sandy Richard; Seated (on top step) are Susie Ledet, Charlotte Waguespack, and Karen Sagrera; On front row are Liz Gremillion, Karen Hoyt, Jeanell Duhon, Sandra Creswell, and Marietta Clark.

The **Abbeville Garden Club** installed their new officers for the 2015-2017 term on May 18, 2015 at the home of AGC member Theresa Broussard. Co-hostesses for the event were Marietta Clark, Cindy LeBlanc, Lynn Griffin, and Sandy Richard.

Ruth Delhomme, LGCF District III Director, and Patsy Hebert, Former AGC President, conducted the beautiful installation ceremony centered around a flower theme. Each officer was presented a flower symbolizing their new office and responsibility. The new president’s flower was the Iris, symbolizing faith, wisdom, and cherished friendship. The Iris is Abbeville Garden Club’s chosen flower.

Pictured on the left, left to right, are Ruth Delhomme, LGCF District III Director and the newly elected officers for Abbeville Garden Club: Jeanell Duhon, Treasurer, Susie Ledet, Secretary, Marietta Clark, Vice-President of Membership, Sandy Richard, Vice-President of Programs, Liz Gremillion, President and Patsy Hebert, Former President.

Members of the **Abbeville Garden Club** and Keep Abbeville Beautiful provided an educational booth at the Daylily Festival on Saturday, May 30, 2015, focused on the “Life Cycle of the Butterfly” and construction of “Butterfly Feeders”. The project was made possible through Keep Abbeville Beautiful funding.

Members reviewed the life cycle of the butterfly through books, color sheets and an educational art project using construction paper leaves with pasta to represent the different life cycle stages of butterflies. Examples of which plants attract butterflies were offered and the importance of keeping plants free from pesticides was discussed with the children and their parents. The significance of butterflies as pollinators in our gardens was also stressed. Approximately 50 children constructed “Butterfly Feeders” filled with nectar with assistance...
Deeds and Doings

from AGC and KAB members. These feeders, which the children brought home, can be used to attract butterflies to their gardens.

Abbeville Garden Club Members and Keep Abbeville Beautiful Members were getting ready to help children learn about the “Life Cycle of the Butterfly” and construct “Butterfly Feeders” at the Daylily Festival educational booth. Pictured on the left (L – R) are Sandy Richard, Leah Roger, Liz Gremillion, Patsy Hebert, and Gwen Lanoux.

Beckett Brantley (L) and Turner Dupuis (R) are proud to display their “Butterfly Feeders” and “Life Cycle of the Butterfly” art projects. They were assisted by AGC and KAB members at the Daylily Festival educational booth, made possible through Keep Abbeville Beautiful.

Pictured on the left, Leah Roger, Abbeville Garden Club Member and Keep Abbeville Beautiful Member, talks to one of the fifty children who visited the Daylily Festival educational booth about the “Life Cycle of the Butterfly” and the “Butterfly Feeders”.

Madeline DeHart is pictured on the right, assisting her niece, Hannah DeHart, construct a “Butterfly Feeder”. Also shown is Madeline’s niece, Whitley DeHart.

Abbeville Garden Club and Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners provided an Information Booth at the Daylily Festival on Saturday, May 30, 2015, in Abbeville, which concentrated on Louisiana Super plants and general concerns for Louisiana Gardeners. This was part of the National Garden Week activities for Abbeville Garden Club. All booklets and information were obtained through the LSU AGCENTER.

Pictured on the left, from left to right (standing), at the Gardening Information Booth are Abbeville Garden Club Members Brenda Cross, Marietta Clark, Liz Gremillion, Leah Roger, Jo Ann Crochet, Rose Hagood, Jeanell Duhon, Odile Segrest, Denise Files, and Gwen Lanoux. Kneeling are Sandy Richard and Patsy Hebert. Participating members not pictured are Sandra Creswell, Jules LeBlanc, Susie Ledet, Susan Wilhelm, Pat Webb, and Lauren Daspit. Lafayette Master Gardeners participating were Sandra Creswell, Jeanell Duhon, and Lauren Daspit.
**Deeds and Doings**

The **Lafayette Garden Club** had its standard Flower Show “Gardens Galore,” at the Festival des Fleurs - Garden Show and Sale, on the weekend of March 28 and 29, held at Blackham Coliseum. Lafayette Garden Club’s area of the Coliseum featured many beautiful floral designs on display, as well as a large assortment of prize-worthy horticulture for viewing.

In Horticulture, “Gardens for Plant Lovers,” the Sweepstakes Ribbon for exhibitor with the most blue ribbons went to Glenda Balliviero, whose winning entries included Collector’s Showcase for Begonias; Growers Choice and Horticulture Excellence Award for container plants Clivia “Orange African Bush Lily”; and Awards of Merit for Vines, Cut Ornamental Foliage and Perennials. The Arboreal Award went to Sarah Schoeffler for her “Chinese Fringe Tree,” and to Manda Harson for her Weigela florida shrub, and Charlotte Castille received an Award of Merit for her Hybrid Tea, Floribunda. Pictured at right are these top horticulture winners, sans Sarah Schoeffler.

The Tricolor Award, Sweepstakes, in the Design Division “Gardens with a Purpose,” titled “The Hanging Garden” was won by Cecille Revels. And the Designers’ Choice, Award of Design Excellence winner is Jeanie Richard for her “Garden in the Making - Construction Design.” Top Design blue ribbons went to Jeanie Richard for 1st Place in Construction Design; Angel Landry for 1st Place in Traditional Mass Design; Cecille Revels winner of 1st Place in Framed Spatial Design, Tricolor, and Sweepstakes Awards; Jeanne Latiolais for 1st Place Stretch Design; and Betty Foret for 1st Place Multi-Rhythmic Design. Not pictured is Loraine Allain for 1st Place Creative Line Mass Design. These Design awardees are shown on the left.

Division III Awards of Appreciation for Special Exhibits went to Connie Gremillion for her Educational Exhibit “Butterfly Garden,” and “Linda Beyt for her Educational Exhibit “Garden for Birds.”

At the LGCF State Convention in late April, Lafayette Garden Club won many awards. Roxanna Champagne reports that our Club received Garden Club Achievement, Horticulture Honor Roll and Arbor Day Awards. Lafayette Garden Club won Yearbook - 2nd Place; Inter-club Relations Award- Lifetime Achievement, $25; Standard Flower Show Schedule scoring 90 or above; Conservation Project Award - 1st Place - $25; Garden Therapy Certificate of Merit; - Esther Carriere Garden Therapy Award - 1st Place - $25; Willie A. Hundley Public Relations Award - 1st Place $15; Peggy Cazes Butterfly Project Award - 1st Place - $25; Publicity Press Book Award - Extra-large club - 1st Place; Billie Massa Litter Control Award - $25.

And for the Deep South Region, our Club won the Litter Control Award - 1st Place & Overall Winner - $25; Publicity Press Book Award - 1st Place; Environmental Education Award - 2nd Place and Butterfly Conservation - 2nd Place.
Club members participated in a Field Trip in April, visiting Baton Rouge to tour the new East Baton Rouge Public Library and BREC’s Botanic Gardens at Independence Park adjacent to the Library. As the visiting guests arrived at the Botanic Gardens with its large array of flowering plants, Claire Fontenot, a Master Gardener with BREC, walked the group through and talked about the Rose, Louisiana Iris, Daylily, Ferns, Butterfly and Sensory Gardens. Ms. Fontenot also spoke about the history of the land for the Botanic Garden Park, which was originally part of the Goodwood Plantation that was once used as an airport. Afterwards, Mary Stein, Assistant Director of Administrative Services, spoke interestingly about how the new, magnificent library came to be, then conducted us on a tour of this national and state award winning library. Ms. Stein led us throughout the library to its many interesting features, including the Digital Archives and Baton Rouge Room Collections, Kids and Teens libraries, roof garden with various agave plants, etc. It was a wonderful day trip for our Club members, who are pictured in the Botanic Gardens with Ms. Fontenot.

Connie Gremillion and Stacy Lee report that on Monday, April 20, the Butterfly Programs & Garden Committee planted a butterfly garden at St. Pius X School, with box beds for this garden. The students, after having learned much about butterflies, look forward to seeing many butterflies in their new garden. Pictured on left, planting the butterfly garden are Lafayette Garden Club Butterfly Committee members, Connie Gremillion, Jan Vinning, Lydia Keeton, Jean Findley and Stacy Lee.

The Lafayette Garden Club’s annual Spring Luncheon was on Wednesday, May 13, at the home and gardens of Norman and Glenda Balliviero, on Butcher Switch Road. Club President Cinde’ Risinger greeted the Club members, then announced and presented to Loraine Newberry, as the first recipient in the State, the Certificate of Excellence in Horticulture Award. Margaret Hargroder was awarded the LGCF Maude Viskell Design Award. Jan Vinning, Lafayette Garden Club’s Member of the Year received her certificate from Jeanie Richard, last year’s honoree; and Cinde and last year’s recipient Julie Anna Ousse, presented the Woman of the Year certificate to Debbie Grissom. Cinde’ then installed the incoming 2015-2017 Group of Officers who are pictured on the left, namely: Betty Foret - President, Diana Nolan First Vice President; Cathy Andrew - Second Vice President; Mary Ann Armbruster - Recording Secretary; Jeanne Latiolais - Corresponding Secretary and JoAnn Pugh - Treasurer, as well as Babette Werner Parliamentarian; and Anita Petitjean - Historian. Brightly wrapped, small token gifts to each officer were presented to the new officers from the President, Cinde Risinger.
Deeds and Doings

Last but not least we have great news, Lafayette won as this year’s Cleanest City, in Division J! At the Tuesday, May 26, reception at Lafayette City Hall, Mayor President Joey Durel accepted the Louisiana Garden Club Federation’s Cleanest City in Division “J” Award on behalf of the City of Lafayette. Shown above left, presenting the award to Mayor Durel is Jean Gilstrap, State Cleanest City Chairman.

Pictured are Brian Smith, of the City’s Public Works Department, Janice Dennen, past Chairman of the Cleanest City Committee of Lafayette Garden Club, Diana “Dee” Nolan, current Chairman of the Committee, Mayor President Joey Durel, Jean Gilstrap, Cynthia Risinger, immediate former president of the Garden Club and Neil Bobb of Lafayette Consolidated Government.

Daisy Scouts from the Acadiana area, guided by Lafayette Garden Club Daisy Scout volunteers, planted a ULL-themed red and white flower garden at the Club’s Memorial Garden on the ULL campus, on Saturday, April 25. The young Scouts, who today earned their gardening badges, were also assisted by volunteers from Kappa Delta Sorority, and are pictured on the Garden Bridge. The flowers were suggested by Ann Justice, columnist, Master Gardener and honorary Lafayette Garden Club member, and the flower design pattern was suggested by Mike Honhon, Master Gardener and professional landscape designer. Committee members working on planting day were Manda, with her granddaughter Aspen, Loraine Allain, Cathy Andrew, Julie Haack, Margaret Hargroder, Jeanie Richard, Kathy Van Ness, Jan Vinning and Henrietta Boriskie.

On Friday, May 8, 2015, Terrebonne Garden Club held its meeting and installation of officers. Dot Wu conducted the installation and presented the new officers with orchids attached to garden tools. The tools represented their duties. The orchids were from member’s gardens. Pictured on the left (L to R), the officers are Paulette Henry, Treasurer, Sharon Chartagnier, Secretary, Theresa Ellender, Vice-President, Linda Brashier, President and Dot Wu, Executive Board. They will lead the club for the 2015 to 2017 years. The summer will be spent planning the new club year.
The President’s meeting for District III was held in Morgan City on Wednesday, May 27, 2015. JoAnn Blanchard served a delicious meal at Café Jo-Jo’s and all clubs were represented. Attending from Terrebonne Garden Club are (L to R): Mary Jane Peters; Paulette Henry, Club Treasurer; Linda Brashier, Club President; and Theresa Ellender, Club Vice-President.

**District VI**

*Baton Rouge Garden Club* recently honored the club’s Former Presidents. The presentation was made by Beth Rush, Program Chairman on May 8th at Le Creole Restaurant in Baton Rouge. All of these former past presidents support club and LGCF activities. They are pictured on the right, from left to right: 2003 - 2005 Sue Webb, 2009 - 2011 Sally Daigle, 2001–2003 Jeanette Gatzman (Current LGCF President), 1975-1977 Mary Lou Robertson, 2007 - 2009 Della Sinclair, and 2011-2013 Clara Earl.

**District VII**

The *Diggers and Weeders Garden Club* of Lake Charles recently completed their annual “Share a Little Flower Power” project. The club selects a club member who is currently unable to maintain her yard. Members devote an hour of their time to ‘tidy up’ the flower beds in her yard. The project was started by club member Barbara Watkins and this year we helped club member Gloria Byars tidy up a flower bed at her new residence. The pictures below show before and after shots of one section of the bed as well as member hard at work.
District VIII
Below are pictures submitted by Kelly Texada of the Blue Star Marker Dedication ceremony in Alexandria on April 30, 2015.
# Calendar of Events

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