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On our Cover: The National Garden Club sponsored a photo contest with the theme being "NGC is.....". **Coleen Perilloux Landry of Acres of Green Garden Club** in District II entered the contest with her photo of the Great White Egret (on our cover this quarter) and wrote that the study of birds and conservation were part of National's work. Her photo placed her in the top twelve in the nation. Congratulations Coleen!

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

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO WINTER ISSUE (JAN. 2016) IS DEC. 1ST, 2015.

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Message from Our President

Wow! What a summer! It has been hot, hot, hot! I'm sure you are like me busy trying to keep your plants and lawns from dying due to lack of rain.

Summer Board 2015 was my first meeting to preside over as your LGCF President. It was a thrill after I got over being nervous. Thank you all for your attendance and support.

Congratulations to Linda Ryan, Chairman, and her committee, Carolyn Schwebel, Juanita Pearson and Dr. Leah Sadden, for a great 2015 Summer Board.

Thanks to Carla and Company (Carla Gauthier, Liz Coco and Diane Bordelon) for their workshop titled "From the Grocery Store to Your Home" featuring designs for the home made with flowers purchased at the grocery store; and to Cindy Moran for her workshop "The Care and Propagation of Begonias". Wasn't it nice of her to share begonia cuttings with us.

The LCNAFS Judges Council presented a beautiful floral design program "Sunrise, Sunset".

It was a pleasure having our Deep South Director Carol Bullard as our guest. She and Debby Cooper, President of The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc., added a lot to our meetings. We enjoyed their company.

Jean Gilstrap, Cleanest City Chairman, presented a workshop on Cleanest City to the mayors at the Louisiana Municipal Association Convention held August 8th in Baton Rouge. She has been invited to speak at the Policy Juryman's Association Board Meeting later this year. Way to go, Jean. We appreciate all your hard work.

Our LGCF Live Oak Society Chairman Coleen Landry reports that we now have 7,780 members in the Live Oak Society. She reports that 134 oak trees have been registered since our 2015 Convention. I believe we are going to have a banner year in the Society. Thanks, Coleen, you do a great job.

Hope you are all planning to attend one or more – maybe all – Fall District Meetings. Let's show our support for our own district and all the other districts in the state. The District Directors and host clubs are busy planning educational and entertaining meetings for your enjoyment.

Don't forget to order your copy of "The Frightened Frog". LGCF is using "The Frightened Frog" as our Deep South Unified Regional Project. Let's have every club in the state donate at least one copy of "The Frightened Frog" to a public library or a school library. Don't forget to take pictures when you present the book to the library, then send the pictures to Sherrill Sasser, LGCF Deep South Regional Project Chairman.

Start planning now to attend the 2016 Deep South Convention. It will be held March 7-8, 2016 in Tunica, Mississippi.

Start making plans to attend our 2016 LGCF Convention in Vidalia, Louisiana April 12-13, 2016. Beth Erwin, Chairman, and Lena Bateman, Co-Chairman, are planning a great convention. You don't want to miss it.

Congratulations to Plaquemine Garden Club. On September 8, 2016 they will celebrate their 80th anniversary.

Message from Our President

Start your garden club year off right. Have an informative and entertaining meeting in September. Have some really good projects all year and apply for awards. You do the work – apply for awards and get the credit.

Perhaps your club could plan a day trip on March 18, 2016 to attend the open house at LGCF Headquarters in Lecompte between 10:00 AM and 4 PM. The cost is \$10.00 per person and the money goes to refurbish our back yard. There will be refreshments, floral designs on display in each room and a Lecompte Garden Club member in each room to tell you the history of the furniture and accessories in the room. Don't forget all the nurseries in the area. Stop for pie and coffee at Lea's. Make a day of it and come join us.

Well, back to watering what plants I have left! Maybe it will be cooler in October/November. See you next issue.

Jeanette Gatzman,

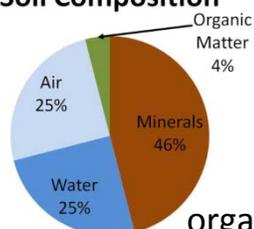
LGCF President



Who are we?
Who do we
want to be?

SOIL BY THE NUMBERS

Soil Composition



Soil is made of about **45%** minerals, **25%** water, **25%** air, and **5%** organic matter.

Healthy soil has amazing water retention capacity. Every **1%** increase in organic matter results in as much as **25,000** gallons of available water per acre.

One teaspoon of healthy soil contains **100 million – 1 billion** individual bacteria.



Earthworm populations consume **2 tons** of dry matter per acre per year, partly digesting and mixing it with soil.

All of the soil microbes in **1 ac/ft** of soil weigh more than **2 cows**.



CIRCLE OF ROSES



Betty Bagert

Lakeview Botany Guild (District I)

Betty Bagert has enjoyed working with garden clubs since the late 50's. She said "it (garden club work) challenges you, intrigues you, beautifies the surroundings, and after all of that, it gives something back to you." In the beginning Nancy Wallman encouraged her to become involved with Vista Park Garden Club. Little did she realize then the varied roles in which she would take in her garden club journey. After losing her home during Katrina in 2005, she relocated to Metairie and joined the Lakeview Botany Guild.



As well as being a garden club member for over 50 years, she has been a National Garden Club Chairman for at least 40 years: Radio and TV, Youth, etc. Some of her offices held were President of Vista Park Garden Club, President of Federated Council of New Orleans Garden Clubs (FCNOGC), 1985-87; LGCF President from 1993-95; President of the Civic Beautification Association; and Deep South Alternate Regional Director, 1997-99.

As FCNOGC President, she was instrumental in getting the council involved in decorating the park for Celebration of the Oaks, a fund raising activity that attracts thousands of visitors to City Park. She was one of the original volunteers on the New Orleans Botanical Garden Spring Garden Show and still works on the committee in 2015 as Judges Chair. In 2008, one of 28 Live Oaks was named for Betty at the Arbor Day Celebration in City Park. She had been a long-time volunteer at the park and championed the care and maintenance of the park's beloved oaks for over 20 years.

Betty is currently a Life Member of NGC, Deep South, and LGCF. She sponsors the Deep South Award #28, the Betty Bagert Membership Growth Award. Lakeview Botany Guild members were pleased to receive this award in 2015.

CIRCLE OF ROSES



Carolyn Bourgeois

Terrebonne Garden Club (District III)

Carolyn Bourgeois is a gracious and hardworking member of Terrebonne Garden Club. She has served as Vice President and program chairman, 2013 to 2015. She was chairman of the Civic Pride and Horticulture Award in 2011-2013. For several years, she has organized the Cleanest City Contest and works with the Parish President and Parish affiliates.

Carolyn can always be counted on to help with projects and participates in the flower shows and always wins blue ribbons. She enjoys gardening and is very knowledgeable in horticulture.

She and her husband, Roger, are the parents of four children, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her hobbies are collecting duck canes and bells.

Terrebonne Garden Club is proud and honored to add Carolyn Bourgeois' name to the LGCF Circle of Roses.



Vicky Fannaly

Gardenettes (District VI)

A Gardenette since 1980, Vicky Fannaly has served twice as club president, a double term honor shared by her mother in law Ruth S. Fannaly who also served as District VI director in the 1950's. Vicky was introduced to the club by her aunt past club president Frances Fannaly and has enjoyed over 35 years serving as an officer and chairman or member of all of the club's committees.

Vicky has won many state horticulture paper awards from first place to honorable mentions, as well as the Maude Viskell Design Award. She has applied for and won many awards for her club and for individuals as well as organizations. As webmaster for the club's internet exposure, she keeps the club activities detailed in word and picture. A graduate of the LSU School of Journalism, Vicky has often handled club publicity in the local media.

Currently working to be a Master Gardener, Vicky is also a member of the St. Joseph's Rosary Altar Society, the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce, the Slidell Antique Automobile Club of America and a widow's support group out of Mandeville La.



CIRCLE OF ROSES



Joyce S. Hebert

Plaquemine Garden Club (district VI)

Joyce has actively participated in the Plaquemine Garden Club since 2000. She served as president from 2006-2008. She chaired many committees, including City and Parish Beautification, Ferry Landing Landscaping, annual plant sale, Christmas Tea hostess and the Blue Star Memorial dedication. She continues to judge the yearly NGC-sponsored essay contest and serve as hostess for luncheons. She especially loves to decorate our annual Christmas Tea homes and attend club field trips.

Joyce is a lifelong resident and active community leader in Plaquemine. She and her husband, Gary, founded the Plaquemine Post/South newspaper in 1957. She handled both business operations and society news. During that time, the newspaper received over 600 awards including the coveted National Newspaper Association Community Service and General Excellence awards. She served as Grand Marshal of the International Acadian Festival parade in 2002, chairperson of the St. John School Development Fund and the capital campaign for St. John the Evangelist Church. Joyce has received many community acumens, including the Mother Seton award from St. John School, the Iberville Chamber of Commerce Athena Award as an outstanding businesswoman, the Iberville Head Start Woman of Achievement and the LSU Professional Journalism Society Community Service Award. She presently serves as president of the Friends of Plaquemine Lock and is a member of the Catholic Daughters at St. John the Evangelist Church.

She and her late husband, Gary J. Hebert, Sr., have four children, 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.



Sue Parrill

Hammond Garden Club (District VI)

Sue was born in Kentucky, moved to Lewisburg, West Virginia, when she was six, and grew up there on a dairy farm. She attended West Virginia University, where she met her husband, Bill. They married in 1957 and went to The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee, to teach and attend graduate school. After getting Ph.D.'s in 1965, they moved to Hammond, Louisiana, where they were employed by Southeastern Louisiana University. Sue taught in the English Department, rising to the rank of full professor. After serving as Director of Freshman English from 1984 to 1988, she became Department Head and served in that capacity for the next fifteen years. Sue chaired the October 2015



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Department Heads Council for two years, served as president of the local Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and served on many committees. She retired in 2003, at which time her aged mother came under her care. Her mother died in 2009.

Sue wrote one book, *Jane Austen on Film and Television* (2002), while working, and during retirement wrote two more (*Nelson's Navy in Film and Fiction* [2009], and *The Tudors on Film and Television* [2013]). Since 2004 she has been Book Review Editor for JASNA (Jane Austen Society of North America) News. Sue has traveled extensively in the United States and in Europe, both for pleasure and for research. She has published numerous articles on Jane Austen, and has presented papers at conferences and at community events.

During the 1970's and early 80's, Sue was an avid tennis player, playing in tournaments throughout Louisiana and the Deep South. She admits that during those years her yard was sadly neglected. After retirement and no longer physically able to play tennis, she devoted her spare time to gardening. Having no luck with vegetables (in spite of having grown up on a farm), she concentrated on flowers. As soon as she retired, she joined the Hammond Garden Club, where she met congenial gardeners and amiable friends. Sue attends meetings, serves on hospitality and phone committees, participates in programs, and currently is club historian. Her yard has been named Garden of the Month three times. She also belongs to the Northshore Daylily Society, and chairs the membership committee.

Sue and Bill have one child, Steve, who, with his wife, Gretchen, produced three daughters--Haley (Thonn), Emily (Galjour), and Marie Adele. So far they have two great-grandsons, Trew and Christopher. They attend St. Albert's Chapel, in Hammond.



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

2015 LGCF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The LGCF 2015 Scholarship Chairman, Jennifer Granger, and Jane Anders, District VII Director appointed Kathy Tell, former District Director, Webmaster, Environmental Consultant and Dr. Pam Langley, Newsletter Editor and Landscape Design Consultant help serve on the Scholarship committee.

The committee received 13 Applications and 9 students received scholarships. The committee met on July 2, 2015 and all scholarships were awarded except one, the LGCF District VII Scholarship, which had no qualified applicants. The results of the committee's decisions are listed below.

The LGCF, Inc. Anite Currault Scholarship \$2,000

Alexander Morvant, from Lafayette. Attending LSU, Baton Rouge. Majoring in Landscape Architecture.

Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. (two scholarships each \$2,000)

Mary Grace Lemon, from Baton Rouge. Attending LSU, Baton Rouge. Majoring in Renewable Natural Resources.

Jane Elizabeth Satterlee, from Covington. Attending LSU, Baton Rouge. Majoring in Landscape Architecture.

The Irene M Petijean Horticulture Scholarship \$1000

Anna Eileen Ribbeck, from Mandeville. Attending LSU, Baton Rouge. Majoring in Environmental Horticulture.

The Ducie Heaney Horticulture Scholarship \$1000

Anna Eileen Ribbeck, from Mandeville. Attending LSU, Baton Rouge. Majoring in Environmental Horticulture.

LGCF District VII Scholarship \$1000

No Qualified Applicants

LGCF District 1 Scholarship \$250 (composed of Orleans, St. Bernard, and Plaquemine Parishes)

Kristen Maria Lonon, from New Orleans. Attending LSU, Baton Rouge. Majoring in Landscape Architecture.

The Neil Christopher/Louisiana Landscape Design Consultants Council Book Scholarship LSU/BR \$500

Grant Christian Murphy, from Baton Rouge. Attending LSU, Baton Rouge. Majoring in Landscape Architecture.

LGCF District II Book Scholarship \$250 (Jefferson, St. Charles, St John the Baptist, and St James Parishes)

Matthew Poche from Metairie. Attending LSU, Baton Rouge. Majoring in Landscape Architecture

The Neil Christopher/ Shady Oaks Garden Club Scholarship, LSU BR \$500

Alex Jacob Hobdy, from Baton Rouge. Attending LSU, Baton Rouge. Majoring in Landscape Architecture

The Gardening Consultants/Jo Ann Christopher Scholarship \$500

Mia Simone LeBoeuf from Kaplan. Attending UL at Lafayette. Majoring in Environmental Science

LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.

2016 LGCF CONVENTION

April 12-13, 2016

Vidalia Conference and Convention Center

Vidalia, Louisiana

“DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE”

Monday, April 11, 2016

- 10:00 AM—Depart hotel for pre-convention tour of Honey Brake Lodge and Frogmore Plantation
- 4:00 PM—return from tour
- 5:00 PM-7:00 PM—Happy Hour, ½ price drinks in the hotel lobby area
- 6:00PM-8:00PM. Light supper, sponsored by Ferriday & Vidalia Garden Clubs, Comfort Inn & Suites in hotel lobby

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

- 8:30 AM— Registration – Mississippi River Promenade—Convention Center
- 9:00 AM – Ways and Means Opens – Bowie Room-- Convention Center
- 8:00 – 8:30 AM – Headquarters Meeting –Hotel conference room
- 8:40 – 9:10 AM – Finance Committee Meeting-- Hotel conference room
- 9:20 – 10:20 AM – Executive Council Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
- 10:30 – 11:30 AM – Tablesapes Workshop by Brenda Zerby—Thornhill Room—Convention Center
- 12:00 – 2:00 PM – Landscape & Environmental Councils Lunch/Program– Wanda Chase with Imahara’s
—Kenny Davis Room—Convention Center
- 2:30- 3:30 PM – 2015-2017 Club Presidents/District Directors Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
- 3:40 – 4:10 PM – LCNAFS Judges Executive Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
- 4:15 – 4:45 PM – LCNAFS Judges Council Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
- 5:00 PM-6:15 PM—Happy Hour, ½ price drinks in the hotel lobby area
- 6:30 – 8:00 PM – Banquet hosted by District V, Clyde Ray Webber speaker—Kenny Davis Room-Convention Center

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

- 8:30 AM – Registration – Mississippi River Promenade—Convention Center
- 9:00 AM – Ways and Means & Vendors Open – Bowie Room-- Convention Center
- 9:00 – 10:00 AM – Birding by Ear Workshop—Roselie Overby--Thornhill Room—Convention Center
- 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM – LGCF Business Meeting- Thornhill Room—Convention Center
- 12:30 – 2:00 PM – Judges/Gardening Consultants Lunch/Program—David Carter, Mississippi Master Gardeners
—Kenny Davis Room—Convention Center
- 2:10 –2:40 PM -Gardening Consultants Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
- 3:00 – 3:30 PM – Environmental Consultants Council Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
- 3:40 – 4:10 PM – Landscape Design Consultants Council Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
- 5:00 PM-6:30 PM—Happy Hour, ½ price drinks in the hotel lobby area
- 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Awards Banquet—Kenny Davis Room—Convention Center

2016 LGCF CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM



LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC
 CONVENTION 2016 REGISTRATION FORM
 APRIL 12-13, 2016
Down by the Riverside



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY	STATE	ZIP
EMAIL	PHONE ()	
GARDEN CLUB		DISTRICT

PLEASE CHECK OR CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY FOR REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS

LOCAL CLUB:	MEMBER	CLUB PRESIDENT	DELEGATE/ALTERNATE	GUEST
LGCF:	OFFICER	CHAIRMAN	LIFE MEMBER	FORMER PRESIDENT
DEEP SOUTH:	OFFICER	CHAIRMAN	LIFE MEMBER	FORMER DS DIRECTOR
NGC	OFFICER	CHAIRMAN	LIFE MEMBER	

PLEASE CHECK		PRICE	AMOUNT
<i>I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE PRE-CONVENTION TOUR OF HONEY BRAKE LODGE AND FROGMORE PLANTATION</i>		\$ 60	
<i>I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR THE ENTIRE CONVENTION THIS INCLUDES ALL REGISTRATION FEES AND MEALS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PRE-CONVENTION TOUR</i>		\$190	
<i>CHECK IF YOU PLAN TO BE IN THE HOTEL LOBBY FOR A LIGHT SUPPER MONDAY, APRIL 11, 6PM-8PM. SPONSORED BY FERRIDAY & VIDALIA GARDEN CLUBS, COMFORT INN & SUITES</i>		No CHARGE FOR MEAL	
<i>I ONLY WANT TO REGISTER FOR PART OF THE CONVENTION (A REGISTRATION FEE(\$25.00) IS REQUIRED FOR EACH DAY REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF EVENTS ONE ATTENDS)</i>			
TUESDAY	REGISTRATION	\$25	
APRIL 12	LUNCHEON	\$25	
APRIL 12	BANQUET	\$45	
WEDNESDAY	REGISTRATION	\$25	
APRIL 13	LUNCHEON	\$25	
APRIL 13	BANQUET	\$45	
LATE FEE?	PAY IF YOU ARE REGISTERING AFTER MARCH 22.	\$20	
TOTAL	ALL SELECTIONS (AMOUNT ENCLOSED)		
DIETARY:	VEGETARIAN: ALLERGIES:		

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LGCF CONVENTION 2016
 MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO KAREN LEWIS, 667 PHILLIPS RD, SAINT JOSEPH, LA 71366

Down by the Riverside

Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

Eighty-second Annual Convention

April 12-13, 2016

Vidalia Conference & Convention Center

Vidalia, Louisiana

Hotel Accommodations: Comfort Suites (4.5 ★ Rated)
100 Front St
Vidalia, LA 71373
(318) 336-1655

King sized bed or two queens. \$114.75 (including tax) overlooking the river. \$103.28 (including tax) overlooking the levee. All rooms include free high-speed internet, refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker. Hot breakfast is included in rate. There is a half price Happy Hour 5-7 PM in lounge area with access to patio on the Mississippi River.

Please call Comfort Suites, Vidalia, **DIRECTLY** to make your reservation at this rate. **(318) 336-1655** Use code **Garden Club**

Note: Hotel is a short walk along the river from the Conference Center. The Vidalia Conference and Convention Center provides free shuttle service between the hotel, Convention Center, parking lots and to Vidalia and Natchez for those attending the convention.





*NORTHEAST LOUISIANA
MASTER GARDENERS
2015 FALL BULB and PLANT SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Market at 7th Square
1700 North 7th Street
West Monroe, LA*

Spring blooming bulbs especially chosen for our southern climate as well as hard-to-find and old favorite bulbs and plants that will add beauty and interest to your garden and landscape. Master Gardeners will be on hand to help with your selections and answer questions.

For more information call:
LSU AgCenter office @ 318-323-2251

Louisiana Master Gardeners is a program of the LSU AgCenter. The LSU AgCenter provides equal opportunities and employment.



NASA DATA SHOW PLANTS BUFFER CLIMATE CHANGE

According to a new NASA study, the presence or scarcity of vegetation is an essential factor in the intensity of local climate change. The study found that as plant cover declines below 65% of land area (vs. roads or other “impervious surfaces”), temperatures increased in “urban heat islands.” Temperatures were as much as 1.6°C higher than surrounding areas when plant cover was reduced to 35%. The study is meant to assist urban and other land management planners as the global climate continues to warm.

Native Plants Work Better - Although the study does not specifically differentiate between native and non-native vegetation, experts agree locally adapted native plant species are more likely to thrive, require less water and chemicals, and provide essential ecosystem services such as pollinator habitat and pest control. For more on the value and resilience of locally adapted native plants see the [Department of the Interior’s National Seed Strategy](#).

[Full NASA story with map of urban heat islands](#)

UPDATE ON LGCF AWARDS

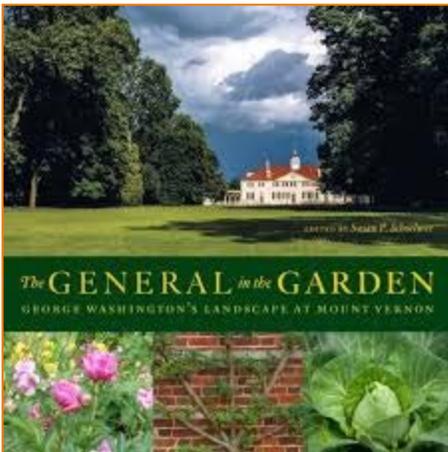
Willie Allen has stepped down as **Publicity Press Award chairman**. The new Publicity Press Award (Award #22) chair is now **Kathy Bedenbaugh**. Your press book should be submitted to Kathy at 42366 S. Range Road, Hammond, LA 70403-1416. Kathy's email address is katieb3@charter.net.

Also a new award has been proposed by District V, the donor of the award. **The Eleanor Talley Memorial Award** has been proposed with the following description:

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually to the garden club receiving the largest number of competitive (including all places) and non-competitive awards at the LGCF, DS and NGC levels combined. Awards received by individuals within a club and awards received by student clubs are to be included in the total. In case of a tie, the club winning the most first place awards will be named the recipient of the award.

BOOK REVIEW

By Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chairman



The GENERAL in the GARDEN

George Washington's Landscape at Mount Vernon

Edited by Susan P. Schoelwer

Foreword by Andrea Wulf

Essays by Adam T. Erby, J. Dean Norton and Esther C. White

Published by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association through University of Virginia Press; April 24, 2015

ISBN-13:978-0931917486

Available at Amazon.com

First and foremost, George Washington considered himself to be a farmer and gardener, rather than a politician or military man. In this lovely book, you will discover why! Not only will you visualize the Father of Our Country in his most beloved home and on his farm, but you will follow the history of Mount Vernon through the generations, and be awed by the efforts of so many to preserve this unique and wonderful part of America.

NGC PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

The 2015-2017 NGC President's Special 2-Year Project, "Service in Action", is intended to increase awareness of the seriousness of the demise of pollinators and amphibians and encourage conservation and protection efforts by clubs, the general public and governmental agencies.

Often called the first bio-indicators; amphibians and pollinators, by their presence, abundance, and activities reveal the state of their ecosystems. Pollinator and amphibian populations are declining worldwide through the effects of pesticides, habitat destruction, diseases, parasites, global warming, and introduced predators. Education, habitat conservation, and protection of at risk populations are issues we can change through our actions. Read more on the [NGC Website](#).

2016 SYMPOSIUM

A Flower Show Judges Symposium is planned for Flower Show Judges, Garden Club members & others interested in gardening and floral design.

When: February 15-17, 2016

Where: Wesley Center
2350 Methodist Parkway
Woodworth, LA 71485
318-449-4500

More information on [LGCF Website](#).

2016 Symposium Chairman, Carla Gauthier, 8th District Judges Council; Co-Chairman, Linda Ryan, 6th District Judges Council

Only nationally accredited Flower Show Judges are eligible to take Symposium for credit.

TREES ON HUEY P LONG HOSPITAL GROUNDS JOIN STATE REGISTRY

When Joyce Kilmer wrote "only God can make a tree" in his "Trees" poem in 1913, a live oak was growing on land that later became the grounds of Huey P. Long Medical Center in Pineville.

That tree is still growing there and could possibly be around for centuries to come. The tree, now officially known as the "Huey P. Long" tree, is one of three enduring live oaks at the site that have been added to the Live Oak Society registry of the Louisiana Garden Club Foundation Inc. The effort to have the trees join the registry was spearheaded by Helen W. Moore of Pineville.

When Moore looks at the large live oak tree in front of the entrance to the now-closed hospital building, she sees beyond its trunk, branches and leaves. "Only God can make a tree, and you don't replace one like this," Moore said while sitting in the shade of the tree while the temperature was hovering around triple digits.

She enjoyed talking to co-workers under the tree during the 27 years she worked as a registered dietitian at the hospital, but the tree now has taken on a new meaning for her since being one of the three joining the Live Oak Society registry.

The live oak tree in front of the hospital building has been officially named "Helen Williams Watson Moore, RD." The largest and oldest of the three trees is the one named "Huey P. Long" after the colorful Louisiana governor. The other is named "Professor Elaine H. Brister" in honor of the late Louisiana College educator who was an author, historian and Rapides Parish School Board member. Brister wrote "Once Upon a River: A History of Pineville, Louisiana."

Moore feels honored to have a historic tree named after her. The board of the Historical Association of Central Louisiana chose the names for the three trees and didn't tell Moore until after the vote was taken. "I'm a little embarrassed about it. For one thing, I'm the only living person. The other two are named for deceased people," Moore said.

Yvette Hebert of Alexandria is thankful the three trees are getting special recognition. She is immediate past president of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc., which is affiliated with the National Garden Clubs Inc.

While registry status doesn't ensure the live oaks won't be cut down at some point, the society has been successful in convincing businesses and governmental agencies to preserve trees on the register, even if that means revising plans for a development project or road project to accommodate them.

"These live oak trees that we have are really a precious commodity that we have in our state," Hebert said while under the branches of the Helen Moore tree. "Look how beautiful it is to sit under this tree and enjoy it." She said live oaks "are part of our Southern culture." Because of the trees' beauty and longevity, she said, "to cut that down, to me it's almost a crime." In at least one case, a big live oak was transplanted and survived. Like Moore, Hebert appreciates live oak trees on a high level.

Yvette Hebert (left) and Helen W. Moore sit in the shade of a live oak tree named in Moore's honor in front of the Huey P. Long Medical Center building in Pineville.



"The first thing that comes to mind ... it reminds me of God — the serenity of it, the simple beauty of it, the calmness and serenity, children in the summertime crawling in those limbs," Hebert said while looking at the huge Huey P. Long tree.

The Alexandria Garden Club, of which both Moore and Hebert are members, played a role in getting the trees at HPL on the Live Oak Society registry. The announcement of the Live Oak Society registry status for the three trees comes on the heels of the hospital building joining the National Register of Historic Places. The Historical Association of Central Louisiana was involved in both endeavors, with Moore playing a key role.

Charles Charrier, president of the Historical Association of Central Louisiana, said Long deserves the tree-name recognition because of his health-care accomplishments as governor. Brister was chosen by the association board for the honor because of the work she did in preserving Pineville history, while Moore was honored for her efforts to save the trees and the charity hospital building, Charrier said. He said Moore was excluded from the discussion of the naming of the trees.

"The board felt we should honor Helen because she is at this point keeping the torch burning on the preservation of Huey P. Long hospital," Charrier said. Having the trees added to the registry helps "keep the preservation of the hospital in the public spotlight." The Historical Association seeks to preserve important trees and other works of Mother Nature, as well as historic buildings, he said. "Trees of significance can be historic landmarks," Charrier said.

The tree named after Huey P. Long is more than 100 years old, earning it "centurion" status from the Live Oak Society. Located behind the hospital building, the tree has a huge split in the middle, and some of its large branches droop down to rest on the ground. But Hebert says the tree is thriving. She does suggest that an arborist take a look at it to see if any special care is needed.

The Huey P. Long tree has a girth of 26 feet 2 inches as measured at a height of between 4 and 4.5 feet, according to Moore. The tree's spread is 110 feet. The Helen Moore tree and the Elaine Brister tree are less than 100 years old, so they are considered "Junior League" trees, although still worthy of special recognition.

The Helen Moore tree, which has benches underneath its branches, has a girth of 10 feet 3 inches and a spread of 95 feet. It was not yet growing when the hospital opened in 1939.

The Elaine Brister tree is located near the northeast side of the hospital building. It has an elevated deck around it. Its girth is 13 feet 4 inches, and its spread is 108 feet.

The newly honored trees don't have plaques of recognition in place, but that is in the works. Coleen Perilloux Landry, chairman of the Live Oak Society, said adding the three trees to the registry "is very fitting to honor the history and the people for whom they are named."

"It is a time in history that the live oaks lived there amongst all of the people who made it what it is. The Live Oak Society is proud to have these beautiful, historical oaks on its registry," Landry added.

Moore said getting the trees on the Live Oak Society registry is part of the overall preservation effort for the HPL site. She is hopeful the hospital building can be repurposed and dreads the thought that it could potentially someday be torn down. The hospital building is under the auspices of LSU Health Shreveport. State officials haven't determined what the future holds for the building.

The three special trees on the HPL grounds could be there for many generations to appreciate. It is not unusual for live oak trees to live 200 to 300 years or more. A live oak in Mandeville near Lake Pontchartrain has a girth of more than 38 feet and is estimated to be about 1,200 years old.

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DEEDS & DOINGS

DISTRICT III

Azalea Garden Club is on Facebook! Pictures, calendars, flower show dates and information about our junior garden club may be found on Azalea Garden Club's new face book page at www.facebook.com/AGCNI. Members and administrators can upload and post pictures as well as reminders about upcoming events. It's also a fantastic way to keep up with member's gardens. The face book page is updated daily with garden tips and suggestions.

Azalea Garden Club recently received a 1st Place nationally for their cookbook "Bayou Garden Cuisine II". The award was presented at Summer Board in Baton Rouge by Mary Jane Peters, State and National Awards chairman. Shown on the right are Margaret Melancon, Azalea Garden Club, Mary Jane Peters, and Versa Dore, Azalea Garden Club.



Azalea Garden Club members recently attended Series 1 Flower Show School held at the IRA Nelson Horticultural Center in Lafayette, LA from July 30-August 1st, 2015. Pictured on the left, from l to r: Amy Bernard, Azalea Garden Club member, Tina Tuttle, Instructor, Margaret Melancon, Azalea Garden Club member.

Woodmen of the World, Chapter 308, of Terrebonne held its Annual Awards Banquet on August 22, 2015. The WOW honored **Terrebonne Garden Club** with its Environmental Award. A quote from the award is "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children". Accepting the award were (L to R) Sandra Moise, Mary Jane Peters, Sharon Chatagnier, Linda Brashier and Dot Wu. This award is usually given to an individual but the WOW felt that the club had worked hard to protect the earth.



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Lafayette Garden Club hosted the final course of Series 9 Gardening Study School on Monday and Tuesday, August 10 and 11, at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center. Instructors were Dr. Allen Owings, Statewide leader for LSU AgCenter Extension Programs; Beth Erwin, LGCF Member; and Sarah Bertrand, Jefferson Parish LSU Assistant Extension. Members of the Lafayette Garden Club, who took and passed the final exam to become new Gardening Study Consultants, are Roxanna Champagne, Lydia Keeton, Diana Nolan, Anita Petitjean and Cecille Revels. Other Lafayette Garden Club members attending were Betty Foret, Gloria Guilbeaux, Cynthia Risinger and Kathy Van Ness, with Jean Bonneau serving as hostess.

Pictured on the right are the club members at the June 2015 Gardening Study School class, from left to right: Lorraine Allain, Cathy Andrew, Roxanna Champagne, Jean Findley, Gloria Guilbeaux, Anita Petitjean, Diana Nolan, Martha Nelson Wood, Mary Armbruster, Kathy Van Ness, Lydia Keeton and JoAnn Pugh.



Since 1984, the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District worked to beautify, conserve and manage sites along the Vermilion Bayou, ensuring the beautification and enhancement of the natural and cultural resources in Lafayette Parish. Lafayette Garden Club's Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems Committee, under the leadership of Co-Chairs Jan Wyatt and Babette Werner, promotes Bayou Vermilion awareness and helped to create the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association (BVPA), which is headed by Charles Wyatt. BVPA also participates in Trash Bash, Earth Day, Bayou Vermilion Day, Plant Fest and helps with school visits.

Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association won the 2013 National Garden Club President's Project Award in the large club division, and was named Louisiana Wildlife Federation's nonprofit of the year in Baton Rouge. BVPA has launched an online paddle trail map of the Vermilion River, which is available on the bayouvermilionpreservation.org website. BVPA is holding its second annual Water Wetlands & Visionary Water Symposium, titled "Bayou Vermilion, Our Working River – Opportunities for Conservation, Management and Development" on September 11, with keynote guest speaker Dr. Bob Thomas, Director of Center of Environmental Communication at Loyola University in New Orleans.

Lafayette Garden Club members toured the new East Baton Rouge Public Library and BREC's Botanic Gardens, and are pictured below with Claire Fontenot, Master Gardener with BREC, at the Louisiana Iris Botanic Garden. Mary Stein, Assistant Director of Administrative Services, addressed the group about the national and state award winning East Baton Rouge Public Library and conducted the Lafayette Garden Club members on a tour of the library.



DEEDS & DOINGS

DISTRICT V

District V is busy getting ready for the State Convention being held in Vidalia, Louisiana, in our District on April 11-13, 2016. A fun filled day is planned with a pre-tour at nearby Frogmore Plantation. We are excited about the opportunity to showcase our beautiful part of the state.

We are also hosting the Environmental Studies School in our District in September under the leadership of Jean Gilstrap. Class one will be held at Black Bayou in Monroe and class 2 at Poverty Point. Some great classes are being planned. Be looking on-line to find out details and get forms for this class.

Our District Spring President's meeting was held on June 2, 2015 at the Historic Princess Theater in Winnsboro, La. There were 47 in attendance and it was a great meeting with lots of sharing of ideas. We are especially proud of Tensas Garden Club for their efforts in implementing the Wildflower Re-establishment and Pollinator Habitat Project. We really wish them much success in this program.

Garden Gate Study Club just recently created a website for their club and we are proud of them for doing that and hope that others will also. It provides a wonderful way to share ideas, what is going on in the club, and pictures.

Our Fall District meeting is being held at the Historical Old Post Office in Winnsboro, Louisiana, on October 21, 2015. Much hard work is being done to gather ideas for a fun and informative day.

DISTRICT VI

The District VI Presidents' meeting was held on May 28, 2015 at Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Covington, LA. Sixteen District VI clubs were represented. LGCF State President Jeanette Gatzman was in attendance. Shown below left is District VI Director Kyle Martin with LGCF President Jeanette Gatzman. Shown below right are attendees at the District VI Presidents' Meeting.



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The annual President's Tea of the **Hammond Garden Club** was held this past August in the Hammond City Council Chambers. Our club is climbing in membership and we had several guests also attending that may become HGC members. In addition, gracing our meeting with their appearance was our new District VI Director Kyle Martin, former District VI Director Willie Allen, and the LGCF President Jeanette Gatzman (pictured L to R below right). Thankfully there were no meetings scheduled and we were able to use the Chamber facility for our over 40 attendees.

The Executive Board always supplies the sustenance for the tea, (it nourishes our passions for eating almost as much as our passion for gardening)!! As usual there was enough to supply a small army and everything was so scrumptious. A layered salad and hot chicken dip, many cheeses and crackers, a shrimp mold and all the trimmings that went with it. Desserts of an almond petit four cake and a chocolate double fudge cake, creme de menthe brownies, blueberry cobbler, etc, etc! Anyone walking out hungry, (if you could walk after all that).....it's their own fault! Before partaking of the goodies Ann Crain, Chaplain offered our opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.



Important things finished, (lunch is always first and most important), our President Carolyn Schwebel, announced that the normal order of business will be dispensed with and introduced our special guests and asked all members to introduce the guest(s) that had accompanied them to the meeting. Pictured on the right is Hammond Mayor Pete Panepinto with club president, Carolyn Schwebel.

Karen Nelson, Vice President and author of our new yearbooks, passed out copies to everyone and received many kudos for such a wonderful work of art! When all had received their copy Carolyn went through dates and events that we would be experiencing in the coming year. Everything sounded so exciting.



Linda Ryan expounded on an extra field trip to Natchez, MS, going by bus to see "Angels On The Bluffs". It's a tour through a cemetery with a guide.....sounds kind of spooky to me but she has been on it before and loved it. Why not.....you also go through Dunleith an antebellum home and lunch provided at a restaurant. What could be better.....especially, you don't have to drive, a day out with the girls, everything provided including the entertainment on the tour.....think I'll save up and make plans to go.

Next up, Linda Broussard told everyone about the plans for our next fundraiser. I don't want to give away all the details just yet, we're still waiting for some answers before starting to advertise. I'll just say it will include celebrities, Easter and the beauty of stairs as seen in "Tara". Hope that piques your interest for the next column when I will give you the answers to all those hints.

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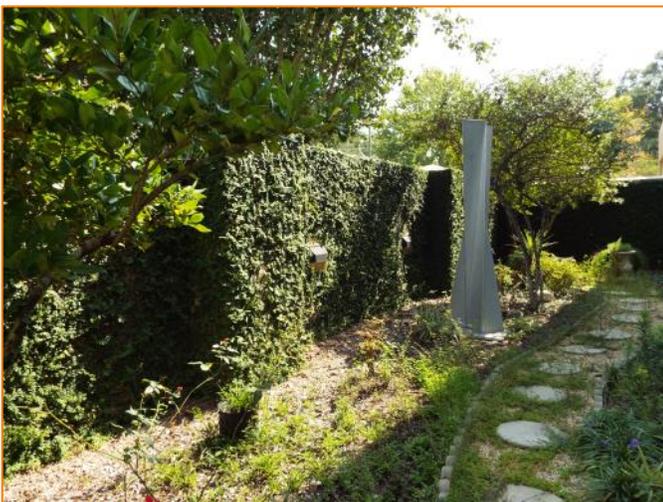
As always the Hammond Garden Club is a proud member of the District VI Garden Club Federation and the Deep South Region of the National Garden Clubs doing our best to beautify our homes, our city and our nation! God Bless America!

DISTRICT VII

The **Oakdale Garden Club** held their annual spring luncheon at Neet's Place on Oakdale Hwy. New officers were elected and an installation ceremony was held. Pictured left to rt. are Shirley Savoy, President, Jane Hatsfelt, Vice President, Lana Sandefur, Secretary, Phyllis Johnson, Treasurer, Bobby Smith, Chaplain, and Sarah Shoemake, Parliamentarian.



The **Diggers and Weeders Garden Club** of Lake Charles has adopted a new project this year. The club has agreed to help clean up and maintain a small viewing garden at the Central branch of the Lake Charles Public Library. Six members joined forces and attempted the clean-up phase of the project. Below is shown the before (on left) and after photos of the garden.



Calendar of Events



2015

October 13	District I & II Fall Meeting , Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans
October 14	District VI Fall Meeting , Southern Hotel, Covington
October 15	District III Fall Meeting , Quality Hotel, Houma
October 20	District VII Fall Meeting , The Pioneer Club, Sulphur
October 21	District V Fall Meeting , The Old Post Office Museum, Winnsboro
October 22	District VIII Fall Meeting , Pineville Community Center, Pineville, LA
October 26-27	Landscape Design School , Course 2, Baton Rouge Garden Center

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January 17-23	LGCF Tour, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
January 18-19	LGCF Winter Council, LGCF Headquarters
February 15-17	Louisiana Judges Symposium, Woodworth, LA
March 1-3	Flower Show School, Course 2, Lafayette, LA
March 7-8	Deep South Convention, Tunica, Mississippi
March 18	LGCF Headquarters Open House, Lecompte
April 12-13	LGCF, Inc. Convention – Vidalia, LA
May 2-7	NGC Convention, Grand Rapids, Michigan
June 12-18	LGCF Tour, Amish Country Quilt Gardens
Sept 26-Oct 2	NGC Fall Board Meeting – Portland, Maine

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January (TBD)	LGCF Tour, Australia/New Zealand
February 9-11	Flower Show School, Course 3, Lafayette, LA
March 26	Set-up for Deep South Flower Show, Harrah's New Orleans
March 27-28	Deep South Convention, Harrah's New Orleans
March 29	LGCF Pre-Conv. Tour and Tri-Refresher
March 30-31	LGCF Convention, Harrah's New Orleans
May 16-21	NGC Convention, Richmond, Virginia
June (TBD)	LGCF Tour, Nova Scotia/New Brunswick, Canada
(TBD)	NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri

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TBD	LGCF Convention - District VIII
TBD	NGC Convention - WI
TBD	NGC Conventions - Pennsylvania
Sept 26 - 29	NGC Fall Board Meeting, Orlando FL

**Owl photo by Coleen P. Landry*