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A wonderful white camellia graces our cover for this Winter issue. Camellias are one of the bright spots of color during our cold winter months. This delightful photo was submitted by **Kathy Bedenbaugh** of the **Gardenettes Garden Club**. Thank you Kathy for sharing!

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

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I have been a busy “hummingbird” traveling in every direction representing you statewide as well as nationally. Just in my short tenure as President since April 2013, there have been four Blue Star Memorial Markers dedicated: One in Harahan, LA, one in Metairie, LA along Veterans Memorial Boulevard and two in Westwego, LA along Highway 90 at Louisiana Street and at Victory Drive. Dedicating two at one time was quite a feat, but Joe Baucum and his “hummers” made all four happen! Thank you Joe and Cindy and the merry band of “Hummers”! We now have eighty-seven Blue Star Memorial Markers in Louisiana.

Since April, Live Oak Society Chairman Coleen P. Landry has already registered one hundred fourteen live oaks bringing our total to 7,252. A special thank-you goes to Coleen who is ever on the trail of a new tree to become registered.

In September, I was winging it to St. Louis, Missouri and the National Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting. What a wonderful experience to see the NGC Headquarters that I had read about and heard others talk about. The building is very well maintained and we should be so proud of the garden surrounding it. I did see on the carpet in headquarters our state logo and felt such pride to belong to such an organization and to represent the wonderful membership of the state of Louisiana.

I always say the Lord creates experiences for us... one day as I was waiting in line to be seated at the hotel restaurant, three ladies joined me. I was finally seated and “lo and behold”, the other ladies were seated next to me. We all realized that we were there for the NGC Fall Board Meeting and introductions were quickly made. One of the ladies was the President from New Jersey. Oh, my, I thought, and quickly told her I was from Louisiana and how we had appreciated their monetary gift to help restore an area in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. I asked how their recovery was progressing from Hurricane Sandy and told her we were so glad to be able to return the favor to help them restore some of their area. She said it was so deeply appreciated and that National Garden Club, Inc. had added money to our donation to bring it up to \$5,000. I was delighted to hear this. She said recovery is still slow but they are determined to move forward. I saw her several times after that and we greeted each other with hugs. This is what makes one’s heart sing when we can reach out to one another across the nation and let each other know we care.

When I chose my theme “Nature’s World Where Everything Belongs” I did not know what the National President, Linda Nelson, had chosen for her theme. I was amazed at how closely related our themes were. I stated at my installation that I wanted each club to choose its project to work on because each area and each club is so unique and each of you knows what needs to be done in your own community.

Linda Nelson, NGC President spoke to us of her theme for her administration “Making a World of Difference – Choices Matter”. Her theme is rooted in our Conservation Pledge: I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of planet earth and promise to promote education so that we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife.

Well, Linda must have been reading my mind, because she states in “Keeping in Touch” the following: “This broad theme was selected so that any of the projects that are the hallmark of garden club activities could be designed and executed in a way that protects and conserves our natural resources. It is my hope that we will search out information from many sources to help us determine if

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our gardening practices are helpful or harmful to our planet. Armed with knowledge, we can choose which practices we are willing to change to protect and conserve our beautiful earth for coming generations. I believe that when we know better, we will do better. ...All clubs are encouraged to participate in their favorite project in a manner that puts into practice our conservation pledge. We are a force for good - the good of the earth."

Marion Hilliard, NGC Special Project Coordinator states: "It is important that members of NGC promote education as the "Key" in making responsible decisions for today and tomorrow. Educated garden club members are responsible stewards, who are then able to make wise choices for saving and protecting our Planet Earth and its natural resources... our air, water, forest, land and wildlife."

Our own Mary Jacobs, who is on the President's Project 2013-2015 Committee as Wildlife Chairman was a presenter at a workshop at the NGC Fall Board Meeting to promote wildlife. Mary is also on the Environmental Concerns/Conservation Committee as Endangered Species/Pollinators Chairman. Through her presentation those in attendance learned of the declining colonies of bee pollinators across the globe. Do you realize that if there are no pollinators, our food chain becomes extremely slim?

Because NGC was so concerned about this, it has partnered with Crown Bees, a Washington State bee pollination company. This partnership provides NGC the opportunity to be part of the solution. Crown Bees can help gardeners world-wide to raise gentle mason bees to pollinate their gardens thus saving our food supply one garden at a time. Look for more information at crownbees.com. (Keeping In Touch, quarterly newsletter on NGC Website)

"Community Gardens" is the Deep South Project chosen by Deep South Region Director Gloria Blake. We were so fortunate to have LGCF's Deep South Project Chairman Sherrill Sasser and Co-Chairman Diane Watson present a workshop on this at Summer Board in Baton Rouge. Gloria Blake's theme is "Share the Beauty of Gardening". So... after your club has chosen a project or projects, educate yourselves about what needs to be done, then, do it. THEN...apply for an award! ...apply for an award! ...apply for an award!

LGCF and NGC are giving you a choice of projects which include the idea of what is best for our planet, and offering a suggestion of Deep South's project of "Community Gardens". In "Nature's World Where Everything Belongs", we will be "Making a World of Difference – Choices Matter" and we can, then, "Share the Beauty of Gardening" with all.

What educational opportunities we have coming our way! Let's give thanks to all those special "Hummers" who are busy preparing for the upcoming LGCF events. Lafayette will host Gardening Studies School, Course I at the Ira Nelson Center on January 9-10, 2014. Then come on over to the Landscape Design School in Baton Rouge at the Baton Rouge Garden Center on January 29-30, 2014.

As I traveled the state in October to the District Meetings, I pondered how marvelous it is that we are such a diverse state and I was overwhelmed at the wonderful programs that each district had and how each district had its own footprint in the environment. I thank each district director, sponsoring club and all those who worked so hard to make each district meeting so successful! I pray that we all have a very successful year.

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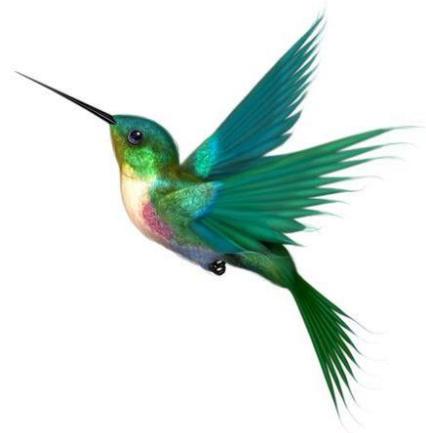
Remember to save some time for the LGCF Convention March 27-28, 2014 with a tour on the 26th. The Crowne Plaza Hotel will be the place to be in Baton Rouge, LA. Come and meet our Deep South Regional Director Gloria Blake from Florida. I know we will make her most welcome!

All of the above events are on the website just waiting for you to get your information and register to attend!

As always, please let me share these words with you:

Winged Jewel

With wings spun of silver and hearts of gold,
These tiny creatures our hearts behold.
With angelic features and colors so bright,
Make even the heaviest heart seem light.
The magical way they flit through the sky,
They appear, then, vanish, in the blink of an eye.
They're sending a message for us to retrieve,
Anything's possible for those who believe!
Christopher Griffiths



Until next time in "Nature's World Where Everything Belongs"...

Yvette Hebert, LGCF President

LGCF Book Review

By Sissy Gall, LGCF's Book Review Chair

BEATRIX POTTER'S GARDENING LIFE

The Plants and Places That Inspired the Classic Children's Tales

By Marta McDowell

This is a lovely book, and a truly sweet read! Beatrix Potter was not only an author, but an avid gardener and lover of nature throughout her life. As familiar as we all are with the famed writer of classic children's literature, it will be a delightful experience to spend a year in Ms. Potter's garden and look deeper into her life, into the source of her creative inspiration. This comfortably-sized book is filled with photographs, old and new, and with the added pleasure of many, many of her watercolor landscapes, botanicals and illustrations.

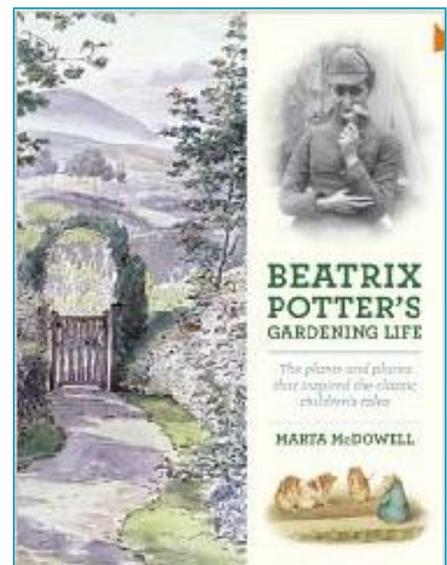
Available at Amazon.com

340 pages

Timber Press, Nov. 5, 2013

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\$15.78





Circle of Roses



Lillian Fenstermaker

Oakdale Garden Club (Dist. VII)

Lillian Fenstermaker is a native of Oakdale and has the privilege of knowing and learning from some wonderful Oakdale Garden Club members. She has been a member for forty+ years and has served twice as president – from 1973 to 1975 and from 1988 to 1990.

She says that she enjoys programs on environmental education and also creative design. She also states that projects that involve school and community are a pleasure. She looks forward to taking an active role in the Oakdale Garden club in the years ahead.



Margaret Ann Osborn

Oakdale Garden Club (Dist. VII)

In 1973, the Elizabeth Garden Club was organized with the object being to work toward the improvement and beautification of the town of Elizabeth. Margaret Ann was a charter member of the club and served in many capacities through the next twenty years. She served as President in 1978 and 1989, Vice-President in 1987 and as treasurer from 1981 to 1983.

The Elizabeth Garden Club planted and maintained many flower beds throughout town including the entrance to town, City Hall, the school and two parks. The club also seeded crimson clover and wildflowers along the roadsides as well as decorating the walking park and City Hall with lighting at Christmas. The Elizabeth Garden Club sponsored the Christmas lighting contest, the cleanest year contest and several community work-days to pick up litter and plant dogwood trees.

The Elizabeth Garden Club established the Mark Eugene Osborn Scholarship in 1977 and awarded a deserving graduate a \$500 scholarship each May. The club participated in "Christmas in the Country" each December by having a plant booth to raise money for the scholarship and also by entering a float in the Christmas parade. The club sponsored a community Christmas get-together at city Hall every December as well as the Miss Elizabeth Pageant every May. Margaret Ann was an active participant and committee member in each of these events.

After the demise of the Elizabeth Garden Club, Margaret Ann joined the Oakdale Garden club in 2010, where she continues to pursue her love of wildflowers and gardening and participating in all the events and objectives of the club. In addition, she had presented many wildflower programs and slide show presentations to Garden clubs, civic organizations and libraries through the years.





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Sarah Shoemaker

Oakdale Garden Club (Dist. VII)

Sarah has been an active member of the Oakdale Garden Club since 1966, serving as president twice – 1981 to 1983 and 1996 to 1998. She has served as publicity chairman, has been parliamentarian for 10 years and is currently serving on the membership committee.

She is an active member of the First United Methodist Church where she is Chairman of the Church council.

Sarah is still working full time at her furniture/appliance store.



Bobbie Smith

Oakdale Garden Club (Dist. VII)

Bobbie was born in Crystal Springs Mississippi in 1933. She attended college at Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College at Wesson Mississippi. After moving to Louisiana, she continued her education at McNeese State University earning a Master's Degree.

She was an elementary school teacher for 30 years. After retiring from teaching, she joined the Oakdale Garden Club and has been an active member for 16 years. She has served on various committees and served as president in 2004 to 2006.

She stated, "I have enjoyed the monthly meetings and all the special meetings. I am grateful for all the friends I have made who share my love for nature and all the Garden Club activities."



Suzanne Stainback

Oakdale Garden Club (Dist. VII)

Suzanne Stainbeck was born in Oakdale but the first time she became a member of a garden club was in Monroe in 1967. She and a group of ladies in her subdivision became interested in forming a club. After many meetings and much work, they became a federated garden club naming it the Town and Country Garden Club of Monroe, Louisiana.

In 1969 she and her family moved back to Oakdale where she was invited to join the Oakdale Garden Club. She has served as





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chairman of the Cleanest City Contest, and helped to choose Garden of the Month. She served as president from 1975 to 1977. She helped initiate plans and plant the flower beds to enhance the entrance of the city.

To raise funds, the club held a Christmas Tea to which the whole community was invited. Now they collect and plan for a garage sale held in November of each year.

Each year \$250 scholarships are awarded to a senior girl in Home Economics and a senior boy in FFA.

Oakdale is fortunate to have beautiful forests and the club has been very active and supportive of the foresters in the parish. They hold yearly Forestry Awareness Week to inform and educate school children on the importance of growing and preserving our beautiful trees.

She has been a happy member of a garden club for 22 years.



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" five 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 70526-3952,
(337) 783-4545,
gmpetitjean@cox.net.**

HORTICULTURE HINTS

January - Don't plant those Christmas Poinsettias out just yet. Poinsettias come from Mexico and prefer warm temps. Keep them in the house in a sunny place until warmer weather arrives, then move them outside. If you haven't done a soil sample recently, now is good time to get one done.

February - Fertilize citrus trees with balanced fertilizer (13-13-13) at the rate of 1 lb per year age of tree up to 12 years. Make corrections to your garden soil as suggested by your soil testing of last month. Trim summer flowering trees and bushes such as crape myrtles, vitex, mimosa, confederate rose, hibiscus, tibouchina and oleander after mid-month.

March - Enjoy the azaleas! After the flowers are gone, trim up the bushes and apply an acid fertilizer following the amounts suggested on the container. Time to plant caladiums, gladiolas, and lilies. Prepare your vegetable and flower garden soil by working in some of those composted leaves from last fall.



"COMING ATTRACTIONS"

DEEP SOUTH REGIONAL CONVENTION

APRIL 11 - 14, 2014

ST. PETERSBURG BAYFRONT HILTON HOTEL

Without a doubt, it is too early to pack BUT time to make that hotel reservation, travel plans and complete the Convention Registration Form. We are patiently waiting on your arrival to Florida for Act I "Spotlight on the South".

The Deep South Regional website has the 2014 Registration Form posted and a Tentative Schedule of Events. The website has lots of information about your adventure to sunny Florida including the Pre-convention festivities of a BBQ and "Trashion" Show, spouse activities and tour information for Saturday and Monday.

To assist you in planning your travels, may we suggest the following -

Airports:

St Petersburg-Clearwater Airport, 15 miles or approximately 20 minutes

Serviced by: Vision Airlines - Gulfport /Biloxi M, T, Th, F and Sat

Allegiant - Chattanooga and Tri Cities Th and Sun

Knoxville M, W and F

Shuttle cost: Approx \$ 35 or taxi \$ 30

Tampa International Airport, 22 miles or approximately 30 minutes

Serviced by: Most major airlines

Shuttle cost: Approx \$ 25 to Hilton Bayfront Hotel 800 282 6817

Taxi cost: Yellow Cab 813 253-0121 United Cab 813 777-7777

\$ 2.50 plus \$ 2.40 per mile

Specifics can be found checking the transportation area of each airport.

Driving Directions:

From Interstate 275 - take exit 22 - Interstate 175 (this is the Bayfront Center exit) At fourth traffic light, turn left - 1st Street South Two blocks on the left is your destination!

St Petersburg Bayfront Hilton

333 1st Street South

CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS ON THE DSREGION WEBSITE

DIRECT HOTEL LINK IS ON THE DS REGION WEBSITE

http://www.dsregion.org/convention_2014.html

Louisiana Garden Club Federation
State Convention 2014 "Louisiana at Its Best"
March 26-28, 2014
Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone (_____) - _____

Garden Club _____ District _____

Please check the box that indicates your status for Registration and Credentials:

Local Club	Member	Club President	Delegate/Alternate	Guest
LGCF	Officer	Chairman	Life Member	Past President
Deep South	Officer	Chairman	Life Member	Past DSR Director
NGC	Officer	Chairman	Life Member	
My first convention _____		New LGCF Member in past two years _____		

Due date February 20, 2014

Please make an(x) in the desired boxes .

		Price	Amount
	Wed 3/26	Pre-convention Tour: <i>Imahara Botanical Garden</i> , (Bus, Tip, Lunch, Tour) (first 50) St. Francisville, LA	\$ 60 \$
	Wed 3/26	Evening Buffet (to be followed by entertainment and cash bar in Hotel Lounge)	\$ 40 \$
yes	March 27-28	Entire Convention (all events listed below)	\$215 \$
yes		I want to register for a <u>portion</u> of the Convention. (A registration fee is required for each day regardless of the number of events one attends)	
	Thursday	Registration	\$ 20 \$
	3/27	Luncheon	\$ 30 \$
		Banquet	\$ 45 \$
	Friday	Registration	\$ 20 \$
	3/28	Luncheon	\$ 30 \$
		Banquet	\$ 50 \$
	Late Fee	Pay if you register after Feb. 20	\$ 20 \$
	Total	Amount I am enclosing: Total Amount: No Same Day registrations will be accepted. Make checks payable to LGCF State Convention 2014	\$ \$
	Dietary:	Special diet _____ Vegetarian _____ Allergies: _____	

Mail form and payment to: Clara Earl, 1873 North Redondo Dr., Baton Rouge, La 70815



Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge ~ Reservation Card
4728 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Reservation Office (225) 925-2244
Hours: 8:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday.
After hours call 1-800-678-4065, Fax 225-930-0140

Group Name: Louisiana Garden Club Federation **Group Code:** LGC
March 26, 2014 through March 28, 2014

To make your reservations, we require that you either:

- 1. Enclose a check or money order covering your first night stay, or
- 2. Fill in the number of one of the following credit cards: American Express, Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club, Discover, or Carte Blanche. Do not forget the expiration date and your signature.

Deposits will be refunded only if cancellation notification is given by 4:00PM, 48 hours prior to the day of arrival.

Please note the number of each room type:

___ Single (king) \$96.00 + 13% tax ___ Double (two doubles) \$96.00 + 13% tax

***CUT-OFF DATE: February 24, 2014**

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

*Please include the actual day of arrival and departure.

Phone Number _____

Method to guarantee:

___ Check or Money Order Enclosed

___ American Express ___ Discover ___ Carte Blanche ___ Diners Club ___ Visa ___ MasterCard

Amount _____ Plus 13% tax

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date: _____

I authorize the Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge to charge my account for one night's deposit and all applicable taxes.

Signature: _____

*Reservations requested after the cut-off date is subject to availability. Rooms may still be available, however, not under the group rate.

**Reservations may also be made at www.crownebaton.com Your promotional group code is LGC.

LGCF Landscape Design School
Course 4 to be
January 29-30, 2014

The Louisiana Landscape Design School will be held on January 29-30, 2014, at the Baton Rouge Garden Center, Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. This is course 4 of Series 18. LSU professors and professional landscape architects are the instructors.

Members are encouraged to register after December 25 and before January 20, 2014 so the syllabus can be printed. The cost is \$60.00 for students, consultants and master consultants; it is \$55.00 to audit. A box lunch can be purchased or you may bring a brown bag lunch. Friends, master gardeners, the public, are invited to attend.

Consultants who have not earned "master" status are encouraged to attend; one refresher annually will earn your master status quickly. (There will be a pre-convention tour of Imahara Gardens; however, no refresher credit is being offered.)

Questions can be directed to Gail Lonibos, registrar, or Clara Earl, school chair. If you have not received a brochure, please obtain a copy from the website: www.lgcfinc.org

Course 3 was held in November in Baton Rouge. Twenty six persons attended; 10 students, 9 consultants, 2 master consultants and 5 master gardeners. Our professors were Dr. Neil Odenwald, Charles Fryling, Dana Brown, Johanna Liebe, and Van Cox, all excellent lecturers.

LGCF Ireland and World Flower Show Tour



An opportunity to go to the World Flower Show is here for you June 12-20, 2014. But you have to act fast to reserve your place in this all inclusive trip for \$5000. Compared with other trips that do not include air fare and meals and you will find this trip to be economical.

We will fly into Shannon Airport and spend the first night in Ireland at the Bunratty Castle (pictured on right), with an authentic Medieval Banquet. The next day we will take in the Cliffs of Moher and Kallarney, and then from there travel around the ring of Kerry. We will enjoy an evening in the Cork area and then a stop off by the Waterford Crystal Factory on the way to Dublin for the opening preview of the Flower Show. Men will have plenty to keep them busy while we ladies attend the WAFA.



If you are planning to come, please send in your \$2,500 deposit by check or money order made out to LA Garden Club Tours to Jan Smith, 138 Jackson Lane, Gilbert, LA 71336 by the end of January. The hotels are requiring full payment for reservations.

Deeds and Doings

District II



The **Creative Planters Garden Club** was the host for the October meeting of the **Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.** It provided delicious food and beautiful fragrant flowers. From left are Regina Remetich, Mary Hazen, Joyce Boudreaux, Harriet Charles, Nancy Byr and Elaine Ory. *Photo provided by Daria Vincent of the Creative Planters Garden Club.*

Wow! The **Rambling Rose Gardeners** September meeting at Stephanie Tompson's house was so exciting. It was like a reunion. We all missed one another from the summer hiatus and couldn't wait to have our meeting. We have been learning great Horticulture and Conservation tips from our respective Chairman. We played a Plant Swap game where we learned what different and unusual plants were and how to welcome them in our gardens. Our past President's brought their scrapbooks, so we were able to reminisce of long ago.



Our October meeting at Sharon Massa's house was non-stop, back-to-back, business along with most of our ladies present (see picture at left). Daria, President, presented a presentation on the ESS she attended in August 2013, Courses I & II, giving each member a pocket folder filled with 10 pictures each along with handouts. Also, with these and her complete album, this has touched interest in others wanting to think about the

Environmental Studies School. For our Philanthropic Project, all members brought non-perishable food for Second Harvest. We enjoyed a Cookie Swap to savor the smells and treats ahead of us to welcome the Holiday Season. We also represented our club with a Scarecrow (see picture on right) in the City Park Scarecrow Trail displayed in the month of October.

As of this date, we are looking forward to the November meeting at Daria's house, where Betty Gibbs, who is President of JPCGC, and our Vice-President, will be giving us an informative presentation on Native Plants. She also attended the Flower Show School in October at



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Longue Vue House and Gardens. After the Native Plant Presentation, we are having our Thanksgiving Pot-Luck. For our Philanthropic Project, all members will be bringing an unwrapped gift for Ronald McDonald House. We also will be representing our club with a Mr. Bingle Reads Fairy Tales to the Royal Baby to be displayed in *Christmas in the Oaks* in City Park.

Submitted by Daria Vincent, President, Rambling Rose Gardeners.

A Blue Star Memorial Marker dedication ceremony was held on Nov. 14 to honor all who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Dedicating the marker are Billie Massa, former president Louisiana Garden Club Federation; Yvette Hebert, president Louisiana Garden Club Federation; Lee Baraldi, secretary Civic Beautification Association ; Bea Cottingham, Jefferson Parish Council Garden Clubs, District II/ CBA president; Patty Habeeb Muehlemann, vice president Civic Beautification Association; and Trish Ortalano, District II Director.



District III

Bayou Vista Garden Club, LGCF District III, introduced a new activity presented during each monthly meeting. Kim Alcina, Environmental Awareness Chairman, presented the new "Upcycling" project which is the process of converting waste materials or useless products into new materials or products of better quality or of better environmental value. For September, Alcina re-purposed old books for shelves, birdhouse roofs, table runners, and bookmarks. In October, Alcina displayed several "upcycling" craft projects she designed utilizing items found in sewing rooms and baskets; such as, spools and bobbins repurposed as drawer knobs, framed vintage pattern envelopes, and button collections stored in decorative containers.



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In November, displaying and storing jewelry was the focus of the projects using recycled items such as old cheese graters, picture frames, and a spice rack. Alcina's creativity, ingenuity, and resourcefulness continue to dazzle and inspire members to re-purpose materials in imaginative ways.

New President Cynthia Risinger started **Lafayette Garden Club's** new season, at the Club's September meeting. New officers are Betty Foret, First Vice-President; Rachel Babino, Second Vice-President; Kathy Van Ness, Recording Secretary; Charlotte Castille, Corresponding Secretary; and Jo Ann Pugh, Treasurer; Diana Nolan, Parliamentarian; and Anita Petitjean, Historian.

At this September meeting, sisters Martha Hebert and Rebecca Guidry of Sweet Southern Ladies in St. Martinville presented a slide show "Flower Your Cakes" and a demonstration on how to make fondant flowers. Pictured at right is Rebecca Guidry showing the group one of their fondant flowers. The Sweet Southern Ladies gave as prizes, copies of their "Sweet Treasures" book of recipes and cake decorating ideas.



Angular designs by Angel Broussard and Betty Foret, were exhibited and reviewed during this meeting.

Anita Petitjean; Roxanna Champagne, new District III Director and past President of Lafayette Garden Club; JoAnn Pugh; Jeanie Richard; Cynthia Risinger, Lafayette Garden Club's current President; and Madelyn Hoyt attended District III's October Fall Meeting in Morgan City and are pictured on the right.



The October meeting featured Beth Erwin, whose credentials include Native Plant Society Chairman, presented a slide show of beautiful plants with explanations and stories of how they became heritage plants or pass along plants. Ms. Erwin mentioned two books of interest about heritage plants: one by Samuel Lockett who surveyed Louisiana in 1869 and recorded the geography and geology and another book Jefferson and Southwestern Exploration, an account of Red River expedition in 1806.

Guest speakers were E.B Brooks and Dave Calhoun, with the Horse Farm Committee, who gave a very informative video presentation on the Horse Farm and what it could become for the City of Lafayette. This land was acquired this past summer by the City through a purchase and exchange with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL). Ms. Brooks and Mr. Calhoun then spoke about the City's process in planning the development of this central City park, with the general public attending various meetings to present their ideas for the development of this park.

Babette Werner, Co-Chair of the Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems Committee, reported on the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association, which is promoting storm drain cover markers to remind the public that dumping grass clippings, trash, and other debris, into drains goes into the Vermilion River.

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Friends of the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association, is promoting and funding these metal storm drain cover markers.

Rosemary Florstedt and Loraine Allain spoke about the Bird Sanctuary, stating that the hummingbird is the bird of the month, and gave tips on how to attract hummingbirds and other birds to our yards.

JoAnn Pugh reported on Habitat for Humanity Committee, stating that four houses have been landscaped, with two more planned for late fall. JoAnn asked members to call her to pick up when they are thinning out their gardens now, so that the plants can be used to landscape future Habitat for Humanity houses, and stated that we received two thank-you notes from families who receiving plants from the Garden Club.

Dee Nolan asked Club members to report the location of Adopt-A-Road signs, since this program is being revamped to update who the sponsors are in the local areas.



Jeannie Richard, of Ways and Means Plant Auction Committee, conducted another successful plant sale at the meeting. Pictured at left are Sybil Allis, Gloria Guilbeaux and Cecille Revels, looking over items at the Plant Auction.

Design Exhibits, Transparency by Joy Hargrave and a Reflective design by Gloria Guilbeaux, were presented and reviewed during this meeting.

Patricia Huval, owner of 'Orchid's Plus Nursery' in Breaux Bridge, spoke at the November meeting about her Magnificent Orchids. Ms. Huval explained how to grow orchids in one's home – information on light, temperature, humidity, watering and fertilizing for proper growth of this fascinating plant, the Orchid.

Claire Moody, latest member of Circle of Roses, was presented her certificate by Lafayette Garden Club President Cynthia Risinger, and will be honored at the Garden Club's annual Christmas Tea. She has contributed much to the Garden Club, including serving as a former Club President and Membership Chair, and is a floral designer par excellence.

A longtime, active Lafayette Garden Club member and former LGCF and Lafayette Garden Club President, Bera Smith, celebrated her 90th birthday in July 2013, with friends -- many from Lafayette Garden Club. Bera is pictured on the right with Wayne and Mary Evitt at her birthday party.



Deeds and Doings

District V

District V garden club members gathered at Rayville United Methodist Church October 22nd for their annual meeting. **Palmetto Garden Club** in Rayville did a wonderful job hosting the meeting. **Clarklea Garden Club** of Bastrop provided the table arrangements and **Collinston Garden Club** provided support serving the meal. A good time was had by all.

The following month, Palmetto Garden Club again put in a day of hard work decorating the Rayville Civic Center for the Richland Parish Sheriff's office. Sheriff Lee Harrell hosts a breakfast for the Triad of Richland Parish in Rayville and Delhi. Palmetto Garden Club members created 30 centerpieces using palmetto, bald cypress cones, lotus and locust pods, fern and mums. Those attending the event were awarded the arrangements as door prizes. A member of **Delhi Garden Club** provided decorations for the Delhi breakfast.

Collinston Garden Club celebrated their 50th year as a LGCF member with a tea October 19 at Reily Memorial United Methodist Church in Collinston. Members compiled scrapbooks dating back to the very first meeting and had them on display for guests. For over 30 years, Collinston GC has collected and delivered food baskets to shut-ins during the Thanksgiving season. This year was no exception. Members created door wreaths and fruit baskets to deliver to shut-ins and nursing home residents at their November meeting.

Ferriday Garden Club has been busy establishing Community Gardens as part of the Deep South Unified Regional Project. The club has established a garden at Heritage Manor Nursing Home. The junior garden club sponsored by the club, Planting Pride Jr. Garden Club, has planted a garden on the grounds of Ferriday Upper Elementary School.

Four garden club members from District V attended the Landscape Design School in Baton Rouge in late November. They are Melissa Smith from Clarklea GC, Jan Smith from Garden Gate Study Club, MeMe Johnson from Palmetto GC, and Beth Erwin from Collinston and Palmetto GC.



Palmetto Garden Club members making centerpieces for sheriff's breakfast.



Palmetto GC members clipping asparagus fern foliage for members building arrangements

Deeds and Doings



Community garden planted by Planting Pride Jr GC at Ferriday Upper Elementary



Community Garden planted by Ferriday GC at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Ferriday.

District VI

Ninety-eight members of District VI LGCF met for their annual meeting and luncheon at "The Louisiana Castle" in Franklinton on Friday, October 11, 20123.

Gail Lonibos, District VI Director, presided and welcomed LGCF President Yvette Hebert, state officers and garden club members from throughout the district and state.

Pictured in the "throne room" of the castle are: District VI Director Gail Lonibos, B.R. Garden Club members Sally Daigle and Willie Allen; LGCF President Yvette Hebert, B.R. Garden Club President Debbie Harris, LGCF President-Elect Jeanette Gatzman, and Clara Earl, B.R. Garden Club.



District VII

The Diggers and Weeders Garden Club of Lake Charles had lots of fun fulfilling their annual project of decorating the Christmas tree at Landmark, one of the local retirement homes. Members created ornaments from seed pods and dried plant materials. Cotton boll angles, reindeer from wisteria seed pods, ornaments from magnolia seed pods and old Mardi Gras beads, sweet gum balls, pine cones, dried fennel seed umbels, and dried agapanthus flower stems are just a few of the wonderful decorations that were used on the tree. Members enjoyed making the ornaments almost as much as the residents enjoyed our finished product.

Pictured are club members along with one of the residents in front of the tree.



Calendar of Events



2014

January 9 - 10	Gardening Study School Course I - Nelson Center, Lafayette
January 15	Deadline - Publicity Press Book to Chairman
January 17	Arbor Day
January 22-24	NGC Exec. Council Meeting, New Orleans
January 29 - 30	Landscape Design School, Course IV - Baton Rouge Garden Center
February 1	Deadline - Cleanest City entry form
February 3-4	LGCF Executive Council Meeting, Headquarters House, Lecompte
March 1	Newsletter Deadline
March 10	Report of Expenditures Due (Officers & Chairmen)
March 21 - 22	SWLA Small Flower Show at SWLA Garden Expo - Lake Charles
March 26	Pre-Convention Tour
March 27 - 28	LGCF Convention - Crowne Plaza, Baton Rouge
April 12 - 13	DS Region Convention - Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront, St Petersburg FL
April 30 - May 3	NGC Convention - Norman OK
June 1	Newsletter Deadline
June 1	Scholarship Applications Due
June 1-7	National Garden Week
July 21-22	LGCF Summer Board, Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge
September 1	Newsletter Deadline
September 24 - 28	NGC Fall Board Meeting - Des Moines IA
October TBD	Fall District Meetings
October 31	Deadline - Yearbooks - sent to YrBk Awards Chairman
November 1	Awards in hands of proper awards chairman by Dec 1
December 1	Newsletter Deadline
December 1	LGCF Awards Deadline for ALL LGCF awards except where noted in awards.

2015

January 19-20	LGCF Executive Council Meeting, Headquarters House, Lecompte
March 1	Newsletter Deadline
March 10	Report of Expenditures due to LGCF Treasurer (Officers & Chairmen)
March TBD	DS Region Convention, Birmingham AL
April 21	Pre-Convention Tour - Lake Charles
April 22 - 23	LGCF Convention - Lake Charles LA
May 11 - 18	NGC Convention - Louisville KY
TBD	NGC Fall Board Meeting - St. Louis MO
June 1	Scholarship Applications Due