The beautiful blue bearded iris featured on our cover greeted Kyle Martin on her return home from the 2014 LGCF Convention in March. Kyle is President of the Covington Garden Club in District VI. She said the plant produced at least 8 different blooms all of which were just as spectacular as this one. Thank you, Kyle for sharing with us!

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

Editor ........................................ Pam Langley, 1750 Bilbo St., Lake Charles, LA 70601-6061, 337-842-2995

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO FALL ISSUE (OCT 2014) IS SEPT 1ST, 2014.
Please send all information for this issue to Pam Langley,
1750 Bilbo St., Lake Charles, LA 70601-6061 • 337-842-2995 (phone) • pamxyz@bellsouth.net
MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT
“Nature’s World Where Everything Belongs”
Symbol: Hummingbird

Summer has arrived and with it our Summer Board Meeting on July 21-22, 2014 in Baton Rouge, LA at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Please make every effort to attend so we can give our NGC President Linda Nelson from Keizer, Oregon a wonderful “Southern Hospitality” welcome. The theme for Summer Board will be “Summer and the Living Is Easy”! Please see the website and the Newsletter for all the information you will need to register, book a room and see the schedule for the meeting.

Our LGCF Convention was quite a success due to Chairman Diane Dufour and Co-Chairman Janice Hickey. Deep South Director Gloria Blake and Alternate Regional Director Cinny O’Donnell were our guests and what a warm and grand time you showed them. They had so much fun they did not want to leave! They were very complimentary of our convention and the warm reception they received. So hats off to Diane and Janice and all those members who worked so hard to make LGCF’s Convention “Louisiana at Its Best” the huge success it was!

Deep South Convention was held in St. Petersburg, Florida in April. Your LGCF President even had a wonderful design created in her honor. I had the privilege of meeting the lovely gracious lady who created the design. The “Trashion Show” had our own Jeanette Gatzman strutting her stuff! Such unique clothing and accessories were made from reusing and recycling items no longer wanted. For convention coverage and pictures, see Deep South Region website - Newsletter “Deep South Matters”.

Don’t forget the Gardening Study School, Course II on August 19-20, 2014 at the Ira Nelson Center, 2206 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA. Registration forms are on the website. For more information contact the local Chairman, Roxanna Champagne at roxannachamp@cox.net.

“Summertime and the Living Is Easy” means most clubs are taking a vacation during this time, BUT get ready to make the coming garden club year the best ever!!! Those projects you are doing are worthy of awards, so get the honor for all the hard work you do. Please don’t forget to send any information, expenses incurred and pictures you have for the Deep South Regional Project “Community Gardens” to Sherrill Sasser.

Please allow me to share these words with you:

The hummingbird symbolizes many different concepts. Because of its speed, it is known as a messenger and stopper of time. It is also a symbol of love, joy and beauty. Known to fly backwards, it teaches us that we can look back on our past, but that we should not dwell on our past and move forward. As the hummingbird hovers and drinks nectar from the flowers, we learn to savor each moment and appreciate the things we love.

(Compiled from various sources)

Until next time in “Nature’s World Where Everything Belongs”…

Yvette Hebert, LGCF President
Louisiana Garden Club Federation  
Summer Board 2014  
July 21 & 22  
Registration Form

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _____ Zip ______________________

E-Mail ____________________________________________ Phone (______) ______________________

Garden Club __________________________ District ________________

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THERE WILL BE NO SAME DAY REGISTRATION ACCEPTED

Make Checks payable to LGCF Summer Board

Mail form and payment to: Diane Lawton, 324 Holiday Circle, Pineville, LA 71360
LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.
2014 SUMMER BOARD MEETING
July 21-22, 2014
Embassy Suites Hotel Baton Rouge, Louisiana

"SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY"

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014
8:00 AM ................................................................. Registration - Hall
9:00 AM ................................................................. Ways and Means Opens - Hall
8:00 - 8:30AM ......................................................... Headquarters Meeting - Senate Room
8:40 - 9:10AM ...................................................... Finance Committee Meeting - Senate Room
9:20 - 9:50AM ..................................................... Landscape Design Consultants Meeting - Senate Room
10:00 - 10:30AM .................................................. LCNAFS Judges Executive Meeting - Senate Room
10:30 - 11:10AM ................................................. LCNAFS Judges Council Meeting - Senate Room
11:20 - 12:20PM .................................................. "Workshop "Water When You Wander" - Assembly Room
By Beth Erwin, District V Director and Curator of Kalorama, the William B. Reily Nature Preserve near Collinston, LA for the past 20 years
12:30 - 1:30PM ............................................................. Lunch Break - Atrium
1:40 - 2:40PM ..................................................... 2013-15 Club Presidents/District Directors Meeting - Senate Room
2:50 - 3:50PM ...................................................... LGCF Executive Council Meeting - Senate Room
4:00 - 4:45PM ..................................................... Environmental Consultants Council Meeting - Senate Room
4:55 - 5:30PM ..................................................... Gardening Consultants Council Meeting - Senate Room
7:00 PM .............................................................. LCNAFS Judges Council Dinner - Assembly Room
Theme: "Fish Are Jumping"
Program: "Whatcha Catchin"
Presented by Carrie Martin
Master Judge and President of the New Orleans Judges Council
Table Designs by New Orleans Judges Council

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014
8:00 AM ................................................................. Registration - Hall
8:00 AM ................................................................. Ways and Means Opens - Hall
8:30-9:30AM ...................................................... "Workshop "A Wreath for All Seasons" - Senate Room
By Jean Gilstrap, LGCF Cleanest City Contest Chairman & Roadside Development
10:00-12:00 Noon ...................................................... LGCF Business Meeting - Senate Room
12:15PM-2:30PM .................................................... Luncheon .................................................. Assembly Room
Honoring Club Presidents & Life Members
Theme: "And the Cotton Is High"
Speaker: Linda Nelson, NGC President
Program: "Louisiana Super Plants"
presented by Dan Gill
Associate Professor with LSU AgCenter Baton Rouge, LA
Table Designs by District VIII
Information regarding Hotel Reservations

SUMMER BOARD
Embassy Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge, La.

Attached is the information along with **CODE LGC** in order to book your room for summer board. This rate has been agreed on and no other discounts are allowed. **You cannot request the government rate, military or AAA along with this group rate.** The choices are a 3 Room Suite King with king sized bed, or a 3 Room Suite Double with two full sized beds. (One bathroom, one bedroom, and one living room with each.) Included with room rate are a Cook-to-Order Breakfast, Complimentary Evening Reception, Lemonade Stand, Indoor Pool, Fitness Room, and Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service.

You may make reservations at (1-800-EMBASSY) 1-800-362-2779 or GO On-Line to [www.embassysuites.com](http://www.embassysuites.com). If you have questions or require additional information regarding the hotel, please do not hesitate to contact them.

**Your 3-Digit Code, Courtesy Group Reservation Block** has been created here at the Embassy Suites of Baton Rouge, please be sure to indicate it when making reservation otherwise you will not secure this hotel rate.

*PLEASE DO NOT BOOK A PRE-PAID RESERVATION NOR ANY OTHER RESERVATION OUTSIDE OF THE BLOCK. THEY </*CANNOT BE REFUNDED*/, Cannot be moved into the block, and Cannot be counted in the block.*

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## 2014 SUMMER BOARD MEETING MENUS

**Buffet lunch: 12:30PM July 21, 2014**
- Turkey, Ham, and Roast Beef served on French Bread and Croissants with Cheese
- Assorted Condiments
- Sliced Fruit Salad
- Potato Salad
- Chef's Choice of Dessert
- Iced Tea

**Supper 7:00PM July 21, 2014**
- Embassy Salad with Assorted Dressings
- Top Sirloin Sliced with Wild Mushroom Sauce
- Fresh Green Beans
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Rolls and Butter
- Bread Pudding
- Iced Tea

**Lunch: 12:30 PM July 22, 2014**
- Embassy Salad with Assorted Dressings
- Pan Roasted breast of Chicken with Artichoke Hearts, Shiitake Mushrooms, and Natural Pan Juices
- Herbed Orzo and Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
- Rolls and Butter
- Cheesecake
- Iced Tea

**For Vegetarians:** Please let us know so the Embassy Suites can prepare main dish options.

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### LGCF Arbor Day Chair Address Change

**NOTICE:** The LGCF Arbor Day Chairman, JoAnn Blanchard, has a new physical address. Please update your Awards Chairmen Information:

Jo Ann Blanchard  
806 Florence St.  
Morgan City 70380

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### Master Gardener Conference

The 2014 Southern Region Master Gardener Conference will be held October 21-24 in Baton Rouge at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Conference leaders have graciously invited all garden club members and anyone interested in gardening to sign up for the conference. Early bird discount rates expire on July 15th. More information is available at [http://www.southernregionmgconf2014.com](http://www.southernregionmgconf2014.com).

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### LGCF Gardening Study

Gardening Study Series 9 - Course II will be held at the Ira Nelson Center in Lafayette on August 19-20, 2014. The course fee is $55. For more information see [http://www.lgcfinc.org/gardening-study-school.html](http://www.lgcfinc.org/gardening-study-school.html) or call or email Carrie Martin at 985-893-3285, mart3285@bellsouth.net.
Elizabeth Butler Moore  
*Covington Garden Club (District VI)*

Elizabeth Butler Moore was born in Abbeville and grew up in New Orleans where she graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart. She then graduated from Newcomb College where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She has been a resident of Covington since 1979.

Elizabeth joined the Covington garden Club in 1988. Since 1990, Elizabeth has contributed to the Covington Garden Club by showcasing many of our activities in her column, *Times Picayune Notables*. She also covers social and charitable events in West St. Tammany Parish.

Elizabeth is the author, along with her friend Alice Couvillon, of six children’s books – *Louisiana Indian Tales*, *Mimi’s First Mardi Gras*, *Mimi and Jean Pau’s Cajun Mardi Gras*, *Evangeline for Children*, *Ancient Mounds of Watson Brake*, and *How the Gods Created the Finger People*.

Moore and Couvillon were honored as 2010 Literary Artists of the Year by the St. Tammany Parish President’s Art Awards.

She was named 2002 Sustainer of the Year by the Junior League of Greater Covington. As an active league member, she started the first Christmas toy distribution program for needy children, which later became *Toys for tots*.

Elizabeth was selected as the 2005 Grand Marshal for the Krewe of Eve. With the theme of “Hooray for Hollywood,” she portrayed Hedda Hopper, chronicler of the stars. She also served as the 2012 Grand Marshal of the Krewe of Lyra, and paraded through the streets of Covington.

Elizabeth was honored by the Ladies of Distinction in 2004 for her involvement in the community.

She was a board member of the St. Tammany Art Association, and served as vice president. She was also a board member of St. Peter School, and served as secretary.

She is married to Richard Moore, and they have six children and twelve grandchildren.

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**Theresa S. Reed**  
*Magnolia Garden Club of Ville Platte (District VII)*

Theresa S. Reed is a senior member of the Magnolia Garden Club of Ville Platte and has given her time and talents over many years to insure the success of the garden club’s ideals of conservation and beautifying our local environment.

Theresa is married to F. Dale Reed. They are the parents of two daughters and one son. Their extended family includes eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Theresa completed an elementary education degree from SLI (now ULL) in 1971 while rearing two small children. For two years she taught at L. Leo
Judice Elementary in Scott, one half year at Mamou Elementary and fifteen years at Ville Platte Lower Elementary.

In addition to teaching and an active family life, Theresa has been active in civic, community and religious organization for many years. She has been a dedicated member of the magnolia Garden Club for many years. During that time, she also held offices, served on committees, judged the Garden of the Month contests and is a past chairman for the Club Christmas Lighting contest.

Theresa entered and won any prizes in the club sponsored Flower Arranging and Horticultural Exhibits in the annual Louisiana Cotton Festival Flower Show. She won two Creativity Awards and the Award of Merit. She took training courses to assist flower show judges.

Theresa wrote 4-H Club demonstrations on flower arranging and trained her daughters, Susan and Sally for 4-H competition. Both daughters were state winners with their flower arranging demonstrations at 4-H Short Course at LSU. Susan won Grand National a 4-H Club Competition in flower arranging competition.

Theresa was a Cadet Girl Scout Leader and a Girl Scout Director. She trained these girls for the Junior Division of the Cotton Festival Flower Show. Theresa was a member who took part in all club activities of the Ville Platte Lion’s Auxiliary and the Jaycee Janes. She was selected as Jaycee Jane of the Year. She has served as a Pink Lady at the local hospital and is a member of the Cajunette Homemakers Club. Her family was selected by the club as its representative for the “Great American Family” in 2003. Dale and Theresa were the hosts for a Cotton Festival Soiree.

For thirty-seven years Theresa has been a member of the Catholic Daughters of America and served as Regent of the local Court. She and her husband have served as lectors for their church and Masters of Ceremonies for Cotton Festival Masses. At the present time, she is a member of a Come Lord Jesus group.

Therese has been handicapped with Parkinson’s Disease for thirteen years, but continues to attend meetings of organizations. She cares for several indoor horticultural plants and does limited flower arranging for her home.

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” two 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
LGCF Flower Show School
LGCF Flower Show School was held March 31 through April 1, 2014 at the New Orleans Botanical Garden. Instructor Claudia Bates demonstrated some creative designs that are shown below. The photos were submitted by Mary Ellen Miller.

NOTE FROM LGCF NEWSLETTER EDITOR:
When making submissions to the Newsletter, the preferred format is Microsoft Word. Other acceptable formats are Microsoft Works, Open Office Writer, or RTF (rich text format). Please do not submit PDF documents. PDF (Adobe) files are extremely hard to format within the Newsletter framework.
**Book Review**
*By Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair*

*My First Ladies*
By Nancy Clarke with Christie Matheson
Sellers Publishing, Inc.
2011

Let’s take a trip to the back halls of the White House!!! Specifically to its flower shop!

Imagine the hustle and bustle within those walls, of the Chief Floral Designer, her florists, and hundreds of lucky volunteers who use their creativity and energy to add that extra layer of SPECTACULAR to the events held and history that is made within, and without, the First Residence on Pennsylvania Avenue!

This book came to me unexpectedly, as are many of the best things in life, and I read it cover-to-cover without a break. Nancy Clarke’s 30 years of experience in the White House floral shop, under 6 First Ladies, and her memories recounted, provide readers a unique and special experience.

6 fresh centerpieces for an intimate gathering? Or fresh centerpieces for a State Dinner for 1200 honoring the Queen of England? Christmas at the White House? Or maybe the wedding of a President’s daughter? Y’all, it’s all here!!

A lovely read that draws you in. I promise!!!

**Local Author’s Book Published**
Dana Nunez Brown, ASLA, AICP, LEED AP is a past scholarship winner for LGCF and has given many programs for LGCF. She is a licensed landscape architect in Louisiana and Mississippi, is an Accredited Professional and Certified Planner.

Dana's new book is entitled "Using Plants for Stormwater Management: A Green Infrastructure Guide for the Gulf South". In this guidebook, Dana Nunez Brown details ways to manage each drop of rainwater where it falls, using a cost-effective and environmentally sensitive approach.


**Southern Garden Symposium**
The 26th Annual Southern Garden Symposium & Workshops will be held October 10 & 11, 2014, in St. Francisville, LA. Our 2014 program promises to be the most informative and entertaining ever. Friday’s highlights include workshops on container gardening, floral design, gardening & cooking with herbs, and more. Lectures will continue on Saturday with an exploration of gardening treasures and trends - past, present, and future - by noted speakers Greg Grant, Bill Welch, and Chris Wiesinger. To top off each day, two of St. Francisville’s loveliest private homes, Woodland and Beechwood, will open their doors for the Speakers’ Gala and Saturday Tea respectively. Additional information on all of these events may be found on this website: [http://www.southerngardensymposium.org/](http://www.southerngardensymposium.org/)

July 2014
LGCF Newsletter
Deep South Convention Program Ad
The following ad appeared in the Program of the Deep South Convention held in St. Petersburg, Florida in March. Beth Erwin created the picture and the words are from our own President, Yvette Hebert.

With sincere thanks to all my “Hummingbirds” in Louisiana who work so hard and persevere to accomplish the many goals of Deep South and National Garden Clubs, Inc.
May joy and peace be yours.
I am deeply honored to serve you,

Yvette Hebert, State President
Growing Ornamental Cotton in LA

All cotton planted in the state, including cotton grown in ornamental gardens and other non-traditional locations, must be registered with the state to be monitored for possible boll weevil presence. State boll weevil eradication law provides that anyone who intends to plant cotton for non-commercial purposes must receive prior permission from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, Mike Strain, D.V.M. “The state is officially boll weevil-free, but we must monitor all cotton grown in the state to protect Louisiana’s cotton industry,” Strain said. “Boll weevil traps are set along the edges of cotton fields, but gardeners outside traditional cotton-growing areas may plant cotton, for example, to spin their own thread for fabric. Gardeners may also grow cotton for its ornamental appeal. If so, we have to place a boll weevil trap nearby to be sure we preserve our boll weevil-free status.”

Historically, the boll weevil has been cotton’s most destructive pest. All cotton-growing states have eradication programs.

Cotton remains one of Louisiana’s leading crops. Although only 126,647 acres of cotton were harvested in 2013, record yields were achieved and the total value of the crop was set at almost $148 million.

For more information regarding planting of non-commercial or ornamental cotton, please contact the Louisiana Boll Weevil Eradication Program office at 225-922-1338 or bollweevil@ldaf.state.la.us.

LGCF Upcoming Trips

By Jan Smith, LGCF Tour Chair

The upcoming trips for LGCF include a week in the fall to New England to see the grand mansions and gardens of Newport, RI. This tour is scheduled for September 4-10, 2014. (http://www.newportmansions.org/)

Enjoy the amazing grandeur of the Vanderbilt’s and other very wealthy friends that enjoyed the beauty of this bay area. We will stay in a very nice hotel for the week as we tour spectacular mansions and learn the history of an era hard to imagine. We will spend one day ferrying over to Martha’s Vineyard for a tour of this area we have all heard so much about. See the website for exact locations and specific details with website links for each place. Also, there is a power point for these trips. Contact me at lagardenclubtours@gmail.com for this information today.

September 4-10, $3,000, all-inclusive for delicious meals, airfare, tours, hotel and transportation. Did I mention my husband, who is an internal medicine physician, will be traveling with us? Sign up early, as I am only reserving space for 24. Send your deposit $1,500 by July1 with checks made out to LA Garden Club Tours, c/o Jan Smith, 138 Jackson Lane, Gilbert, LA 71336. Please include a copy of your driver’s license, with your birthdate and where you prefer to fly out of, New Orleans or Monroe. Trying to fill this trip now!
In the spring, May 14-20, 2015, we will travel to the Northern CA coast to see the rugged beauty of the Mendocino County. [http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us].

Famous nurseries such as Digging Dog, and Flowers by the Sea will fit nicely with trips to the Navarro Winery and cheese tasting, organic restaurants, the Avenue of Giants in the Humboldt Redwood State Park, and Fort Bragg Botanical Gardens. We will also see the Point Arena lighthouse. The fun of being together with new friends will be the added bonus of this wonderful trip. Husbands and friends welcome. This all-inclusive trip is estimated to be $2500. Final cost pending as I hear back from transportation and hotels. Tripdates: May 14-20, 2015.

Sign up by January 1 by sending your $1250 deposit to LA Garden Club Tours, c/o Jan Smith, 138 Jackson Lane Gilbert, LA 71336. Please include a copy of your driver’s license and your preference of flying out of New Orleans or Monroe.

**LGCF Welcomes NGC President**

By Mary Jacobs, NGC Chairman for WEB Meeting

National Garden Clubs, Inc. President Linda Nelson and her executive board received a warm welcome to southeast Louisiana recently with a reception, dinner, city tour of Kenner and John Lafitte. Roy and Mina Pandit hosted a wine and cheese party at their Chateau Estates home, and Mike and Mary Jacobs followed with a sit down dinner. A highlight of the evening was a presentation of a proclamation by Kenner Mayor Mike Yenni to Linda, a resident of Keizer, Oregon, welcoming her and executive board from eight (8) Regions.

Yvette Hebert, President and Tricia Ortalano, District II Director led the First Official LGCF welcome, along with committee of Dottie Hebert, Debbie Corales, Nancy Click, Diane Baur, Donna St.Louis, Mary Ellen Miller, Mary Hazen, Mary Crumb, Lee Baraldi, Bonnie Gourgues, Betty Gibbs, Carrie Martin, and Willie LaNasa.

Joe and Cindy Bacum and members of Better Swamps and Garden Club treated Linda and her members to a Mardi Gras King Cake. Mayor Tim Kern of Jean Lafitte welcomed them to his city. Later during the day, they toured the Tourists Center, Jean Lafitte Museum, and Joe led them on a tour of Jean Lafitte National Park, and around noon, a luncheon was served at Des Families Restaurant.

NGC’s prior attempt to visit New Orleans before (Hurricane) Katrina but rescheduled because a lot of the members had never been to this area. Since the organization includes 50 states, it was a great and once in a lifetime opportunity and honor for LGCF to host this event.
**Deeds and Doings**

**District I**

Mabel Himel, member of **Lakeview Botany Guild**, is the winner of The Woman of the Year Award for Federated Council of New Orleans Garden Clubs, Inc.

Pictured on the right is Mable Himel with Donna St. Louis, District I Director.

Debbie Corales, pictured on the left, won the Marie Bradburn Individual Achievement Award (Woman of the Year) for Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

**District II**

**Shady Oaks Garden Club**, District II had a standard flower show titled “South of the Border”. Pictured from left to right below are as follows. The Award of Design Excellence went to JoAnn Christopher for her design. Molly Prokop orchid won the Horticulture Excellence Award, and Kathy Maffei won the educational award for her exhibit of cacti and succulents that grow in the area of San Miguel, Mexico.

**Rambling Rose Gardeners** had a really nice Flower Show at our March meeting at Elizabeth Gibbs house. Flowers and plants were displayed on two tables outside in her wonderful garden. Sharon Massa won Best in Show for a beautiful White Camellia. Congratulations to Sharon! Reba Mackey was our Judge who did an outstanding job. Thank you so much Reba for coming out to be our Judge. We are planning another Flower Show in October 2014.
Deeds and Doings

Rambling Rose Gardeners were the Hostess Club in April for the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. meeting in the Lafreniere Foundation Center in Metairie. Hostesses, pictured on the right were from left to right, President JPCGC Elizabeth Gibbs, Daria Vincent-President RRG, Mary Ann Vincent, Joan Gist, and Billie Massa. The ladies out did themselves with the variety of food served and JPCGC members enjoyed the feast. Our April monthly meeting at the home of Duchess Brian proved promising with acquiring a new member starting after the summer. We had a Plant Swap and a Silent Auction also.

The Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. May Awards Luncheon at Chateau Country Club in Kenner brought a generous amount of Award Certificates to our Club. Among them, Rambling Rose Gardeners received 2nd Place for their Yearbook with JPCGC. Most rewarding were they received 1st Place for their Yearbook with the Louisiana Garden Club Federation and received a $10.00 check. Accepting the Award (see picture on right) from left to right, are Billie Massa-Luncheon Chairman, Elizabeth Gibbs-President JPCGC, and Daria Vincent-President and Yearbook Chairman for Rambling Rose Gardeners.

Rambling Rose Gardeners had their Awards Luncheon the following week before adjourning for the Summer. Members in attendance were (pictured below) from left to right, are Carol Fourmaux-Secretary, Billie Massa-Luncheon Chairman, Angie Cole, Daria Vincent-President, Elizabeth Gibbs-Vice President, Duchess Brian, Sharon Massa and Elaine Lescale. Members who held a Monthly Meeting in their homes were presented a pretty Butterfly arrangement along with a "Thank You" Award Certificate. Their preparations and efforts are much appreciated. Certificates were awarded for Club Attendance and JPCGC Attendance as attendance was encouraged and promoted throughout the year and in the Yearbook. The Executive Board along with the active past presidents will be meeting in June to plan next year’s Programs and Projects.
**Deeds and Doings**

**District III**

Twenty seven members and guests of *Terrebonne Garden Club* went cruising up Bayou Lafourche from Thibodaux to the Madewood Plantation Home in Napoleonville. The house, a national historic landmark, was built in 1845 for the Pugh family and is now a bed and breakfast. Club members toured the home and enjoyed lunch in the main dining room. The gardens were also open for viewing. Tour guides on the boat ride delivered a running history of the area as well as descriptions of the flora and fauna along the bayou bank.

At the request of the *Abbeville Garden Club*, Mayor Mark Piazza signed a proclamation designating June 1-7, 2014, as National Garden Week in the City of Abbeville. Sponsored by National Garden Clubs, this is a special week designed to focus public attention on the programs, projects, and activities promoted by garden clubs.

In recognition of National Garden Week, the Abbeville Garden Club partnered with the Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners at the Daylily Festival and Garden Show on May 31, 2014. Members of the two organizations hosted an informational booth featuring Louisiana Super Plants: plants designated by the LSU Ag Center as being proven performers for our area.

The Abbeville Garden Club hosted two educational programs at the Abbeville Cultural Center for the Daylily Festival and Garden Show. Dan Devenport, Assistant County Agent, LSU Ag Center for Vermilion Parish, presented “Growing Vegetables in Containers”. Abbeville Garden Club members and Keep Abbeville Beautiful members conducted “The Flat Tire Flowerpot Project” for children ages 6-12. This workshop involved assembling flowerpots from recycled tires. In this activity each child assembled a Flat Tire Flowerpot® and planted a flower to bring home. Participants were introduced to the 3 R’s: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. With successful recycling programs, close to 300 million scrap tires per year could be kept out of landfills in the United States. Shown below are happy participants ready to bring their Flat Tire Flowerpots® home.
Deeds and Doings
The Daylily Festival and Garden Show is presented by Abbeville Main Street and Vermilion Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors include the Abbeville Garden Club, Lafayette Master Gardeners, City of Abbeville and Gulf Coast Bank and the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission.

Abbeville Garden Club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Deep South Region, and Louisiana Garden Club Federation, District III.

In the photo on the left, pictured (L-R) are:
Seated: Sandra Creswell, Keep Abbeville Beautiful Chairperson and Abbeville Garden Club, Mayor Mark Piazza, Patsy Hebert, Abbeville Garden Club President and Keep Abbeville Beautiful.

Abbeville Garden Club and Lafayette Master Gardeners’ provided an Information booth at the Daylily Festival 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.

Pictured, from left to right, at the Gardening Information Booth are Abbeville Garden Club Members Rose Hagood, Liz Gremilion, Pat Webb, Sandra Creswell, Susie Ledet, Theresa Broussard, and Sandy Richard. Kneeling are Mary Trahan and Patsy Hebert. Participating members not pictured are JoAnn Crochet, Lauren Daspit, Susan DesOrmeaux, Jeanell Duhon, Karen Hoyt, Ingrid Jones, and Leah Roger. Lafayette Master Gardeners participating were Sandra Creswell, Jeanell Duhon, and Lauren Daspit. All booklets and information was obtained through the LSU AGCENTER.

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**Bayou Vista Garden Club** sponsored the restoration of the Bayou Vista Blue Star Marker on Southeast Boulevard. The Blue Star Memorial Program honors service men and women.

This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted the program and began a Blue Star Highway system, which covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at appropriate locations along the way. The program was expanded to include all men and women who had served, were serving or would serve in the armed services of the United States. Memorial Markers and By-Way markers were added to the Highway Markers, to be used at locations such as National cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities and gardens.

Thomas L. Stelling of Historical Markers Restorations performed the refurbishment in time for Memorial Day, May 26, 2014. The before and after pictures are here..

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**Lafayette Garden Club**'s Butterfly Education Committee established a butterfly garden at Woodvale Elementary School in Lafayette, encouraging the teachers, students and administrators to learn about butterflies and to maintain their new butterfly garden. Butterfly Education Committee is shown below.
Deeds and Doings

Diana Nolan of Lafayette Garden Club’s Civic Development and Cleanest City Committee announces that Lafayette placed second in the 2014 Cleanest City Contest.

The April meeting featured a Power of the Bag fundraiser, where Club members brought their gently used purses to be auctioned to benefit our garden club projects. A program on tips on pruning and winter care of palm trees was presented by Joey Boudreaux and Kyle Lockett of ProScapes of Lafayette, a landscaping company.

Twenty-seven Daisy Girl Scouts from the Acadiana area met with Lafayette Garden Club volunteers to plant flowers at Lafayette Garden Club’s Bridge Memorial Garden next to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s Alumni House, on Saturday, May 3, 2014. The Daisy Scouts were addressed by Julie Haack, and after planting the begonias and pentas, Mary Toce led them in planting small individual flower pots to take home. Margaret Hargroder presented the Daisy Scouts with their “I Love to Garden” merit badges. Other Lafayette Garden Club members volunteering were Lorraine Allain, Manda Harson, Jeanie Richard, Mary Toce and Henrietta Boriskie. Shown below are some of the girl scouts busy planting flowers.

Lafayette Garden Club Spring Luncheon was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at the West St. Mary Boulevard home and gardens of Betty Tujague. The Woman of the Year is Julie Anna Ousse (pictured on the right), who was presented with the silver bowl floral arrangement by last year’s winner, Babette Werner, as Club President Cynthia Risinger holds her Woman of the Year certificate. Former Club President Roxanna Champagne described Julie Anna as the “Elf behind the Scenes.” Julie Anna recognized and thanked her assistant Becky Latiolais for all her help during the year.
Deeds and Doings

And another well-deserved Honorary Member of the Year Award recipient is Jeanie Richard for her participation in so many Lafayette Garden Club activities and for successfully running the Plant Silent Auctions. Pictured on the left is Jeanie Richard receiving the Honorary Member of the Year Award from Lafayette Garden Club President Cynthia Risinger.

Lafayette Garden Club was recognized as Community Organization of the Year, and received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association for its participation in protecting aquatic ecosystems. Babette Werner and Jan Wyatt are shown on the right presenting the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association’s Certificate of Appreciation to Lafayette Garden Club’s President Cynthia Risinger.

Following the favorite dishes Spring Luncheon, Diana Nolan, assisted by Anita Petitjean and Marilyn Duhe’ conducted the al fresco Plant and White Elephant Auction. Auctioneer, Diana Nolan, is shown conducting the auction, assisted by Anita Petitjean and Marilyn Duhe.

District VII

The Diggers and Weeders Garden Club of Lake Charles toured a local organic garden in May. Members learned a lot about gardening the organic way and also got great pointers from organic gardener, Liz Brown.

U.S. Flags were set out by club members at the Blue Star Memorial marker in Lake Charles in honor of Memorial Day.

For National Garden Week the club set up a display in the parish library in Lake Charles that included bouquets of fresh native flowers.
District VIII

The Alexandria Garden Club arranged the restoration of the Blue Star Memorial Marker on South MacArthur Drive on May 13, 2014. Alexandria Garden Club President Sherrell Bozeman is quoted in the Town Talk "...the Blue Star Memorial Highway marker was placed on South MacArthur Drive in November 1968 by the Airview Terrace Garden Club, and its restoration is to return it to ‘its original beauty.’

“Since our sister garden club is no longer a functioning garden club, we, the Alexandria Garden Club, feel it is a privilege to assume the costs to have the aging Blue Star Memorial marker on South MacArthur Drive restored to its original state.”

The remarkable difference is evident in the ‘before’ picture on the left and the ‘after’ picture on the right.

Horticulture Corner

Compiled from LSU AgCenter Ornamental Horticulture E-News

Luna hibiscus (Hibiscus moscheutos) comes in four colors and is a hardy hibiscus for Louisiana. They were named a spring 2014 Louisiana Super Plant. Plant them in full sun, spaced about 2-3 feet apart. Plants grow 3 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide. Plant Luna hibiscus in spring after danger of frost through midsummer. Flowers are large 7- to 8-inch eye-catching blooms beginning in late spring and continuing through September.

These plants grow in average soil and can tolerate poor drainage and even do well submerged along pond edges and in water gardens. Luna hibiscus attracts butterflies and works well in containers.

Copper plants (Acalypha wilkesiana) are great foliage plants for the summer and fall landscape. When planted in spring, these beautiful tropical-looking small shrubs turn into fabulous accent plants in color beds as we get later in to the growing season. They prefer long, hot days. One of the old common copper plant varieties in Louisiana is called Louisiana Red. This one has red foliage on a 5-foot-tall plant. Other varieties have bronze, green, yellow, bicolored and tricolored appearances. Heights vary from 2-6 feet at maturity in the fall. These can be perennials in zone 9A and south and annuals in zone 8B and north. You can find many new varieties. They require full sun, limited irrigation and low fertility.
## Calendar of Events

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