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The beautiful pink water lily (*Nelumbo nucifera*) on our cover was grown and photographed by **Vicky Fannaly** or the **Gardenettes** of District VI. Vicky grows them in flower pots with water instead of soil. She also includes fish in the containers to eat mosquito larvae. What a great idea and photo, thank you Vicky!

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](mailto:pamxyz@bellsouth.net).

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO Winter ISSUE (Jan 2015) IS Dec 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2014.**

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**MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**  
"Nature's World Where Everything Belongs"  
Symbol: Hummingbird

"*Summertime and the Living Is Easy*" was truly a fantastic Summer Board Meeting. I believe it was enjoyed by all who attended. Linda Nelson, NGC President, was with us and I hope you all got a chance to meet her and visit with her. I was able to gather information on changes taking place with NGC. Her information and suggestions will certainly be helpful when we decide on possible changes to LGCF in order to keep up with National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The following people truly need to be given a great big special thanks for contributing to the success of the 2014 Summer Board Meeting "*Summertime and the Living Is Easy*".

Libby Dupuy, 2014 Summer Board Chairman, Fran Anderson, Co-Chairman and Diane Lawton, Registration Chairman. The three of them have organized Summer Board information for the next chairmen who will take on this job.

Beth Erwin for her workshop "Water When You Wander". I believe we now have a method of watering not only when we wander but when we're at home and it's "too hot or too cold".

Jean Gilstrap "A Wreath for All Seasons". We can be in season all year round with the special wreath she showed us how to create.

How we do appreciate Dan Gill for all he does for us gardeners and his special program "Louisiana Super Plants".

Carrie Martin of the New Orleans Judges Council for the Design Program "Whatcha Catchin" and the table designs for the LCNAFS Judges Dinner, Monday, July 21, 2014.

Club Members from District VIII for their help with Registration.

Diane Bordelon, District VIII Director and the Clubs of District VIII for the table designs at the LGCF Luncheon, Tuesday, July 22, 2014 honoring Club Presidents and Life Members.

All Those Who Contributed to the Success of the 2014 Summer Board Meeting.

I would like to thank all the Club Presidents who served during 2013-2014 and welcome the new Club Presidents who will serve 2014-2015. I look forward to working with all the Club Presidents during this term. If you have any questions or comments or need any information please feel free to contact me. I am in the Directory online - lgcfinc.org. I hope that all of you will use our web site to keep up with information that is updated online.

Visit the website ([lgcfinc.org](http://lgcfinc.org)) and be proud of it! Web Master, Kathy Tell, does a great job! Beth Erwin keeps the Directory updated so if you have any change to your information please let her know. Our Newsletter Editor, Pam Langley, keeps us in the know through our Newsletter online. Send her information and pictures for "Deeds and Doings". These ladies put in many hours keeping us updated, sooo... visit the website.

Fall has arrived and I am certain we are all ready for cooler days. I look forward to the District Meetings and getting ready, with your help, to make the upcoming 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 (she's listed in the Directory online).

New dates will be selected for our schools for the coming year and I hope you take advantage of these schools. Even if you do not want to become certified, you can attend. Bring a friend and enjoy learning more about Gardening Study Schools, Landscape Design Schools, Environmental Studies Schools and Flower Show Schools. Please watch the website for the new dates, registration forms and information: [lgcfinc.org](http://lgcfinc.org)

And so as we begin a new garden club year (officially, fiscal year, June 1), please allow me to share the following words that were submitted to our "Wheelbarrow Book" by Michele Hazard, President-Elect 2003-2005.

### **Are You An Active Member?**

Are you an active member,  
The kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend meetings  
And mingle with the flock,  
Or do you stay at your home or office  
And criticize and knock?

Do you ever work on committees  
To see that there is no trick,  
Or do you leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the clique?

So come to meetings often and  
Help with hand and heart,  
Don't be just a member,  
But take an active part.

Until next time in "*Nature's World Where Everything Belongs*"...  
*Yvette Hebert, LGCF President*

# CIRCLE OF ROSES



## Westchester Estates Garden Club

Slidell, Louisiana (District VI)

The Westchester Estates Garden Club, (WEGC), held its' formation meeting in March of 1965. The club's Constitution was written in 1968. These members have been actively involved in this club since those early days with one being a charter member.

WEGC has hosted at least 13 annual flower shows, many fashion shows, is active in city and school beautification programs and has been active in cleanest city competitions. The club has published two cookbooks, "My Favorite Cookbook", in the mid 1970's, and "Home Cookin", in 1992.

There was one scrap book, [1965 – 1976], available for research purposes. That book only had pictures that had been published in the newspaper, no photographs. On August 29, 2005, Karina flooded all of south Slidell with four to eight feet of water. The rest of our scrapbooks were lost at that time. Our members and families lost many of their personal pictures too. Therefore no old photos are available. I hope the new ones will suffice.

The candidates are women between the ages of 81 and 90 years of age and have all worked hard through the years toward the beautification of our neighborhood and city. A lot of the following information comes from the recollections of Penny Crawford and other long time members as well as what I have observed of these women in the 12 years I have been a member of WEGC.

**Frances Blanchard:** An active member since 1972, Civic chair 1972-73, was publicity chair and was Garden of the Month judge during the 70's. Frances competed in local flower shows and worked the clubs annual flower and fashion shows. She served as club president for two years, 1990 -92. She was part of a three member committee that published the clubs 2nd cookbook, "Home Cookin'" in 1993 and continues to be active in all aspects of garden club work.



**Marie Elisar:** An active member since 1970, she participated in all club activities until this year's bout of poor health has limited her. In 1992-93 WEGC put together and published their second cookbook, "Home Cookin". Marie was chair of that committee and was the organizing force behind the project, working tirelessly until its completion. She was club secretary for several years in the 90's and early 2000's.

# CIRCLE OF ROSES



**Rosemary Kuhn:** A member since 1966, she served as secretary in 1968-69 and president in 1970-71 and 1996-97. Rosemary entered designs in flower shows and won blue ribbons, was a model for the fashion shows hosted by WEGC in the '70s. Rosemary was the main person in the club responsible for getting the flag pole placed at the Westchester Estates main entrance. She worked tirelessly on fund raising with the Homeowners Association groups. When the project was finished in 1989, a dedication ceremony was organized and a neighborhood block party was hosted by WEGC. It was attended by the mayor and other city and parish officials as well as the neighborhood residents.



**June Marcantel:** June was a charter member 1965-66. She then went to work for ten years and came back to the club in 1976. She was always active in all city cleanups and beautification projects. For many years she served as Garden of the Month chair and judge. June served as club treasurer at least twenty years, last serving in 2010-11. As our oldest member, she continues to be active and attends every meeting.



**Tina Sims:** Tina came into WEGC in 1994. She worked on the civic and beautification committees. She provided her home for the clubs summer workshops for the making of the decorations for the annual Griffith Park "Christmas Tree," display sponsored by the city of Slidell for the past 30 years. She served as chair for that committee for over twenty years. She continues to be active in the making of decorations and is able to attend most meetings.

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, LA 70526-3952  
(337) 783-4545, gmpetitjean@cox.net





## Pre Convention Tour

April 21, 2015

### ***Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, Orange TX and A "Southern Afternoon" at Henning Cultural Center, Sulphur LA***

Join us on a walking, birding, botanizing, boating, and just plain fun trip to Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center in Orange, Texas.  
*Limited space – filled on a first come bases!*

Meet at Henning Cultural Center, 923 Ruth Street , Sulphur, LA 70663

**Boarding is at 10:45a.m. with departure promptly at 11**

There will be ample parking for our members to leave their cars while we travel to our destination.

Tour includes motor-coach, driver gratuity, boxed lunch, entrance to gardens, boat tour, followed by tea and desserts at Henning House.

#### **Lunch**

Upon arrival at Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center we will lunch at the Star and Crescent Moon Cafe. Each box lunch includes choice of sandwich or salad, chips, fruit, cookie and bottled water.

#### **Botanical Garden Tour**

Lead by a knowledgeable guide to provide information and interpretation. The 252 acre area contains a cypress swamp, bird blind, botanical gardens and nature center. An over 1,000 year old Bald Cypress exists on the property. Bring a hat, binoculars, hiking shoes, camera, and clothes to fit the weather. The walk is a little over one mile and takes approximately 1 hr 45 min. All paths are wheelchair accessible.

#### **Outpost Tour**

At the Nature Discovery Center you will board a pontoon boat and take a short ride on Adams Bayou in the Cypress/Tupelo Swamp. A knowledgeable guide is on board to provide information and interpretation. The tour takes approximately 1 hr 15 min.

**We will board the bus at 3 p.m. for departure from ShangiLa at 3:15**

#### **"Southern Afternoon" Honoring 2013 - 2015 LGCF Officers**

Our tour will culminate at Henning Culture Center with desserts, coffee, tea and punch, and if you like, a self-guided walk in the park. *Henning House* houses traveling exhibits and local artists throughout the year. *The Grove at Heritage Square* is set in the midst of a pecan grove, the pedestrian park features fountains, walking paths, flower beds, sitting areas and Wi-Fi.

Locate your car and depart for check-in at the hotel! Happy Conventioning!

#### **OTHER INFORMATION about the garden/boat tour**

For the enjoyment of all guests on the Outpost Tour, all cell phones must be silenced and passengers must refrain from using cell phones or other electronic devices for the duration of the boat ride.

To accommodate large groups members may be split into two groups. Each boat accommodates 26 people.

In the event that the garden tour is canceled due to weather, an admissions voucher will be issued for you to use when visiting on your own in the future.

Six wheelchairs are available. If you need one, please secure someone to assist you in pushing it around the gardens.

**Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.**  
**Convention 2015 "Cajun Country – Joie de Vivre"**  
**April 22 – 23, 2015**  
**Hosted by District VII**  
**Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Circle all that apply to indicate your status for Registration and Credentials

<b>Local Club</b>	Member	Club President	Delegate/Alternate	Guest
<b>LGCF, Inc</b>	Officer	Chairman	Life Member	Past President
<b>Deep South</b>	Officer	Chairman	Life Member	Past DSR Director
<b>NGC</b>	Officer	Chairman	Life Member	

**Due date March 30, 2015**

**Due to contract meal guarantee, NO registrations accepted after April 3.**

Please make an(x) in the desired boxes.

Price      Amount

	Tues 4/21	Pre-convention Tour: <i>Botanical Garden &amp; Tea</i> (Bus, Tip, Lunch, Garden/Boat Tour, Tea/Desserts)	\$50.00	\$
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**Check (  ) One - Only if you are attending the Pre-Tour -Boxed Lunch Includes chips, cookie, fruit and bottled water.**

Turkey Club - turkey, lettuce, tomato, Swiss cheese served on a croissant.

Ham Club - ham, lettuce, tomato, Swiss cheese served on a croissant.

Park Avenue Salad - diced grilled chicken on a bed of baby field greens, feta, Parmesan cheese, bacon, pecans, cranberries and a side of dressing.

	April 22 – 23	Entire Convention (all events listed below)	\$190.00	\$
		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)		
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>	\$
	4/22	Breakfast	\$ 18	\$
	4/22	Luncheon	\$ 23	\$
	4/22	Banquet	\$ 35	\$
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>	\$
	4/23	Breakfast	\$ 18	
	4/23	Luncheon	\$ 19	\$
	4/23	Banquet	\$ 37	\$
	4-day leeway	<i>Late Fee if registration is postmarked after March 30 NO registrations accepted after April 3</i>	\$ 20	\$
	Total	<b>Amount I am enclosing: Total Amount:</b>	\$	\$
	Dietary:	Vegetarian_____		
		Allergies:_____		

Make checks payable to **LGCF Convention 2015**

Mail form and payment to: Dr. Pam Langley, 1750 Bilbo St, Lake Charles La 70601-6061

**Hotel Reservations**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2015 - Friday, April 24, 2015**

The Isle of Capri Lake Charles Tower Hotel will provide rooms at a special group rate starting Tuesday, April 21, 2015 and ending on Friday, April 24, 2015

**Your choice of one king bed  
or two queens \$99.00 + tax**

Room Rates are currently(2014) at  
13.25% tax

**CUT OFF DATE: April 9, 2015**

After the April 9, 2015 cut-off date no reservations will be accepted at the special group rate. Guests will be accommodated on a SPACE AND RATE AVAILABLE BASIS.



**CHECK-IN TIME** is 3 p.m. and **CHECK-OUT TIME** is 11 a.m.

Make reservations by calling 1-888-ISLE-VIP (1-888-475-3847).

It is imperative that you state the group code **GARDEN**

**GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS**

Guarantees are required for all rooms. To guarantee a reservation a major credit card number is required at the time the reservation is made. The credit card will not be charged only if the reservation is cancelled by 6 p.m. on the day of arrival.

**About Your Room**

All rooms are referred to as Junior Suites. Nearly a year and half after renovations first began, the Isle of Capri Casino Hotel held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Aug. 27, 2013 for their \$15 million Tower Hotel renovations project.

They are contemporary designed rooms located just steps away from the convention center. The Junior Suites are furnished with pillow-top mattresses. Amenities also include complimentary wireless Internet, flat-screen televisions with cable programming, a work desk, complimentary local calling, in-room safe, soaker bathtubs, a hair dryer, coffee maker, and iron with an ironing board.



## 2015 LGCF CONVENTION MENU

Hosted by District VII



### Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs

Bacon

Breakfast Potatoes

Assorted Breakfast Breads and Pastries

Jams, Honey, Butter

Orange Juice

Coffee and Hot Tea

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Fresh Romaine Lettuce w dressings on the side

***Baked Lemon Pepper Caribbean Catfish***

Saffron Rice

Sauteed Fresh Green Beans w Squash

Coconut Pie

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Classic Caesar Salad

w/ Herb Croutons and Freshly Grated Imported Cheese

***Tender Medallions of Beef over Peppercorn Demiglaze***

Garlic Potatoes Rosette

Steamed Broccoli

Warm Banana's Foster Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce

Warm rolls, iced tea and coffee

### Thursday, April 23, 2015

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs

Sliced Ham

Fresh Baked Biscuits and Gravy

Orange Juice

Coffee and Hot Tea

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***Build Your Own Soup & Sandwich Bar***

Cole Slaw & Potato Salad

Sliced Turkey, Honey Ham, Roast Beef

American, Swiss and Cheddar Cheeses

Assorted Breads and Rolls, Condiments

Shredded Lettuce, Sliced Tomato, Bermuda Onion and Pickle Spears

Sliced Fresh Fruit

Freshly Brewed Iced Tea

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Mixed California Greens w/ Italian and Ranch dressing on the side

***New Orleans Grilled Chicken Breast***

***topped w/ Creamy Crawfish Sauce***

Saffron Rice

Steamed Asparagus

Warm rolls, iced tea and coffee

Strawberries in Grand Marnier with Creamy Fraiche

# Publicity Press Book Award Changes

*By Willie Allen, 2014-15 LGCF Press Publicity Chairman*

**COVER:** Submitted in a report cover or folder & paper 8 ½ x 11 size.

**Not a scrap book, NO fancy do-dads. No heavy scrapbooks or over-sized portfolios.**

**PAPER:** Paper should be one color, not necessarily white. (Bind paper in Folder or Binder)

**NO HANDWRITTEN** information on pages.

**PAGES:** There is no limit on the number of pages.

**TABLES OF CONTENTS:** You do not need a Table of Contents or page numbers.

**MATERIALS:** Must consist only of newspaper, magazine, newsletter or any publicity, clippings with name and the date of publication. The name and the date of publicity need not be attached to article, but are necessary on the page.

Make sure the materials are in chronological order January 1 through December 31.

Materials should be cut evenly and that it is placed evenly.

No loose clippings. Neatness and uniformity do count.

**Articles:** Should include what, where and when (and your club name). Each published item must contain the name of organization and/or individual(s) identified as a member(s) of the organization. Underline first use of name of organization and/or member(s) in each article.

**PUBLICITY:** Should relate to your club's /or person's projects and/or activities; promotion of NGC objectives and goals.

**CLEAR PHOTOCOPIES:** They are permitted and reduced photocopies of lengthy articles are permitted. Downloading of published articles from the internet is permitted. (For instance, if you have put something in the LGCF newsletter you can go ahead and print it off the website. Make sure that you not only print the article but also the name of the publication and the date.

**CATEGORIES:** Based on the membership of clubs: Make sure you have the right little (*i*)

The size of your club on label. **THIS HAS CHANGED!**

**Small Club:** 29 members and under

Medium Club: 30-59 members

**Large Club: 60 – 99 members**

Extra Large Club: 100 members plus

Only 1<sup>st</sup> place winners results will be sent to NGC

You will need to send an extra label with the NGC Award #44 and the information that goes on it.

1. Make sure you have the right little (i) for the size of your club on that label.
  2. You will also need to send an extra title sheet with the information for NGC award #44 on it and two filled out NGC Award Applications.  
You can find all this information and what you need to do to put your book together

on the NGC website under Award #44 on the list of NGC Awards. This information is also in the fall issue of the National Gardener.

If you send these extra copies it will be added to your press book before sending on to Deep South and National. Your press book will look more uniform and you will have a better chance of winning a NGC award.

3. One last thing, clip a note on your folder with your name and address on it since Deep South will not send your Publicity Press Book back to me. They will need to know who to send it to.

**POINT SYSTEM will be used:** 100% and subtract errors making notes to improve for next year. (will go in book) This guide & point system will be used to judge the Publicity Press Book for 2014-2015. Notes will be returned with your book from LGCF Publicity Press Book Chairman. \*This report will be returned with your Publicity Press book.

### **PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK NEW SCALE OF POINTS    THIS HAS CHANGED!**

[Use this new scale of points from Deep South & NGC. You can refer to Deep South & NGC Awards on their websites.]

Presentation	15 pts. - meets all requirements, neatly presented
Quality	40 pts. - articles well written; publicity related to projects and/or activities
Quantity	25 pts. - articles for each month (take in consideration dark months), use of varied publications and media (newspaper coverage is difficult, especially in larger cities), magazines, newsletters, notices/flyers, journals, etc.)
Diversity	20 pts. - local, council, district, state, national, other
Total	100 pts.

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I hope that a number of you will send me your Publicity Press Book to judge. Good luck.

### **Baton Rouge Garden Club Flower Show**

BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER

Saturday, November 22, 2014

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

24 floral designs and lots of horticulture!

## ***Life Legacy – Bera Smith***

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, July 20, 2014, at Pellerin Funeral Home Chapel in Breaux Bridge, for Bera Joiner Smith, 91, who passed away on Monday, July 14, 2014, at The Crossing at Clarity Hospice in Baton Rouge, LA.

Bera loved working with flowers and competed in various floral arrangement competitions. She was a Louisiana Landscape Design Critic and was a member of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation (past president), Lafayette Garden Club (past president), National Council of State Garden Clubs, Hibiscus Society, Louisiana Society for Horticultural Research, Society of Louisiana Irises, American Iris Society, Live Oak Society, and Ikebana International.

She was privileged to have been a judge for the "Cleanest City" competitions for numerous years, while also serving as chairman, and has a key to every city in Louisiana. In addition to her passion for gardening and floral arranging, she also loved doing needlework and smocking.

She is survived by her son, Billie Leon Giddens and wife, Karen; her daughter, Deborah Ann Smith Nordyke and husband, Tom; her daughter-in-law, Glenda Giddens; her sister, Ann Joiner Mitchell; five grandchildren, Patrick Giddens and wife, Rona, Carroll Giddens, James Lewis Spencer, II and wife, Tammy, Jessica Giddens, and Sarah Giddens; five great grandchildren, William Giddens, James Lewis Spencer, III, Faith Spencer, David Wayne Giddens, and Dana Giddens; and her godchild, Barbara Manders.



## **Blue Star Memorial Markers**

*By Mary Hazen, Chair*

As of June 2014 there are 106 Blue Star Markers throughout the state of Louisiana. Six Memorial Highway markers were refurbished in May 2014. Mr. Tom Stelling, owner of Historical Markers Restorations (phone: 386-299-7811) did an outstanding job on the restoration of the following markers.



Airview Terrace & Alexandria GC 11/1968  
Creative Planters GC 11/11/2010  
Aurora, Vuena Vista, & Algiers GCs 12/2/1972  
All of these markers look brand new after restoration.

Bayou Vista GC 5/25/1998  
Rayville GC, Dist I & II GCs 10/8/2008

### **Cost of Restoration**

Memorial / Highway Marker \$750  
By-Way Marker \$250  
All restoration work is done onsite.

### **Cost of New Markers**

Highway/Memorial Marker	\$1,410
By-Way Marker	\$470

Please contact Mary Hazen to reserve a date to restore your clubs marker, [mhazen007@gmail.com](mailto:mhazen007@gmail.com) or 504-723-9640.

## LGCF Fall District Meetings

Date	Dist	Reg Time (AM)	Meeting Time (AM)	Location	Cost	More Info
Thur., Oct. 9	I & II	10:30	11:00	English Turn Golf & Country Club, NO	\$37	Donna St. Louis (504)236-5716
Tues., Oct. 14	III	10:00		Magnolia Recreation Center, St. Martinville	\$30	Claudette Bonin (337)394-3443
Wed., Oct. 15	VII	9:30	10:00	The Crossing at Mervine Kahn, Rayne	\$30	Genny Marks (337)334-2408
Thur., Oct. 16	VIII	9:30	10:00	Pineville Community Center Pineville LA	\$30	Liz Coco (318)941-2080
Tues., Oct. 28	V	9:30	10:00	Tallulah Country Club Tallulah LA	\$30	Sherrill Sasser (318)757-4867
Thurs., Oct. 30	VI	9:30	10:00	Nottoway Plantation White Castle LA	\$32	Madeline Kessler (225)776-0397

## District V Report

*By Beth Erwin, District Director*

District V welcomed a new club this summer with the transfer of Pierremont Hills Garden Club from District IV. We look forward to working with them in our district.

The Spring Meeting was held at the Snyder Museum Garden Room in Bastrop. Clarklea Garden Club played host to nearly 50 ladies and gentlemen from across the district. Most of those present stayed for a workshop given by Beth Erwin called Water While You Wander. Two of those attending the workshop reported they had set up their own drip irrigation systems on a timer by Summer Board.

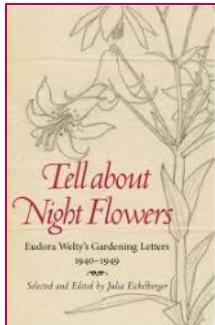
Summer Board was great fun and enjoyed by all who attended. District V had two first-time attendees; Sandra Banks and Carolyn Tate from Palmetto Garden Club in Rayville.

August 19, six ladies representing four clubs in District V traveled to Birmingham, Alabama to attend a Flower Show Symposium. We toured the beautiful Birmingham Botanical Garden upon arrival and returned the next day for the symposium. The subject was kinetic design and the speaker was wonderful. We were truly inspired. We had lots of fun meeting garden club members from the many states that were in attendance.

Oak Grove Garden Club began their new year the last Monday in August. They are busy making plans for their fundraiser and taking care of their many projects around town. They, along with Tensas Garden Club, are hosting the District V Fall Meeting in Tallulah. It should be a great meeting as both clubs are "on the ball" with preparations.

## Book Review

By Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair



### Tell About Night Flowers, Eudora Welty's Gardening Letters 1940-1949

Selected and Edited by Julia Eichelberger

The University Press of Mississippi, 2013

ISBN: 978-1-61703-187-8

275 pages

Eudora Welty, acclaimed southern writer, was also an avid gardener. (Surprise!) This collection of correspondence with her closest friends not only lets us glimpse Welty in her garden; it also reveals her brilliant and sensitive mind as she responds to the events, the people, the art and natural landscapes that surrounded her. Her own voice can be clearly heard as she discusses everything from daffodils to politics to gossip and her career. Yet another soul who draws inspiration from the natural world!

## Oak Endowed in Memory of Past Oakdale Garden Club President

Submitted by Jane Anders, Oakdale Garden Club President

In early 2013, the national Arbor Day Foundation named LSU a Tree Campus USA for the first time. Tree Campus USA was created in 2008 to honor universities and colleges for effective management of campus forests and engaging staff and students in conservation goals.

Since 1993, donors' support of the LSU Foundation's Endow an Oak program has provided immediate and long-term funding for the care of LSU's renowned urban forest.

Josh Anders (pictured on right) and brothers Jason and Judd, all LSU graduates, recently endowed an oak in memory of their grandmother, Juanita "Neet" Crawford. Juanita served more than one term as President of the Oakdale Garden Club and she was an LGCF January 2008 Rose in the Circle of Roses. Juanita's daughter, Jane Anders, is currently serving as President of the Oakdale Garden Club and is District VII Director Elect.

Josh Anders shared why the gift is meaningful to his family, explaining, "My brothers and I will always consider the oaks on LSU's campus a timeless, integral part of the university. Being able to invest in the sustainability of LSU's historic oaks has been a great experience for my family."

LSU achieved the title by meeting Tree Campus USA's five standards, which include maintaining a tree advisory committee, dedicating annual expenditures toward trees, having a campus tree-care plan, and hosting an Arbor Day observance and student service-learning projects. More info is available at <http://www.lsufoundation.org/oaks>.



## **Landry Speaks at Garden Club of America Convention**

*Submitted by Coleen P. Landry, LGCF Live Oak Society Chairman*

Coleen Perilloux Landry, chairman of the LGCF Live Oak Society, center, was a guest speaker at the National Convention of the Garden Club of America held in New Orleans in May. Part of the convention was a tour of Bayou LaFourche and its historic houses and live oaks. Coleen spoke to two groups at Rienzi Plantation in Thibodaux of the importance and history of the Live Oak tree. Pictured with her in front of the ancient oaks at Rienzi are, on left, John Lafargue, owner of Rienzi, and Michael Hopping, a landscape designer and owner of the house, Perique, in Paulina.



## **LGCF Gardening Studies Course Held**

*Submitted by Mary Ellen Miller, Gardening Consultants Council President*

The second course in the Gardening Studies series was held in August at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center in Lafayette. The Lafayette Garden Club committee that hosted the school and provided yummy refreshments and meals is pictured on the right: (L to R) are Dee Noland, Dr. Owens (presenter), Roxanna Champagne, Sarah Schoeffler, Cynthia Risinger, Julie Anna Ousse, Anita Petitjean.



## **Scenes from Summer Board 2014**

*Submitted by Nancy Click*



**Our National and State Presidents,  
Linda Nelson and Yvette Hebert**



**Carrie Martin presenting one of her  
many beautiful designs**



**Our National Scholarship Winner**

## **LGCF TOUR**

*Jan Smith, LGCF Tour Chairman*

In the spring, May 14-20, 2015, we will travel to the Northern CA coast to see the rugged beauty of the Mendocino County. 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 light house. The fun of being together with new friends will be the added bonus of this wonderful trip.

Husbands and friends are welcome. The cost of this all-inclusive trip is estimated to be \$2500. Final cost pending feedback from transportation and hotels.

Sign up by January 1 with 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 where you prefer to fly out of New Orleans or Monroe.

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## **NGC Photo Contest**

The NGC Membership Committee would like to see the essence of NGC Membership portrayed through your photos with captions. What does NGC Membership mean to you and your State or Local Club? Give it some thought and take some pictures that best convey the idea of NGC Membership. Then, join in the photo contest!

The NGC Membership Photography Contest Award may be awarded to the highest scoring photograph with a caption best depicting the theme, "NGC Membership is..." Entries must be received by March 15, 2015.

Awards:	1st Place	\$250.00 gift certificate to Member Services and Certificate
	2nd Place	\$100.00 gift certificate to Member Services and Certificate
	3rd Place	\$50.00 gift certificate to Member Services and Certificate

More info may be found on the NGC web site at <http://www.gardenclub.org/awards/membership-photo-contest.aspx>

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## **Membership Ideas**

*Roxanna Champagne, LGCF Membership Promotion Chair*

Attracting new members:

- Personal invitations – neighbors, friends, and family
- Publish an article at least once a month about club activities in your local newspaper
- Invite garden of the Month winners to attend a meeting and give them a one year free membership
- Have demonstrations at Flower Shows or other civic functions
- Give presentations to other organizations and invite them to attend a meeting
- Supply on-going exhibits at your local library – have club membership brochures available and place a Garden Club display at your local library during National Garden Week in June each year.
- Hold a floral or gardening workshop in your community
- Make your community aware of your clubs activities in local media
- Have an incentive prize for the member who brings in the most new members
- Hold a Tour of Homes or Gardens
- Buy LGCF's cling auto window stickers to attract new members!

## Deeds & Doings

### District II

**Rambling Rose Gardeners** President Daria Vincent reports the following:

In June, Lafrienere Park was the meeting place to receive my President's binder. As Historian, officers had to bring refreshments which the meeting participants enjoyed. It was a nice time for visiting your fellow gardeners.

In July, was the Summer Board in which was my first attendance at one of these meetings. I was filled with enthusiasm as soon as I walked in. I saw many of my garden friends who met me with enthusiasm and excitement which furthered my happiness for being there. At the registration table I was greeted with friendly faces. There was a table set up where you could buy LGCF Handbooks, Tote Bags, and a Ways and Means miscellaneous table which of course I indulged in all.

The Luncheon was delicious. It was my opportunity to meet Linda Nelson and once again see Yvette Hebert, both gracious ladies. Yvette signed a Certificate of Achievement which was presented to me by our District II Director Tricia (see picture on left).

August is a time for preparing the Rambling Rose Gardeners yearbook since I am the Yearbook Chairman. Betty Gibbs, Vice President, and I got together at my house to plan the Projects and Programs for 2014-2015. I hope to have the Yearbooks off the press by the end of August, as I am expecting my fourth grandson. (As I write this she is delivering the baby today! It was a scheduled 9/11 delivery but the baby made other plans. I'm just keeping busy since I cannot speed anything along. She is also in Jacksonville Florida. So in case I cannot be at our September RRG meeting, I can have the yearbooks ready for distribution.



I can't wait for our meetings to begin in September! I miss my fellow Rambling Rose Gardeners! See (the picture) of them at our April meeting. Welcome our newest member shown in this picture, Nancy Hernandez, which our RRG member, Duchess Brian, took the picture.

Note new email address as follows: [darialvincent@gmail.com](mailto:darialvincent@gmail.com)

### District III

**Abbeville Garden Club** members Liz Gremillion, Patsy Hebert and Gwen Lanoux attended National Garden Clubs Garden Study Course II at the Ira Nelson Center on the ULL campus, August 19 - 20, 2014. National Garden Clubs created the Garden Study Course program in 1977. The purpose of the program is to assist its members in achieving the goal - "All gardeners can be accomplished horticulturists".

## Deeds & Doings

The NGC Gardening Study Courses are designed to provide information on topics of interest to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related topics. The program consists of a series of four courses, held about six months apart, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, followed by a general examination. Courses cover all aspects of growing from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, pruning and selected topics of local interest.

Liz Gremillion, Patsy Hebert, and Gwen Lanoux have completed their second Garden Study course in the program. Upon completion of all four Garden Study Courses, these AGC members will be awarded the designation of Gardening Consultant by National Garden Clubs, Inc.



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

Pictured on the left, from left to right, in the beautiful green house at the Ira Nelson Center on the ULL campus, after completing National Garden Clubs Garden Study Course II, are Abbeville Garden Club Members Liz Gremillion, Patsy Hebert, and Gwen Lanoux. Abbeville Garden Club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region, and Louisiana Garden Club Federation, District III.

Members of the **Abbeville Garden Club** attended the Louisiana Garden Club Federation 2014 Summer Board Meeting held in Baton Rouge, July 21–22. The theme was "Summertime and the Living is Easy".

Members in attendance were Sandra Creswell, Liz Gremillion, Patsy Hebert, and Gwen Lanoux. They attended various meetings, including the Presidents/District Directors Meeting, along with two informative workshops. The workshops attended were: "Wander When You Water" and "A Wreath for All Seasons".

National Garden Club President Linda Nelson was the featured speaker at the luncheon honoring club presidents and life members. President Nelson's message reminded LGCF members that "we are caretakers of our environment". She urged members to learn how gardening practices impact our natural resources. "Education is the key. Become informed. Inform others. Our choices make a world of difference."



Dan Gill, Associate Professor at LSU Ag-Center presented the program "Louisiana Super Plants". Gill explained the importance of choosing plants that will grow best in our Louisiana climate and promote safe gardening practices.

The AGC members plan to share the information they received with fellow members of the Abbeville Garden Club, which starts its new club year on Monday, September 15, 2014. They are looking forward to a productive year of "learning and making choices that make a world of difference".

## Deeds & Doings



The Regional Military Museum in Houma was completed in July, 2014. The **Terrebonne Garden Club** pledged to assist in landscaping. Six large planters were donated and placed in front of the memorial brick area. Working with a local nursery, the planters were filled with red bottle brush trees and blue dazes.



Four members attending the ribbon cutting ceremony were Carolyn Bourgeois, Karen LeBourgeois, Linda Brashier and Linda Downer. The plantings offered a final touch to the museum and made the veterans very proud.

**Lafayette Garden Club** was represented at Summer Board by President Cynthia Risinger; Treasurer, JoAnn Pugh; Parliamentarian Diana Nolan; District III Director Roxanna Champagne; and 2nd Vice President Betty Foret. Lafayette Garden Club took home two Deep South Awards, 2nd Place for Butterfly Conservation and 1st Place for Conservation. On the National level, President Risinger was thrilled to accept the runner up for the "Civic Project with Native Plants" in our Division from National Garden Club President Linda Nelson, which included a \$300.00 monetary award from NGC. Pictured above are Lafayette Garden Club members who attended Summer Board.



the Greenhouse who participated in the summertime discussion on pollination and propagation during a Garden Therapy Program.

Lafayette Garden Club won the National Garden Therapy Award this past spring. Glenda Balliviero chairs this active committee, where volunteer committee members provide garden therapy and various horticulture programs for seniors at both The Greenhouse, a community recreation center for seniors, and Evangeline Oaks Guest Home, a residential nursing facility. The Committee provides information and hands-on activities in order to make gardening fun yet educational. Pictured is Glenda Balliviero presenting a program on gingers at the Greenhouse, and three ladies from

Lafayette Garden Club established the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association (BVPA) when the "Protecting Our Aquatic Ecosystems" initiative was kicked off three years ago. The BVPA has been very active this summer by offering a monthly "Clean Streams" Speaker Series, which covered the following topics: Vermilion Water Quality and How We Test It by Dr. Whitney Broussard, ULL Research Scientist at the Institute for Coastal Ecology and Engineering; Plants that Soak It Up and Slow the Flow by Dana Nunez Brown, Louisiana Landscape Architect; and Right Fertilizer, Right Rate, Right Time, Right Place by Dr. Ernest Girouard, coordinator for LSU AgCenter Master Farmer Program. Shown on the next page left, Charles Wyatt, President of Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association, addressed group at "Clean Streams" speaker series.

## Deeds & Doings



Dr. Whitney explored the subject of water testing and what he has discovered as he has worked with area high school students in his program Drains to Coast Study, funded by a \$100,000 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Bay-Watershed Education and Training Program. The project involves collaboration with the Bayou Vermilion District, Lafayette Parish School System, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium and the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program.

Dana Nunez Brown discussed the important role of plants in Clean Streams, and introduced her new book, "Using Plants for Stormwater Management."

Dr. Girouard shared his expertise, as he educates us on the proper use of fertilizers and garden chemicals to control undesirable runoff into our streams.

Thanks to Jan Wyatt and Babette Werner, and their helpers of Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association and Lafayette Garden Club for their work in providing this Lecture Series.

This summer, Lafitte's own Better Swamps and Garden Club hosted the Environmental Studies Course III for participants from across the South. Among the 34 students attending this course, Lafayette Garden Club was represented by Cinde Risinger, Betty Foret, Roxanna Champagne, Babette Werner, Diane Nolan, JoAnn Pugh, Anita Petitjean, and Kathy Van Ness. Lafitte Garden Club President Joe Baicum and statewide Co-chairperson of the environmental studies school, commented, "The school in its entirety was a huge success with excellent instructors, wonderful field trips, great learning experiences, and much fun along the way. Graduates come out with an enhanced understanding and appreciation of the global and local environments."

Gardening Studies Course II School, was conducted by Carrie Martin and Debbie Corales, on August 19 and 20, at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center in Lafayette. Lafayette Garden Club members attending were Roxanna Champagne, Kathy Van Ness, Dee Nolan, Anita Petitjean, Maggie Chaisson, Jeanie Richard, Margo Racca, Gloria Guilbeaux Dean Kopfler, Lydia Keeton, Sarah Schoeffler and Club President Cinde Risinger.

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Enjoying Donated Magazines



Tour of Garden Club Member's Gardens



Program on Plant Identification by Club member



Program on Gingers by Club Member Plants provided by members



Power point presentation by Club Member 'What is the Reason for a Flower?'



House Plant Care Program at Garden Club Member's Home

## Deeds & Doings

### District VI

Gail Lonibos reports that District VI held a successful club president's meeting this summer and wants to honor the attendees by presenting their photo here.



First Row- Janice Magee, Georgette Friche, Lillie A. Mable, Nancy Delahaye, Clara Earl

Center Row- Janis Poche, Anna Poland, Kyle Martin, Sandy Solar, Lynell Braun, Fay Vogt,

Dianne Ramirez, Karen Porter, Naomie L. Hess, Nina M. Briley, Gail Lonibos

Last Row- Rebecca L. Weems, Rachel Lanford, Betty L. Smackers, Phyllis Mitts, Priscilla M. Monson, Charlotte C. Reso, Margaret Bailey

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**Westchester Estates Garden Club** holds workshops in the summer months to create ornaments for their "Christmas Under the Stars", Christmas tree. July's workshop was held in the home of member and vice-president, Joan Zimmerle. Next month the members will complete the decorations, and have a chance to admire their beautiful handi-work and enjoy good company and light refreshments.

There are still a couple of openings in WEGC for new members. If interested, please call Alice Green, 985-661-8539 or Carol Crock, 985-726-6383.

Pictured on the left: Joanne Grady and Carol Crock (sitting at table)



Pictured on the right are Karen Porter, Joan Zimmerle and June Marcantel.



## Deeds & Doings



The **Hammond Garden Club**'s executive board made a trip to the mayor's office on Monday to present their 2014/15 yearbook to Mayor Mayson Foster. Carolyn Schwebel, incoming president, said, "Mayor Foster, it being your last year in office, and you being our guiding light for winning the Cleanest City awards for the

past eight years in a row, we decided to dedicate our yearbook to you. It has a great photo of you on the back cover, and we can't tell you how much we appreciate your involvement in helping our city and helping our club achieve these awards. Our garden club is going to miss you dearly."

Mayor Foster thanked the club and said, "I'm sure the incoming mayor (whoever he is) will be just as good at helping out with your projects. I have loved doing it and, more importantly, I have loved being mayor of this city."

### District VIII

The **Marksville Garden Club** completed Phase One of a newly adopted project to create a landscape garden at the Moncla Community Center and Theatre in the spring. The Community Center building was the family home of Hayden Edwards, grandfather to former Governor Edwin Edwards. The structure, originally located in the nearby community of Johnson in northern Avoyelles Parish, was relocated to the Old Moncla Highway in the 1980s. The rustic home and setting have been used for social gatherings, local theater productions, Mardi Gras activities and outdoor events.



Initiating the idea for the landscaping project and serving as the committee chair was Marksville Garden Club member Dr. Paula Childress. She enlisted the help of the city work crews, club and community volunteers and solicited the plant donations

of a local nursery. Overseeing an extensive clean-up, including the removal of trees, she planned for flowerbeds along the front porch and border shrubs around the property. Plants donated included knock out roses, Indian Hawthorne, flowering azaleas and blooming annuals. City workers, as well as community members, provided the labor to plant over 115 seedlings. Garden club members, in addition to offering financial support through the club, have "taken ownership" with watering, weeding, mowing and fertilizing. New signage and a small picket fence complete the recent upgrades.



# *Calendar of Events*



## **2014**

October 9	LGCF Fall District Meetings District I & II
14	District III
15	District VII
16	District VIII
28	District V
30	District VI
October 10-11	Southern Garden Symposium and Workshops, St. Francisville, LA
October 21-24	Southern Region Master Gardener Conference, Baton Rouge, LA
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 24-25	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
May 14-20	LGCF Tour Northern California
Sept 15-19	NGC Fall Board Meeting - St. Louis MO
June 1	Scholarship Applications Due
July 20-21	LGCF Summer Board Meeting, Baton Rouge

## **2016**

Feb 15-17	Louisiana Judges Symposium
April 12 - 13	LGCF, Inc. Convention - Vidalia LA
May 2-6 (not final)	NGC Convention, MI
Sept 19-25	NGC Fall Board Meeting - Portland ME