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On our Cover: A bumble bee is busy looking for nectar on a Cosmos flower. Bumblebees (of the genus *Bombus*) are common native bees and important pollinators in most areas of North America. There are 49 species of bumblebees in the US and they constitute a conservation issue, as they are sometimes threatened by human activities such as pesticide use, disease transmission, and loss of floral resources. In the past few years, it appears that two species of bumblebees have gone extinct in the USA. For more information and what you can do to help save our threatened bumblebees see savethebumblebees.com. For more information from National Garden Clubs on pollinators see

<http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/presidents-projects/crown-bees-beegap.aspx>.

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 WINTER ISSUE (JAN 2017) IS DEC 1ST, 2016.

Please send all information for this issue to Pam Langley,
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President's Message

Can it be September already? Where does the time go!

A lot has gone on since my last report to you in our Newsletter. June 7th we went to the Governor's Mansion here in Baton Rouge for a tea hosted by our First Lady Donna Edwards. In attendance were many, many LGCF members, members of the Berri Patch Junior Garden Club, and our special guest, Peggy Martin. Eight Peggy Martin Survivor Roses were donated by LGCF and planted in the Governor's Mansion Garden. We were treated to a tour of the Mansion and enjoyed a wonderful lunch. The Governor dropped by and we got to meet him. We made Donna Edwards an Honorary Member of LGCF and invited her to attend our meetings anytime she would like.

I had the pleasure of attending the District II Presidents' Meeting on June 28th. We had an ice cream social and had a great time. After the meeting I met with the 2017 LGCF and Deep South Convention committees to firm up plans for the two conventions to be held in New Orleans at Harrah's. Please plan on attending both of these conventions. A beautiful flower show is planned during the Deep South Convention.

July 17th, was a very dark day for Baton Rouge with the ambush and killing of three of Baton Rouge's law enforcement officers, and the wounding of two more. We made the decision to go ahead and hold Summer Board on July 18th and 19th. I am so glad we did. Thanks to each and every one of you who attended.

Wasn't Summer Board fun at our "home away from home", the Embassy Suites. Congratulations to Diane Dufour and her committee for a great job! We enjoyed a grand tour of "Summer Around the World", with "Summer in England" – a floral design program presented by the District VI Judges Council at the LCNAFS Judges Council Dinner on Monday night and "Gardens of the World" by Professor Charles Fryling of the LSU Department of Landscape Architecture at our Tuesday lunch. Our two workshops on Monday, "Creating Garden Art from Your Kitchen – No Cooking Required" by Nancy Click and "From Mexico with Love" by Janice Hickey, were entertaining and very informative. Nancy and Janice both told me they didn't think they could present a workshop when I asked them, but they agreed to do it any way. I knew they could do it. Margo Racca's workshop "The Care and Propagation of Bromeliads" was great and we got to take home a bromeliad of our own.

At our luncheon Tuesday It was wonderful having Rainey-Estelle Harrison, our 5th grade NGC Smokey Bear Poster Contest winner from Baton Rouge with us along with her mother and grandmother. Also in attendance was our NGC Scholarship winner, Anna Eileen Ribbeck of Mandeville. Anna won the \$4,000.00 NGC Phyllis Wood scholarship.

Congratulations to all LGCF clubs that won Deep South and NGC awards. We are so proud of you.

Thanks to all of you who donated to the fund to purchase special bullet proof vests for our law enforcement officers. It will be my honor to present a check for \$725.00 to East Baton Rouge Sheriff Sid Gauthreaux.

Jean Gilstrap and I attended the Louisiana Municipal Association luncheon in Alexandria on July 29th. Jean assisted Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser in presenting awards to the mayor of cities that entered the LGCF Cleanest City Contest and are member of Keep Louisiana Beautiful.

President's Message

Hammond Garden Club's President's Tea on August 10th was a blast. Kyle Martin, District VI Director; Willie Allen, Representative-at-Large and I attended. As always there was good food, good friends and a really good time.

Then came the Flood of August, 2016 - so many people losing so much. It really was a devastating event in our area. Many of our members were affected. Please pray for all those who suffered such great losses. Our thanks to Carol Bullard, Deep South Region Director for setting up a Flood of 2016 fund in the Deep South. I am appointing a committee to administer the funds when they are received from Deep South. There will be grants awarded to local garden clubs to restore or refurbish landscaping in public areas damaged by the flood.

Thank you for all you do for LGCF. See you at our District Fall Meetings.

Jeanette Gatzman,

LGCF President



Who are we?
Who do we
want to be?

IN MEMORIAM

LGCF would like to take this space to honor two of our former Presidents who have recently passed away.

CARMELITE BRECHTEL - 1977-1979

&

SARA WEISS - 1997-1999

In their home-going, we have suffered a deep, abiding loss and the Master above has gained two diligent workers. Even though the well-loved voices are stilled, their influence that was expended to its fullest extent in helping make LGCF a better organization will be on-going and will be lasting.



CIRCLE OF ROSES



Peggy Avery

Gardenettes of Ponchatoula (District VI)

Peggy Avery was born September 1, 1936 in Donner, La. At the young age of 2 her family moved to Ponchatoula, Louisiana, where she currently resides.

Peggy graduated from high school in 1954. At 18 years of age she joined the Air Force and became a WAF - short for Women in the Air Force, an auxiliary of the US Air Force. During her time in the service of her Country she met the love of her life, Rufus. In Hawaii in 1956 they had both finished their stints in the Air Force and were married. The couple settled in Georgia where they started their family, eventually having 2 boys and 2 girls.

In 1967 the young family packed up and moved back to Ponchatoula, making it their permanent home. They joined the United Methodist Church where Peggy sang with the choir for many years, and has always been involved in other church activities.

With encouragement from a friend, Peggy joined the Ponchatoula Community Garden Club in the early 1970's. Due to a conflict with her job and hours of the meetings she was not able to remain a member. In the mid 1980's she was then able to rejoin and became very active in all aspects of the Club. The first office she held was that of President from 1992 until 1994. In 1996 she was voted in as President once again and remained in that position until 2013 - yes - that is 17 years of total commitment.

In 2013, with membership failing, the Community Garden Club was invited by the Gardenettes of Ponchatoula to be a "study group" within their club. Peggy gratefully accepted the invitation and she and the remaining six members joined and are now permanent members of the Gardenettes.

Even though Peggy is no longer physically able to participate in certain Garden Club activities, she continues to work on the Committees of Membership and Press. She is an excellent seamstress and volunteers her time on one of the Gardenettes many civic projects, "Bosom Buddy Bags". These are fabric shoulder bags made for cancer surgery patients at North Oaks Hospital in Hammond, La.

Peggy Avery, mother of four, grandmother of eight and great grandmother of three, is a kind and lovely lady that still enjoys the beauty of her lawn. After her many years of being a Garden Club member and her love of gardening she well deserves a place in the Circle of Roses.



CIRCLE OF ROSES



We have many ladies in their senior years who have given their time and talents over the many years and we would like to honor them in the newsletter. In order to do this, we are asking each club that wishes to honor a senior member or members this way please submit both a "then" and "now" photograph with a short write-up on the member's garden club activities. This quarter we would like to welcome to our "Circle" these special ladies.

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

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

Horticulture Corner

Veggies for Fall and Winter	Flowers to plant for Fall and Winter
Arugula	Asters
Beets	Bulbs (Daffodil, Byzantine Gladiolus, Snowdrops)
Broccoli	Confederate Rose
Cabbage	Kale (it's edible too!)
Carrots	Mums
Collards	Ornamental Cabbage
Kale	Pansies
Lettuce	Poppies (spring blooms)
Mâche	Roses (bare root in winter)
Mustard	Snapdragon
Radicchio	Sweet Pea (spring blooms)
Spinach	Sweet William (Dianthus)
Swiss Chard	Violas

LGCF Scholarships

Submitted by Jennifer Granger, LGCF Scholarship Chair



Anite Currault Scholarship for \$2000 was awarded to **Madeline Anne LeBlanc** of Lafayette, LA.



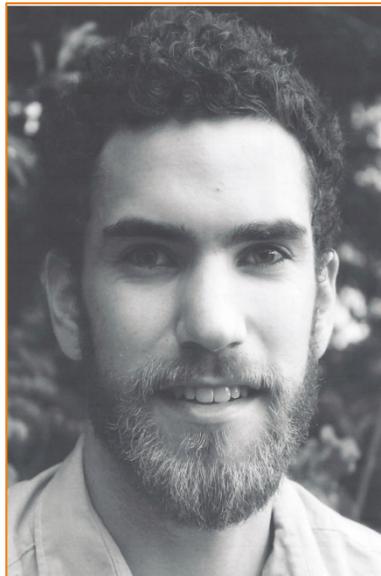
Marcus Aaron Babers of Goldonna, LA was awarded an LGCF Scholarship of \$2000.



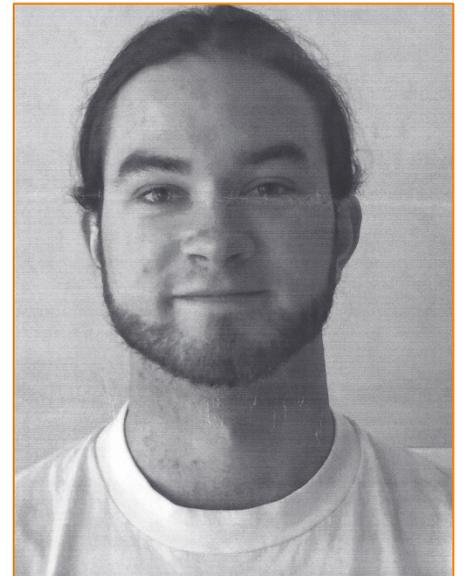
Courtney A. Poirier of St. Martinville was awarded an LGCF Scholarship of \$2000.



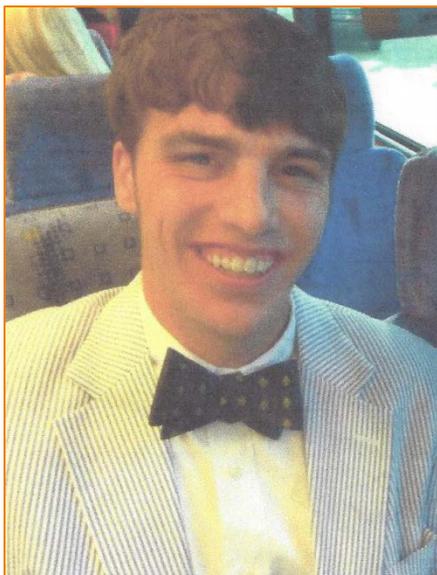
The Irene M. Petitjean Horticulture Scholarship for \$1000 and the LGCF District VII Scholarship for \$1000 went to **Russ Kyle Sonnier** of Jennings, LA.



The Neil Christopher/LA Landscape Design Consultants Council Book Scholarship for \$500 was awarded to **Jonathan Adams** of Slidell, LA.



Joseph Kane Graziani of Madisonville, LA was awarded the Neil Christopher/Shady Oaks Garden Club Scholarship of \$500.



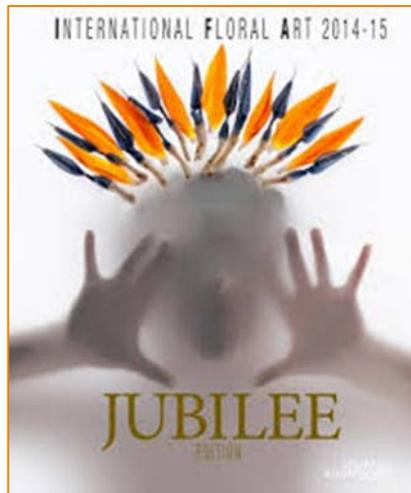
Matthew Poche of Metairie, LA was awarded the Gardening Consultants/Jo Ann Christopher Scholarship of \$500.

There were no qualifying applicants for the LGCF District I Scholarship of \$250. Also there were no qualifying applicants for the District II Book Scholarship of \$250.

Members serving on the committee to award the scholarships along with Jennifer Granger, LGCF Scholarship Chair, were LGCF First Vice President Kathy Tell, LGCF Finance Chair Linda Finley, and LGCF Newsletter Editor Pam Langley.

Book Review

Submitted by Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair



International Floral Art 2014-15

Jubilee Edition

Edited by Katrien Van Moerbeke

Published by Jaak Van Damme, and Stichting Kunstboek (Belgium), 2015

You won't believe your eyes. This hefty book is a visual stunner!! Of 1,000 entries, 280 designs are showcased, by more than 100 of the world's top floral artists and budding designers from 41 countries; their work will amaze you, thrill you, shock you and delight you!

And inspire you, most definitely! This is a gallery of incredible talent and imagination, and makes one realize that the possibilities are unlimited when designing with flowers and plant material.

Joe Baucum is Sharing Knowledge about How to Make Things Grow

(Note: The following article appeared in NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune of Greater New Orleans recently. Joe Baucum is an active member of the Better Swamps and Gardens Garden Club of LGCF District II.)

For much of his career in the U.S. Army and as a hospital administrator with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Joe Baucum traveled a lot and wasn't able to put down roots – figuratively and literally, as he loves to garden. But since moving to New Orleans in 1980, Baucum has made up for that.



Joe Baucum with a line of 40 live oak trees. He raised funds and coordinated their planting on the West Bank Expressway neutral ground. (Photo by G. Andrew Boyd, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune)

Baucum is involved with a variety of volunteer efforts having to do with horticulture and forestry, including spending 17 years in the Louisiana Master Gardener Program, sharing gardening expertise with those looking for advice. He has also been involved in the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs, Louisiana Urban Forestry Council, Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater New Orleans, Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, and more.

In Baucum's work with Friends of Jefferson the Beautiful, where he currently serves as secretary, the 76-year-old raised about \$90,000 and coordinated the planting of 124 live oak trees along the neutral ground of the West Bank Expressway. A Vietnam veteran, Baucum also coordinated the installation of 12 Blue Star Memorial Markers around the area to honor those who have contributed military service.

Baucum, who grew up in Northeast Texas, now lives in Barataria with his wife Cindy, where they have more land to grow palms.

ROOTS: "A very rural, very conventional country background. We had a 200-acre farm, mostly cattle and hay meadows and wooded farmland. Part of my job was keeping the forested area clean of brush and undergrowth, so it would grow grass and we could let the cattle roam. It was a small rural town. Didn't offer much as far as staying around for a career, so typically when you graduated from high school you went to Dallas or off to school somewhere. I thought there was a little bit more to life than rural East Texas. I wanted to get out and see the world."

INFLUENCE: "My father had a hard life as a youth due to his father dying at a young age. My father was forced to quit school and go to work. I believe this caused him to be very mission-oriented, very focused on achievement. I think that somehow I inherited that trait. Of course, 10 years on active duty as an army infantry officer sharply focused that mission orientation. Today, I still take on tasks for the end result of getting the job done. 'By your deeds ye shall be known.'"

CAREER: "New Orleans was the first opportunity I had to have a home and a yard. I met my wife through the Department of Veterans Affairs and we decided not to go back to either one of our homes, but to settle here in New Orleans. It was the first time either one of us had really felt at home in a community."

GARDENING: "Over time I developed an interest and a fascination with plants. Once I retired I went into the master gardener program, and I'm kind of the senior dude in the local program. I've got 17 years now."

MASTER: "You go through a training program intended to make you an extension of the LSU Ag Center agent. Your volunteer obligation is to help the agent do his job, responding to the public, questions about plant materials, plant selection, plant growth."

TEACHING: "It's important to know what plants will survive here. The box stores will bring in plants that are not adaptable to our climate. You have to be careful, knowing the nutritional needs of the plant, the water needs of the plant, the soil needs of the plant, and just giving it some TLC and continuing care. It's satisfying in the long run."

COMMON MISSTEP: "I think the wrong selection of plants to start with. Buying something that takes a lot of care, not having the time to be able to provide that TLC. So then they die and people get frustrated with them."

WHY: "It probably goes back to my parents, growing up in a rural community. We always had a garden. We were always planting trees and trimming and maintaining trees -- mostly pine trees. So I developed a love of forestry that way. It was never that you went to the nursery to buy a plant -- you went to the neighbor and traded."

LESSON: "I'm not a very patient person. Living in Lafitte, everyone thinks I moved out there to enjoy the fishing. I always say 'No, if the fish want to jump into the boat with me, fine, I'll eat them. But as far as my going out and waiting for a fish to bite my hook, forget it.' Gardening allows me some stress relief and puts me back in touch with nature."

ENVIRONMENT: "I think we have kind of the extremes here. People think we're a tropical climate, but actually we're a temperate climate, meaning that we have the potential to freeze in the winter. I'm big into palms, but we have to focus on cold hardy palms here. There's a tendency to always want to grow more tropical plants."

FUTURE: "I think in every organization I belong to, we wonder where the young people are. It used to be where are the people under 30. Now we're wondering where the people under 50 are. People are just really busy with their personal lives, and that's not to fault them for that. Life's short. You need to do what you need to do."

EDUCATION: "I see people do community garden projects and a lot of school gardens these days. For people to go out and invest their time and energy, I think it's really admirable. Children need that education. They need to know where food comes from, now that the family farm is getting to be a thing of the past."

RESULTS: "It's amazing to me to see the land before, it's so barren. And now to see those trees there gives me a thrill when I drive by."

SHOUT-OUT: From Patricia Ortalano, president of the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs. "He loves his community, and he dedicates a lot of time helping with the beautification of Jefferson Parish. Any time he sees an opportunity to do something for the community, he's there, stepping up to the plate."

Virginia Webb Donates to Headquarters House

This summer Virginia Webb donated a lovely marble top side table and a beautiful silver ceramic vase to the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, to be used at our Headquarters.

The table fits perfectly in the parlor and adds so much to the room. The silver vase is a striking addition to the dining room.

Many thanks to Miss Virginia for these two lovely gifts.



Virginia Webb with table and vase donated to LGCF Headquarters.

NGC Promotes Gardening for Wildlife

What's Your Vision of Wildlife Habitat? The term "wildlife" traditionally refers to non-domesticated animal species. Now, according to Wikipedia the definition for "wildlife" has come to include "all plants, fungi and other organisms that grow or live wild in an area without being introduced by humans".

We worry about some of our past gardening practices and the serious impacts they've had on our land, waterways, and our wildlife. We know that some chemicals we've used in our gardens can alter how children develop with life-long effects, cause our pets to be at twice the risk of developing malignant cancer, reduce hatching success and cause birth defects in our birds, and harm our earthworms and beneficial insects and pollinators. We know that runoff from rain and watering adds to contamination of our groundwater and watersheds. We know that wildlife native habitats are decreasing at an alarming rate.

We're gardeners and we keep beautiful yards and landscapes that our friends and neighbors love to visit. And, we take great pride in our specimens that win those coveted blue ribbons! But, it's equally important to remember that we have an obligation to our "wildlife"; to protect their environment and increase their habitat so that they can thrive and prosper.



Bee a Wildlife Action Hero! Commit to Gardening for Wildlife! With this in mind, we're asking every NGC member and guest to "Bee a Wildlife Action Hero!" Help gather your clubs, friends and associates and encourage them to Commit to Garden for Wildlife. Show them the way in your own backyard, and also in your public places and with your Junior Gardeners at their homes and schools! Practice sustainable gardening, and provide food, water, cover, and a place for wildlife and pollinators to raise their young.

For more information see: <http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/presidents-projects/backyard-wildlife-habitat.aspx>.

Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl News

Submitted by Patricia Ortalano, LGCF Youth Activities Chair

The winners for this year Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl poster contest are shown below.



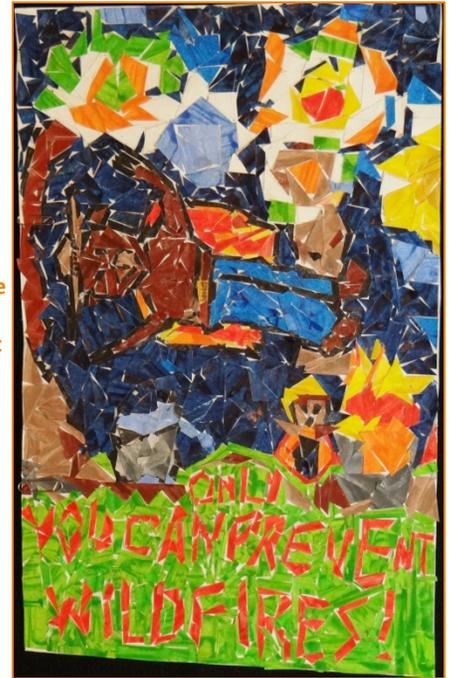
The First Grade Winning Poster belongs to Brooks Bain, LeCompte Garden Club, District VIII; LGCF First Place Winner; Deep South Third Place Winner



Third Grade Winning Poster belongs to Allie Worthington, Baton Rouge Garden Club, District VI; LGCF First Place Winner; Deep South Second Place Winner



Fifth Grade Winning Poster belongs to Rainey Estelle Harrison, Baton Rouge Garden Club, District VI; LGCF First Place Winner; Deep South First Place Winner; NGC First Place Winner



Second Grade Winning Poster belongs to Pierce Dunphy, Community Gardeners Club, District VI; LGCF First Place Winner



Fourth Grade Winning Poster belongs to Alyssa Bailey, Baton Rouge Garden Club, District VI; LGCF First Place Winner

As we begin a New Garden Club Year and prepare to work with the Children in our Community, have them enter as many Youth Contests as possible. We have seen in the past that Louisiana has talented children and have gone as far as

becoming NGC Winners! BTW, you can also have your Grandchildren, Neighbors children, any Child participate and be sponsored by your Garden Club!

Go to NGC website, ngcdev.org, click on Youth Programs then Youth Contests to view the list of contests and rules. Please note the following:

- High School Essay Contest theme for 2016-2017 is "We Need Our Pollinators".
- K - 9th Grade Poetry Contest theme is "We Three: Bees, Butterflies and Me"
- Youth Sculpture Contest is for Grades 4th - 8th.

ALL Youth Contest Entries including Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Posters must be sent to me by December 1, 2016:

Tricia Ortalano
LGCF Youth Activities Chairman
1104 Farrington Drive
Marrero, LA 70072

Looking forward to receiving many entries, Good Luck!

LGCF Convention News Update

Submitted by Mary Ellen Miller LGCF 2017 Convention Chair

We are getting excited finalizing plans for the convention. Mary Ellen and JoAnn recently met with Kevin Belton, our TV celebrity chef and cookbook author at Cava Restaurant in New Orleans. Kevin will be sharing his talent for New Orleans style cooking with us at breakfast, Friday, March 31st at the LGCF Convention. You won't want to miss this one!

Pictured on the right are (front row) Danny Millan, owner of Cava Restaurant, JoAnn Christopher, Jozsef Toth and (back row) Mary Ellen Miller, Cliff Miller, and Kevin Belton.



Deep South Program Book Ads

Submitted by Carrie Martin, Deep South 2017 Convention Chair

Naturally New Orleans

2017 Deep South Region Convention March 26-28, 2017

New Orleans, Louisiana

The Program Book for the 2017 Deep South Region Convention offers you an opportunity to honor your Region, State, District and Club Officers; to celebrate your achievements; to salute your members and, at the same time, help defray Convention expenses.

Rates for ads are, as follows:

Full page 7.5 x 4.5 inches black & white inside program page	\$125.00
Half page 3.75 x 4.5 inches black & white inside program page	\$ 75.00
Quarter page 1.75 x 4.5 black & white inside program page	\$ 45.00
(3) Lines Memorial or Dedication, black & white inside program pages. No photos or art work.	\$ 25.00

Checks made payable to: National Garden Clubs, DSR Deadline for ads: Friday January 15, 2017

All ads must be camera-ready, black and white, and must meet the exact measurements given above. Half page and Quarter page ads must be horizontal. The Committee reserves the right to refuse and refund any ad that does not meet the stated printing requirements.

Submit camera ready ad and payment to:

Carrie Martin, DSR 2017 Co-Chair
123 W. 19th Avenue
Covington, LA 70433
985-893-3285

To submit electronically (preferred) in MS Word or JPEG format, email to

mart3285@bellsouth.net

Thank You for your support of the

2017 Deep South Convention



2017 Deep South Region Convention
“Naturally New Orleans”
 Hosted by The Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
March 26-27-28, 2017
 Harrah’s New Orleans Hotel
 228 Poydras Street
 New Orleans, LA 70130



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

State Federation _____ May we email your registration confirmation? _____

Dietary Restrictions for Extreme Health Issues Must Accompany Registration Form

CREDENTIALS – PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Deep South Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Council Member | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest/spouse |

FULL-TIME PACKAGE (includes Registration, Flower Show, All Workshops,
 Meals 2 Breakfasts, 2 Luncheons, 2 dinners, 1 Design Banquet). **\$280.00** \$ _____

REGISTRATION PART TIME – Check Days Attending and options listed below:
 Deep South Member Registration: Sunday Monday Tuesday \$30.00 \$ _____
 Guest/Spouse Sunday Monday Tuesday \$20.00 \$ _____

PART-TIME MEAL PLANS

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 3/26 11:00am-4:00pm - French Quarter Home and Garden Tour	\$60.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 3/26 1:00pm-2:00pm - Optional Judges Luncheon	\$50.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 3/26 Dinner	\$45.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 3/26 Breakfast	\$20.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 3/27 Luncheon	\$40.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 3/27 Awards Banquet	\$45.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 3/28 Breakfast	\$20.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 3/28 Luncheon	\$40.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 3/28 Dinner	\$60.00	\$ _____
Registration postmarked after February 25, 2017 must add late fee	\$30.00	\$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE DUE \$ _____

MAIL CHECK, PAYABLE TO: DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS INC. WITH REGISTRATION FORM TO:
 Reba Mackey, 1913 Green Oak Drive, Gretna, LA 70056. Confirmation will be emailed. For USPS Mail acknowledgement
 enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. No refunds after February 25, 2017. Registration Fee is non-refundable. No
 Walk-ins. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND ANY PROGRAMS, MEALS OR WORKSHOPS.** Hotel reservations must be
 made directly with Harrah’s New Orleans Hotel, **1-877-466-7847**; <http://www.totalrewards.com/hotel-reservations?propCode=NOR&groupCode=S03NCG7> All reservations made via the telephone call center will be
 assessed a fee of \$15 per reservation – **Room Rate \$179.00.** - Link also on Deep South Region website www.dsregion.org.

Deeds & Doings

District II



Metairie Ridge Garden Club members at their 50's Themed Get Acquainted Meeting

The Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. had their Get Acquainted Meeting encompassing the 50's Theme. **Metairie Ridge Garden Club** members pictured from left to right in jeans, white shirts and scarves are: Jackie Ciuffi, Debbie Corales, Carrie Martin, Sharon Rojas-President, Daria Vincent-Overall Winner, Dottie Pechon, and Stella Bowman.

River Ridge Garden Club also participated in the JPCGC Get

Acquainted 50's themed meeting. Club members pictured from left to right are: Susan Finney, Brenda Montgomery, Maria Nogueira-President, Gail Boling, Connie Guillot, in front is Marianne Arrata from Petals of N. Bridgedale with the poodle skirt. Behind and to the right is Mary Hazen-District II Director, Jeanette Gatzman-LGCF State President, Dottie Hebert, Stephanie Kenning, Patsy Swanson and Charlene Ardoin.



River Ridge Garden Club member at the Get Acquainted Meeting

District III

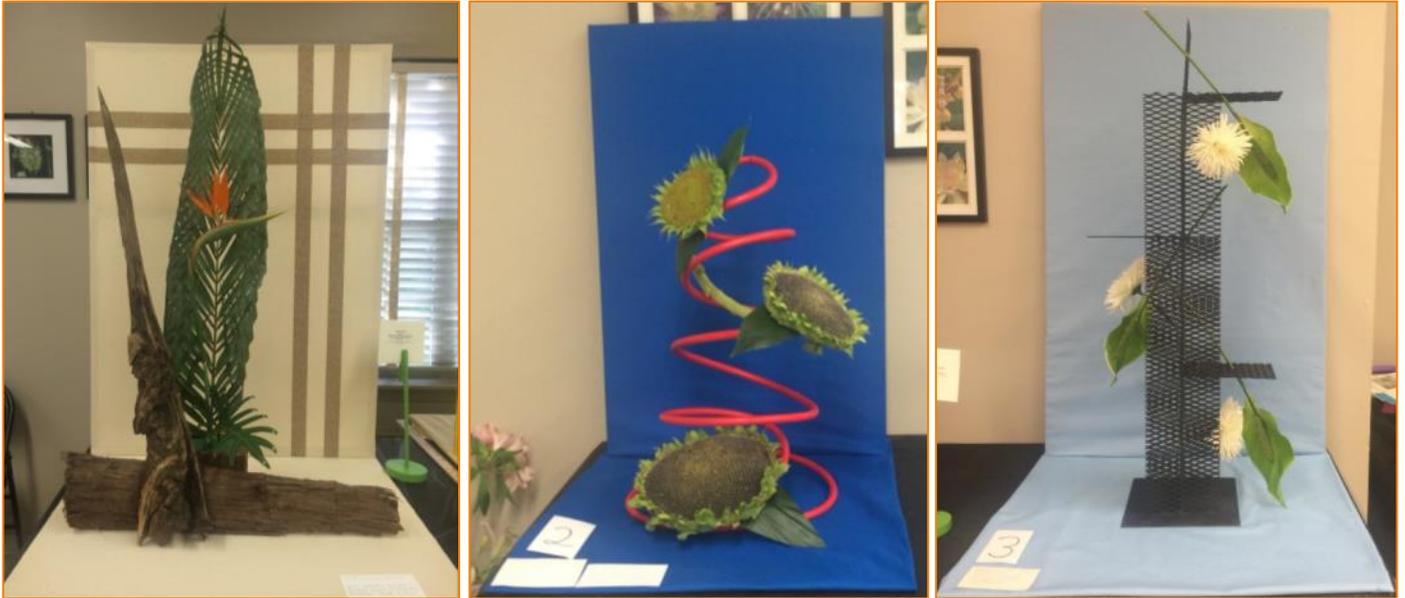
Lafayette Garden Club members, who attended meetings and workshops at the LGCF Summer Board, held in July at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are LGCF Recording Secretary Roxanna Champagne, Lafayette Garden Club President Betty Foret, Lafayette Garden Club President-Elect Diana Nolan, Treasurer JoAnn Pugh and Margo Racca. Margo Racca, with lifetime memberships in State, Deep South and National Garden Clubs, presented an interesting workshop on Bromeliads, and everyone present was gifted with a bromeliad from Margo's garden.

Lafayette Garden Club hosted the Flower Show School Course III at the ULL Ira Nelson Horticulture Center in Lafayette, in July. The local chairman was Lafayette Garden Club's Cecille Revels, assisted by Julianna Ousse and Becky Latiolais. Barbara Baker, 2015-17 South Central Region Director, was the Design and Flower Show Procedure instructor. Barbara is a Master Flower Show judge and instructor's assistant at Design Seminar of the Texas Garden Clubs at Texas A & M

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University. Pam Braun of Franklin, Tennessee was the Horticulture instructor. Pam is also a board member for the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs.

Roxanna Champagne of Lafayette Garden Club attended the course and after passing all tests, qualified as a Student Judge. Pictured are floral designs done by students attending the Flower Show School Course III.



Designs above were done by Student Judges at the Flower Show School Course III

The District III Spring Meeting was held at the Cypress Bayou Casino in Baldwin. Margaret Melancon of Azalea Garden Club gave a presentation on how to compose an award-winning Publicity Press Book. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all present along with valuable information concerning District III and LGCF. Lafayette Garden Club Members attending this District III Spring Meeting are pictured, left to right, Diana Nolan, Roxanna Champagne, Kathy Van Ness and Cathy Andrew. Missing from the photo is LGC President Betty Foret, who also attended.



Lafayette Garden Club members attending District III Spring Meeting

Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association's early September 2016 Symposium to protect and preserve the Vermilion River, held at Vermilionville was announced by Babette Werner, Lafayette Garden Club's co-chair of Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems and vice-president of Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association. This informative and fun Symposium's theme was Backyard to the Bayou – Understanding your role in the preservation of our river. Many great speakers were scheduled, including Charlie Wyatt, President of BVPA; Dr. David Cheramie, CEO Bayou Vermilion District; Joel Robideaux, Mayor/President of Lafayette Consolidated Government; and Ron Boustany, of Natural Resources Specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, as Symposium Chair.

Programs presented were Landscaping – "Ideas on best management practices on the individual properties," by Peter Mayeux, Owner of All Seasons Nursery and Landscaping; "Ideas and concepts of homeowner water management –

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irrigation and drainage; rain gardens,” by Rusty Ruckstuhl, Landscape Architect at Grassroots Landscaping; “Landscape design for a more sustainable community,” by Michael Cullen, Landscape Architect at Land Architecture; “Regional design considerations for sustainable community development,” by Pamela Gonzales Grainger, Landscape Engineer at Macbade Engineers; and “Smart Growth community development,” by Jeff Foshee and Teddy Beaulieu.

Other speakers were John Lopez, on Southern Lifestyle Development; Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation; Brad Klamer of New Orleans Sewage and Water Board, on New Orleans LID Projects; and Dr. David Cheramie, Donald Sagrera, Bess Foret, of Bayou Vermilion District/Teche-Vermilion Water District/LCG, on management of the bayou.

A Panel Discussion followed on “How can we best inform and involve the community in preserving the bayou,” which was led by LCG Representative Michael Cullen and Pamela Grainger, NRCS representative.

In recognition of National Garden Week, the **Abbeville Garden Club** partnered with the Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners at the Daylily Festival on June 4, 2016, providing an informational booth featuring Louisiana Super Plants: plants designated by the LSU Ag Center as being proven performers for our area. Abbeville Garden Club and Keep Abbeville Beautiful provided an educational booth focused on host plants



Abbeville Garden Club Members at the Daylily Festival Information Booth

for pollinators and recycling tires by using “Flat Tire Flowerpots” to grow plants which attract pollinators. Examples of plants that attract butterflies were offered. Butterfly weed seedlings and seeds were given out to those interested in propagating butterfly gardens. The importance of keeping plants free from pesticides was discussed, along with the significance of butterflies, bees, and other pollinators in our gardens.



Abbeville GC members with Mr. Robert LeBlanc, Vermilion Parish Library Maintenance Supervisor

AGC hosted educational programs at the Cultural Center for the Daylily Festival. Dan Devenport, Assistant County Agent, LSU Ag Center for Vermilion Parish, presented the program “How to Grow Blueberries in Vermilion Parish”. A cooking program focusing on “Italian Sausage and Peppers” was presented by Janice Macomber.

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The Daylily Festival was presented by Abbeville Main Street and Vermilion Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors included the Abbeville Garden Club, Lafayette Master Gardeners, City of Abbeville and Gulf Coast Bank.

In celebration of National Garden Week, AGC provided a display for National Garden Week with informational handouts, including LSU Ag Center "Horticulture Hints" and Super Plant brochures at the Abbeville Branch of the Vermilion Parish Library. AGC donated six National Garden Club books entitled "The Frightened Frog" to be placed at all Vermilion Parish Library Branches. This book is part of the NGC Youth Initiative to reverse the



Abbeville Garden Club display for National Garden Week at the Parish Library



Abbeville Garden Club donates copies of 'The Frightened Frog' for all Vermilion Parish Library Branches

population declines in amphibian and pollinator species; particularly frogs, bees and Monarch butterflies.

AGC also provided plants and amendments to the Abbeville Branch of the Vermilion Parish Library in order to expand their Butterfly Garden. NGC encourages members to step in and actively create attitudes, environments and habitats that will nurture healthy populations of pollinators. The library garden has been registered with the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge initiative.

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District V

A transformation occurred in the heart of Vidalia in May – a complete transformation that included a number of shore junipers, variegated ginger, a touch of purple verbena, a weeping lacy-leaf Japanese Maple tree, Stella D’Oro daylilies, bottlebrush and multicolored Vincas.

Vidalia Garden Club members agreed to upgrade the drab front garden area of the Vidalia Post Office (irrefutably one of the busiest businesses in town), with members unanimously voting to support the project with funding, volunteers, and vibrant plants.

Chairman Karen Biglane enlisted the assistance of landscape architect and Vidalia native Tab Dore’, and received the approval and support of Postmistress Rena Ryan and the City of Vidalia.

“This was a major project for our small garden club,” noted VGC President Kathy Stevens, “but one we believe will have a lot of impact for our community. So many people pass through the Post Office doors each day. Maybe this fresh, new look will brighten their day.”



Pictured from left are volunteer landscape architect Tab Dore', VGC president Kathy Stevens and project chairman Karen Biglane.



The drab front garden area of the Vidalia post office before the transformation.



Results of the transformation by the Vidalia Garden Club!

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District VI

District VI Director Kyle Martin is proud to announce that there is a new federated garden club in their district. Design by Pine Garden Club is located in Pine, LA of Washington Parish. **Welcome Design by Pine Garden Club!** The photo on the right shows Delane Hunt, President of Design by Pine, receiving the LGCF Membership Certificate from LGCF President Jeanette Gatzman at the LGCF Summer Board meeting of 2016.

District VI was also well represented at the Garden Party at the Governor's mansion during National Garden Week in June. Some photos are included here.



LGCF President Jeanette Gatzman presents Delane Hunt, President of Design by Pine with the certificate of membership of LGCF.



First Lady, Donna Edwards planting a Peggy Martin Rose with Peggy Martin



Kathy Bedenbaygh, LGCF Publicity Press Book Chair and Gardenettes Garden Club member and Kyle Maring District VI Director



First Lady Donna Edwards visiting with Kathy Bedenbaugh

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District VII

May 2016 the Town of Welsh received new litter signs representing strict fines and mandatory community service. The arrival of the new litter signs completes the **Welsh Garden Club's** Litter Project.

The project began July 2015 when the Welsh Garden Club wrote and proposed a new litter law to the city council of the Town of Welsh. The proposed amendment to the litter ordinance was initially presented at the City Council meeting on July 7, 2015. The following month during the city council meeting held August 4, 2015 the proposed amended litter ordinance was open for public comment. No negative comments were given. Over the following few days the city attorney drafted a New Litter Ordinance for Welsh (with our proposed fines and community service) then presented the new version to the Welsh city clerk for members of the city council to review and comment. September 1, 2015 the city council for the Town of Welsh approved the New Welsh Litter Ordinance proposed by the Welsh Garden Club. The club's efforts and hard work to clean up our town have been recognized.



New litter signs for Welsh

The club is proud of their actions and sees it as a positive step forward in their progress to make Welsh a better place. The mandatory fines and required community service will discourage littering but more importantly encourage Welsh citizens to take pride in their town and keep it clean.

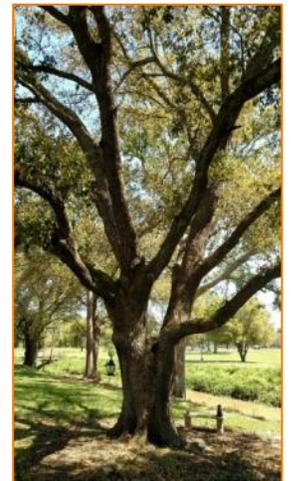
The Welsh Garden Club has recently registered and sponsored three Live Oak Trees in the Live Oak Society of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc. The registered trees are located in the town of Welsh.



"Connie Hensgen Oak" owner Tommy Hensgen - circumference of 18 ft. & 11 in. and spread of 106 ft.



"Pete's Pet" owner Yola Peterson - circumference of 12 ft. & 5 in. and spread of 105 ft.



"Sharon's Backyard Beauty" owner Sharon Todd - circumference of 11 ft. & 4 in. and spread of 99 ft.

The live oak symbolizes strength, stability, and steadfastness. We cannot imagine what growing up in Louisiana would have been like without spending a good deal of time among the limbs of a majestic live oak tree.

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Sharon Todd, Club President, Herschel Bourque, winner of the raffle and his daughter Christy Lejeune

The **Welsh Garden Club** held its annual fundraiser by selling raffle tickets for a beautiful Spring Door Wreath made by Grandma's Garden. Herschel Bourque is the winner of the Welsh Garden Club Spring Wreath raffle.

The Welsh Garden Club donated "The Frightened Frog" children's book to the Welsh Elementary School Library. "The Frightened Frog" book highlights the environmental issues

affecting amphibians. The book was written to educate children in the importance of amphibians and the role they play in healthy ecosystems. Amphibians are said to be threatened with the largest mass extinction since the dinosaurs.

Welsh Garden Club suggests taking your children or grandchildren on a quest to find an egg mass, tadpoles, frogs, and other amphibians. Sit and listen while enjoying the mystery and magnificence of the natural world with the most important people anywhere, our children.

"The Frightened Frog" has been promoted by the national garden club president and state garden club presidents in an effort to promote the protection of amphibians, as well as butterflies, bees, and other pollinators.

Welsh Garden Club held Rose Bingo at the Golden Age Nursing Home in Welsh. Residents received a rose for each time they bingo. Garden Club members assisted residents who needed help playing their bingo cards. The residents were excited about all the roses. It was a priceless to see their faces when they bingo and were given a rose. We gave out roses to all residents who attended the event and delivered a rose to those who are bed ridden and could not attend. Some of the residents said that was the only rose they ever received.



Welsh Garden Club President Sharon Todd (left) presents Welsh Elementary Librarian Kayla Dupuis with a copy of 'The Frightened Frog'.



Welsh Garden Club members with residents of the Golden Age Nursing Home

LGCF FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

District I & II

WHEN: October 26
WHERE: Messina's at the Terminal, New Orleans
REGISTRATION: \$39 payable to District I – LGCF
DEADLINE: Before October 17
MAIL TO: Eleanore Capretto, 4624 Neyrey Drive, Metairie, LA 70002

District III

WHEN: October 27
WHERE: Envie Restaurant, 203 E. Bayou Rd, Thibodaux
REGISTRATION: \$35 payable to Thibodaux Garden Club
DEADLINE: Before October 14
MAIL TO: Madeline Hebert, 114 Bayou Vista Drive, Thibodaux, LA 70301

District V

WHEN: October 19
WHERE: First United Methodist Church, Farmerville
REGISTRATION: \$35 payable to LGCF District V
DEADLINE: Before October 12
MAIL TO: Sherrill Sasser, 438 Highway 539, Ferriday, 71334-4445

District VI

WHEN: October 25
WHERE: Juliana's, 18444 LA-22 East, Ponchatoula
REGISTRATION: \$32 payable to Gardenettes
DEADLINE: Before October 11
MAIL TO: Vicky Fannaly, P.O.Box 23, Ponchatoula, LA 70454

District VII

WHEN: October 20
WHERE: Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant, 525 N. Main St., Washington
REGISTRATION: \$30 payable to Washington Garden Club
DEADLINE: Before October 10
MAIL TO: Washington Garden Club, P O Box 711, Washington LA 70589

District VIII

WHEN: October 18
WHERE: Cottonport Bank Camp, 1055 Old River Road, Mansura
REGISTRATION: \$25
DEADLINE: before October 10
MAIL TO: Ann Dupuy, 505 Chauffpied-Elmer Road, Marksville, LA 71351

Calendar of Events



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Sept 30 Lecompte Flower Show, LGCF Headquarters

LGCF FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS:

Oct 18 District VIII
Oct 19 District V
Oct 20 District VII
Oct 25 District VI
Oct 26 District I & II
Oct 27 District III

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January (TBD) LGCF Tour, Australia/New Zealand
January 16-17 LGCF Winter Council, Headquarters House, Lecompte, LA
February 9-11 Flower Show School, Course 4, Lafayette, LA
March 26 Set-up for Deep South Flower Show, Harrah's New Orleans
March 27-28 Deep South Convention, Harrah's New Orleans
March 29 LGCF Pre-Conv. Tour and Tri-Refresher
March 30-31 LGCF Convention, Harrah's New Orleans
May 16-21 NGC Convention, Richmond, Virginia
June (TBD) LGCF Tour, Nova Scotia/New Brunswick, Canada
July 17-18 LGCF Summer Board, Baton Rouge
(TBD) NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri
December 2 – 9 LGCF Tour, Viking River Cruise

2018

(TBD) LGCF Convention - District VIII
May 21-24 NGC Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sept 26 - 29 NGC Fall Board Meeting, Orlando FL

2019

April 30-May 4 NGC Convention, Biloxi, Mississippi
(TBD) NGC Fall Board Meeting – St. Louis, MO

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(TBD) NGC Fall Board Meeting – North Carolina

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