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On Our Cover: The photo of the sunflower was taken by Margaret Melancon of Azalea Garden Club, District III. Sunflowers (genus *Helianthus*), are native primarily to North and South America, and some species are cultivated as ornamentals for their spectacular size and flower heads

and for their edible seeds. The flowers come in many colors (yellow, red, orange, maroon, brown), but they are commonly bright yellow with brown centers that ripen into heavy heads filled with seeds. Sunflowers make excellent cut flowers, and many attract bees, birds, and butterflies.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE WINTER ISSUE, JANUARY 1, 2024, IS DECEMBER 1, 2023 AND SHOULD BE EMAILED OR MAILED TO THE EDITOR. We welcome drawings, paintings, or photos for the cover of the Newsletter.

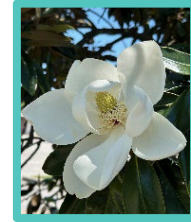
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President's Message



Louisiana Goes Emerald— Plant Wildflowers



It's hard to believe Fall is here after record breaking 100°+ temperatures in Louisiana with a drought due to prolonged period of below average rainfall, affecting various areas of Louisiana with wildfires, sugar cane production is down, fewer cattle can graze on a plot of land, less hay is being produced to feed cattle later in the year, impacting wildlife and now causing problems with underground burrows where crawfish live threatening their survival. The drought is also affecting our landscapes and gardening habits having us thinking more about planting native plants, being more aware of our wildlife and conserving our water. This is an appropriate time to remember our Conservation Pledge: "I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth, and promise to promote education, so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife." Let's keep this pledge close to our hearts.

In July, Summer Board was well attended in Baton Rouge. Committee meetings were held and lots of LGCF Business was conducted.

Environmental, Gardening, Landscape Design and Flower Show Councils met and discussed future schools and activities being held in the upcoming months. I was delighted to see many

Club Presidents attend and hope to see many more attend our State Convention. There's so much to learn about LGCF and what better place to be than at a function with Members throughout the State.



LGCF 2024 Convention committee invited me to attend their August planning meeting in Lake Charles. They are super excited to host this very special Convention in District VII celebrating LGCFs 90th Anniversary and are looking forward to having LGCF members join in on the fun. I wonder what the Pirates have in mind?!



Garden Clubs have begun to meet with fresh ideas, fundraisers, fabulous speakers, fun programs, planned outings and mostly getting back to visiting and enjoying our Garden Club Friends. Award chairmen are gathering information for their award applications. Hopefully many of you will apply for LGCF, Deep South and National Garden Club awards and Grants! You work too hard as a Club not to get recognized. APPLY!

In October, I will be traveling the roads of Louisiana visiting all six Districts, October 17-19 & October 24-26. The District Directors have been working on getting their programs in order for a few months. I know they are excited to show you what they have planned and I hope to see you all in attendance. If you haven't mailed me a copy of your Club Yearbook by now, bring it to me at the Fall meeting and save a few cents. Let's take a group photograph, if possible. See you soon!



Foxy Troxy will be accompanying me to the Fall meetings. Foxy Troxy is helping me with my LGCF Fundraiser to aid in helping raise funds for LGCF Scholarships. Economically times are strained for some families to send their children to college but LGCF is there for those students that apply. If you know of a student attending a Louisiana State-Supported college and/or University, majoring in Life Sciences, Horticulture, Landscape

Architecture, Environmental Sciences, etc., please inform them of scholarships LGCF has to offer; visit the LGCF website for more information on scholarships. If you'd like to make a contribution to my Fundraiser, please make checks payable to LGCF, send to 1104 Farrington Drive, Marrero 70072 and write FOXY TROXY in the memo.

Naomi Cordill, LGCF Tours Chairman has been busy scheduling exciting places for us to visit, venues to enjoy local food, and interesting places to enjoy with other LGCF members. If you haven't been on a LGCF Tour, you're missing out on a good time. Consider some or all of the upcoming Tours. There is an article in this newsletter with the Tours schedule and you can also find it on the LGCF website.

Thank you to all the LGCF Officers, LGCF Chairmen, Club Presidents, and LGCF Members for all your do to make LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION SHINE! I couldn't do this alone.

Patricia Ortalano

LGCF President 2023-2025

"Louisiana Goes Emerald – Plant Wildflowers"



Editor's Corner



I don't think there is anyone who will not welcome Fall this year. October should bring some cooler temperatures that will allow us to get out and get some of our overdue gardening projects done.

With October comes our Fall District Meetings. Page 9 of this newsletter lists the dates of the meetings along with the invitation and registration form for each District. These meetings provide a way for club members to familiarize themselves with the other clubs in the area and meet some of their members. It is always a fun day with good food and speakers!

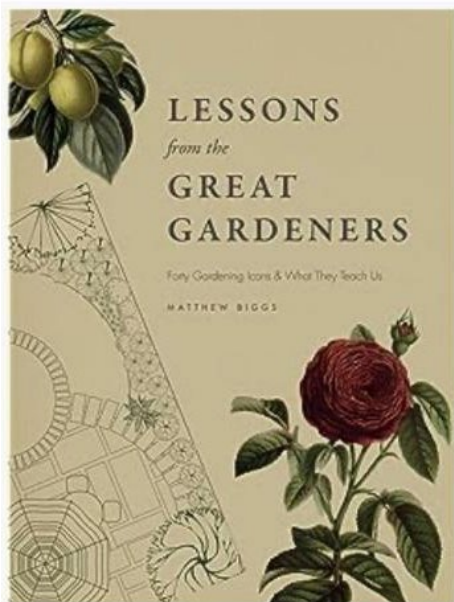
This issue gives you a glimpse of what's ahead for the LGCF Convention which will be held in April of 2024. There are many other articles of interest both on the state and national level, including information on schools, awards, projects, tours and more.

Please continue to send in your pictures, articles, and any information you would like to share.

Happy Fall,

Donna Cline

Book Review



Lessons from the Great Gardeners: Forty Gardening Icons and What They Teach Us

By Matthew Biggs

University of Chicago Press

Illustrated edition, 2016

224 pages

ISBN-13: 978-0226369488

How much of our garden knowledge has been gleaned from other gardeners? Most of it, maybe? And where did their knowledge come from? From our collective past.

Gardening tips and techniques, design styles and the reasoning behind new innovations; tools, seeds, trees; necessity for sustenance; sheer enjoyment...all of these come together in this book featuring biographies of 40 great gardeners throughout the centuries and throughout the world.

Step into each of their minds for a bit, find yourself in their experiences with the soil, sun, wind and rain.

Using his education, experience, passion and humor, author Matthew Biggs brings together a diverse group of notable gardeners that you will enjoy getting to know.

Submitted by Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair

Fall District Meetings

- Tuesday, October 17..... District V - Delhi
[INVITATION](#) - [REGISTRATION](#)
- Wednesday, October 18..... District VIII – Marksville
[INVITATION](#)
- Thursday, October 19 District VII – Oakdale
[INVITATION](#) – [REGISTRATION](#)
- Tuesday, October 24..... District III - New Iberia
[REGISTRATION](#)
- Wednesday, October 25..... District VI-Hammond
[INVITATION](#) - [REGISTRATION](#)
- Thursday, October 26 District II - Harvey
[INVITATION](#) - [REGISTRATION](#)

Flower Show Judges School

Course 1

November 6-8, 2023

Johnny Bright Playground

3401 Cleary Avenue

Metairie, LA

Deadline to register will be November 2, 2023

No refunds after November 1, 2023

November 6 — Flower Show
Procedure and Horticulture

November 7 — Flower Show
Procedure and Design

November 8 — Exams

Trifold
Information and
Registration Form
Follows

Debbie Corales, Registrar

(504) 214-2725

dcorales@bellsouth.net

Monday, November 6, 2023

8:45 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 10:00	Flower Show Procedure
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:30	Horticulture
11:30 – 11:45	Break
11:45 – 1:00	Horticulture
1:00 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00	Horticulture
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:15	Horticulture
4:15 -4:30	Break
4:30 – 5:30	Practice Point Scoring

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

8:45 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 10:00	Flower Show Procedure
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:30	Design
11:30– 11:45	Break
11:45 – 1:00	Design
1:00 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00	Design
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:15	Design
4:30 - 5:30	Practice Point Scoring

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

9:15 – 9:30	Registration
9:30– 12:30	Exams on Procedure, Design and Horticulture

Instructors

Pam Braun – Flower Show Procedure and Horticulture *Horticulture*. Pam is a NGC Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure and Symposium instructor. She is also a member of two garden clubs in District II Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs. A member of numerous plant societies, she is a judge for four of them. She enjoys growing plants both outside and inside her home and uses them in both horticulture exhibits and design.

Kathleen Hawryluk – **Design** Kathleen is a member of Naples Garden Club, Gulf Coast Garden Club, and Ikebana International #106. She served three years as Chair of the Naples Flower Show. She is an accredited National Garden Club Master Flower Show Judge, and Has held the positions of: Director of Florida Judges Council IX; President of Naples Ikebana International #160; Director of District IX; President of CFAA (Creative Floral Arrangers Of the Americas); President of Naples Garden Club. She is a certified Judges Flower Show School Instructor and a certified Sogetsu instructor (Ikebana). Kathleen gives floral Demonstrations nationwide and holds floral design workshops in her home studio and has designs published in *Design Dimension*, *NGC Calendar* and the *NGC Florida Calendar*

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FLOWER SHOW JUDGES SCHOOL

COURSE I

Sponsored by

New Orleans Council of Flower Show Judges



November 6 and 7, 2023

Johnny Bright Playground

3401 Cleary Ave

Metairie

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Louisiana Garden Club Federation

Presented by:

**Louisiana Council of Nationally Accredited
Flower Show Judges**

**New Orleans Council of Nationally Accredited
Flower Show Judges**

LGCF President, Patricia Ortalano

LCNAFSJ President, Mary Ellen Miller

New Orleans Flower Show School Chairman

Mary Ellen Miller

Co-Chairman, and Registrar: Debbie Corales

Treasurer: Debbie Corales

Course I Curriculum

Flower Show Procedure: Introduction to *Handbook For Flower Shows*; Flower Show composition including over-view of divisions, sections, classes and subclasses; definitions, purpose of different flower show types; standard system of awarding; explanation NGC non-Top Exhibitor Awards; overview of flower show schedule.

Horticulture: Plant nomenclature; filling out entry tags; general requirements NGC Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards; explanation judging qualities on Horticulture point scoring form; Horticulture commenting language; judging procedures; growing and showing plants and Cuttings; practice point scoring

Design: Brief history of floral design, emphasis on the Elements and Principles of Design; general requirement for NGC Design Top Exhibitor Awards; explanation of judging on Design point scoring form; Design commenting language; judging procedure; Traditional Designs, Practice Point Scoring

Reading List for Flower Show Schools **(Effective July 1, 2017)**

All books may be ordered through Member Services, NGC Headquarters via the website or by phone 1-800-550-6007. Students should purchase *the Handbook for Flower Shows* either in printed notebook form or obtain a free digital form for use on a tablet. For Horticulture, students should purchase *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*, a how the most popular plant exhibits are to be judged and instructions on how to condition, groom and fill out entry cards. There is a list of other books for both Design and Horticulture on the NGC website. One, *Outlines of Period Flower Arranging* is only for Course I. If unable to purchase or obtain a copy of books listed on the reading list in time for attending the course, copies may be temporarily borrowed.

Available lodging

Local hotels are available.

The Holiday Inn Causeway has given us special Rates of \$129 plus taxes and fees To make Reservations you can call 1-800-HOLIDAY and mention the group name:
“NO COUNCIL OF FLOWER SHOW JUDGES” or use the group Code “NOC”
The rate quote is firm until one month before the Class, October 4, 2023.

Another nearby hotel is Country Inn.
You may find cheaper rates online for this hotel.

Registration

Registration deadline November 2nd.
No refunds after November 1st.

Mail to:

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dcorales@bellsouth.net
(504)214-2725
Checks payable NOCFSJ

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____ Zip code_____

Phone Nos._____

Email_____

Your Garden Club_____

Fees

Full Course, Outline and Exam - \$145

Full Course, Outline, no Exam - \$140

Partial: Please circle one attending

Monday - \$70 Tuesday - \$70

LA Landscape Design School Course 4

November 14-15, 2023

Baton Rouge Garden Center

7950 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806-6414

Deadline to register will be November 1, 2023.

(Information will be emailed to students and
Consultants.)

**Trifold Information and
Registration Form
Follows**

Clara Earl

LA Landscape Design School Chairman

225-937-5570

www.clarae2003@yahoo.com

Registration LD School

November 14-15, 2023

Course 4

Baton Rouge Garden Center
7950 Independence Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

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Make check payable to the  
LA Landscape Design School  
Mail by November 1 to:  
Gail Lonibos, LD School Registrar  
42353 Greens View Drive,  
Gonzales, LA 70737-8587

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: included area code  
Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ 9 Digit Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Check Status and amount:

Student \$70 \_\_\_\_\_ Audit \$70 \_\_\_\_\_  
Consultant \$70 \_\_\_\_\_ Master Gardener \$70 \_\_\_\_\_  
Master Consultant \$70 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Textbook and Curriculum

NGC LDS reading resources can be found at  
<http://gardenclub.org/resources/lds-forms/ngc-landscape-design-recommended-reading-list.pdf>

Not required "Stewards of the Land, A Survey of Landscape Architecture and Design in America," is no longer the official textbook. It can be ordered from the National Garden Clubs, Inc,  
to be used as a reference.

Telephone: 1-800-550-6007

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Course 4: Lectures,

- A) Contemporary Landscape Design Trends
- B) Community Participation in Landscaping Projects
- C) History and Development of Community Gardens
- D) Suburban Design
- E) Guidelines for Evaluating Landscape Designs of Residential, Public and Commercial Property
- F) Evaluations of Landscape Designs
- G) Supplemental Subject

REGISTRATION DUE before
November 1, 2023

Tuesday – 9:50am – 5:30pm
Wednesday – 9:00am – 4:00pm

LOUISIANA

LANDSCAPE

DESIGN SCHOOL

COURSE 4 SERIES XX
NOVEMBER 14-15, 2023

BATON ROUGE
GARDEN CENTER
7950 INDEPENDENCE BLVD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70806

SPONSORS:

- NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
- LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.
- LOUISIANA LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL
- IN COOPERATION WITH THE LSU ROBERT REICH SCHOOL OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Objectives of the Landscape Design Program

Develop a greater sense of appreciation, pride, and knowledge about our private and public gardens.

Become better educated to make changes in our surroundings so that they will be more beautiful, useful, convenient, ecologically sound, and easily maintained.

Stimulate interest in all phases of landscape design, including community planning, that will affect all of our lives.

Develop a large number of qualified Landscape Design Consultants to serve in such decision-making areas of public life as providing leadership, educational programs, scholarships, awards, and promoting better landscape design.

Instructors, Class Hours, Other

LSU Professors and local professional Landscape Architects are the Instructors.

Registration: 9:45 Tuesday

8:00 Thursday

Classes ...9:50 – 5:30 Tuesday

Classes & Test... 8:45 – 4:00 Wednesday

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It is important to read the last 2 issues of The National Gardener Magazine to prepare for the Reading Exam. It may be ordered from the National Garden Clubs, Inc., 4401 Magnolia Ave. St. Louis, MO. 63110-3492. Telephone 800-550-6007

Members may view *The National Gardener* online: www.gardenclub.org
There is no official textbook for classes.

Tuition includes a syllabus and the NGC fee.
A box lunch may be ordered \$15. or
a brown bag lunch from home is ok.

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Anita Petitjean, LLDCC President  
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November 14-15, 2023

Registration deadline November 1

Other NGC questions can be answered  
By reading The National Gardener or  
viewing the NGC website:  
<[gardenclub.org/schools/landscape](http://gardenclub.org/schools/landscape)  
Design/forms> or locally <[lgcfinc.org](http://lgcfinc.org)>

## Who May Attend?

All garden club members, general public, master gardeners and professionals are welcomed.

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Please circle the date of the last school you attended:

2022 October 3-4	Course 3
2021 November 16-17	2
2020 Canceled	
2019 August 28-29	1
2019 April 1	R
2018 August 29-30	4
2017 October 30-31	3
2016 September cancelled	
.....Great Flood	
2015 October 26-27	2
2015 January 26-27	1
..... Ice storm	
Other year _____	

Questions 225-937-5570
clarae2003@yahoo.com

(Members are responsible for retaining their records. /NGC)

LGCF Convention, 2024

Press Release:

2024 Louisiana Garden Club Federation Annual Convention Plans Underway

Lake Charles...The 2024 Louisiana Garden Club Federation Convention Chairmen were joined by LGCF President, Patricia Ortalano, for their second planning meeting on August 23. The meeting was led by District VII Convention Chair Pam Langley. Progress on developing the schedule for the two-day event was made and suggestions for workshop presenters were shared. The location for the April 16-17, 2024 event will be L'Auberge Casino in Lake Charles, which will be a perfect setting to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of LGCF's existence. Both members and non-members of LGCF are encouraged to **Save the Date** for some "Lake Effect Fun" that promises to be an educational and entertaining gathering. A convention fundraiser was held in Iowa, LA on September 20, where the Delta Divas, Carol Bullard and Debby Cooper, shared their talent of design and stories that delighted all in attendance. Those present went home with wonderful door prizes, and the lucky bidders walked away with the creative designs and lovely pieces of dried cypress for the silent auction. Many thanks to all who were there in person and those that sent in donations. See you in April!



Those preparing for the fun ahead were: Linda Finley, Pam Langley, Tricia Ortalano, Margo Racca, Betsy Doucet, Susan Caldwell, Loretta Guzman, Teeter Longtain, Diane Lafargue, Mimi Culpepper, Barbara Morris and Kathy Tell.

Save the Date

4/16-17, 2024



*Join us for
Lake Effect Fun!*

2024 LGCF Convention

L'Auberge Casino Resort

Lake Charles, LA

Hosted by District VII

Environmental Concerns/Conservation

My committee is Environmental Concerns/Conservation (Air, Energy, Land and Water). The purpose is to promote a better understanding and awareness of the need for conservation of our natural resources through incentive and awareness programs. Also, the aim is to promote environmental education projects within the state. Through these programs, we develop a caring attitude for our state's natural resources and its environment.

I know that our clubs are involved in various programs that help improve the environment and surroundings. We have projects to reduce litter; we may have a program for Earth Day where we teach Reduce, Renew, and Recycle; we plant trees for Arbor Day; we may have a Waterway Clean-up Day; participate in Keep Louisiana Beautiful and our Cleanest City Contest; we plant native plants and wildflowers; and we may have any number of other programs that make a positive impact on the environment.

Our Environmental Study Schools share a wealth of knowledge for all of our environmental concerns as many of you who are consultants know. I urge everyone to participate in this worthwhile school.

For all these projects, there is an LGCF Award #12 which I sponsor that coincides with your projects. I don't think anyone applied for this award last year because I was not asked for any money for the winners of this Award.

There is also a Deep South Region #8 award as well as 6 different awards by National Garden Clubs that are specific for conservation activities, conservation education, wildlife survival, water, native plants and wildflowers and organic practices.

So, with your projects you could receive any number of awards! All of this award information is available through our LGCF Website.

I urge all of the District Directors to pass this information to your Club Presidents.

AWARD #12 - CONSERVATION PROJECT AWARD

Eligible for DS #8 and NGC #EC-1, EC-2, EC-4 Donor: Donna Bucci

Send Application to:

Environmental Concerns/Conservation Chairman

Donna Bucci

1244 Delmar Avenue, Morgan City, LA 70380-5904

dcbucci@cox.net

A certificate and \$25.00 will be awarded annually to an individual Federated club or group of clubs for meritorious achievement in any of the following conservation activities: Education, legislative, cleaning of bodies of water and/or wetlands, other field projects or year's overall conservation program. Second place will receive a certificate and \$15.00. Place will receive a certificate and \$10.00. See General Rules.

Project can include the following, but not limited to these:

- Litter Projects within our cities and schools
- Program for Earth Day where we teach Reduce, Renew, and Recycle
- Plant trees for Arbor Day
- Waterway Clean-up Day
- Participate in Keep Louisiana Beautiful
- Participate in our Cleanest City Contest
- Native Plants and Wildflower projects, i.e., Butterfly Gardens and Pollinator Gardens
- Any number of programs that improve our environment and our surroundings

See also:

Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Award # 8

National Garden Clubs, Inc.: Awards: EC1-Conservation Activities, EC2-Conservation Education, EC3- Wildlife Survival, EC4- Water, EC5- Native Plants and Wildflowers, EC6- Organic Practices.

Donna Bucci, Chairman

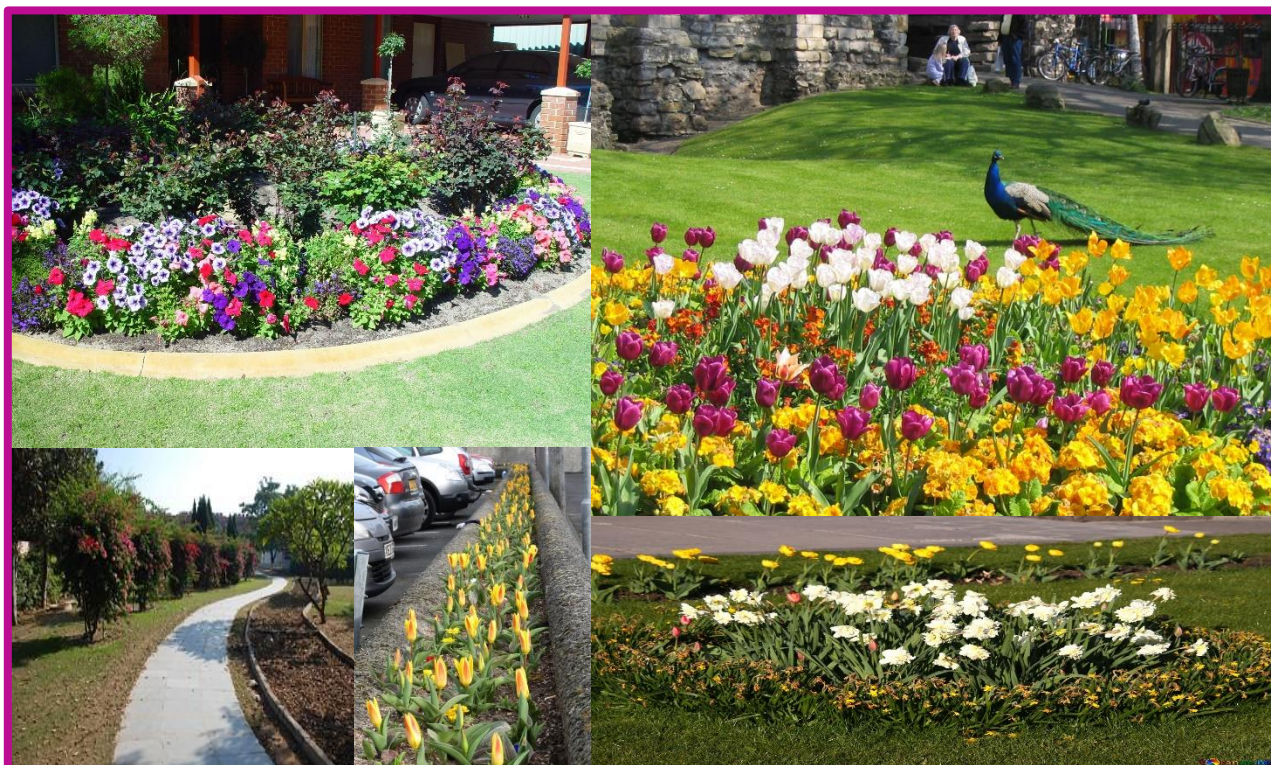
Environmental Concerns/Conservation

Adopt-A-Park

It has been my experience that garden clubs in general do many great things, particularly our clubs in the Deep South. Benjamin Franklin said, "Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?" So many of us work in the background, never seeking recognition for the work we do. Many of our member clubs dedicate time, effort, and monies to parks in their communities. Did you know there is a Deep South Award for this? There is a certificate and cash award to individual garden clubs for the establishment of city, mini, pocket, or subdivision parks and/or enhancement of specific areas in existing parks. Certainly, the cash award is insignificant to some, but it is more about the recognition of the love of community that our clubs possess.

The award, #16 Adopt-A-Park, can be found on the Deep South website, <http://www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com>. The application with photos and any other pertinent information should be sent to your state Awards Chair by December 31st. Be proud of what you do, be recognized, apply!

Elizabeth McDougald
DSGC Adopt-A-Park Chairman
elizmcdoug@gmail.com



President's Project—Plant America, Feed America

Brenda Moore, NGC President has initiated her **Project – Plant America, Feed America**. It runs through the end of her term in 2025.

Brenda is encouraging all of us to help fight food insecurity across the country. The need for fresh produce is critical, especially for families and seniors who don't have the money to purchase it. Our food banks, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and every other venue that helps feed the less fortunate can use all the help they can get! And this is where you can help in that effort.

The following new flyer **is meant to be shared with garden club members** so they'll know of Brenda's project, and how they can play a part in helping feed the hungry in our state. In order to keep track of our progress, anyone who participates in donating fresh produce, fruit, herbs, etc. to local organizations who help feed the hungry, is being asked to fill out one of our electronic donation forms. The flyer has a link to the donation form which only takes a couple of minutes to fill out. For those who don't grow vegetables any longer, you can also fill out a form if you volunteer in a community garden where items are donated to local organizations. And if that's still not an option, if a member donates a monetary donation to a local organization to help fight food insecurity, we'd like them to fill out a donation form as well!

Please share this flyer!! It's the best way we can get the word out to our members!! You can also get the electronic donation form through the NGC website by clicking this link: [PLANT AMERICA, Feed America \(wufoo.com\)](https://www.wufoo.com). If you have any questions, you can contact, Suzanne Bushnell, Chairman, NGC President's Project – Plant America, Feed America smbushnell@comcast.net

PLANT AMERICA, FEED AMERICA



Are you participating in the NGC President's Project helping to feed the less fortunate in America? Get involved TODAY in the Plant America, Feed America Project by donating any extra produce you're growing in your own garden or in a community garden to a local organization that helps to feed the hungry in your community.

If you participate, **fill out this short donation form** found on the NGC's website. You'll find more information about this project and a link to the donation form in a story about the Plant America, Feed America project on the NGC's HOME page.

Get involved today to Feed America!!

www.gardenclub.org

LGCf NEWSLETTER



LGCF, DSGC, and NGC Award Winners

2022 LGCF, INC. AWARDS

The Louisiana Garden Club Federation is pleased to present LGCF Awards recognizing the accomplishments of our clubs during 2022.

The following are competitive awards.

AWARD #2-YEARBOOK AWARD

Category 1: Clubs under 20 members

Gonzales Garden Club-District VI-1st Place-10.00

Category 2: Clubs between 20-29 members

Abbeville Garden Club-District III-1st Place-10.00

Category 3: Clubs between 30-44 members

Lakeview Botany Guild-District II-1st-\$10.00

Category 4: Clubs between 45-69 members

Covington Garden Club-District VI-1st-\$10.00

Category 5: Clubs between 70-99 members

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st-\$10.00

AWARD #5A-HORTICULTURE PAPER AWARD

Suzanne Sloan-New Iberia Garden Club-District III-1st-\$10.00

Vicky VicknaIr-Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-2nd-Certificate

AWARD #5D-CERTIFICATE FOR CREATIVE HORTICULTURE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Molly Prokop-Shady Oaks Garden Club-District II

AWARD #6- JO N. EVANS ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Farmerville Garden Club-District V-1st-\$25.00

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-2nd-\$15.00

Shady Oaks Garden Club-District II-3rd-\$10.00

AWARD #7B-MEMBER OF HONOR AWARD-INDIVIDUAL

Diane Grace-Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI

AWARD #9A- SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

Azalea Garden Club-District III

Baton Rouge Garden Club-District VI

Lafayette Garden Club-District III

AWARD #9B- STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

Covington Garden Club-District VI

AWARD #10-LGCF AWARD OF COMMENDATION

Curtis Hilbun-Garden Gate Study Club-District V

AWARD #12- CONSERVATION PROJECT AWARD

Garden Gate Study Club-District V-1st-\$25.00

AWARD #15-VALERIE BARNUM CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Marksville Garden Club-District VIII-1st-\$25.00

Farmerville Garden Club-District V-2nd-\$15.00

Shady Oaks Garden Club-District II-3rd-\$10.00

Terrytown Garden Club-District II-HM

AWARD #16A-HORTICULTURE THERAPY CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

River Ridge Garden Club-District II

AWARD #16B-ESTER CARRIERE GARDEN THERAPY AWARD

Oak Grove Garden Club-District V-1st-\$25.00

Shady Oaks Garden Club-District II-2nd-\$15.00

AWARD #18- VICKIE LACOMBE BIRD AWARD

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st

Shady Oaks Garden Club-District II-2nd

AWARD # 19-PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st

Shady Oaks Garden Club-District II-2nd

Terrebonne Garden Club-District III-3rd

AWARD # 21- HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND/OR RESTORATION AWARD

St. Martinville Garden Club-District III-1st

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-2nd

AWARD # 22-PUBLICITY PRESS AWARD

Large Club-60-99 Members

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st

Medium Club-30-59 Members

Baton Rouge Garden Club-District VI-1st

Small Club-29 Members or Less

Gardenettes Garden Club-District VI-1st

AWARD #23-SILVER TROWEL AWARD PIN

Versa Dore-Azalea Garden Club-District III

AWARD #24-BILLIE MASSA LITTER CONTROL AWARD

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st-\$25.00

AWARD #25- MAUDE VISKELL DESIGN AWARD

Kathy Tell-Diggers and Weeders Garden Club-District VII

AWARD #26-SARA GLADNEY LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-1st-\$25.00

AWARD #27-ZELDA ROSE EDUCATION EXHIBIT AWARD

Roxy Blanton-Azalea Garden Club-District III-1st-\$50.00

AWARD #28-BETTY BAGERT MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD

District V-1st-\$25.00

AWARD #29-MARGO RACCA SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st-\$25.00

AWARD #30-DOROTHY ANN NORSWORTHY GEORGE CLEANEST CITY CHALLENGE- TROPHY

Jean Lafitte, Louisiana--District II

AWARD #31A-CLEANEST CITY OVERALL IMPROVEMENT AWARD

To be announced at October District Meeting

AWARD #31B-CLEANEST CITY INNOVATIVE CONCEPT AWARD

St. Martinville Garden Club-District III-1st-\$50.00

AWARD #32-ELEANORE TALLEY MEMORIAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st-\$25.00

AWARD #33-1-WEBSITE DESIGNED BY CLUB MEMBER/MEMBERS**Small Category**

Gardenettes Garden Club-District VI-1st-\$10.00

Diggers and Weeders Garden Club-District VII-Certificate of Merit

AWARD #34-SOCIAL MEDIA**Small Category**

Gardenettes Garden Club-District VI-1st-\$10.00

Vidalia Garden Club-District V-Certificate of Merit

Large Category

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st-\$10.00

AWARD #35-A CLUB LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Terrebonne Garden Club-District III-Certificate-\$25.00

AWARD #35-B DISTRICT LIFE MEMBERSHIP

District III-Certificate-\$25.00

2022 DSGC, INC. AWARDS**AWARD #3-PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD****Large (51 members and over)**

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st

AWARD #5-LITTER CONTROL AWARD**Medium (21 –50 members)**

St. Martinville Garden Club-District III-HM

Large (51 members and over)

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st

Overall winner of \$25.00 cash award

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-\$25.00

AWARD #6-BIRD AWARD**Large (51 members and over)**

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-3rd

AWARD #7- TREE PLANTING AWARD**Large (51 members and over)**

Terrebonne Garden Club-District III-3rd

AWARD #9 HORTICULTURE AWARD**Medium (21-50 members)**

St. Martinville Garden Club-District III-1st

AWARD #10 LANDSCAPE DESIGN**Large (51 members and over)**

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-1st

AWARD #17 -COMMUNITY ACTION AWARD**Large (51 members and over)**

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-3rd

AWARD #18 WILDFLOWERS**Medium (21-50 members)**

New Iberia Garden Club-District III-2nd

AWARD #19 HISTORIC TRAILS**Medium (21-50 members)**

St. Martinville Garden Club-District III-2nd

AWARD #23- ARBOR DAY AWARD**Small (20 members and under)**

Azalea Garden Club-District III-3rd

Medium (21-50 members)

St. Martinville Garden Club-District III-HM

Large (51 members and over)

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-2nd

AWARD #25- ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD**Medium (21-50 members)**

Farmerville Garden Club-District V-1st

Large (51 members and over)

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-1st

AWARD #27 DSGC FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE**27-A (Small Standard Flower Show Schedule)**

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st

AWARD #29- PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK**Small (20 members and under)**

Gardenettes Garden Club-District VI-1st

AWARD #31- DSGC YEARBOOK AWARD**1. Club (under 20 members)**

Gonzales Garden Club-District VI-1st

2. Club (20-29 members)

Abbeville Garden Club-District III-2nd

Lakeview Garden Club-District II-HM

SMOKEY BEAR POSTER CONTEST**(3rd Grade)**

Alexandra Jowers-New Iberia Garden Club-District III-3rd

(4th Grade)

Graham Fremin-New Iberia Garden Club-District III-2nd

(5th Grade)

Julianne Nugent-New Iberia Garden Club-District III-3rd

WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST**(1st Grade)**

Brooklyn Patout-New Iberia Garden Club-District III-3rd

(2nd Grade)

Juliana Miguez-New Iberia Garden Club-District III-3rd

4. Club (45-69 members)

Covington Garden Club-District VI-2nd

5. Club (70-99 members)

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-HM

2022 NGC, INC. AWARDS

AWARD CE-2 Permanent Community Improvements

Medium Club

St. Martinville Garden Club-District III- Certificate of Appreciation

AWARD CE-4 Roadside Plantings

Large Club

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-Certificate of Commendation

AWARD C-5 Beautification Project

Large Club

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-Refer to NGC Website

AWARD CE-7 Blue/Gold Star Marker Landscaping

Medium Club

Farmerville Garden Club-District V-Certificate of Appreciation

AWARD CE-8 Landscaping of Public/Religious Grounds

Large Club

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-Certificate of Commendation

AWARD EC-3 Wildlife Survival

Large Club

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-Certificate of Appreciation

AWARD FD-2 Floral Design

Large Club

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-Certificate of Commendation

AWARD FS-1-C Club Standard Flower Show

Covington Garden Club-District VI-Certificate of Merit & Purple Ribbon

MAE-1 Membership Awareness

Large Club

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-Certificate of Appreciation

AWARD MAE –2-B-1 Social Media

Large Club

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-Certificate of Merit & \$50.00

AWARD MAE-5 National Garden Week

Small Club

Ferriday Garden Club-District V-Certificate of Appreciation

AWARD MAE-5 National Garden Week

Medium Club

Abbeville Garden Club-District III-Certificate of Commendation

LGCF Awards compiled by LGCF Awards Chairman:

Carla Gauthier, LGCF First Vice- President

DSGC Awards and NGC Awards Chairman:

Kyle Martin, LGCF Second Vice- President

LGCF-Special Funds

Donations to Special Funds assure financial security for Scholarships, Headquarters, Publications and/or any other special projects of LGCF. Revenues are derived from LGCF Life Memberships, Ways & Means Projects, LGCF sponsored Travel Tours, and individual and club donations.

Money from the fund will be budgeted annually for Scholarships, Headquarters, Publications or any other special program of current need.

All Garden Clubs are urged to contribute annually to the Special Funds and may request their donations go specifically to one of the above. Garden Clubs donating one dollar (\$1.00) per member will receive a Gold Seal Certificate of Recognition; Clubs donating fifty cent (\$.50) per member will receive a Silver Seal Certificate. These certificates will be presented at the annual Convention.

All gifts or bequests to the LGCF over \$250.00 are tax exempt. The donor, upon request, may receive a letter from LGCF Treasurer for tax exemption. (LGCF Hand book-pages 64-65).

These funds can be submitted to LGCF Treasurer using the dues form.

Reminder

When a form is used to submit a payment, it is always advised to go to LGCF Website under Form Library look for the appropriate form as this assures that:

1-Funds go to the person responsible for collecting funds.

2-Submitting on the most updated form.

Dues

Due to the increase in dues amount the wrong form was submitted to cover the club payments by several clubs.

The dues are due April 1 and delinquent June 1

In early August I am required to submit NGC Dues which has to be done prior to the NGC Fall Board in September that the LGCF President attends.

By early October I will submit any additional dues received to NGC and after that date all dues collected by Clubs would be considered for the following year dues and should be submitted as such.

990-N (e-post card)

This 990-N form is used to submit income on if your income is \$50,000 or less. If your income is greater you are required to use the long form.

This is delinquent after October, 1st

If you fail to submit this requirement for 3 consecutive years you will lose your status and if you need to get back your status you will have to request this to the IRS and there is a cost associated with this.

It is a good idea that all Presidents check to assure that this task is being done by the assigned person.

I can be contacted if help is needed to verify status on your account or help needed to complete this task by contacting me by Email or Telephone.

Ruth D. Delhomme

Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

Treasurer

337-322-3157

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Blue Star Memorial Markers



Southwest LA Veterans Cemetery Blue Star Marker

Freedom Isn't Free was begun with the intention of installing Blue Star Markers at all military installations in Louisiana. We became aware that there are five Veterans Cemeteries in Louisiana. The first Blue Star Memorial Marker was installed at the Northeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Rayville on May 29, 2017. Mary Hazen, former Blue Star Memorial Chaiman, proposed that Blue Star Markers be installed at the remaining four veterans' cemeteries.

To date, the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery has installed their marker thanks to the efforts of the Jennings Garden Club and District VII members. The marker has not been dedicated due to the excessive heat of the summer.

Creative Planters Garden Club disbanded in June of 2023, but used the club's funds to purchase a Blue Star Marker for the Southeast Veterans Cemetery in Slidell. That marker has been delivered, but not yet dedicated.

The two remaining veterans' cemeteries that do not have markers are Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Keithville and Central Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Leesville. We have enough funds in the Freedom Isn't Free Fund to one marker. Each marker costs \$1,995.00. Every May the markers increase in price. My goal is to raise the remaining funds before May 2024 so that we may order both Blue Star Memorial Markers.

Did you know that you can honor any veteran or active US Armed Service Member in your family or community by donating to the Freedom Isn't Free Fund while they are still living? A donation in honor of a veteran could be a gift for a birthday, a special event, a holiday or just because. Veterans Day is November 11. Wouldn't it be wonderful to thank them for their service while they are able to accept this honor?

Once we have dedicated Blue Star Memorial Markers at all five Louisiana Veterans Cemeteries, our next goal is to install markers at the two National Veterans Cemeteries in Louisiana. The Louisiana National Cemetery is located in Zachary and the Baton Rouge National Cemetery is located in Baton Rouge.

Please help LGCF achieve the goal of having Blue Star Memorial Markers at all five Louisiana Veterans Cemeteries before May 2024.

Thank you for your generosity!

Roxanna Champagne

Blue Star Memorial Chairman 2023-2025

How to Contribute

Below is the link to the Memorial/Honor Form to make a donation in honor or in memory of a veteran or an active member of the United States Armed Services.

https://www.lgcfinc.org/uploads/1/5/1/2/15124054/memorial_form_2022.pdf

Donations can also be accepted without honoring or remembering someone. If you or your club would like to donate, you can use the Dues Form and mail the form and a check to the LGCF Treasurer. Write "Freedom Isn't Free" on the memo line. The link to the Dues Form is below.

https://www.lgcfinc.org/uploads/1/5/1/2/15124054/1.1.2023-lgcf-dues_form_1_.pdf

On the top portion of the Dues Form fill out the Garden Club, District, Club Treasurer, Telephone, Mailing Address and Email. Under Special Funds, next to "Other" write "Freedom Isn't Free".



GUIDELINES FOR MEMORIAL MARKER

I am pleased that clubs are sponsoring Blue Star Markers and then having dedications. However, when ordering and dedicating these markers there is protocol that is sometimes being overlooked.

There are two types of 7'6" markers, **Memorial** and **Highway**.

Memorial Markers are permitted on the grounds of National Cemeteries, Veteran Administration Medical Centers and any other appropriate civic location as approved by the NGC Blue Star Chairman.

Highway Markers are permitted on highways and highway rest areas.

By-way markers are plaques that are permitted in parks, historical sights and other civic locations. The plaques are designed to be mounted on masonry or wood.

The wording on markers has specific rules that must be adhered to. **NO** marker may bear a single person's or family's name. The Blue Star Markers are designed to pay tribute to the **ARMED FORCES AS A WHOLE**. The Gold Star Markers are designed to pay tribute to **THE GOLD STAR FAMILIES AS A WHOLE**.

Under SPONSORED BY, the sponsoring group **must** be an NGC state, region, district or local garden club. Titles of other organizations may be on the marker under IN COOPERATION WITH. "Friends of" is not an organization. It will not be approved by the NGC Blue Star Chairman.

DO NOT SET A DATE FOR THE DEDICATION UNTIL ASSURED THE MARKER WILL ARRIVE ON TIME. As soon as you have a dedication date, send invitations to NGC President, NGC Blue Star/Gold Star Memorial Chairman, State Blue Star/Gold Star Chairman, State President, District Director, State Executive Board, local garden club members, organizations involved in the project, appropriate city or state officials and veterans' groups. Invitations should include date, time, place, sponsoring group, travel instructions and an RSVP name and address. Allow enough time for busy schedules and travel time.

For the entire GUIDELINES FOR MEMORIAL MARKERS click on the link:

<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/guidelines-for-memorial-markers-may-2023-revision.pdf>

Roxanna Champagne
2023-2025 LGCF Blue Star/Gold Star Chairman

PLEASE JOIN US

FOR THE DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023
10 am**

**SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA VETERANS CEMETERY
1610 EVANGELINE ROAD, JENNINGS, LA**

RIVER ROAD TOUR

DECEMBER 5-6, 2023

Tuesday, December 5 — East Bank North (Day 1)

- Greater River Road Museum (10:00 am)
- Homas House and Plantation Tour
- Lunch
- Hotel: Near Donaldsonville (Full breakfast included)
- Dinner (wine/liquor not included)

Wednesday, December 6 — West Bank North (Day 2)

- Oak Alley Tour (All of the property and the home)
- Lunch
- Would finish around 1:30 pm and all could depart for home.

Monday, December 4 — Optional Hotel Stay in Donaldsonville

- Hotel (very near Sunshine Bridge)
- Dinner and visit

Members will meet at our first venue in Donaldsonville.

Transportation to venues not included. Suggest ladies in your clubs carpool.

All tickets, lunches, hotel rooms and one dinner will be arranged by Naomi.

A hotel can be arranged for anyone who would like to drive down on Monday, Dec. 4.

COST FOR ALL:

\$400

All ticket prices, fee, hotel, taxes, 2 lunches and 1 dinner, gratuities. No wine/liquor included.

Additional cost for Monday, December 4 +\$50

Hotel/Taxes, per person/2 to a room; (Eat dinner on your own) (Full breakfast included)

DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

(When you say you are going and you do not, you will owe \$100 regardless)

FULL PAYMENT WILL BE DUE: **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

CHECKS TO:

Cordill Enterpries, Inc.

156 Botany Bay Road, Saint Joseph, LA 71366

Naomi Cordill: 318-498-0094

naomicordill@aol.com

Proposed Tours Through Fall 2026

SPRING TOUR TO PHILADELPHIA, PA

MARCH 3-8, 2024

I had to change the dates to March 3-8, 2024. The group will all fly to Atlanta, and then all of us will fly together to Philadelphia. We will stay at the Home 2 by Marriott, which is just across the street from the Flower Show location. The Flower Show is the nation's largest and longest-running horticultural event and features stunning displays by the world's premier floral and landscape designers. It is described as "the country's oldest, largest and most prestigious celebration of flowers!" I have arranged for our group to have "early entrance" privileges, and we will have the entire day at the show. Remember we are just across the street and we will be able to "come and go" as we wish. We will also have a day to tour some of America's oldest historical buildings and history while in Philadelphia. A visit the Burn's Museum is also included. A necessity is to visit Lancaster and tour the Dutch Amish area, and two days have been arranged outside of Philadelphia. Private bus transfers have been arranged for the airports and transport for all of the touring. Hope to have a couple of surprises for us!! We will depart for home on March 9th.

FALL TOUR TO SEATTLE AREA AND VICTORIA ISLAND

SEPTEMBER 26-OCT.2, 2024

Plans are in the making to fly into Seattle, tour downtown and the markets, the Space Needle, "Beneath the Streets of Seattle" tour, etc. We will restore your spirits and satisfy your inner-wine enthusiast with some of the most scenic wineries and tasting rooms in the area. Will tour Snoqualmie Falls and Wine region and make our way by ferry to Victoria Island to visit the lovely town and the beautiful Butchart Gardens. Even if you have been there before—it never looks the same!!!

SPRING TOUR OF TEXAS BLUEBONNETS

MARCH 31-APRIL 5, 2025

It is the time of year when wildflowers are popping up all over the countryside, painting Texas in shades of red, blue, yellow and white. Texas respects the beauty of all wildflowers, but the bluebonnet is the best! So, to make sure that you get your fill of bluebonnet beauty, the plans are to take the ultimate bluebonnet road trip through the heart of Hill Country. We will head to Houston beginning in Monroe, and continue on to

Alexandria, Lake Charles, Sulphur to Austin and on to Fredericksburg and the Texas Hills. If you have been before—the area is ever-changing and the wildflowers are always exceptional.

FALL TOUR OF BOSTON AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

OCTOBER 9-13, 2025

Will fly into Boston, do the Harbor Tour, take the Hop-on/Hop-off Bus Tour, follow the “Freedom Trail,” visit Cheers and tour Faneuil Hall. We will travel into the hills of Massachusetts and New Hampshire to see the exquisite colors of Fall. Will have a great breakfast in the hills of Massachusetts at a small maple farm.

SPRING TOUR FOR NASHVILLE’S ANTIQUE AND GARDEN SHOW

TBD (JAN/FEB}, 2026

TOUR TO MACKINAC ISLAND

Fall 2026

Naomi Cordill, Tours Chairman

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Butchart Gardens





CIRCLE OF ROSES

Kathy Bruce
Gardenettes Garden Club
District VI



Kathy Bruce was born in December of 1952 in Hammond, LA. She currently resides in Loranger, LA with her husband Rolly Bruce. She graduated high school in Hammond, LA in 1970 and continued her education at Southeastern Louisiana University, where she studied Kindergarten/Primary Education, graduating in 1972. Kathy has two sons Jim and Kyle Picou.

Kathy taught kindergarten in Ponchatoula for many years. Two members of the Gardenettes garden club who had children in her kindergarten class in 1989, invited her to lunch one day, asking if she would be interested in joining the Gardenettes. At her first meeting, she met the club President Cynthia Oregon, whose husband went to school with Kathy's husband Rolly in Gretna, LA. They became friends, happily connecting through membership in the garden club.

Through her first committee, Garden of the Month, she made many new friends. She recalls that they had to contact The Daily Star and the Ponchatoula Times to meet at the honored home for photos. She became close friends with the photographers Randy Bergeron and Brian McMahon through the years. Randy would always put her on the spot and ask the name of various flowers in the homeowner's garden. Her husband and artist Rolly helped out by refurbishing the Garden of the Month sign several times for the club. One October, he also designed scarecrows for the Gardenettes to decorate the downtown area for Fall.

While she taught kindergarten at Perrin Early Learning Center in Ponchatoula, the Gardenettes would save their coupons for education to present to her school. Each Spring the Gardenettes would gather at Perrin for a presentation of the coupons. This became a tradition for a good 15+ years.

Christmas has always been a favorite season for Kathy. She has been hosting the Gardenettes Christmas Tea in her home almost exclusively for the past 20 years. Decorating the Christmas trees at North Oaks Hospital is a favorite community project for her.

Kathy served as Gardenettes president from 2002-2003 and has been the horticulture and the exhibits chairman for the past few years. She continues to participate in supporting the Garden of the Month and the Genesis Award photo shoots. She has enjoyed learning about horticulture and broadening her gardening knowledge. Kathy has made many lifelong friends through her 34 years as a Gardenettes member.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

The purpose of Circle of Roses is to recognize garden club members in their senior years who have given their time and talents to garden club work. We would like to honor them in the newsletter as well. In order to do this, we are asking each club that wishes to honor a senior member or members to please submit a short history of her garden club activities and achievements. This can include personal information such as husband, number of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, church and community activities, hobbies, etc. Enclose two pictures, a “then” and “now.” (One when she joined the garden club and one that is recent.)

If you have a deserving member of your club that you would like to nominate for the Circle of Roses, please send the information to:

LGCF Circle of Roses Chairman

Kathy Bedenbaugh

42366 South Range Rd

Hammond, LA 70403-1416

katieb3@charter.net

985-507-3066 (Cell)

985-345-1566 (Home)

Note from the newsletter editor:

The Circle of Roses is a very special honor and we strive to make the presentation in the newsletter one that each recipient can print out as a keepsake. Since the newsletter is done in a digital format, it would be very helpful if the biographies could be sent in digitally. We do the newsletter in Word so that is the preferred format. We prefer that it not be sent in PDF format.

The “then” and “now” pictures are especially important and please clearly label which picture is “then” and which is “now.” If possible, please send in digital images or pictures that have been scanned. When scanning, use as large a picture as possible and scan each picture individually. The quality of the picture is greatly diminished when there is more than one picture in a scan and each one must be cropped and enlarged. If you are unable to scan the pictures, please send in the original photographs. Those will be scanned and returned to whomever you designate.



Calendar of Events

2023

October 17	District V – Delhi INVITATION - REGISTRATION
October 18	District VIII – Marksville INVITATION
October 19	District VII – Oakdale INVITATION - REGISTRATION
October 24	District III – New Iberia REGISTRATION
October 25	District VI – Hammond, Ponchatoula INVITATION - REGISTRATION
October 26	District II – Metairie INVITATION - REGISTRATION
November 6–8	Flower Show School Course I, Johnny Bright Playground, Metairie, LA
November 14–15	Landscape Design School Series XX, Course IV, Baton Rouge, LA
December 5–6	River Road Tour

2024

January 8–9	LGCF Winter Council Meeting, LeCompte, LA
March 3–8	Philadelphia Flower Show Tour
March 19–20	DSGC Convention, Park Vista Hotel, Gatlinburg, TN
April 1	Dues Due — State, District
April 16–17	LGCF Convention, District VII, L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, LA -Celebrating LGCF's 90 th Anniversary INVITATION
June 2–5	NGC Convention, The Westin Winchester, Denver, CO
June 2–8	National Garden Week
September TBA	NGC Fall Board Meeting
September 26–October 2	Seattle Area and Victoria Island Tour
October 15–24	District Meetings

2025

March 31–April 5	Texas Bluebonnets Tour
April 7–9	LGCF Convention, District VIII
May 19–23	NGC Convention, Omaha, Nebraska
October 9–13	Boston and New Hampshire Tour

2026

TBD (Jan/Feb)	Nashville's Antique & Garden Show Tour
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