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On Our Cover: The photo on our cover was taken by Sandra Grimm of Belle Oaks Garden Club, District VI. This picture of a live oak tree was taken at the Shady Pond Tree Farm in Pearl River, LA. Its genus is *Quercus* Virginiana and family is Fagaceae. The live oak is a medium sized showy evergreen tree and is found in the coastal plains of Virginia, North Carolina and southward along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. The live oak makes an excellent shade tree. It is not a true evergreen but retains its leaves until the new ones begin to leaf out.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE WINTER ISSUE, JANUARY 1, 2023, IS DECEMBER 1, 2022 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



*Plant Louisiana—Practice
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Welcome Fall Y'all!

With this issue of our newsletter we usher in Fall, if not in the air, at least on the calendar. It has been an unbearable, long, hot summer with periods of drought followed by days of deluges. I hope that despite the weather conditions you were able to relax and enjoy days away from computers and play outside. This summer instead of a beach trip we decided to visit the Ozark Mountains, assuming the mountains would be cooler. Wrong! We were met with a week of record high temperatures. The lower humidity made it a little more bearable, but to keep cool we explored caverns, hiked under trees at state parks and played in the water. It was a time for our family to bond and enjoy playing outside (and inside when it was too hot).



SUMMER BOARD

My only LGCF summer activity was Summer Board which returned to Embassy Suites, with a different format. Those of us that stayed in Baton Rouge on Monday evening enjoyed gathering together at Drago's to relax and visit. The school councils met on Monday, followed by the Board Meeting Tuesday morning. Information on upcoming state and DSGC conventions were announced along with upcoming schools. District Directors reported on club activities and extended invitations to their Fall District Meetings. State Chairmen also conveyed pertinent information concerning their committees. Thanks to all who attended and made Summer Board a success.

AWARDS

Now that summer is only a memory, it is time to get back to work in our clubs and districts. Finish your award applications and submit them before the deadline of

December 1. If you don't apply for an award, you are guaranteed not to win, but if you apply, you have a chance. I have read your yearbooks and you have some wonderful projects that qualify for an award. Please read the LGCF awards list and see the awards for which you can apply. Remember to check the DSGC website and NGC website for their award lists, as some awards do not have a LGCF corresponding award. Make sure to look over the LGCF Awards List for changes in chairmen or addresses. LGCF also has a revised award application form that is similar to the revised DSGC and NGC award applications. You have already done the work, so go for the gold!

NGC FALL BOARD MEETING

In September I attended the NGC Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, MO. All attendees enjoyed touring NGC Headquarters and learning about the rich history of NGC Headquarters, located on the grounds of the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Although it was extremely hot, I ventured outside to wander through the NGC Headquarters Gardens, which now features a pollinator garden of native plants. I visited the Tower Grove Home and adjacent gardens that included a lawn of blooming crocus. Tower Grove Home and Gardens are part of the Victorian Gardens located in the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Bordering NGC Headquarters is the Japanese Garden highlighting a large lake as its main feature. It truly was a unique experience.

DISTRICT FALL MEETINGS

Even though traveling around the state is taxing, I am rewarded with the hospitality and warmth in each District. Thank you for the time and energy you expend in hosting these meetings. Each meeting is filled with fellowship, food and fun. Do not forget to gift me with your club yearbook. I look forward to reading them, learning about your projects, events and programs throughout your year. I am looking forward to your meetings and visiting with you.

WEBSITES

Remember to visit the LGCF website for information on upcoming events, conventions and tours. NGC's Facebook page is filled with information on designs, gardening, recipes, environmental concerns and other interesting topics. NGC's website is constantly adding new videos in the Video Café ranging from flower conditioning, mechanics, tapestry design, table design, leadership, membership, parliamentary procedure, cleaning gardening tools, etc. The webinar "Homegrown National Parks" by Doug Tallamy is still available to view.

To access these videos, go to Members Resources, scroll down to Video Café where there is a menu of videos. Along with the videos there are also weekly blogs.

Until we meet again stay safe, participate in your garden club projects and play outside.

Joyanna



NGC Headquarters Garden



Lawn of crocus
at the Tower Grove Home



Tower Grove Home Garden



Japanese Garden Lake

2021–2022 Award Winners

2021-2022 LGCF, INC. AWARDS

The Louisiana Garden Club Federation is pleased to present LGCF Awards 2022, recognizing the accomplishments of our clubs during 2021.

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

Lake Terrace Garden Club-District I-1st-\$10.00

Category 4: Clubs between 45-69 members

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

Category 5: Clubs between 70-99 members

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

AWARD #3F- AWARD OF MERIT FOR EXCELENCE IN FLOWER SHOWS

Back Yard Kids Junior Garden Club -Azalea Garden Club -District III

AWARD #5A-HORTICULTURE PAPER AWARD

Arlette Rodrigue-Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-1st-\$10.00

AWARD #5C-CERTIFICATE FOR EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE

Robbie Dupont-Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI

AWARD #6- JO N. EVANS ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT AWARD

St. Martinville Garden Club-District III-1st-\$25.00, Ferriday Garden Club-District V-2nd-\$15.00

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-3rd-\$10.00

AWARD #7B-MEMBER OF HONOR AWARD-INDIVIDUAL

Joyce Lyford-Lecompte Garden Club-District VIII

AWARD #9A- SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

Shady Oaks Garden Club-District II, Lafayette Garden Club-District III, Baton Rouge Garden Club-District VI

AWARD #9B- STANDARDFLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

Covington Garden Club-District VI

AWARD #11B-CORA POWELL CONSERVATION AWARD

Baton Rouge Garden Club-District VI-1st-\$25.00

AWARD #12- CONSERVATION PROJECT AWARD

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

AWARD #13- THE BEAUTY OF LIFE GARDEN AWARD

Ferriday Garden Club-District V-1st-Traveling Plaque, Terrytown Garden Club-District II-HM

New Iberia Garden Club-District III-HM

AWARD #14A-AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN FLOWER SHOWS

Covington Garden Club-District VI-1st

AWARD #14B-EIGHTH DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW JUDGES AWARD

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

AWARD #15-VALERIE BARNUM CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Lecompte Garden Club-District VIII-1st-\$25.00, Marksville Garden Club-District VIII-2nd-\$15.00

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-3rd-\$10.00

AWARD #16A-HORTICULTURE THERAPY CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

River Ridge Garden Club-District II

AWARD #18- VICKIE LACOMBE BIRD AWARD

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st

AWARD # 19-PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Ferriday Garden Club-District V-1st, Federated Garden Clubs of New Orleans/Jefferson Parish

Council of Garden Clubs-District II-2nd, Shady Oaks Garden Club-District II-3rd

AWARD #20- PEGGY CAZE BUTTERFLY PROTECTION PROJECT AWARD

Lecompte Garden Club-District VIII-1st

AWARD # 21- HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND/OR RESTORATION AWARD

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-1st, St. Martinville Garden Club-District III-2nd

New Orleans Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges-District II-3rd

AWARD # 22-PUBLICITY PRESS AWARD

Large Club-60-99 Members

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st, Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-2nd

Medium Club-30-59 Members

Baton Rouge Garden Club-District VI-1st

Small Club-29 Members or Less

Gardenettes Garden Club-District VI-1st, Azalea Garden Club-District III-2nd

Ferriday Garden Club-District V-3rd

AWARD #23-SILVER TROWEL AWARD PIN

Noorjahan Merchant-Lafayette Garden Club-District III

AWARD #24-BILLIE MASSA LITTER CONTROL AWARD

Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st

AWARD #25- MAUDE VISKELL DESIGN AWARD

Loraine Allain-Lafayette Garden Club-District III

AWARD #26-SARA GLADNEY LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD

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

AWARD #27-ZELDA ROSE EDUCATION EXHIBIT AWARD

Peggy Davis Coates-Baton Rouge Garden Club-District VI-1st-\$50.00

AWARD #28-BETTY BAGERT MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD

District II-1st-\$25.00

AWARD #29-MARGO RACCA SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

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

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

Marion, Louisiana-Marion Garden Club-District V

AWARD #31B-CLEANEST CITY INNOVATIVE CONCEPT AWARD

Shady Oaks Garden Club-District II-1st-\$50.00, St. Martinville Garden Club-District III-2nd-\$25.00

Farmerville Garden Club-District V-3rd-\$15.00

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

Large Category Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-Certificate of Merit

AWARD #34-SOCIAL MEDIA

Small Category Terrytown-District II-1st-\$10.00

Medium Category New Iberia Garden Club-District III-Certificate of Merit

Large Category Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-1st-\$10.00

2021-2022 DSGC, INC. AWARDS**AWARD #2-HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND/OR RESTORATION****LANDSCAPE AWARD**

Large (51 members and over) Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-1st

AWARD #3-PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Small (20 members and under) Ferriday Garden Club-District V-2nd

Large (51 members and over) Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-3rd

AWARD #5-LITTER CONTROL AWARD

Large (51 members and over) Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st-Overall Winner-\$25.00

AWARD #6-BIRD AWARD

Large (51 members and over) Lafayette Garden Club-District III-3rd

AWARD #7- TREE PLANTING AWARD

Medium (21-50 members) Baton Rouge Garden Club-District VI-1st-Overall Winner-\$25.00

AWARD #14 -BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION AWARD

Medium (21-50 members) Lecompte Garden Club-District VIII-Honorable Mention

AWARD #17 -COMMUNITY ACTION AWARD

Small (20 members and under) Ferriday Garden Club-District V-3rd

AWARD #23- ARBOR DAY AWARD

Small (20 members and under) Terrytown Garden Club-District II-1st

Medium (21-50 members) St. Martinville Garden Club-District III-3rd

Large (51 members and over) Lafayette Garden Club-District III-2nd

AWARD #25- ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Small (20 members and under) Ferriday Garden Club-District V-1st

Medium (21-50 members) St. Martinville Garden Club-District III-3rd

Large (51 members and over) Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI-1st

AWARD #29- PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK

Small (20 members and under) Gardenettes Garden Club-District VI-1st

Large (51 members and over) Lafayette Garden Club-District III-1st

AWARD #31- DSGC YEARBOOK AWARD

Club (under 20 members) Gonzales Garden Club-District VI-1st

Club (30-44 members) Lake Terrace Garden Club-District I-Honorable Mention

Club (45-69 members) Lafayette Garden Club-District III-2nd

Club (70-99 members) Terrebonne Garden Club-District III-2nd

2021-2022 NGC, INC. AWARDS

NGC FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

FS-1C- Club Standard Flower Show

Covington Garden Club-District VI-Certificate of Merit

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

CE-8- Landscaping of Public or Religious Grounds

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI

CERTIFICATE IN APPRECIATION OF AWARD APPLICATION

CE-1- Community Gardens

New Orleans Council of NGC Flower Show Judges, Federated Council of N.O. Garden Clubs and Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs-District I and II

CE-4- Roadside Plantings

Ferriday Garden Club-District V, St. Martinville Garden Club-District III

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI

CE-5- Beautification Project

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI

CE-9- Landscaping of Historic Areas

Plaquemine Garden Club-VI

Lecompte Garden Club-District VIII

G-1- Container Gardening

St. Martinville Garden Club-District III

MAE-1- Membership Awareness

Alexandria Garden Club-District VIII, Terrytown Garden Club-District II

MAE-2A- Website

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI

MAE-2B- Social Media

Plaquemine Garden Club-District VI, Terrytown Garden Club-District II

MAE-5- National Garden Week

Ferriday Garden Club-District V

NGC PHYLLIS WOOD SCHOLARSHIP

Lindsey Michelle Oxford-Sponsored by LGCF



Quarters for Waters Give the Gift of Water

NGC has partnered with [Global Partners Running Waters Inc.](#), a nonprofit organization working in cooperation with the United Nations, to **increase access to safe water in** Latin America. 1.1 billion people around the world currently get their water from rivers, ponds, or other sources subject to contamination. Donations made through NGC will help to bring safe drinking water to villages. Our continued support of this organization will allow us to make a positive impact on another of their upcoming worthy projects.

To learn more, visit the [Global Partners Running Waters Inc.](#) website or [Facebook page](#).

Río Grande, Pachilip Water Project

In October 2021, the community of Río Grande, Pachilip celebrated easy access to clean, fresh water. One hundred and one families live in Río Grande, Pachilip, Guatemala. It is located in the municipality of Joyabaj and the department of Quiché, about 140 miles from the capital. They grow corn, beans, mangos, and papayas, which provide a daily food source for the community. Their houses are made from adobe with mud-tiled roofs or block with zinc-sheeted roofs.

"I'm happy because I have water in my home. Now, I lack nothing. Now, there is water, water for all. " – Doña Teresa



You will see me one more time with my blue jug as I attend the Fall District Meetings in October. To date, LGCF, Inc. has donated \$1,000.00 to Running Waters collected during our "Quarters for Waters Project". Thank you to the clubs and individuals that have contributed to this worthy project! Your quarters have added up! Included in this newsletter is the NGC certificate that LGCF received in June.

Soyanna



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Running Water Project

**LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION,
INC.**

Has Made A Contribution In Honor of

LA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC

Mary Warshawer

National Garden Clubs, Inc. President

June 2022

Editor's Corner

October is here and with that comes some cooler temperatures and the need for fresh color in our landscapes. It's a great time to plant shrubs, trees, perennials, and fall vegetables. I for one will be heading to the garden center. As gardeners there is always something to look forward to.



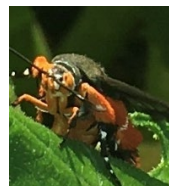
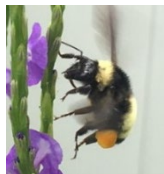
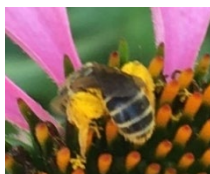
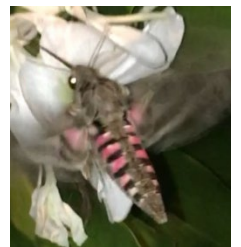
Our District Meetings are this month and Patricia "Tricia" Ortalano, LGCF President Elect, has an article in this newsletter inviting all of you to attend your meeting. She has listed the dates as well. You can also find the dates for the meetings in the calendar section of this newsletter (last page), along with links to your District's invitation and registration form. I encourage you to attend to familiarize yourself with the other clubs in your area and meet some of their members.

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

Wishing you a healthy and happy Fall.

Donna Cline

I had many visitors to my vegetable and pollinator gardens this summer (some good, some bad) and caught many of them on camera. Pictured here are a pink-spotted hawkmoth (my favorite), monarch butterfly, honey bee, bumble bee, leaf-footed nymphs, squash vine borer, hornworm (ugh!) and an obscure bird grasshopper.



2022 District Meetings

To All LGCF Members,

As mentor of the Magnolia Girls (District Directors), I'd like to invite you to attend your 2022 District Meeting. These meetings have been well planned with an interesting speaker and delicious lunch. The Magnolia Girls have been organizing and working hard with their committees to create a memorable event for their Districts. In order for these meetings to succeed, attendance from LGCF members and guests are essential. LGCF Officers, LGCF Chairmen, and Former State Presidents will be traveling the roads of Louisiana to each District.....come out and meet us.....visit with members you've never met and create a new friendship!

October 18 ~ District III @ NicoBella Event Center, Morgan City

October 19 ~ District VII @ Banquet Room - Grand Marais, Jennings

October 20 ~ District II @ The Four Columns, Harvey

October 25 ~ District V @ Molto Bella, Calhoun

October 26 ~ District VIII @ Kyrles Restaurant, Mansura

October 27 ~ District VI @ Juban's Restaurant, Baton Rouge

For more information, visit www.lgcfinc.org

Let's take a **Group Picture in each District** and post on LGCF website for all to see.

I look forward to visiting with you in October!

Patricia 'Tricia' Ortalano

LGCF President-Elect 2021-2023

LGCF 2023 Convention Update
SAVE THE DATES – April 17-19, 2023
“A Delta Promenade”

The Convention Committee has worked hard to strut the BEST of southern charm and hospitality for your convention experience. The LGCF Convention will be held at the Vidalia Convention Center, and a few yards away you will stay at the Clarian Suites—right on the mighty Mississippi! A bus and golf carts will be available for your convenience. Also, friends and family need not be club members to attend, for all will enjoy the workshops and vendor shopping for the price of registration.

The Pre-Convention Tour on Monday, April 17, will take us on a tour around beautiful, historic Natchez—just across the River. We will tour two opulent anti-bellum homes and gardens—sharing coffee and tea and a sumptuous luncheon at the second home, an 18th Century showcase. Then, we travel to the Vidalia Convention Center for a brief welcome by Vidalia Mayor, Buz Craft, and an introduction to the amazing Hydro-Electric plant and system which has garnered national attention for Vidalia. A short film will show the extensive process down the Mississippi River—allowing the use of her power and might to be used to produce electricity! These funds have also enabled the Vidalia Garden Club, in cooperation with the Vidalia Beautification Committee, to begin Phase 1 of city-wide beautification projects that you, as our guests, will be able to enjoy. Our town has never been more beautiful! All because of God’s favor!

Those of you who attended the convention in Vidalia a few years ago might remember our great food! Well, John and Malan Parks, owners of 3 of the top 5 restaurants in Natchez, will be caterers for the entire Convention. We are positive that you will have the same response this time as well. A reception will be held the first evening, honoring our wonderful, out-going President, Roxanna Champagne. Also, a reception will be held the next evening honoring our great incoming President, Patricia Ortalano.

Our Vendors will please: The “Hat Lady” will be back, and there will be handmade pottery, copper and wood items. Also, boutique clothing, jewelry, homemade fudge and plants! There will be five workshops offered by top experts in their field, sessions for all the Councils and of course the Business Meeting that keeps LGCF on track! And by the way—there will be time to shop the vendors and Ways & Means and time to look at the displays for up-coming tours, etc.

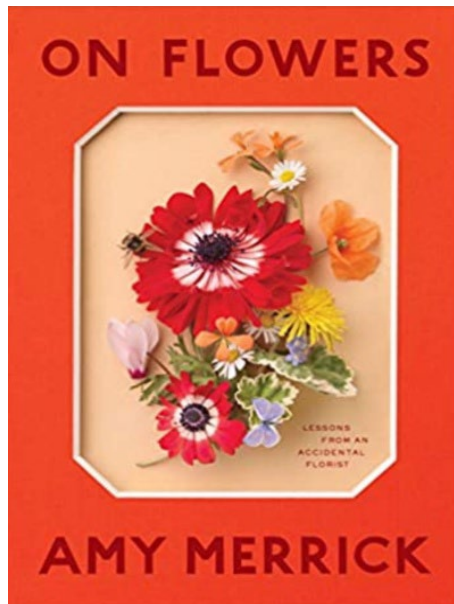
So, it is our hope that by the end of your stroll along the Promenade, you will be charmed and armed with many good Delta vibes! Hope to see many of you in the New Year. Watch for registration forms on the LGCF Website in January!

Submitted by Cindy Galloway, 2023 Convention Co-Chairman



Photo by Margaret Melanson, Azalea Garden Club, District III

Book Review



On Flowers

By Amy Merrick

Artisan Press, Illustrated Edition, NY, 2019

ISBN-13: 978-1579658120

240 Pages

This book is 2 handfuls of inspiration!

Pick it up for a look inside this author's love affair with flowers and floral design. Her freestyle use of even the humblest cuttings will delight and her musings will educate.

From its bright cover, through its lists, tips and tricks, wonderful illustrations, and journal-type discussion and revelation, to its homey back cover; a terrific selection to add to your gardening library, or to your coffee table for all to enjoy.

Submitted by Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair



LGCF Ways and Means Project Children's Set of Books



A set of two children's books, *What Will I Be When I Grow Up* and *I Have Cousins*, authored by LGCF Member Millie Comeaux have been offered as a LGCF Ways and Means Project for the last couple of years. The cost for the set of two books is \$20.00. For each set that is sold, LGCF Ways and Means will receive \$8.00. Millie Comeaux is not making any profit from these books. All proceeds go directly to Ways and Means.

We originally ordered over 100 of these books and still have 32 left to sell. Please consider ordering a set of these delightful children's books. They would make a great Christmas gift if you are thinking ahead.

Questions -- Email Millie at butterfly539023@bellsouth.com

Please fill out the order form below and mail with your **check made payable to:**

Millie Comeaux
1901 Langston Road
New Iberia, LA 70560-8833

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

District: _____ Club: _____

of sets requested @ \$20.00/set _____ Amount enclosed: _____



A Sweet Bouquet of Natives

by Linda Barber Auld, NOLA BugLady

In the last few years a tremendous interest to grow native plants has occurred in the gardening world. A combination of my *Geaux Grow Natives* project, the founding of our local Native Plant Initiative (NPI-GNO), Susan-Norris-Davis' publishing of her book, "*The Big Easy Native Plant Guide*", and Louisiana Native Plant Society's Certified Habitat Program have helped to create this surge. Responding to the demand for these plants, local growers are producing a wider variety for the retail market. As an assortment became available, I began planting them to gain experience at how they perform in the garden setting. This little 6 foot x 8 foot patio bed has given me endless enjoyment as I watch each day to see which ones are blooming. Many of these are my first attempt adding these to my existing beds. As you can see, they are really packed in there because in the wild this is how most of them develop. I laughingly say "I do square inch gardening!"



The most interesting and unusual addition is the Hooker's eryngo, which is an annual herb in the Apiaceae (Carrot) family. Xerces Society reports that it is of special value to native bees and beneficial insects. Described as "prickly-leaved, one to two feet high, with gray-green, deeply lobed foliage, which later turns to purple. Flowers are small clusters with spiny bracts. Found in Gulf Coast Prairies." Yes, I can confirm that they definitely have prickly leaves! The three locations where I planted it provided the information that it most definitely needs full sun. It became lanky, droopy, and just plain unhappy in the shady and partly shady spots. What I really love about this plant is how the lower bright purple petals seem to light up the flower blossom, showcasing its beauty.

There are so many different ways to use these plants. You can start from scratch or add some to your established gardens. Native plants can also blend in very well with non-natives. I use this as an experiment opportunity to witness which plants the bees and butterflies choose. Next time you visit your local garden center, ask about their native plant section and discover all the fun for yourself!



Sweet Coneflower
Rudbeckia subtomentosa



Purple Coneflower
Echinacea



Orange Coneflower
Rudbeckia fulgida



Rosinweed
Silphium



Sneezeweed
Helenium



Black-eyed Susan
Rudbeckia hirta



Hooker's Eryngo
Eryngium hookeri



Prairie Coneflower
Ratibida pinnata



"Indian Summer"
Rudbeckia hirta

LGCF Tours

PROPOSED TOURS THROUGH SPRING 2025

(Let me know what you think about the proposals!)

2022 Passion Play

In June, we had a wonderful, long-awaited trip to Europe. And the Passion Play was very moving and memorable. Europe was wonderful and warmer than we had planned! There were only seven of us who were able to make the trip, as one was not able to travel and two had just returned from Israel after being in quarantine for two weeks, so doctor would not let them travel again so quickly. But they are well now and were fortunate to take the place of a couple on another tour.

2022 Biltmore Tour

NOVEMBER 12–16, 2022

Our tour to the Biltmore, Gibbs Gardens and Callaway Gardens will be November 12-16, 2022! Will be able to see the beautiful Fall Colors in the Blue Ridge Mountains and the beautiful Christmas decorations at the Biltmore and Biltmore Village. There will be 17 of us making the trip as of now!

2023 The Tulips in Holland

APRIL 23 TO MAY 2, 2023

Third Time a Charm!!!

We will travel to Holland for the prime Tulip time! Fly into Amsterdam and stay in Utrecht City Center. We will have local, private guides and transportation will be provided for our customized, private trip to Amsterdam where we will take private canal rides, visit museums, etc. Most exciting will be the visit to a Tulip Farm and to Kurkenhof Gardens. We will also visit cities and sites near Utrecht on day trips: Delft, Gouda, Kinderdijk, The Hague, Giethoorn, palaces and gardens, museums, National Park and **Brugge, Belgium**.

Reservations to be in by November 1, 2022; with deposits in by November 15, 2022. Deposit is \$500 with \$100 non-refundable after October 6, 2022.

FALL 2023

North/South Louisiana Swap NOVEMBER 6 –11

North members will tour Southern locations/South members will tour Northern locations. The Garden Clubs will assist me by suggesting restaurants, sites, gardens and hotels to visit. Both areas will tour Alexandria area November 8th.

- Bellingrath Gardens (Alexandria to Mobile, AL) November 9 to 11
(Cascading Chrysanthemums)

I AM HOPING THAT ALL CLUBS WILL PROVIDE ME WITH 2 SITES, 2 RESTAURANTS AND 2 HOTELS FOR THEIR AREA. PLEASE SEND THEM WHENEVER YOU DECIDE YOUR CHOICES.

SPRING 2024

Philadelphia Flower Show FEBRUARY 28–MARCH 5 / MARCH 6–12 TBD

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. Described as "the country's oldest, largest and most prestigious celebration of flowers!"
THE EXACT DATES FOR 2024 HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZED BUT IS ALWAYS NEAR THE BEGINNING OF MARCH!!

FALL 2024

Portland and Washington Wine Country` SEPTEMBER 24–30

Restore your spirits and satisfy your inner wine enthusiast with some of the most scenic wineries and tasting rooms in Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley. See the beauty of Oregon and Washington and see the interesting sights of Seattle. Possible visit to Butchart's Garden while in Seattle.

KNOW THAT ACTIVITIES AROUND AREAS PROPOSED WILL DETERMINE IF TRAVEL TAKES PLACE.

SPRING 2025

Texas Bluebonnets MARCH 31 TO APRIL 5 (Easter is April 20)

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, I've planned the ultimate Bluebonnet Road Trip through the heart of Hill Country.

MANY HAVE BEEN BEFORE, BUT THERE IS ALWAYS NEW BEAUTY AND FUN TO SEE AND DO!

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Margo Racca Receives Artistic Design Award

Margo Racca, Former President of LGCF, member and Former President of Lafayette Garden Club and currently a member and Former President of the Iowa Garden Club, received an award at the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show and Sale. The event was held last Spring at the Airport Hilton in Kenner, LA. Margo's arrangement entitled "The Big Easy" was awarded Best of Division for Artistic Arrangements.



The Big Easy

"The sculpture represents the Mississippi River while the Guzmania blooms depict the buildings along the shore. The aspidistra leaves are the curling waves." — Margo Racca



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Donna St Louis
Lakeview Botany Guild
District II



Donna St Louis was born on July 22, 1940. Donna received a master's degree from Loyola University New Orleans in education. She was married to Edward St Louis who is now deceased. They had no children.

Donna is a former member of Tall Timbers Garden Club. Since 2014 she has been a member of Lakeview Botany Guild. Donna is a state life member, former District I Director, accredited flower show judge and publicity chairman. She also served as LGCF Second Vice President.

In Lakeview Botany Guild, Donna serves as hostess for some of our meetings. Donna enters flower shows with horticulture and designs. Donna also helps register people who are entering the flower shows.

Attending state conventions is an enjoyment for Donna.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Darnelle Delcambre
New Iberia Garden Club
District III



Darnelle Delcambre is a native of Jeanerette, Louisiana. She has resided in New Iberia for the last 45 years. Darnelle was married to Raymond Delcambre until he passed away in November 2021. She has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Darnelle graduated from Jeanerette High and USL where she obtained a B.S. in Business Education and a master's in business. She worked in the telecommunications industry where she retired as a district manager.

Darnelle joined the New Iberia Garden Club in 2003 after she retired. She has served as president (2009-2011), treasurer and secretary. She also served as LGCF Container Gardening Chair for two years. Darnelle has served on several committees for New Iberia Garden Club including Chairman of Habitat for Humanity, Cleanest City, Blue Star Memorial and Hostess Coordinator. She has done presentations and arrangements showing the art of Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging. She has received numerous awards for floral design at the New Iberia Sugarcane Festival. Darnelle enjoys many hobbies including gardening, writing children's books, cooking and art, all for which she has won numerous awards.

Darnelle loves being involved in her community. She is an active member of New Iberia Garden Club, L'Acadian Art Guild, Lafayette Art Association and Lafayette Watercolor Guild, Louisiana Watercolor Society and New Iberia Arts & Cultural Commission. She participates in art and flower shows in all of these organizations.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

Carol Moncla Campbell
Marksville Garden Club
District VIII



Carol did not become a garden club member until later in life, because of her life circumstances. While in her senior year at Louisiana College, she signed a contract to teach school in Denver, Colorado. There she met and married Max Campbell of El Paso, TX. As school teachers with six children, it was a fairly easy decision for Max to accept a position as payroll manager for McDermott International Oil Company in New Orleans. Things changed drastically from there as the company sent them to Dubai, United Arab Emirates for three years, to the North Sea Division in Brussels, Belgium for eight years and then back to New Orleans in 1984. Carol taught school in every place they moved and had the opportunity to teach children of all nationalities, even achieving a Master's Degree in Education at the University of Michigan via remote study while in Brussels.

Carol and Max eventually retired to Moncla, LA where Max went back to work at the Avoyelles Parish District Attorney's Office as payroll manager and Carol went back to work teaching at the Avoyelles Public Charter School.

After moving to Marksville, Carol was invited by Deanna Roy, then president of the Avoyelles Chapter of the garden club, to become a member. Since her induction into the club, Carol has served in most every office of the local chapter, including president. She has also served as District VIII Director. She has taken many classes in horticulture and design arrangement and is a certified Flower Show Judge in the state of Louisiana.

She lives in a century-old home in Moncla on the farm of her parents and grandparents.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

We have many ladies in their senior years who have given their time and talents over 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 to please submit a short history of her garden club activities. 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:

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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 to Sarah 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”! We must digitize them also. Please use as large a picture as possible to scan. Please 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. It is better to scan rather than photocopy the photo. Photocopying can result in a grainy picture. If you are unable to scan the pictures, we will accept photographs. Those will be scanned and returned to District Directors.



Calendar of Events

2022

October 3-4	Landscape Design Course 3 Series 20 BROCHURE - REGISTRATION
Tuesday, October 18	District III Fall Meeting (Morgan City) INVITATION - REGISTRATION
Wednesday, October 19	District VII Fall Meeting (Jennings) INVITATION - REGISTRATION
Thursday, October 20	District II Fall Meeting INVITATION - REGISTRATION
Tuesday, October 25	District V Fall Meeting (Molto Bella, Calhoun) INVITATION - REGISTRATION
Wednesday, October 26	District VIII Fall Meeting (Mansura) INVITATION
Thursday, October 27	District VI Fall Meeting (Baton Rouge) INVITATION - RESERVATION
November 12-16	Tour of the Biltmore, Gibbs Gardens and Blueridge Mountain Fall Colors

2023

January 9-10	Winter Council, Headquarters, Lecompte
March 8	DSGC Convention, Tri-Refresher, Kenner, LA (Hilton Airport Hotel) SAVE THE DATE
March 9-10	DSGC Convention, Kenner, LA (Hilton Airport Hotel) FUNDRAISER
April 1	DUES DUE – State and District
April 17	LGCF Convention Pre-Tour, Vidalia, LA
April 18-19	LGCF Convention, Vidalia, LA (Clarion Suites/Vidalia Convention Center)
April 23 – May 2	Tulips of Holland Tour Reservation by Nov. 1
May 1-5	NGC Convention, The Greenbriar, White Sulphur Springs, WV
September 18-20	NGC Fall Board Meeting, Airport Marriot, St. Louis, MO
November 6-11	North/South Louisiana Tour

2024

February 29 – March 5	Philadelphia Flower Show
June 2-5	NGC Convention, The Westin Winchester, Denver, CO
September TBA	NGC Fall Board Meeting, Virtual
September 24-30	Portland / Washington Wine Country

2025

March 31 – April 5	Texas Bluebonnets (Easter is April 20)
May 19-23	NGC Convention, Omaha, Nebraska