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On our Cover: Daria Vincent of the Metairie Ridge Garden Club and the Rambling Rose Gardeners in District II is our featured photographer this quarter. Daria captured this picture on the Jean Lafitte Swamp Tour Boat while attending the Environmental Studies School in Lafitte, Louisiana. The pole had a hot dog on it which the tour guide said was George’s favorite food. What a perfect click of the camera! Daria was the photographer for the Environmental Studies School. Thank you, Daria for sharing your photo with us!

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

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO SUMMER ISSUE (JULY 2016) IS JUNE 1ST, 2016.

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President’s Message

Can you believe it has been one year since our 2015 LGCF Convention in Lake Charles. With the help of a great group of officers, District Directors, Chairmen and Former LGCF Presidents – especially Yvette Hebert- we have made it through our first year of a two year term as your LGCF President. This has been a remarkable year and all of our clubs and members have been very busy “garden clubbing”. We have some wonderful members and they do great things and have wonderful projects – flower shows, NGC Schools, Arbor Day Plantings, planting and/or improving community and school gardens to beautify their communities, etc.

Our Cleanest City Contest is one of our major projects. This contest gets the communities to clean up for the contest, but it also encourage the citizens of the community to continue the cleaning up process so the communities look clean and green year round. Jean Gilstrap, Cleanest City Chairman, reports we have 40 entries in this year’s contest. She and her band of merry district and state judges will begin judging right after our LGCF convention and I look forward to being at the award presentation ceremonies in each of the winning cities. If your community wins on the state level, please be sure we have a really good Garden Club representation at the award ceremony.

Coleen P. Landry, the LGCF Live Oak Chairman, reports there are 7,960 Live Oaks in the society. She has registered 313 trees since our 2015 LGCF Convention. She is a very busy girl. She reports that one gentleman recently registered 47 Live Oaks at three historic areas in the Natchitoches, LA area – Cherokee Plantation, Cane River House and Cane River Cemetery.

My theme for 2015-2017 is “Who are we? Who do we want to be?” Yvette Hebert, 2013-2015 LGCF President and Organization Study/Policy Chairman, and her committee of other former LGCF Presidents are busy revising our LGCF Handbook and, if necessary, our LGCF by-laws. Their work on this committee will help us keep our wonderful organization up-to-date and well organized. I know you will join me in thanking them in advance for their hard work.

This time of year is convention time – in March it is Deep South in Tunica, Mississippi; April LGCF in Vidalia, Louisiana; and May NGC in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It will be my pleasure to represent LGCF at Deep South and NGC, along with other LGCF Officers and Chairmen.

On a personal note, thanks to all of you for the prayers for my grandson, Hunter Gatzman. On February 18th his surgeon removed his neck brace, gave him back his driving privileges, and told him he could go back to school. He is a senior and will graduate with his class in May. He still has some residual effects from the injury, but time will heal those. It takes a long time for nerves to heal. Again, thanks for the prayers.

Jeanette Gatzman.
LGCF President
Boy, how time flies when you are having fun. Your Daisies and I have had a very great year. These seven Daisies have been "on the ball" with their responsibilities. We have gotten the "communication" part of my goal down pat. All of their Fall Meetings were well organized with good programs. We had fun, we met new friends, and of course enjoyed good food. Those districts that have District Director Elects are working with them to share knowledge and experiences. It is very important for the District Direct Elect to have this time to work with their District Director to get acquainted with their district activities and events.

Most Districts have scheduled and planned their Spring (or Get Acquainted) Meeting. We have had many talks, emails and calls to make sure that the clubs understand and know that ALL CLUB MEMBERS are invited to this meeting. They are hard at work to make this a fun and informative meeting.

After the installation of officers, I read my responsibilities in the LGCF Handbook. I thought, my gosh, how can all of this get done but quickly found out when you are working with seven dedicated, informed, active and responsible people, the job proves easier than you thought. Of course, it helps to have people like Jeanette, our current President, and past LGCF Officers to lean on for help and advice.

At Summer Board I mentioned how the "Daisy" is a hearty flower, how it flourishes in the rain and sunshine, how it is dependable and long lasting. Well, these Daisies have shown their color. They have worked hard and they are not done yet, they ARE your "Shining Daisies." Be on the lookout for these ladies in the future, Down By the Riverside!

Pictured on the right are Lena Bateman, LGCF President Elect and 2016 LGCF Convention Co-chair, and Johnnie Ruth Sturgeon, LGCF Protocol chairman standing Down By the Riverside. They would like to invite you to the 2016 LGCF Convention in Vidalia Louisiana. The convention will be held in the Vidalia Convention Center that is alongside the Mississippi River. Not shown is Convention Chair, Beth Erwin.
District I

**Mabel Himel, Director**

Happy Spring! I really try to squeeze time in the garden between the various projects we have going on in District I. My first Winter Council at the LGCF Headquarters in January was both intense and informative as we listened to numerous reports and heard about plans for the Open House.

Various topics presented in District I club meetings during January and February included Pruning Tips, Tools, and Techniques; Rain Gardens; Shade Gardens; Super Plants for your Louisiana Landscapes; and Parallel and Table Artistry Designs. One club had a field trip to a local nursery.

Several members also attended the New Orleans Council’s Mini-Symposium and really enjoyed Jo Ann Christopher’s slideshow and presentation, “‘Art in Bloom’: Designs from the Past from a Flower Show Judges Point of View”. Jo Ann is an NGC Accredited Flower Show Judge and has been a judge for ‘Art in Bloom’ several times. The second speaker was Sherri Harrah on “Going Green- Making Your Soil Work for You.” She is from a 3rd generation family involved in the company, Plants for All Seasons, based in Houston, Texas.

District I’s biggest current project is preparation for the New Orleans Cleanest City Contest district level judging March 23. The Keep New Orleans Beautiful board members, representing various organizations in the city, will sponsor the March 18th Leaders against Litter state-wide event and the March 18-20 Great American Cleanup. Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser asks everyone to pledge support to: Speak Up and spread the word that litter is not acceptable in Louisiana; Pick Up litter whenever you see it; and STAND UP and lead the way for a litter-free Louisiana.

District III

**Ruth Delhomme, Director**

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since my role as District Director started and what a wonderful experience it has been.

My goal as DD is to learn, support, participate & encourage the clubs to do what they do best; Grow Membership, Support & Participate in the educational programs that Deep South, LGCF & NGC has to offer, apply for awards which our District does an outstanding job on, attend as many Local, State, District, Region, National meetings/conventions as possible, use the Websites to keep in touch with upcoming events & publications & provide them with support & encourage leadership.

It has been a pleasure getting to know the club presidents. I so enjoy the invitations to speak & attend many social gathering throughout our District.

District III’s 12 very active clubs have a great presence in their communities. It is very obvious that their objectives are to promote interest in gardening, encourage civic & roadside beautification, aid in the protection of our natural resources & cooperate with our state & national organizations.

The projects our clubs are doing include: Cleanest City Contest, Arbor Day planting, litter abatement programs within our schools & communities to keep their town beautiful, sponsors Jr Garden Club, maintain & plant public gardens, garden therapy at nursing homes, landscaping of Habitat for Humanity homes, create & maintain butterfly gardens at public libraries, Community Socials, Flower Shows, Garden Tour & Host for 2019 State Convention.
District Director Reports

Special thanks to Terrebonne Garden Club for hosting the District III Fall Meeting. Amazing how much effort went into their planning efforts that delivered a most enjoyable day. The flower exhibits were beautiful, the open skit was very creative, and the room looked beautiful. All 12 District Presidents attended, along with present & past State Presidents, District Directors & officers.

It truly is a pleasure to be District III Director. I so enjoy the support & commitment from our District. We will continue to support your leadership, Jeanette & Lena.

District V

*Martha Burnside, Director*

District V has been busy getting ready for the State Convention being held in Vidalia, Louisiana, on April 12-13, 2016. We look forward to great attendance and participation. We especially thank Beth Erwin and Lena Bateman for all their hard work in getting ready for the convention.

Our clubs in District V bought 22 of *The Frightened Frog* Book and are busy placing them in the local libraries with some clubs going to the local schools to read the book to the science classes. It is a great project and the clubs seem to be enjoying it. Wildflower seeds have been planted throughout the district to attract pollinators, and we are anxious to see how many we attract this summer.

Garden Gate Study Club is also working on developing litter control awareness in Franklin Parish. They are working with the schools to place posters around the community to help bring awareness of our need to control litter to save our environment. They also are doing a project to beautify the small local airport in Winnsboro, La.

Oak Grove Garden Club has helped to get the town of Oak Grove to enter the Cleanest City Contest. We are proud of them and their hard work.

Many of our clubs are going into the Nursing Homes with gardening therapy involving patients. The Vidalia Garden Club did a rededication service for the Blue Star Memorial Marker located in Vidalia. It was a very impressive service.

Our District V Spring Meeting has been set for May 24, 2016, at the Princess Theater in Winnsboro, La. We are planning our meeting around the idea of sharing program ideas and learning more about awards and how to submit them.

Garden Gate Study Club and Ferriday Garden Club have developed web sites for their clubs so that the club members can go on the site to see what is going on in the club. We are trying to stay progressive in the electronic world.

District VI

*Kyle Martin, Director*

I cannot believe that it has been almost one year since I was installed as District VI Director last April in Lake Charles, LA. When I was approached about the possibility of being District Director, I was hesitant at first, because I barely knew what the position was all about. Of course, I had been to District meetings, attended Summer Board and been to Convention, but that was as a participant. Now I was being asked to lead. I have to tell you that was a scary thought. But with much encouragement and guidance from Kathy Bedenbaugh and Gail Lonibos, here I am doing one of the most fun and fulfilling “jobs” I have ever had. And thanks to our
leader, Lena Bateman, who is always guiding and reminding the DDs on what needs to be done and when. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate that!

My duties started with having my first Presidents’ meeting on May 28, 2015. My theme for 2015-2017 is “Keeping Our Heritage Alive Through Our Gardens.” This was a casual and informational meeting. The main purpose was to get-to-know each other and to hand out and explain the materials received from Jeanette Gatzman at Convention in April. I also stressed the importance of the Deep South project and the NGC programs and encouraged the presidents to build their own programs around them.

My next meeting was presiding over the District VI Fall meeting, which was held on October 14, 2015 at the Southern Hotel in historic downtown Covington LA. It was a huge success thanks to the efforts of the Covington Garden Club with 133 attending. Lisa Ward, owner of the hotel, was our guest speaker. She gave us a wonderful presentation on her efforts in restoring and renovating the hotel and how it has once again become a special part of the heritage of Covington and St. Tammany parish.

One of the most enjoyable things for me is visiting the clubs in District VI. I have attended their monthly meetings, Christmas teas and luncheons, flower shows and plant sales. I have made Circle of Roses presentations and installed the newly elected officers. I especially want them to know that I serve as liaison between their clubs and LGCF and I am always available to help.

In reading the Garden Club Achievement Award No. 1 applications, I have found that many clubs in District VI have promoted the goals of LGCF, Deep South and NGC.

District VI clubs have promoted civic beautification by maintaining butterfly gardens, healing gardens, community parks and school grounds improvements. They have recognized both individual and business gardens with the Garden of the Month.

There have been conservation and environmental projects and lectures. District VI members purchased 47 “Frightened Frog” books donating some to local libraries and local schools.

There has been litter prevention education and 4 clubs sponsored their towns in the Cleanest City Contest last year. Our clubs are planting trees and holding memorials in recognition of Arbor Day. They have donated their time through breast cancer awareness projects and at Christmas time have decorated nursing homes and contributed to local food banks. There have been youth activity projects teaching about pollinators.

Many attended the NGC schools to further their knowledge of gardening, landscaping, flower show judging and environmental issues. And last but not least, many have increased their efforts to apply for awards.

WOW, it has been a busy year for the 21 clubs in District VI. It has been an honor to be their District Director and I look forward to the next year as together we are “Keeping Our Heritage Alive Through Our Gardens.”

**District VII**

*Jane Anders, Director*

Well…WOW! Has it been almost a year since we were installed as district directors? It’s really been a great time for me, meeting new people and visiting clubs across southwest and central Louisiana.

Immediately after the state convention, I accepted an invitation to install the new officers for Iowa Garden Club. It is a lovely bunch of ladies and gentlemen and I really appreciate the invitation.
District Director Reports

In June, we held our District VII Presidents’ Meeting at Neet’s Place in Oakdale, followed by a luncheon hosted by our Oakdale Garden Club. After that several of us hiked the Allen Parish Forestry Awareness Nature Trail on the adjoining property. Ten of our 13 clubs were in attendance.

Also in June, I met with the scholarship and budget committees in Lake Charles, followed by lunch with Diggers and Weeders Club from Lake Charles.

July found us in Baton Rouge for Summer Board meeting, always a delightful time to see our garden club friends from all over the state.

October’s activities included our District VII meeting, a huge success, hosted by Sulphur Garden Club. Two days later, 1 and 3 of our club members attended the District VIII meeting in Pineville. We learned about European Garden Tour possibilities and more about Inglewood Organic Farms south of Alexandria.

Clear, crisp January days have accompanied me to Lake Charles to enjoy lunch with Sulphur Garden Club members and to attend Winter Council in Lecompte.

Spring brings our 2016 Southwest Louisiana Garden Expo and Flower Show. Some of our clubs’ plans for this spring include a city-wide plant exchange in Crowley, Arbor Day activities going on throughout the district this month, presentations of the Frightened Frog books to local schools, Plant It Pink projects at hospitals and libraries, and preparations for the Cleanest City Contest.

District VIII

Carol Campbell, Director

The Alexandria Club is diligently preparing for their April 27th flower show, entitled "Colour My World". You are invited to the show at Kent House from 2 to 4 p.m. to view Mono-Botanic, Underwater, Multi-Rhythmic, Tapestry, and Duo-Designs plus a riot of horticulture on exhibit.

The Lecompte Club is preparing for the Federation Headquarters Open House on March 18th. Please make plans to attend. Forrest Hill is nearby and it is the Plant Festival weekend, also. On September 30th, Lecompte ladies are having a flower show entitled "Nature on the Bayou", featuring Louisiana native plants.

The Mansfield Club is happy to have a meeting room in the newly opened public library. Their designs and horticulture, featured at meetings each month, are preparing them for their May flower show.

A member of the Marksville club, Polly Campbell, has written and received a $5000 grant from "Volunteer Louisiana" for civic beautification, entitled "Love Where You Live" and in French, "Aime Ou Tu Restes".

The Marksville Club is celebrating its 80th year in the federation on April 7th with a tea from 2 to 4 pm. Ladies will dress in period clothing reflecting each decade of the club's existence. Scrapbooks, yearbooks, and flower show posters will be on display. Garden club members are invited to attend.

The Symposium held in Woodworth in February was organized and efficiently orchestrated primarily by members of the Moreauville club under the leadership of Carla Gauthier. The three-day event was held in the beautiful Wesley Methodist Center. It was educational and well attended.
The Olla club will be in a seminar at Cypress Bend for lectures on Garden Design by Dr. Welch, a retired professor from USL on March 5th. A few days later, they will be joining Jena’s Town and Country Club for an English High Tea on March 8th, complete with dresses, hats, gloves, and lots of flowers.

Horticulture Corner
Geophytes are plants that survive part of their annual life cycle as a dormant, fleshy underground structure. Types of geophytes include bulbs, corms, tubers, rhizomes and pseudobulbs.

Bulbs – A true bulb consists of fleshy layers of leaves that store food for the developing plant. Bulbs are mainly produced by monocots. Examples of bulbs are onions, daffodils, tulips, and amaryllis.

Corms – A corm is shaped similar to a bulb, but instead of layers, it contains a solid mass of stem tissue. The corm is replaced each year by a new corm that grows on top of the old corm. Examples are crocosmia, crocus, liatris, freesia and gladiolus.

Tuber – A very popular tuber is the potato. Shoots develop from the buds or eyes on the potato. You can cut a potato into pieces and each piece that contains an eye can develop into a plant. There are two categories of tubers – stem tubers and root tubers. Potatoes and caladiums are stem tubers, and dahlias are root tubers. Other examples of root tubers are the sweet potato and daylilies.

Rhizomes – Some plants produce underground stems that grow horizontally and produce roots below and send shoots upward. Examples of plants that produce rhizomes are ginger, bamboo and some irises.

Pseudobulbs – Certain orchids have above-ground swollen stems produced along stolons that are called pseudobulbs. They are not true bulbs but they do act as storage organs.
LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION 2016 CONVENTION
Vidalia, LA
“DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE”
AGENDA

Monday, April 11, 2016
10:00 AM ......................... Depart hotel for pre-convention tour of Honey Brake Lodge & Fogmore Plantation
4:00 PM ............................ Return from tour
5:00 PM-7:00 PM ............... Happy Hour, ½ price drinks in the hotel lobby area
6:00PM-8:00PM ................. Light supper, sponsored by Ferriday & Vidalia Garden Clubs, Comfort Inn & Suites in hotel lobby

Tuesday, April 12, 2016
8:00 – 8:30 AM .................. Headquarters Meeting – Hotel conference room
8:30 AM ........................... Registration – Mississippi River Promenade—Convention Center
9:00 AM ........................... Ways and Means Opens – Bowie Room – Convention Center
8:40 – 9:10 AM .................. Finance Committee Meeting – Hotel conference room
9:20 – 10:20 AM ............... Executive Council Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
10:30 – 11:30 AM ............ Tablescape Workshop by Brenda Zerby—Thornhill Room—Convention Center
12:00 – 2:00 PM .............. Landscape & Environmental Councils Lunch/Program—Wanda Chase with Imahara’s
Kenny Davis Room—Convention Center
2:30- 3:30 PM ................... 2015-2017 Club Presidents/District Directors Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
3:40 – 4:10 PM .................. LCNAFS Judges Executive Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
4:15 – 4:45 PM .................. LCNAFS Judges Council Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
5:00 PM-6:15 PM ............. Happy Hour, ½ price drinks in the hotel lobby area
6:30 – 8:00 PM ............... Banquet hosted by District V, Clyde Ray Webber speaker—Kenny Davis Room—Convention Center

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
8:30 AM ........................... Registration – Mississippi River Promenade—Convention Center
9:00 AM ........................... Ways and Means & Vendors Open – Bowie Room – Convention Center
9:00 – 10:00 AM ............... Birding by Ear Workshop—Roselie Overby—Thornhill Room—Convention Center
10:15 AM – 12:15 PM ........ LGCF Business Meeting—Thornhill Room—Convention Center
12:30 – 2:00 PM ............... Judges/Gardening Consultants Lunch/Program—David Carter, Mississippi Master Gardeners—Kenny Davis Room—Convention Center
2:10 –2:40 PM .................. Gardening Consultants Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
3:00 – 3:30 PM .................. Environmental Consultants Council Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
3:40 – 4:10 PM ................. Landscape Design Consultants Council Meeting—Vidal Room—Convention Center
5:00 – 6:30 PM ................. Happy Hour, ½ price drinks in the hotel lobby area
7:00 – 9:00 PM ............... Awards Banquet—Kenny Davis Room—Convention Center
Summer Board Meeting Agenda
LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.
2016 SUMMER BOARD MEETING
July 18 - 19, 2016
Embassy Suites Hotel        Baton Rouge, Louisiana

“SUMMER AROUND THE WORLD”

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016

8:00 AM................................................................. Registration - Hall
8:00 AM................................................................. Ways and Means Opens –Hall
8:00-8:30 AM .................................................... Headquarters Meeting – Senate Room
8:40-9:10 AM .................................................. Finance Committee Meeting - Senate Room
9:20-9:50 AM ................................................. Landscape Design Consultants Meeting - Senate Room
10:00-10:30 AM .............................................. LCNAFS Judges Executive Meeting – Senate Room
10:30-11:10 AM ........................................ LCNAFS Judges Council Meeting - Senate Room
11:20 AM-12:20 PM ................................................ Assembly Room

“Creating Garden Art from Your Kitchen - No Cooking Required”
A workshop on garden art featuring dinnerware by Nancy Click

“From Mexico with Love”
A workshop on garden art featuring terra cotta pots by Janice Hickey

12:30-1:30 PM ................................................................. Lunch Break - Atrium
1:40-2:40 PM ............................................. 2016 Club Presidents/District Directors Meeting - Senate Room
2:50-3:50 PM ................................................ LGCF Executive Council Meeting - Senate Room
4:00-4:45 PM ............................................. Environmental Consultants Council Meeting - Senate Room
4:55- 5:30 PM ................................................ Gardening Consultants Council Meeting - Senate Room
7:00 PM................................................................. LCNAFS Judges Council Dinner – Assembly Room

Program: “Summer in England”
A floral design program
Presented by the District VI Judges Council

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016

8:00 AM................................................................. Registration - Hall
8:00 AM................................................................. Ways and Means Opens - Hall
8:30-9:30 AM ............................................. “The Care and Propagation of Bromeliads” - Senate Room
   Workshop presented by Margo Racca, former LGCF President.
10:00-12:00 Noon ......................... LGCF Business Meeting - Senate Room
12:15 PM-2:30 PM ...................... Luncheon Honoring Club Presidents and Life Members - Assembly Room

Program: “Gardens of the World”
presented by Charles Fryling, Associate Professor,
Louisiana State University, Department of Landscape Architecture,
Photographer and true friend of LGCF
Summer Board Meeting Registration Form
Louisiana Garden Club Federation
Summer Board 2016
July 18 & 19
Embassy Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge
Registration Form

Name ______________________________________________________________________________

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THERE WILL BE NO SAME DAY REGISTRATION ACCEPTED

Make checks payable to LGCF Summer Board

Mail form and payment to: Vicky Fannaly, P.O. Box 23, Ponchatoula, La. 70454-0023
Summer Board Meeting Hotel Info

LGCF Summer Board Info
Information regarding Hotel Reservations
SUMMER BOARD – 2016
Embassy Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Following is the information along with CODE LGC in order to book your room for Summer Board. You cannot request the government rate, military or AAA along with this group rate. The three-room suite with King sized bed; the three-room suite double has two full sized beds (one bathroom, one bedroom, and one living room). Included with room rate are a Cook-to-Order Breakfast, Complimentary Evening Reception, Indoor Pool Fitness Room, and Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service.

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

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

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK A PRE-PAID RESERVATION OR ANY OTHER RESERVATION OUTSIDE OF THE BLOCK. THEY CANNOT BE REFUNDED – cannot be moved into the block and cannot be counted in the block.

Group Name ..................................Louisiana Garden Club Federation

GROUP CODE ..................................LGC

Arriving As Early As.............................07/017/2016

Departing As Late As.............................07/19/2016

Room Types Available-----------------------------Non-Smoking, Kings and Doubles

Room Rate (Per Room, Per Night, Plus Tax).... $104.00

Reservation Cut-off Date..........................06/26/2016

Reservation Method...............................Individual call in and pay
LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION

2016 SUMMER BOARD MENU

MONDAY – DELI BUFFET
Turkey, Ham and Roast Beef
Served on French Bread and Croissants,
With cheese
Sliced Fruit Salad
Potato Salad
Chef’s choice of dessert

MONDAY – DINNER
Roasted Pork Loin stuffed with Smoked Sausage
with a Pan Sauce
Garden Salad
Chef’s choice of vegetable
Rolls and Butter
Iced Tea
Chef’s choice of dessert

TUESDAY – LUNCH
Vegetable Lasagna served with Garlic Bread
Garden Salad
Rolls and Butter
Iced Tea
Chef’s choice of dessert
Book Review
By Sissy Gall, LGCF Book Review Chair

The Little Green Book of Gardening Wisdom
Edited by Barbara Burn
Skyhorse Publishing, 2014

This is a compact little volume, but bursting with a resource of quotations, from the humorous to the sublime. I purchased this little gem in a lovely garden shop on a back road in Connecticut this summer, and have enjoyed picking it up for quick reads, or for inspiration. Try it out if you’d like to know the thoughts of notable writers throughout the ages, concerning everything from gardening in general, to the gardener, to the subjects of holiness as well as dealing with pests. Photographs are few, but do add very nice visuals!

Environment and Art in LA

Coleen Perilloux Landry's photograph entitled "Blue House in the Swamp", shown on the left, was chosen as the "Swamp Spirit" winner by the art guilds in several areas of southwest Louisiana. Artists will interpret her photograph and art shows will be held in four museums throughout 2016. The opening show was held in February in Gueydan Museum. Below are some of the artists’ interpretations.
Vision of Beauty Calendar Call for Entries

All members of clubs affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. are invited to send digital photos as examples of skill and artistry for the 2018 Calendar. Photos of a small area of your own garden, such as a “pocket garden”, are also accepted for consideration. All types of designs are requested: Traditional, Creative, New Trends, and those appropriate for seasons of the year and holidays.

REQUIREMENTS:
Submit only Vertical digital photos, taken with a camera with a minimum of eight (8) mega-pixels. A digital print, size 5”x7”, must be sent by mail, along with an entry form. For clarity of reproduction, please also email the digital image (jpeg), including the title and name of designer, to the Chairman, ngcvob@gmail.com

Individuals may submit a maximum of five (5) entries, with only one (1) background for each entry.

Sharp focus is a “must” for reproduction. Check for sharpness with a magnifying glass. Only quality photos are accepted. Photo Shop is strongly discouraged, unless done professionally, since it distorts the color of plant material and blurs the photo. Background should be free of creases, wrinkles and patterns. If dark backgrounds are used, sufficient lighting must also be used to make the design clear and crisp. Handle entries with caution when mailing to avoid scratches. DO NOT use Scotch tape or paper clips. Extra packing material or padded envelopes are recommended. Do not put the designer’s name on the back of the photo.

All entries will be judged by the same criteria used to judge Flower Show designs.

Submitted photos become the property of NGC, Inc. Notification will be given if used. No entries will be returned.

CALENDAR DEADLINE: July 1, 2016

Mail to: Brenda Bingham
7 Lenape Trail
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

ENTRY FORMS: Entry forms are available on NGC’s Web site:


Marsh Island Grant Procured

Coleen Perilloux Landry, a member of Acres of Green Garden Club in Metairie and chairman of the LGCF’s Live Oak Society recently helped to acquire a $1 million grant from the State of Louisiana plus $333,000.00 from the Lafreniere Park funds to restore the Marsh Island at Lafreniere Park in Metairie.

Landry has been on the Board at the Park since the first meeting in 1973. For the past 12 years she has worked diligently for the restoration of the Marsh Island area where hundreds of geese, ducks, swans and other waterfowl live. At nighttime many more birds including ibis, egrets, and herons fly to the park to roost in the trees of Marsh Island.

The Park was dedicated in 1982 and over the years arts of the shoreline began falling into the water. Along with the droppings of the thousands of birds, the lagoon had become shallow and the water not very habitable for the waterfowl. This grant will insure that the lagoon is dredged properly to a depth suited for the waterfowl, the water will be aerated properly, the shoreline will be shored up and secured, and shrubbery and trees will be added to the already established Live Oak trees that Landry procured for the Island.
**Club Dues Reminder**

Tricia Ortalano, LGCF Treasurer, would like to remind Clubs that LGCF Dues are due April 1st. You may use the form below to submit club dues to Tricia.

**LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC. DUES FORM (Revised 7/2015)**

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**STATE DUES**: Year________ Payable April 1 – Delinquent June 1

**For each member (except LGCF Life members), pay $5.50 ($4.50 State/$1.00 National)**

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**DONATIONS:**

| Land Trust |
| Natural Disaster Fund |
| Other = $_________ |
| TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK ENCLOSED = $_________ |

*(Note: Please put name of Club and District on the check)*

Make check payable to LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.

Mail check and this form to LGCF Treasurer:

Patricia Ortalano

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Marrero, LA  70072-3921

lilclover59@gmail.com

504 * 259 * 8536

**REMINDER**: Don’t forget Memorials and Life Memberships (State, Deep South and National). These should be mailed to either the Memorials Chairman or the Life Membership Chairman.
The Live Oak Society recently registered 28 Live Oak trees bearing great historical significance in Louisiana and Arkansas. They are located at Cherokee Plantation, Cane River Cemetery, and Cane River House, all in Natchitoches and the Talla Bena Plantation in El Dorado.

Much of the historical recognition can be credited to Mrs. Theodosia Murphy Nolan (1917-2014). Having been born in El Dorado and spending most of her life there on Tala Bena Plantation, she purchased Cherokee Plantation in Natchitoches from the descendants of her grandfather, Robert Calvert Murphy, around 1970. In 1972 she began extensive restoration at Cherokee Plantation along the Cane River and eventually was successful in having the antebellum home placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Live Oaks were also pruned, fertilized and brought up to prominent status. The oak in the Cane River Cemetery has been named in honor of her grandfather.

Mrs. Nolan, along with her brother, Charles J. Murphy, Jr. and her two sisters, Caroline Keller Winter and Bertie Deming Smith, founded C. H. Murphy and Co., the predecessor of Murphy Oil Corporation, Murphy USA and Deltic Timber Company. She was a founder of the South Arkansas Arts Center and a founding member of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas.

When she passed away at the age of 97, she left a legacy of service to her home state of Arkansas and to her connections to family in Louisiana.
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District II
In observance of Arbor Day the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs planted a Live Oak tree at Lafreniere Park in Metairie. Participating in the ceremony were, from left, President Tricia Ortalano, Marion Gibbs of Shady Oaks Garden Club, Maria Nogueira of River Ridge Garden Club, Reba Mackey of Terrytown Garden Club, Mary Prinz of Country Club Home Gardeners, Arbor Day Chairman Marieanne Arata, Sharon Rogas of Metairie Ridge Garden Club, Diane Hebert of Creative Planters Garden Club, Mary Crumb of Chateau Estates Garden Club and Coleen Landry of Acres of Green Garden Club.

The Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs is comprised of all garden clubs in Jefferson Parish. Recently the Council presented several copies of the book "The Frightened Frog, an Environmental Tale" to the Jefferson Parish Library System. The book is a part of the National Garden Clubs project to encourage children to spend time outdoors and learn about the environment. At the presentation are from left Coleen Landry, JPCGC historian; Joe Baucum, JPCGC program chairman; Sandra Blount, president of Friends of the Library of Jefferson Parish; Peg Phelps, treasurer of Friends; JPCGC President Tricia Ortalano and Mary Lynn Haddican, library director of Jefferson Parish.

Rambling Rose Gardeners celebrated a meeting at Chateau Country Club. From left to right are: Carol Fourmaux, Mary Ann Vincent, Billie Massa, Betty Rena-President, Jessica (Elizabeth Gibbs granddaughter), Elizabeth Gibbs, Duchess Brian, Sharon Massa, Angie Cole, Elaine Lescale and Daria Vincent.
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Rambling Rose Gardeners were the hostesses for the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs February Meeting at Lafreniere Foundation Center. An array of delicious food was made by the following, pictured left to right, Sharon Massa, Elaine Lescale, Billie Massa, Angie Cole, Daria Vincent, Betty Rena-President, and Elizabeth Gibbs.

The Thibodaux Garden Club and the Beau Chene Garden Club have been busy for many months measuring Live Oak trees in their areas and completing the necessary registration forms to have the trees considered for membership in the Live Oak Society.

Thibodaux Garden Club began considering this project in May 2014 and in 2015 they submitted the fruits of their labors to Live Oak Society Chairman Coleen Perilloux Landry. Their registered trees are numbers 7736-7777 on the Registry and can be seen on the Live Oak Society web site at http://www.lgcfinc.org/live-oak-society.html.

The Beau Chene Garden Club conducted a very active search of eligible trees in the Beau Chene Subdivision in Mandeville. Spearheaded by their president, Jean Thibodeaux and led by the Project Coordinator Gayle Camus, the trees are now registered under the numbers 7869-7907. All of the trees bear the last name “of Beau Chene”. To celebrate the grand occasion of honoring their trees with membership in the Live Oak Society, the Club tied blue ribbons around each of the member trees and will display them in the months of March and April.

Garden Clubs can apply for an award for registering Live Oaks in the Society. Consult the Awards listing to see if the project pertains to Conservation, Preservation etc.
District III

Lafayette Garden Club members and guests enjoyed the annual Christmas Tea on Wednesday, December 9, at University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s Alumni House. A special guest, Reporter Chris Wartelle, did a magnificent write-up with photos for the Lafayette Daily Advertiser. Certificates were given to Club members with longevity of 25 or more years of service. They are pictured on the right.

A birthday cake was presented to Madelyn Hoyt, who was celebrating her December 14 birthday. Madelyn Hoyt is shown blowing out her candle, with help from Cecille Revels and Sarah Schoeffler.

Louisiana Arbor Day, sponsored by Lafayette Garden Club and Lafayette Consolidated Government, and chaired by Lafayette Garden Club’s Gretchen Stewart, was celebrated with a public tree planting ceremony on Friday, January 15, at Beaullieu Park in Lafayette. Cydra Wingerter, Administrative Assistant, stood in for Joel Robideaux, the new Mayor-Parish President with Lafayette Consolidated Government, by welcoming everyone and introducing the speakers for the Program. Reporting on Visions for Tree Planting and Landscaping in Lafayette were Betty Foret, Lafayette Garden Club President; Tom Carroll, Director of Public Works; Heather Warner-Finley, President of TreesAcadiana; Cydra Wingerter, Project Front Yard Coordinator; and Brian Smith, Street Superintendent. They talked about how trees prevent erosion, provide a habitat and offer refuge from heat, and recommended that we plant, maintain and celebrate trees.

Julie Haack of Lafayette Garden Club noted that the red oak tree being planted at Beaullieu Park at 410 West Bluebird Drive was donated by Lafayette Garden Club in honor of recently deceased Club member, Hazel Prevost. Julie then introduced Mrs. Prevost’s family: Emma and Josie Schneider, Hazel’s sister Judy Guidry, Hazel’s niece Rachel Guidry and son Joey Prevost.
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Loraine Allain and Linda Beyt gave an interesting talk on the bird of the month for January, the American Goldfinch. They are pictured during their presentation on American Goldfinches.

The January meeting featured a program by Heather Warner-Finley, President of Trees Acadiana, on “Trees, Our Home Grown Treasures.” Heather spoke on the importance of native trees to wildlife, air quality and erosion.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Collect, Cathy Andrew led the following 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, forests, land and wildlife.”

In line with Lafayette Garden Club’s new project “What’s the Buzz about Bees,” and Civic educational responsibility advocated by National Garden Club, Michael Smith, a third generation beekeeper and activist for the protection of bees and their natural environment, informed the Club on how to extend the existence of the bee population in sites conducive to their growth. His information was helpful to Club members in determining a path for pursuing the National Garden Club’s President Sandra Robinson’s focus on Preserving Our Pollinators. Dee Nolan is pictured holding the gift that was presented to Michael Smith following his presentation.

Connie Gremillion, Butterfly Programs & Garden Chair, talked about the future Monarch Garden, a way-station, becoming a centerpiece of the Children’s Butterfly Garden at Cathedral-Carmel School. These students will be working on the “Monarch Watch,” which is affiliated with University of Kansas’s Biological Survey. National Garden Club President Sandy Robinson promotes this Special Project to foster National Garden Club support for the plight of the Monarch as pollinators, which butterfly population is declining worldwide due to loss of habitat. President Robinson asks us to make a commitment to creating gardens and habitats for Monarchs. Website for viewing about Monarch butterflies is http://www.monarchwatch.org

Cindy Wiley, Master Gardener, talked about Lafayette’s Tourism office, partnering with All Seasons Nursery, in a proposed revival of the Azalea Trail, which was quite popular until 1980. Ms. Wiley presented the new pamphlet “Adopt a Trail” to the Club members. A Media Day for Azalea Trail is scheduled for March 19, at 10:00 a.m., at All Season’s Nursery. This Azalea Trail tourist attraction would start at the Lafayette Visitor Center on Evangeline Thruway and encompass approximately 20 miles of Lafayette city streets lined with azaleas that adorn beautiful homes and historical points.

Margaret Hargroder, Flower Show Chair, announces Lafayette Garden Club’s standard flower show, “Celebrating Acadiana’s Music,” set for Friday through Sunday, April 1 - 3, 2016, in conjunction with Festival des Fleurs de Louisiane, at Blackham Coliseum. Margaret invited Club members to sign up for the Design Exhibits and Horticulture Exhibits. You all come!”
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Recently Terrebonne Garden Club planted a tree at St. Matthew’s School. Five years ago, a Houma landmark, St. Matthew’s Church and School, burned down. The school has been surviving in temporary classrooms and other buildings. The teachers and students have always helped the Terrebonne Garden Club with the Cleanest City Contest by making posters and pledges not to litter. In return the club promised to plant a tree when the space became available.

Just recently the portable buildings were removed and the first of two trees were planted. The entire student body came out to the playground and said morning prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance. The 4-H club of the school will care for the tree.

Members of the Abbeville Garden Club gathered on December 14, 2015 for the annual Christmas Social, celebrating the holiday season, at the lovely home of Susan and Ed Wilhelm. Members enjoyed a delightful evening of entertainment, a wonderful meal, and participated in a lively gift exchange in a beautifully decorated atmosphere.

Hostesses were Christmas Social Committee members Sandy Richard (chairman), Susan Wilhelm, Jeanell Duhon, Karen Hoyt, Susie Ledet, and Charlotte Waguespack. Special Guest of the evening was Louisiana Garden Club Federation District III Director, Ruth Delhomme.

AGC members also participated in the “Spirit of Giving” by collecting donations for the Vision of Hope Community Center. The generous donation was delivered by the Christmas Social Committee.

The Abbeville Garden Club met on Monday, January 18, 2016 at the home of Theresa Broussard for their regular monthly meeting. Co-hostesses for the event were Marietta Clark and Patsy Hebert.

The Program was “Understanding Latin Plant Names”. Guest speaker was Lauren Daspit, a Lafayette Parish Master Gardener and Abbeville Garden Club member. Lauren’s lecture and presentation centered on how to identify plants from their
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Latin names. Each member received a wonderful handout with information that will definitely be of help when identifying plants and flowers for gardening and landscaping.

Members of Abbeville Garden Club, Keep Abbeville Beautiful, Abbeville City Officials and ARCH 4-H Club celebrated Louisiana Arbor Day on January 28, 2016. The Arbor Day Ceremony was led by Gwen Lanoux, AGC and KAB Horticulture Chairman, along with ARCH 4-H President Ty Zaunbrecher and ARCH 4-H Reporter Nick LeBlanc. Yaupon Hollies were planted in large planters in Downtown Abbeville, as part of a civic beautification initiative.

In honor of Louisiana Arbor Day, Abbeville Garden Club donated the book Gardening with Native Plants of the South by landscape designer Sally Wasowski to the Vermilion Parish Library. This book offers an exciting vision of the many possibilities and advantages of native wildflowers, trees, shrubs, groundcovers, vines, and grasses which are better suited, and therefore easier to grow and maintain, than most of the imported plants that populate traditional landscapes.

In keeping with the National Garden Club’s Conservation Pledge “to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet Earth”, Salyers presented a program on the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries “Whooping Crane Project.” The presentation consisted of a slideshow and lecture on the “Whooping Crane Project” and the importance of this project to our environment in Louisiana.

Club members went on to discuss upcoming activities. The “Leaders Against Litter” Breakfast on Friday, March 18th and the “Great American Clean Up” on Saturday March 19th, sponsored by Keep Abbeville Beautiful, were items of great importance. The Abbeville Garden Club works hand in hand with Keep Abbeville Beautiful to have a litter free environment.

District VI

Magnolia Forest Garden Club’s 2015-2016 theme is "Dance with the Flowers, and Let Your Creativity Grow" and our club has been doing just that!! We started our year off with a plant swap, we've had a Halloween costume contest and now we are preparing for our Standard Home Flower Show! Here's some of our buzz!!
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In November 2015, members of the Magnolia Forest Garden Club decorated their Christmas Tree in the City of Slidell's 2015 Parade of Trees in Griffith Park. Their theme was "Santa in the Forest"

In January 2016, The Magnolia Forest Garden Club Planted a Red Maple Tree at Riverside Elementary School in Pearl River. The attending members available were Chairman, Pam Anderson and Lynell Braun with Assistant principal Mrs Hester and a second grade class.

A short presentation about Arbor Day in Louisiana was given along with informational newsletters and ideas of ways to celebrate trees. The kids were very excited. Riverside Elementary School is their Adopt-A-School on-going project.

In January 2016, The Magnolia Forest Garden Club went to the New Canal Lighthouse Museum and Education Center on Lakeshore Drive in New Orleans with lunch at the Southern Yacht Club. This was such a great field trip - proceeds went to coastal conservation.

"Photos and Flowers, TableScapes" sponsored by the Baton Rouge Garden Club, was held February 20-21, at the Baton Rouge Garden Center. Members of the Louisiana Photographic Society provided beautiful, framed prints of pelicans, egrets, scenery, animals and other birds. Members of the Baton Rouge Garden Club interpreted the colors or the photo scenes using table settings and floral arrangements, featuring over 25 exhibits of functional or abstract table designs and photographs.
The people's choice for the best niche was won by Willie Allen, second place had 2 winners: Sue Webb (with Spot) and Janet Taylor. Best table was won by Dottie Gianelloni; second place had two winners: Sally Daigle and Della Sinclair (road home).

The People's Choice photographer was Theresa Mullins-Low for her "Look at Me" photo of a white egret. Second place was earned by Butch Spielman, "For a Nest, a Branch" photograph.

The annual event is a fund raiser for an annual scholarship the club provides to a student majoring in landscape design, horticulture or urban forestry who attends LSU or Southern University.

Back in January, Five first place winners in the Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl contest were sent by the Baton Rouge Garden Club to the LGCF to be judged in the state contest, then to be forwarded to the regional and then the national level. The five students selected by the Baton Rouge Garden Club were Ne Viah Green, first grade; Fahar Razari, second grade; Allie Worthington, third grade; Alyssa Bailey fourth grade; Rainey-Estelle Harrison, fifth grade. The students attend Westdale elementary and Parkview Schools.

In February, Mary Ellen Miller spoke about the use and selection of line material when making arrangements. In March, Ann Nette Pierce spoke about small arrangement design techniques and requirements. Both women are Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges.

In April, club members made small floral arrangements which were donated to a local nursing home.

District VII
In observance of Arbor Day, the Diggers and Weeders Garden Club donated and planted two grafted persimmon trees at Tuten Park in Lake Charles. Tuten Park is dedicated to nature and the Park Coordinator is interested in planting fruit trees and berry bushes to help feed the wildlife. Tuten Park represents one of the Club’s many ongoing projects.

District VII clubs of Southwest Louisiana are busy preparing for the yearly flower show held in conjunction with the Southwest Louisiana Garden Conference and Expo. It will be held April 8-9 this year at Burton Coliseum. Please come view our flower show and shop at the garden vendors!
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District VIII
The Marksville Garden Club’s February program included a presentation on hummingbirds. Retired USAF Colonel Tom Jackson conducted the program for the club.


The BONNABEL OAK on Homestead Avenue in Metairie is wearing its new leaves, a time of year when the good bones of a live oak shows best. The house and tree once belonged to Alfred Bonnabel who is considered the father of education in Jefferson Parish. He raised a large family in the house in the 1920's and 1930's and they all had stories to tell about the Live Oak where they played, climbed, held tea parties, wedding parties and christening parties. The tree is registered with the Live Oak Society as number 5076. It has been allowed to grow in the true form of a Live Oak with cascading branches.

Photo by Coleen Perilloux Landry
Calendar of Events

2016

April 2-3  Lafayette Garden Show & Sale, Blackham Coliseum
April 8-9  Lake Charles Garden Expo & Flower Show, Burton Coliseum
April 12-13 LGCF, Inc. Convention – Vidalia, LA
April 17  Washington Garden Club High Tea
May 2-6  NGC Convention, Grand Rapids, Michigan
June 12-18 LGCF Tour, Amish Country Quilt Gardens
July 18-19 LGCF Summer Board, Baton Rouge
July 28-30 Flower Show School, Course 3, Lafayette, LA
Sept 21-24 NGC Fall Board Meeting, Portland, Maine

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

2017

January (TBD) LGCF Tour, Australia/New Zealand
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
(TBD) NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri

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

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April 30-May 4  NGC Convention, Biloxi, Mississippi

*Owl photo by Coleen P. Landry