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The cover photograph shows a floral display designed by Lafayette Garden Club members **Julie Haack** and **Cinde Reisinger**, titled "The Changing Seasons". It was designed to be displayed in the Heymann Center foyer during the showing of MOMIX's Botanica. The arrangement depicted the seasons of the musical presentation, with rows of flowers representing each season. The picture was submitted by Henrietta Boriskie. Thank you all for such a beautiful cover picture!

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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.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO SPRING ISSUE (APRIL 2011) IS MARCH 1ST, 2011.

Please send all information for this issue to Pam Langley,
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Message from Our President

In my travels I have the opportunity of observing the landscape of the surrounding roadways. My eyes catch the lacy, ebony silhouette of trees against the clear blue skies. Vivid sunsets seem to be the norm rather than an oddity. The sun casts a myriad of colors from neon pinks and oranges to royal blue and violet iced with feathery cirrus clouds. And... all of this happens in a matter of minutes! Stop a moment and appreciate nature at its best! Truly a work of God's hand!

Your President joyfully represented you at the National Garden Club Fall Meeting in Great Falls, Montana in September. Roundtable discussions and meetings were held. Several projects are on the horizon to further the effectiveness of our organization and to increase membership.

October was a very busy month with all of the Fall District Meetings! I commend each chairman for timely, entertaining and educational topics that were covered at our annual Fall Meetings. Our District Directors work very hard and are doing a phenomenal job!

I would be remiss if I didn't thank those LGCF Officers and chairmen who traveled around the state with me. The Officers included; Mary Jacobs, Kathy Bedenbaugh, Lena Bateman, Yvette Hebert, Linda Finley, Jo Ann Ryan, Past LGCF President and Chairman Margo Racca, and Cleanest City Chairman, Jean Gilstrap. It is their dedication that makes this organization so great! Thank you for the time, effort and expense that you have given to further the goals and ideals of the LGCF!

I especially thank all of our members who gave so generously to the Memorial Garden for the Fallen at the Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. Through your generosity, we will donate \$3,398.35 (to date) to the families of our fallen service men and women.

Our Representatives at Large have been very busy! Thanks to Mary Lou Robertson who purchased a Computer Projector for us with funds from the Diamond Jubilee Committee. Sara Marshall has been invaluable in assisting with the delivery of cement tables and benches, a new sign and a Blue Star By-Way Marker at Headquarters. I also sincerely thank all who supported the Collector's Plate fundraiser and Jean Gilstrap, who chaired the project.

Coleen Landry and I thank our loyal members for writing letters to the President of ULL in support of saving 6 large live oaks on the campus due to building expansions. Coleen's untiring effort as Live Oak Society Chairman, has given much pride to this organization!

Gail Lonibos, Blue Star Memorial Marker Chairman reports that several markers were erected in the last couple of months. The Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. and Chairman Joe Baucum dedicated two markers at each end of the Jean Lafitte Highway. Creative Planters Garden Club and Chairman, Mary Hazen dedicated a marker at the Louisiana Medal of Honor Park in Belle Chasse. Thank you for recognizing our servicemen in such a special way.

The order for "Cher It's Good", our 1st cookbook, is in for all of you who have asked for a reprint due to the loss of your original copies or for our new members. They will sell for \$20.00.

Don't forget our schools in January and February, 2011. Check our website for registration details (www.louisianagardenclubs.org).

Gardening Study School

Course IV- January 26-27, 2011 at the Hammond Research Station

Environmental Study School

Courses III and IV – February 15-18, 2011 at the LSU Ag Center in Lake Charles

Landscape Design School

Course III- February 22-24, 2011 at the Baton Rouge Garden Center

Lafayette will be the site of the Deep South Region Convention on March 13-16, 2011. We need everyone's help and attendance to make this the best convention ever and to help the LGCF shine! A Petite Flower Show will be the highlight of the convention with many of our members participating in design, horticulture and exhibits- don't miss this! Come and support our own Mary Sue Colvin, Deep South Region Director!

Of course April will showcase our own LGCF Convention at the Paragon Casino in Marksville on April 13-16, 2011. Libby Dupuy and Diane Bordelon have some interesting and exciting things planned for us- don't miss it! Make your reservations early!

Arbor Day affords us an opportunity to appreciate and plant trees.

Remember this advice from a tree:

Go out on a limb
Stand tall and proud
Remember your roots
Enjoy the view!

Wishing you the Happiest of New Years and Blessings to All!

With Love and His Peace!

Donna



Using Proteas in Designs

Proteas have heavy woody stems and are prized for their extended vase life. Use a sharp knife or pruners and trim approximately 1 inch from the bottom of the stem. Place into a bucket of fresh, lukewarm water immediately. Do not refrigerate or store below 55 degrees F. Mist with fresh room temperature water once or twice a day. Proteas are very thirsty, so maintain an adequate supply of clean water.



Circle of Roses



Harriet Osborne

Baton Rouge Garden Club (District VI)

The Baton Rouge Garden Club is proud to claim Harriet Osborne as a member. Harriet is a recognized expert in floral design. She is a National Garden Club Master Flower Show Judge, and for more than twenty-five years she has been an Instructor of Design and Flower Show Procedure for Flower Show Schools and Symposiums.

Harriet has lectured extensively throughout the United States, as well as Mexico and Central America in schools, symposiums and as a guest design speaker. Upon requests, she has contributed designs and text to books published by the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, the Garden Club of Georgia, and NGC. She is recognized for her ability to articulate Design Types and was chosen as Editor of the NGC publication - "Designing by Types."



Harriet is a graduate of Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA. She was married to Bob "Ozzie" Osborne for 56 years. In his work as a geologist for Chevron Oil Co, they traveled extensively before settling in Baton Rouge. Harriet's family includes 2 daughters, a daughter-in-law, and 4 grandchildren. Her son died several years ago. All 3 of her children are LSU graduates, as are 2 grandchildren. One grandchild is a student at LSU and another is at Abilene Christian College.

Harriet is an active member of the Baton Rouge Garden Club and LGCF District VI Flower Show Judges Council. She has been and continues to be a strong supporter of our Flower Show Schools and Symposiums.

The Baton Rouge Garden Club is proud and honored to add Harriet Osborne's name to the LGCF Circle of Roses.



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

If you have a deserving member of your club that you would like to nominate for the Circle of Roses, please send a short write up along with a 'then' and 'now' picture to Jennifer Granger, Circle of Roses Chairman, 10263 Gulf Hwy, Lake Charles, LA 70607, or email: mimijane1971@yahoo.com.

**Garden Study School
Course IV**

*January 26, 27, 2011
Hammond Research Station*

Here is your chance to learn more about the plants around us, and how to take care of them. The subjects will be:

*Outdoor Plants Identification
Growing Woody Ornamentals
Techniques for Growing Fruit
Home Irrigation*

Lunch will be provided by committee; and it is always very good.

If you need to refresh or wish to continue with the Gardening Study School this will be your last chance for a couple of years.

You need not be a Garden Club Member to attend.

Send your \$55.00 (2 DAYS) Registration for both days to

*Dorothy Delaune
2126 Shady Pond Lane
Covington, LA 70435
RDGDELAUNE@aol.com*

*Enjoy, Carrie Martin, Debbie Corales;
Co-Chairs*



**2011 LGCF
Pre-convention Tour
April 12, 2010
Alexandria, LA**

	<i>Time</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet at Westgate Shopping Center Parking Lot, at side of McDonalds South MacArthur Drive	9:30 am
<input type="checkbox"/> Tour of Emily Smith's Home	10:00 am
<input type="checkbox"/> Tour of Kent Plantation House and Grounds	11:15 am
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch in Kent Plantation House Visitors Center	12:45 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Tour of Marilyn Wellan's Home	2:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Return to Westgate Parking Lot	3:00 pm

TOTAL PRICE \$40.00

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Registration Form

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Method of Payment

- Check for \$40 made payable to:
Alexandria Garden Club,
Memo: 2011 Pre-Convention Tour

Credit Card No.

Expire Date

Signature

Mail to:

Laura Murchison
4121 Waterford Drive
Alexandria, LA 71303

Phone: (318) 445-8887

E-mail: LHMurchison@msn.com

**LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION
2011 STATE CONVENTION AGENDA
MARKSVILLE**

Tuesday April 12, 2011

9:30AM-3:00PM Pre-Convention Tour, Alexandria
3:30 PM Dedication Blue Star By-Way Marker
Headquarters, Lecompte

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

9:00AM-5:00PM..... Registration Desk Open
9:00 - 9:30 AM Headquarters Committee
9:30 -10:00 AM..... Finance Committee Meeting
10:00 -11:00PM LGCF Executive Council
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
12:30 - 1:00PM Judges Executive Council Meeting
1:00 - 2:00PMJudges Council General Meeting
2:00 - 3:00PM Gardening Consultants Meeting
3:00 - 4:00PMLandscape Consultants Meeting
4:00 - 5:00 PM District Directors Meeting
5:00 - 6:00 PM Club Presidents Meeting
7:00 - 9:00 PM Welcome Party – Cochon de Lait
(Cottonport Bank, Marksville)

Thursday, April 14, 2011

8:00AM - 4:00PM Registration
8:00AM - 5:00PM Vendors Open
BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
10:00AM - 12:00 PM Formal Opening of Convention
First Business Meeting
12:15 - 2:30PM Luncheon
Gardening Consultants and Landscape Design Consultants
Honoring Club Presidents and Life Members
Speaker - Carlos Smith
4:00 - 5:30PMTea Honoring Donna Bucci, LGCF President
and Mary Jacobs, LGCF Prsident-Elect
Home of Kathy Lemoine, Longbridge
7:00 -10:00PM Awards Banquet

Friday, April 15, 2011

8:00AM - 12:00PM Registration
8:00AM - 5:00PM Vendors Open
BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
10:00 - 12:00 Noon Second Business Meeting
12:15 - 2:30PM Luncheon Honoring Judges Council
Chapeaus, Creativity and Courage
Speaker - Virginia Webb
3:45 - 5:00PM Visit to Avoyelles Public Charter School
(Edible school garden, children’s garden, memorial garden, and potting shed)
6:00 - 7:00PMReception for incoming LGCF President Mary Jacobs
Hosted by District II
7:00 - 10:00PM Installation Banquet

Saturday, April 16, 2011

8:00 - 9:30AM 2011-2013 Officers & Chairmen Orientation Breakfast
(Breakfast is on your own. It may be eaten prior to the meeting or it may be
brought from the Buffet and eaten at the tables in the Meeting Room)

*NOTICE.....REGISTRATION IS CLOSED DURING ALL MEALS

2011 LGCF STATE CONVENTION

Reservations Reply Form

The following sheet is a "Reservations Reply Form" for making individual guest reservations into your specific special rated group block for your meeting.

- On the form are the group code and the rates for each night by type of accommodation.
- The use of this form is not required, but it assures greater accuracy, and is easier for many guests to use than the optional method of direct call in.
- Please make and distribute copies of this form to your expected attendee list. An electronic version of the form can be emailed to you by calling our Convention Coordinator, Ms. Beverly Rayer at 318-240-6392.
- Reservations made by reservation reply form fax can be confirmed with an email to the guest, if it is requested on the form.
- Call-in reservations are always welcome, and our direct reservations line for that purpose is: 800 642-7777.

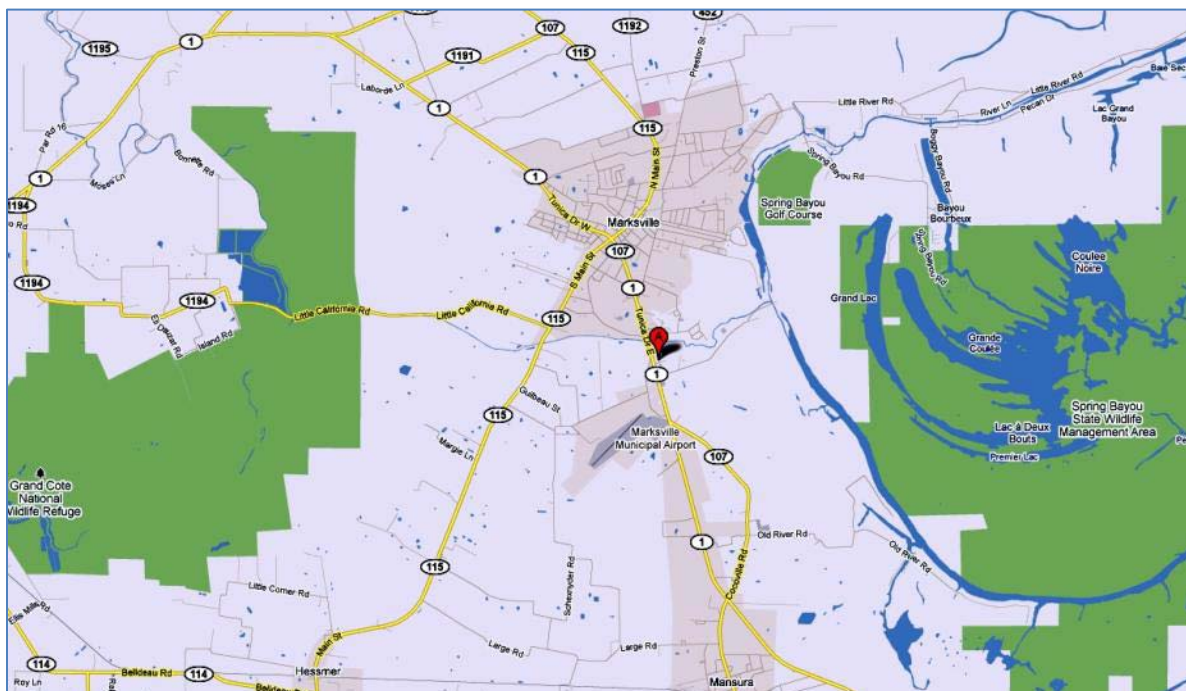
Note from Convention Chairman

"ASK FOR THE NORTH TOWER WHEN MAKING YOUR ROOM RESERVATION" (it is the most recently renovated section)

When you register and use the registration code, registration will give Paragon a listing of each person's name, address, and phone number in order for that person to receive a player's card in with their packet. Registrants will get points on their card to play at the casino. This is not a requirement, but many members would like a player's card and this way they won't have to stand in line to get one.

Anyone wishing to play golf during convention should contact the casino golf club by January 2011.

Libby Dupuy





Please print legibly and fax to Reservations Reservation Group Block: Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
 Manager: Marcus Logan Arrival Date: 04/12/11
 Fax : 318 – 240 – 6601 Departure Date: 04/16/11
 RES ID # : LFGA20G Reservations must be made by: 03/22/11

Name _____ Number in Party: Adults _____ Children _____

Company Name _____

Email Address _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____ Sharing with _____

Arrival Day / Date _____ Departure Day / Date _____

Please select method of payment:

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Authorization # _____

Signature _____ Check # _____

PLEASE SEND ME A CONFIRMATION BY EMAIL TO: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RATES

The cut-off date for reservations is listed above. All reservations must be made by this date to assure group rate. Reservations made after this date are confirmed only subject to general availability and at prevailing rates. Please circle your choice of accommodations. A credit card or deposit of one night's room rate is required to secure rooms. Room rates quoted DO NOT include 13% tax. Rates are for single or double occupancy per room. Additional person in a double room is \$30.00 per night.

Please circle your room rates per day:

	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Deluxe Tower Room	\$129.00	\$129.00	\$129.00	\$129.00
Standard Room	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$99.00

Pools, Spa , Coffee Shop, Retail Stores, 2100 Slots, 48 Table games, Triplex Cinema, Fitness Center, Business Center, Golf, 6 Restaurants, OTB, Nightclub, Legends Steakhouse, Kids Quest, Video Arcade

Paragon Casino Resort. 711 Paragon Place. Marksville. La. 71351. Reservations # 800.642.7777. Main Hotel # 800.946.1946



Committed to recycling? Tell us about it.

The AF&PA Recycling Awards recognize outstanding business, community, and school recycling efforts.

Enter today to win a 2011 AF&PA Recycling Award!

Each year the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) Recycling Awards recognize outstanding paper recycling efforts. Enter your business, community, or school program today for the chance to win a \$2,000 cash prize, original framed artwork, and recognition in local and national media. Winners and finalists will also be featured on the paperrecycles.org website.

Click on a category to learn more.

[AF&PA Business Leadership Recycling Award](#)

[AF&PA Community Recycling Award](#)

[AF&PA School Recycling Award](#)

Entry deadline: **February 10, 2011**

For additional information about paper recycling please visit
www.paperrecycles.org.

CAMILLE STAKES

LGCF STATE CHAIRMAN

LITTER/RECLAMATION/RECYCLING/WASTE MANAGEMENT

Washington Garden Club Cookbook

The newly published "Acadiana Entertains" cookbook has arrived and is available for sale at \$15 per copy, plus shipping . The book features favorite recipes of many garden club members, noted chefs and celebrities as well as a whole section on high tea (history, protocol, recipes).

If you want to reserve a book, you may e-mail Lindy Taylor at district7director@yahoo.com and make a note of how you want delivery:

___brought to Winter Council meeting in January 2011

___brought to Deep South Convention in March 2011 (books will be sale there with profit sharing for the convention committee)

___mailed to your address

You can send payment of \$15 per book (please include \$5 per book if you choose the mailing option), payable to Washington Garden Club, to

Lindy Taylor
487 White Oak Road
Washington, LA 70589

NGC AWARD CHANGES

NGC has made some important Award changes that may be found in the NGC Awards list on the NGC website at this URL: <http://gardenclub.org/Awards/AwardsList.aspx>

For your convenience, the changes that are in "The National Gardener" (Fall 2010) are also listed below.

1. NGC #63, Website-No book of evidence is needed. Simply complete the NGC Award Application Form and be sure that your website address is printed on the form. Judges will go to the website for evaluation and selection of winners.
2. OPERATION WILDFLOWER AWARDS (#71, 73, AND 74). Following the words "native plants," please add the phrase: "to your region."
3. Concerning all yearbooks-a budget does not have to be included.
4. Page numbering and Table of Contents are not needed in your books of evidence. This includes PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS, also. (Flower Show Achievement Awards follow different set of rules).
5. International Affiliates, please add Award #63 (Website) to your award list.
6. NGC Award #38, Calendar Flower Arranger of the Year, delete: "may submit 35 mm slides or color transparencies." Insert in that space: "may submit digital photos." Please highlight: "Entry form and require ments are found in current Vision of Beauty Calendar."

-Bobbie Verser, NGC Awards Committee chair,bobbieverser@att.net

2010 Cleanest City Winners

Jean Gilstrap, LGCF Director of the Cleanest City Contest, proudly announces the 2010 Cleanest City Winners listed below.

Category	City	LGCF District	Category	City	LGCF District
A	Collinston	V	F	Rayne	VII
B	Marion	V	G	Pineville	VIII
C	Lecompte	VIII	H	Hammond	VI
D	Gueydan	III	I	Alexandria	VIII
E	Ferriday	V	J	Lafayette	III

We congratulate not only all of the winning cities listed above, but also each city that entered the contest. We see them all as winners!

Landscape Design Baton Rouge Garden Center

February 22 - 24, 2011

Make check payable to

Louisiana Landscape Design School

Audit \$55.00....Exam \$60.00

Mail to Clara Earl, LA LD School, Course III,
P. O. Box 45504, Baton Rouge, LA., 70895-4504

Home phone 225-924-6429

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Student ___ Audit ___ Refresher ___

Amount enclosed _____

Box lunch available day of course.

For more details contact:

Betty Foret, 7929 Hwy 31, Opelousas 70570-1620
(337) 942-6423

e-mail: bgforet @ yahoo.com

website: [Landscape Design Study](#)

Environmental Studies Lake Charles, LA

February 15 - 18, 2011

Course III & IV

This curriculum is offered in a series of four, two-day courses and covers many aspects of environmental science. The National Garden Club's accredited program does not require one to complete the courses in order. Successful completion of all four courses is required to become a member of Environmental Consultants.

Contact information:

Linda Finley

4101 Mary Ann St.

Lake Charles 70605-1401

(337) 477-5406

e-mail: lfinley4101 @ yahoo.com

website: [Environmental Studies School](#)

**2011 Deep South Region Convention
Agenda**

Sunday, March 13

- Time 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Flower Show Set-Up
- Time 5:30 P.M. Pre-Convention Dinner with Cajun Dancing – Randol’s Restaurant
2320 Kaliste Saloom Rd. Lafayette, LA

Monday, March 14

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast on your own
- 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. Flower Work Room open
- 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Convention Registration
- 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M. Flower Show Entries
- 8:00 A.M. DSR Sales Room Open and Great Jewelry Exchange for Set Up
- 9:00 A.M. Vendor Set-Up
- 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. Workshop Mauri Robichaux, General Manager
Recycling Foundation of Lafayette
Optional Men’s Tour – Cajun Cooking Class
- 11:00 A.M. – 2:45 P.M. Set-up for Meeting Room Exhibits
- 12 noon Luncheon and Program T.B.A.
- 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Judging of Flower Show
- 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. DSR Sales Room open and Great Jewelry
Great Jewelry Exchange open
- 1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. Executive Committee Meeting
- 3:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Ribbon Cutting – Flower Show open
- 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Regional Council Meeting (Officers and Chairmen)
- 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Cash Bar
- 7:00 P.M. Dinner & Program (Sing across America, Jody Beard)

Tuesday, March 15

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast on your own
- 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Convention Registration (closed during meals)
- 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Great Jewelry Exchange open
(closed during Business Meeting)
- 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Vendors open
(closed during Business Meeting)
- 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. DSR Sales open
(closed during Business Meeting)
- 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Awards Room Open
(closed during Business Meeting)
- 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. DSR Business Meeting (open to all)
- 12 noon Luncheon and Program T.B.A.
Optional Men’s Tour - Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve
- 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Flower Show open
- 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. Dismantle Flower Show, Exhibits, Awards, etc.
- 4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. Tea honoring DS Regional Director and DS Regional
Director-Elect Home of Sarah and Harold Schoeffler
- 6:30 P.M. Awards Banquet & Program (Kent Gonsonlin, Cajun Humorist)

Wednesday, March 15

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast for 2011 – 2013 DSR Officers and Chairmen

Deep South Regional Convention

Registration Form
Deep South Region Convention 2011
Lafayette, LA
March 14-15, 2011

Package plan \$120.00 _____
Package plan includes registration, all meals, events, speakers, tea and business meeting. It does not include the optional men's tour, the Dutch Treat Sunday evening meal on your own or the Wednesday morning Officers and Chairmen Breakfast.

Registration Fee each day \$10.00 _____
Please note: Registration fee must be paid for each day, even if only attending only one event.
Sunday

Dutch Treat meal, Randol's Restaurant
2320 Kaliste Saloom Rd. Cajun food & dancing N/C _____
Head count for transportation to restaurant (no charge)

Monday
Luncheon \$24.00 _____
Dinner \$36.00 _____

Tuesday
Luncheon \$34.00 _____
Tea N/C _____
Awards Banquet \$36.00 _____

Wednesday
Breakfast (New Officers and Chairmen only) \$21.00 _____

Optional Men's tour Jean Lafitte Park \$ 5.00 _____
Men's Cajun Cooking Class \$TBD _____
Total \$ _____

Hotel reservations are made separately to

Hilton Lafayette
1521 W. Pinhook Rd.
Lafayette, LA 70503

Phone (337) 235-6111 OR Hilton Reservations Worldwide 1-800 445-8667
Deep South Convention rate \$129.00 Double \$139.00 King (Group Code DSR)

Name _____
Please print name as you wish it to appear on name badge

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

State Federation _____

Please check all that apply:

Deep South Officer _____ NCG Board Member _____ Delegate _____
Deep South Life Member _____ NGC Life Member _____ Alternate _____
Deep South Council _____ Garden Club Member _____
State President _____ Guest _____

PLEASE ADVISE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS WHEN REGISTERING
REGISTRATION FEE IS NON REFUNDABLE

Mail to: Reservations (Deep South Convention 2011)

Roxanna Champagne

220 Farmington Dr.

Lafayette, LA 70503-8409

Prior to March 01, 2011 (after that date, add a \$15.00 late fee)

Deeds and Doings

District II

Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs (JPCGC) dedicated Highway 3134 (Leo Kerner/Lafitte Parkway) as a Blue Star Memorial Highway on November 6, 2010 by placing a Blue Star Memorial Highway marker at each end of the 8-mile highway that connects Marrero, Louisiana with the Town of Jean Lafitte, Louisiana.

Donna Bucci, President of LGCF, brought greetings from the Federation and was the key player in the dedication ceremony. Military representatives, veterans of previous military service (featuring two World War II veterans), political leaders from the parish and Town of Jean Lafitte, several garden club members and presidents, and citizens of the area attended and participated in the very colorful and memorable ceremony.

The placement of a highway marker at each end of a highway, if not unique to the state, is certainly unusual and remarkable. Joe Baucum, President of JPCGC, stated that he was extremely pleased with the cooperation that he received from state and local officials, with the sizeable contributions that were donated to the project from a number of sources, and with the permanent outcomes of the project --- including the emotional climate that was created by the project and which accompanied the ceremony.

Pictured are Left to Right: Joe Baucum (President, Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs and Member, Bayou Land RC&D Council), Nancy Byrd (Shady Oaks Garden Club), Donna Bucci (President, Louisiana Garden Club Federation), Mary Jacobs (President-Elect, Louisiana Garden Club Federation), Gail Lonibas (Chair, LGCF Blue Star Memorial Marker Program), Tricia Ortalano (President, Terrytown Garden Club), Chris Roberts, (Jefferson Parish Councilman, District 1), Tim Kerner (Mayor, Town of Jean Lafitte, Louisiana).



District III

Lafayette Garden Club started the 2010-2011 season with a September meeting program, Nature in Art: MOMIX's Botanica, with costumes and dance based on garden themes. The program was presented by Jackie Lyle, PASA Creator Director, and Apiyo Obala, PASA Community Relations Director, and featured video images to focus on the connections between the PASA October 19 presentation, Botanica, and its inspirations from nature. Garden Club members Julie Haack and Cinde Reisinger designed a floral display, titled "The Changing Seasons," for the Heymann Center foyer during the showing of MOMIX's Botanica. The arrangement depicted the seasons of the musical presentation, with rows of flowers representing each season.

Deeds and Doings



Pictured on the left are Julie Haack and Cinde Reisinger shown alongside their floral arrangement, "The Changing Seasons."

Membership Chair Claire Moody introduced our two new members, Anita Petitjean and Angelle Marsh. Julie Anna Omanale is a new member also, and guests for the September and October meetings were Marg Fox, Denna Monte, Chris Scheck, Therese Duet, Angel Broussard and Karen Mosteller.

The District II Fall Meeting was a great success and was highly complimented.

Pictures of this event can be viewed on our [Lafayette Garden Club website](#), as well as current Gardens of the Month and Civic Pride Awards.



The October Garden Club meeting featured guest speaker, Dalton Durio, manager of Durio Nursery in Opelousas, a third-generation owner and collector of rare and unusual plants, who highlighted his experiences in propagation and hybridization of these plants. Following the meeting and lunch at Green Olive Lebanese Restaurant, the ladies visited the four live oaks in Duson that are being registered with the Live Oak Society. McLeod, Trahan & Sheffield, Physical Therapy Services, Inc., owns the live oak trees, named Jesse and Alicia Boudreaux Oak, Trahan Oak, Sheffield Oak and McLeod Oak, one of which measured 16 feet in circumference, qualifying as a centurion oak. Chair Gretchen Stewart, wearing a white, 1800's era dress, led the Club members in measuring the four live oak trees. Pictured on the left is Live Oak tree Chair Gretchen Stewart and

Club President Margaret Hargroder posing beside one of the four candidate live oak trees in Duson

The live oak trees photo stop was followed by a tour of Gotreaux Family Farms in Scott, which included organic gardening, recycling in gardening, tilapia raising, free range chickens, and other interesting aspects of food production.

Pictured on the right is Treasurer JoAnn Pugh, Live Oak Tree Chair Gretchen Stewart and Club President Margaret Hargroder measuring a live oak tree, which trees are candidates for the Live Oak Society.

An oak tree in memory of Medric Martin was planted by cyclists with "Tour des Trees" with help from the **Franklin Garden Club**. Tour des Trees is a group of arborists and educators who travel the country to raise awareness of the importance of trees in our environment. On their yearly trip to plant trees in South Louisiana, the cyclists would



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stop and visit with Mr. Martin at this store on Irish Bend Road, Franklin, Louisiana. They spent many hours listening to Mr. Martin's stories of local history.

Live Oak Gardens of New Iberia donated the tree in connection with the "Acorns of Hope" Project. The goal of this project is to replace oak trees that were lost due to hurricanes and soil erosion.

Pictured with the cyclists are members of the Franklin Garden Club who helped organize the tree planting and served as hostess at a reception that was given at Oaklawn Manor by Governor Mike and Mrs. Alice Foster.



District VI

District VI's twenty three Garden Clubs are on the move with many activities as they kicked off with great energy and excitement this year. Dist. VI Fall Meeting was hosted graciously by Baton Rouge Garden Club, President Sally Daigle and it members. Posey present Daigle with a lovely candy dish to thank her for her gracious hospitality to District VI and to her. Focus on Recycling prevailed at the meeting with many entries on their recycling project contest. Pictures will soon be on the web site listing winners and their placing at our meeting. Excitement was in the air as Donna Bucci, State President assisted Director Posey in awarding all the winners in the Recycling Project Contest, who receive a special certificate and a recycling shopping bag.

Special guest, Sate President Donna Bucci spoke and was given an standing ovation. Minnie Posey, District VI Director presented Donna with a pewter bread tray on behalf of the District VI Garden Clubs, which consist of twenty three clubs. Bucci spoke about the NGC project of a private garden for families at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, and a special red plastic "RECYCLED" jug was passed and District VI donated 330 dollars to the National Project. When a family loses one of their loved ones in the Military their bodies are brought there and the NGC's goal is to build this garden which will only be for families who come there as their loved ones are brought home. This special private garden will be for these families and not open to the public. What a wonderful project so if you club did not make a donation, you still can do that by sending a check to Donna Bucci made out to LAGCF, Inc and put on memo for Dist VI -Special Garden Project-Dover AFB. All clubs who wish to send money for the therapeutic garden being built at the Dover Air Force base in Delaware for the service men and women families picking up their deceased can still do so. Remember, Freedom Isn't Free and we want to continue to support our troops and their families who help us all to enjoy the freedoms we have everyday! Don't forget to thank a Soldier!

Attendance was great, food was wonderful and everyone enjoyed the speaker Bob Dillemath with a 20 minute presentation on recycling. He is with the EBR Recycling Office and members were informed of recycling efforts going on in the Baton Rouge areas which was encouraging to the group.

Ponchatoula Gardenettes, Diane Dufour; Gonzales Garden Club, president Janis Poche; Home and Garden Club, president Nellie Jenkins; Westchester Estates, president Joann Round; and

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Magnolia Garden Club, president, Carol Crock was recognized for ordering over 5000 bulbs in District VI. JoAnn Fryling who is chairman of the Golden Moments Project assisted in the special certificate presentation of club president of the recognized garden clubs. Congrats to everyone.

Reminders to all clubs by Kathy Bedenbaugh, State Award's Chairman and also Lena Bateman, Deep South Awards Chairman about getting their committees started working on their club awards and stated they were due to the Chairman before December 1st. Presidents reports AWARD # 1 are also due to Kathy Bedenbaugh and also a copy goes to District VI Director, Minnie Posey. Garden Club Presidents are being challenged to fill out these President's report to let our district know what they are doing. November is already here so call your Club Awards Committee Chairman now to get started! Help your club shine by applying for those awards! Many door prizes were given out to attendees which is always so much fun for everyone!

Thanksgiving is almost upon us so I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encourage to you take a special moment to give thanks for all you many blessings and to do one special thing for someone and ask them to do the same for someone else when you do this special gift. This would be a more wonderful world if everyone would return a special deed to someone else when they receive an unexpected surprise or deed from another. Again, Happy Thanksgiving to our twenty three garden clubs in District VI! Keep on being active and doing all those great projects and let me hear what is going on. Good gardening always! Minnie Posey, Dist. VI Director

The **Magnolia Forest Garden Club** began its 2010-11 year with the continuation of their monthly business meetings, horticulture and nature reports, and programs. Some of their recent activities included a demonstration on how to make a holiday floral centerpiece depicting a Thanksgiving turkey and a sack lunch workshop to learn how to make raffia ribbon magnolias. The magnolias will be used to decorate the entrances at Magnolia Forest subdivision and two magnolias will be the club's ornaments for Slidell's "Christmas Under the Stars" trees. The club also created a scarecrow for the Slidell Beautification Committee's First Annual Scarecrow contest, and our scarecrow won second place. Members recently participated in Slidell's Fall Citywide Cleanup at Pearl's Garden in John Slidell Park by supervising students from Calvary Baptist School in clearing away weeds, raking up excess pine straw and using it to mulch beds, removal of summer annuals, and replanting beds with winter annuals. In addition, a social was held in which members and spouses enjoyed a casual dining experience that started with cocktails and conversation, which was followed by dinner and dessert with good company. Pictured above right is Magnolia forest garden Club member, Betty Rose, and students from Calvary Baptist School.



The **Home and Garden Club** held its November club meeting at Good Samaritan Living Center in Franklinton, LA. Shown in the picture (L-R) is club President, Nellie Jenkins and hostess for the meeting, Sue Gerald, who provided a beautiful Fall pumpkin centerpiece with lovely tablecloth. The program was led by Dana Truxillo focusing on the "Golden Moments" Project of planting of yellow daffodil bulbs and plants to remember our past club members and senior citizens in our community. The project has been a two year effort by the club as bulbs were planted at Heritage



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Manor last year. Residents and club members were on hand to participants in the day's activities. Member attending were Minnie Posey, Joe Jane Kern, Opal Breland, Marguerite Lipani, Kaye Williams, Sue Gerald, Dana Truxillo, Rachel Lanford, Rita wood, Nellie Jenkins, Cathie Sapia, and Mary Parsley. JoAnn Fryling serves as State Chairman for the Golden Moments Project.



The October meeting for the **West Chester Estates Garden Club** was held at the home of Karen Porter. After the meeting all the members enjoyed a delicious lunch co-hosted by Sally Arnold. For the meeting activity, each member designed a wreath to display in their homes during the holiday season.

Pictured Standing left to right: Karen Porter, Ginger Meyer, Carol Crock; Seated left to right: Yvon Molinary, Joan Zimmerle

District VII

The **Diggers and Weeders** have been busy recently with continuing old projects and beginning new ones. The members continued the tradition of decorating the Christmas tree at a local retirement home this December. The decorations used were all hand made out of nature's resources by club members. The club has launched a new multi-stage project working with CARC (Calcasieu Association for Retarded Citizens). The first stage of this project was to design, plan and help direct the planting of a small grove of citrus and other fruit trees at one of the group homes. The picture on the right shows club members and CARC members working together to plant a fig tree.



District VIII

The Louisiana Garden Club Federation District VIII held their Annual Fall Meeting 2010 at the Kent Plantation House Visitors' Center on the beautiful grounds of the Historic Kent House at 3601 Bayou Rapides Road in Alexandria, LA. The meeting was well attended by members of the four federated garden clubs in District VIII – **Alexandria Garden Club, Lecompte Garden Club, Marksville Garden Club and Moreauville Garden Club**. Distinguished guests included LGCF, Inc. Officers: Donna Bucci, President; Mary Jacobs, President-Elect; Kathy Bendenbaugh, First Vice President; Lena Bateman, Second Vice President; Yvette Hebert, Recording Secretary; Linda Finley, Treasurer; and JoAnn Ryan, Corresponding Secretary.

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The Guest Speaker was Jeffrey Carbo, ASLA, an award winning Alexandria Landscape Architect, shown in the picture on the right with District VIII Director, Patti Killian. Mr. Carbo shared his experience, knowledge and a wonderful slide presentation featuring a project he had firsthand knowledge and experience with – Shangri La. Shangri La is nestled within 252 acres in the heart of Orange, Texas. Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is a program of the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutcher Stark Foundation, a private foundation whose mission is to improve and enrich the quality of life in Southeast Texas and encourage and assist education. The formal Botanical Gardens contain more than 300 plant species in five formal "rooms" as well as four sculpture "rooms." Adjacent to the Botanical Gardens is a bird blind which allows visitors to observe nesting birds in Shangri La's heronry. Shangri La was designed by San Antonio architects Lake | Flato in partnership with landscape architects Jeffrey Carbo Landscape Architects and MESA.



Donna Bucci, LGCF President addressed the group and reports were given by the state officers and chairmen. Other speakers included Jean Gilstrap, Cleanest City Contest State Chairman and Diana Nolan promoting the 2011 Deep South Convention – Allons a Lafayette. District VIII President Pattie Killen presided over the meeting.

Two special exhibits were featured: PassAlong Plants by Dianne Bordelon, Moreauville Garden Club and Cleanest City Contest by Jean Gilstrap, State Chairman. A silent auction was held where members enjoyed raising the stakes for the items auctioned. It was a very informative and enjoyable meeting!

Pictured on the left are members of the Marksville Garden Club at the LGCF District VIII Fall Meeting.



Pictured on the right are members of the Lecompte Garden club at the Fall District Meeting.

Calendar of Events



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- January 15 Publicity Press Books due
- January 17 - 18 Louisiana Garden Club Federation- Winter Council Meeting, Lecompte, LA
- January 21 Arbor Day
- January 26-27 Garden Study School Course IV
- February 15-18 Enviromental Study School Courses III & IV
- February 22-24 Landscape Design School Course III
- March 1 Final report of Officers and Chairmen due to Newsletter
- March 14-15 Deep South Convention- Hilton, Lafayette, LA
- April 12 LGCF Pre-Convention Tour, Alexandria
- April 13-15 LGCF Convention- Paragon Casino Hotel, Marksville
- May 27-29 National Garden Clubs Convention, Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C
(Installation Year)
- June 5-11 National Garden Week
- June 15-19 World Association of Flower Arrangers 10th World Flower Show, Boston, MA
- July 18-19 LGCF Summer Board Meeting

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- May 16-19 National Garden Clubs Convention– Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY
- September 25-29 NGC Fall Board Meeting- Little Rock, Arkansas

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- May 24-26, National Garden Clubs Convention- Doubletree Hotel, Seattle, WA-
(Installation Year)