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Pictured on our cover is a copy of an original water color painting by our editor, Pam Langley. Pam has paperwhites (*Narcissus tazetta*), growing in her yard, that are gifts planted by the homes previous owners. They never fail to bloom when the weather turns cold and their fragrance is always intoxicating.

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

Editor..... Pam Langley, 1750 Bilbo St., Lake Charles, LA 70601-6061, 337-842-2995

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO SPRING ISSUE (APRIL 2012) IS MARCH 1ST, 2012.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Garden Club Members,

I traveled throughout our beautiful state for the Fall District Meetings, along with our officers, and past presidents, Donna, and Margo. I would like to especially thank all the District Directors, Hostess Garden Clubs, and their members for Continuing Our Legacy of Beautification, Education & Restoration. To name a few of the Programs, we honored the recent Circle of Roses members, learned about state of our Honey Bees in Louisiana, a Standard Flower Show, and so many others were outstanding too!



We were honored to have a picture taken by a Blue Star Marker outside of the War Memorial DeRidder Civic Center. On our way back home, we saw the Jennings Garden Club's staged walkway, honoring the Vietnam Memorial. This was off of Interstate 10, was open to the public, and the memorial is traveling from state to state. This was a welcome sight to see a row of American Flags, so proudly flying, and realizing one of our newest garden clubs was responsible for this!

I would like to welcome the fourth (4) Newest Garden Club, Sterlington. I was truly honored to present to them the Certificate of Federation to LGCF, a Member of National Garden Clubs. Congratulations to you! The state reporting the greatest number of new clubs between October 31, 2011 and March 31, 2012 will be the NGC Membership award winner. Let's continue to strive to increase our membership to our Garden Club Family.

Congratulations to Minnie Posey, Washington Parish's Fair HONOREE on October 17th, 2011, in Franklinton. The Washington Parish Free Fair Celebrated its **100th** year! What a Milestone! The 2011 WPF Catalog is dedicated to her in appreciation for her 40 years as a Fair Volunteer. Minnie is a member of Home and Garden Club. I was deeply honored to represent Louisiana Garden Club Federation at the Dedication Dinner.

Speaking of our Garden Club Family, I would like to welcome our newest Book Review Chairman, Dolla Farmer of Sulphur Garden Club, and Kathleen Lemoine Co-Chairman of Natural Disasters, and a member of Moreauville Garden Club.

In 2009, during Donna Bucci's term, LGCF voted to support a special unified project-Freedom Isn't Free. This was presented by Mary Hazen, a member of Creative Planters Garden Club. The success of this project was made possible by YOU, garden clubs throughout the state. Enough money was raised to purchase 2 markers. During 2009, Gail Lonibos was LGCF's Blue Star Marker Chairman, and ten (10) were dedicated at this time.

A tireless effort by Mary Hazen, Blue Star Marker Chairman, Freedom Isn't Free, Blue Star By Way Marker Presentation Ceremony was dedicated on November 7th of this year, at Folk Polk. Our marker is in the heart of Fort Polk on Warrior Hill. The Tribute of Flowers Wreath by presented by our very own Colonel Martha McBurney, and her husband Colonel R.Y. McBurney. District VII Director, Sissy Gall unveiled the marker. A Great Big Thank-You to District VII Members who provided and baked trays and trays of homemade cookies, biscuits and brownies. This was so much appreciated by all in uniform. A beautiful tribute of flowers adorned a wreath, designed by Mitzi LeJeune of Crowley Garden Club. Better Swamps and Gardens has worked tirelessly as Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Club Blue Star Marker Chairman. The most recent Blue Star Marker Dedication took place in Memorial Park in the heart of Metairie on November 10 of this year. To this date, Joe has been responsible for six (6) additional Markers. Kudu's to all who made these possible!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Thank you for your club yearbooks, and personal notes. I would appreciate, if you have not mailed your yearbooks to me, please do so - I would love to see what your clubs are doing.

Please help me get some LGCF pictures of Louisiana Garden Club's Projects. Please call me at (504) 469-4397 and let me know. Thank you!

Flick Your Pic

Show off and share your garden club pictures with the world! See what others are doing! It's quick and easy go to: flickr.com/NationalGardenClubs

To join, you need to have both a Yahoo! Email account and a Flickr account. Both are free and easy to set up and are accessible on the Flickr sign-up page at www.flickr.com.

Looking forward to seeing you at the LGCF's Convention, "**Bayou Treasures**", on April 16th -18th, 2012 in Houma - **Join Us Down the Bayou in Houma!** Our National President, Shirley S. Nicolai will be our Honored Guest. Mary Jane Peters and Sherri Labbe has been busy planning a Fun-filled and exciting convention!

Hoping yours was a Very Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays & Hanukah!

Mary

NGC MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Linda Nelson, NGC Membership Chairman

A new Membership Increase Award..... \$\$\$\$

*\$100 for the greatest increase in paid membership
from October 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012

*\$100 for the greatest per capita increase in paid membership
from October 31, 2011 to March 31 2012

(Deadline for dues is October 31; deadline for additional dues paid is March 31.)

TO WIN THESE AWARDS PARTICIPATE IN **ASK**
ASK THEM TO JOIN--SHARE KNOWLEDGE--KEEP THEM INVOLVED

Circle of Roses



Lois Manuel

Lafayette Garden Club (District III)

Lois Manuel was born and reared on a farm in north Alabama. She married Maurice, a dentist who served as an officer in the US Air Force and his career took her both stateside and abroad. While stationed in Japan, Lois studied floral design with Japanese experts. When Maurice retired, they made their home in Lafayette, LA. Lois worked as a Surgical Registered Nurse and as Director of Nurses at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Lois and Maurice have two successful sons and five beautiful grandchildren.

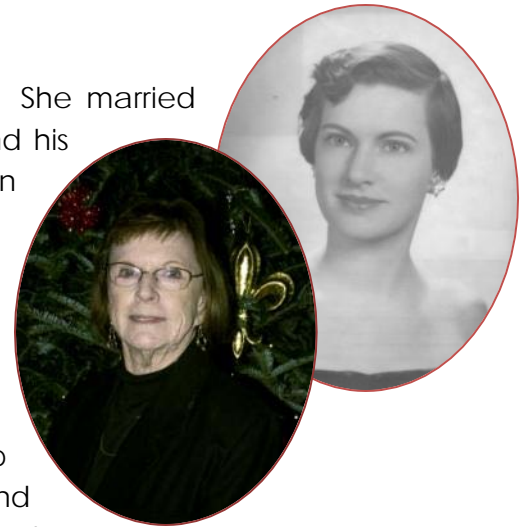
Lois has been an active member of the Lafayette Garden Club since 1966. She has served as Secretary, Vice President and President. She served as Chairman of many flower shows and other committee activities. When Lois enters flowers shows, top honors in both floral design and horticulture are the norm. She is a Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judge with a master status, and a member of the LGCF District III Flower Judges Council.

Her fondness for and knowledge of horticulture and floral design has her deeply rooted in the community. She was on the founding committee of "Festival des Fleurs de Louisiane", an annual event in the support of horticulture at UL-Lafayette, and has continued with this organization for the past 22 years. She is a member of many floral societies such as Camellia, Orchids and Roses, serving in executive positions in these organizations. Both Lois and Maurice are certified judges with The American Camellia Society. Lois is a Master Gardener and a Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional. Lois assists each year with the Day Lily Festival in Vermilion Parish. Lois is a team member who judges 4-H club student vegetable gardens. She assists Dan Gill with programs on "Nursery and Landscape Certification" each year in Baton Rouge. She assists each fall with a presentation in Vermilion Parish on Strawberry culture.

Lois also participates in a TV program called "Get It Growing" each month thru the Acadiana Open Chanel and Master Gardeners. She is listed with the LSU Extension office as a Horticulture Professional, and answers many calls each week dealing with horticulture.

Simply put in her words, "My Journey over the years has been most rewarding. The places we have visited the people we met and all of God's great creations. We have wonderful memories. I still have many things planned for tomorrow. I still make a great pecan pie. I am.....Lois Manuel"

The Lafayette Garden Club is proud and honored to add the name of Lois Manuel to the LGCF Circle of Roses.



Circle of Roses



Enola Provost May

Lafayette Garden Club (District III)

Enola Provost May joined the Lafayette Garden Club in 1967. She has always been very proud of capturing her first Tricolor award in floral design that same year for her entry in the 1967 Iris Show. She has since had the good fortune of acquiring additional awards in floral design and horticulture.

Enola has served as club president and has also held other club officer positions as well as chairperson for several committees. She was named member of the year in 1995.

A lifelong resident of Lafayette, Enola has been actively involved in professional, religious, civic and social activities. She and her husband, Dr. Robert May, Jr, (Bobby) are both retired from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. During retirement they have enjoyed time away, at their second home, an 1830's cottage on the Lakes of LSU in Baton Rouge, LA. They spend quality time with their children and grandchildren and enjoy traveling the countryside finding treasures for their antique business.

Enola is very thankful for her faith, family and friends- and has always been very proud of being a member of the Lafayette Garden Club.

The Lafayette Garden Club is proud and honored to add the name of Enola Provost May to the LGCF "Circle of Roses".

Dot Sirman

Diggers and Weeders Garden Club (District VII)

Dot has been a member of the Diggers and Weeders since 1985. She was a very active member for many years. Always helping out with anything she could and never missing a meeting. Dot served as Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, and from 1998 to 2000 was President of the Garden Club. Over the years she was also Publicity Chairman, Horticulture Chairman, Conservation Chairman, and Garden Therapy Chairman. Dot also participated in the Cleanest City Contest and many other club and city functions.

Dot and her husband Carl have 2 Children. Her husband is ill and Dot has been devoting her time to taking care of him. Dot and Carl traveled a lot and she loves talking about all their adventures. She was a Realtor for many years. She loves being around people and is a good friend to everyone. Dot loved having us over to her home and loved sharing her plants with everyone. Dot is the Garden Club member everyone wishes they had and we are proud to call her one of ours.





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" three special ladies.

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

http://www.louisianagardenclubs.org/projects/circle_of_roses.pdf

Book Review

By Dolla Farmer, 2011-2013 LGCF Book Review Chairman



The Time To Plant, Southern-Style Garden Living by James T. Farmer, Layton, Utah: Gibbs Smith, 2011. Hardcover, 208 Pages, 250 color photographs, ISBN 978-1-4236-2346-5, \$40.00

James Farmer teaches a new generation of Southerners to love gardening while respecting for the age-old rules of flower and vegetable gardening of Southern culture. A young voice resonates love of life and entertaining with what the garden provides. With proper timing nature provides us with trimmings for the home and table. This book has tips, delicious recipes, floral arrangements, centerpiece suggestions and beautiful photographs. Just a note we are not related.

The direct link to the book on Amazon.com:

www.amazon.com/dp/1423623460/?tag=googhydr-20&hvadid=8948324724&ref=pd_sl_3eq2rxvb8l_e

Blue Star Memorial Dedication at Fort Polk

By Sissy Gall, LGCF District VII Director

Monday, November 7, 2011 was a beautiful day, a bit windy, but otherwise a nice time to be outdoors. Those of us who travelled to Fort Polk had a little trouble finding our way through security and parking, though it was truly a pleasant adventure. Our designated area was quite well organized, with tents set up, chairs in neat rows, flags flying, and refreshment tables with pristine white cloths ready and waiting.



The gentlemen and ladies, and by that I mean uniformed servicemen as well as civilians, were very cordial and appeared happy to be a part of the dedication ceremonies. After a kind welcome and concise bit of history and background about the Blue Star Memorial Program, by Mr. Tom Bradford, an Invocation was offered by Chaplain D.R. Behnken.

The National Anthem was then played, and hearts were moved in recognition of the significance of the gathering. Following this, LGCF Pres. Mary Jacobs offered our honor and thanks to America's Armed Forces. Yvette Hebert read a beautiful poem in tribute to servicemen and women of the past, present and future. As Mary Hazen made the official presentation of the marker, I had the utmost honor of unveiling it to those gathered.

The marker is truly beautiful, attached to a slab of granite, and located in a very prominent place, under a stand of mature pine trees at a major intersection on the Base. It is visible from many directions, and is also adjacent to a walking/jogging track that is much utilized.

The Base Commanders, BG Clarence Chinn, Command Sergeant Major Billy Brauer, Command Sergeant Major Theodore Sutton, and Colonel Roger Shuck, were asked to come forward and accept our tribute, which was acknowledged with appreciation!

A tribute of flowers was next, with a wreath (created by Crowley Garden Club's Mitzi LeJeune, and paid for by District 8)) placed at the new Blue Star Marker by Col. and Mrs. R.Y. McBurney. Mrs. Martha McBurney is a long-standing LGCF member who was an Army nurse for many years. They were both very honored to have a role in the dedication, and to be recognized for their service to America.

Col. Roger Shuck then gave a keynote address, which focused on the contributions of LGCF and NGC to our state and country. (How ironic and humbling!) We concluded the dedication ceremony by singing The Army Song. Mr. Bradford extended the invitation to all to partake of refreshments offered by District 7 of LGCF. Most of those in attendance stayed to sample the treats!

I want to thank you all for your support of this "mission". To the District VII clubs who made cookies and provided bottled water: Diggers and Weeders, Weeders and Feeders, Sulphur, DeRidder, Crowley, Rayne, Eunice-- after your cookies were thoroughly enjoyed at Warrior Hill, the remaining treats were delivered to the Fort Polk Community Center and to the Visitors' Gate to be enjoyed there!

To those who were unable to attend or participate: Thank you for supporting this effort with your thoughts and prayers! I know you were with us in your hearts. God Bless Our Troops!!

Landscape Design School News

By Clara Earl, LGCF Landscape Design School Chair

The Louisiana Landscape Design School Course III, Series XVII, was held in Baton Rouge, LA., with 39 attendees in February 2011. Three new consultants and three new master consultants completed their requirements.

Course IV Series 17 was held Sept. 13, 14, 2011 at the Baton Rouge Garden Center in Baton Rouge LA. Seventeen students, plus three refresher and three non-garden club members attended. (All exam takers passed the exams.)

Course I Series XVIII, will begin on February 28-29, 2012 at the Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. Flyers and Registration will be sent and accepted after January 7, 2012. Our professors are from the LSU Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture, and community professionals possessing ASLA and ULI credentials.

Further info can be obtained by watching the websites, calling Clara Earl at 225-924-6429 or writing Gail Lonibos, Registrar, 42353 Greens View Drive, Gonzales, LA 70737-8587.

2012 Secret Gardens Tour® Announced

"Literature in the Garden" to bring acclaimed authors and landscape professionals together in 12 private gardens on 6th annual tour to benefit brain injury recovery

WHO: The Secret Gardens Tour® is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to raise funds and awareness for brain injury recovery in greater New Orleans and Louisiana with an annual tour of the area's most exquisite private gardens.

WHAT: The 2012 Tour themed *Literature in the Garden* will include guided and self-guided tours of twelve private gardens open to the public for the first time plus book readings and signings by acclaimed national and local authors. New this year will be a tour of the installation of the Recovery Garden at Milton H. Latter Library as well as screenings of select documentary films on brain injury recovery produced by Secret Gardens Tour® film contest winners. As in the previous years, additional attractions will include live music by local performers, a floral labyrinth, and *Secret Treasures*, the outdoor boutique with garden accessories, art, foods and gifts for sale by local vendors.

WHERE: Private gardens in Uptown New Orleans at/near the Milton H. Latter Memorial Library at 5120 St. Charles Avenue.

WHEN: Guided Tours*, Friday, March 23, 2012: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Self-Guided Tours*, Saturday, March 24, 2012: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

* Group rates are available for both Tour options – see website
www.SecretGardensTour.org or call 504.838.3098 for details

WHY: Recovery from brain injury is arduous, confusing, long, painful and expensive with average lifetime costs ranging from \$600,000 to \$1.8 million.

Contact: Beverly Gianna
The Secret Gardens Tour®
(504) 621-6828
bgianna@cox.net

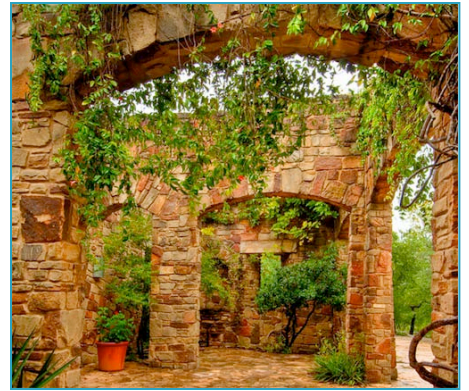
Gardens of Texas Tour

Please join us for a spectacular fun-filled 6 day tour of the gardens of Texas!

Tentative Dates: March 26 to March 31, 2012

Itinerary:

Day 1: Meet in Lafayette with an early lunch at Cracker Barrel. Drive to Austin, TX. In Austin we will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Austin. Dinner will be at the Roaring Fork restaurant.



Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center

Day 2: Breakfast at the hotel, then head to the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center for a tour of the center. Your on your own for lunch at the center. After a fun filled day, we'll return to the hotel for a short rest before heading to Shady Grove, one of Austin's best-loved eateries, for supper.

Day 3: Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a walking tour of downtown Austin, then lunch. After lunch it's off to Fredericksburg and a little sightseeing and shopping. A first rate meal will be served later in the day at the Country Inn Cottages, where we will be staying.

Day 4: Trip to Wildseed Farms. Shopping and dining in Fredericksburn that afternoon and evening. One last night at the Country Inn Cottages before heading back east.

Day 5: Pack up and leave our Cottages. Lunch in Austin at Threadgill's. Drive to Independence, TX and tour the Antique Rose Emporium. Then on to The Woodlands Resort for our final night of the tour.

Day 6: Spend a relaxing morning at the resort with lunch at the Woodlands then return to Lafayette to arrive around 5 pm.

Our LGCF Tours Chairman, Jan Smith, has been working with David Campbell from CEO - GBC Tours to put together this Texas Garden Tour for members. David's contact info: 504-722-4000, email gbctours@gmail.com. Jan's contact info: 318-237-4739, email ladebate@gmail.com.

JOIN US DOWN THE BAYOU IN
HOUMA, LA
LGCF 2012 CONVENTION

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APRIL 16-18, 2012



Monday, April 16, 2012

Pre-Convention Tour

3-5 pm



Come take a boat tour and see the Bayou Black area. Enjoy a glimpse of the wildlife while Black Guidry sings you a Cajun French song and plays his accordion made from an old cedar chest. The boat will accommodate the 1st 50 to sign-up.

Contact Sherri Labbe, 985-851-3593/shedigsdirt@att.net

Cost is \$25.00 which includes the bus ride to and from the hotel. (Not included in the Registration Package)

Monday night join us at the hotel for a Crawfish Boil. Do the Cajun 2-Step to the music of Gene Bonvillian and the Playmates. \$25.00 is included in the Package.



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**BAYOU TREASURES
2012 LGCF CONVENTION SCHEDULE**



Monday, April 16, 2012

3:00 – 5:00Pre-Convention Tour Swamp Tour
6:00 – 9:00**FAIS DO DO** Mixer, CRAWFISH BOIL

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

6:00 - 9:00Complimentary Breakfast in the Atrium
8:00 - 4:00Registration Open
9:00 - 4:00Vendors Open

(Registration & Sales Room closed during meals & Special Events)

8:30 - 9:00Finance Committee Meeting
9:00 - 10:00Dist. Directors/Club Presidents Meeting
10:00 - 11:00LGCF Executive Council Meeting

11:15 - 1:00**GUMBO POT** Gardening Study and
.....Landscape Design Luncheon

1:00 - 1:30Judges' Executive Council Meeting

1:30 - 2:30Judges' Council Meeting

2:30 -3:15Gardening Consultants Council Meeting

3:15 - 4:00Landscape Design Consultants Meeting

4:00 - 6:00Formal Opening of Convention

.....First Business Meeting

6:00 - 7:00Happy Hour (Cash Bar)

7:00 - 9:00**BLESSING OF THE FLEET** Judges Council
.....Dinner

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

6:00 - 9:00Complimentary Breakfast in the Atrium
8:00 - 4:00Registration Open
9:00 - 4:00Vendors Open

(Registration & Sales Room closed during meals & Special Events)

9:30 – 11:30Second Business Meeting

12:00 - 2:00**LAGNIAPPE ON THE BAYOU** Club Presidents
.....and Life Members Luncheon/Non-Competitive
.....Awards with NGC President Shirley Nicolai

2:15 - 3:15Environmental Studies Meeting

3:30 - 4:30Workshop

6:00 - 7:00Happy Hour (Cash Bar)

7:00-10:00**COASTAL WAVES** Awards Banquet



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Quality Hotel Houma

(985) 868-5851 (985) 879-1953 FAX
210 South Hollywood Rd.
Houma, LA 70360

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Fax Reservation Requests

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Credit Card Information:

- Type: _____
- Number: _____ exp. ____/____
- Date of arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

Room Type Requested: (Circle One)

King Non-Smoking King Smoking 2 Beds Non-Smoking
 ALL Room Rates: \$68.00 (With tax \$76.50)

Confirmation # _____

Please fax this sheet to 1-985-879-3216

ATTN: HESSIE COX

Reservation/Revenue Manager

This sheet does not confirm you a room.

Until this sheet is faxed back with a confirmation number, this is strictly a room request only.



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 Registration Form
 LGCF State Convention April 16-18, 2012



Package plan cost: Package plan includes registration, all meals, events, speakers, and business meetings.
 Does not Include Swamp Tour. As only the 1st 50 people will be registered for the tour, please include a separate check.

Pre-Convention Swamp Tour \$25.00 \$_____

If you choose not to select the package plan, please complete the following. NOTE: You must pay the \$15 registration fee required for each day, even if attending only one event.

Monday, April 16, 2012 Crawfish Boil \$25.00 \$_____

Tuesday, April 17, 2020 Registration \$15.00 \$_____

Luncheon \$25.00 \$_____

Banquet: \$27.00 \$_____

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 Registration \$15.00 \$_____

Luncheon \$25.00 \$_____

Banquet \$27.00 \$_____

TOTAL PACKAGE: \$159.00 \$_____

OR YOUR TOTAL: \$_____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

PHONE _____ GARDEN CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

Check your status for Registration and Credentials:

Local: Club President _____ Delegate _____ Alternate _____

LGCF Officer _____ Chairman _____ Life Member _____ Past President _____

Deep South: Officer _____ Chairman _____ Life Member _____

NGC: Officer _____ Chairman _____ Life Member _____

This form or a duplicate must accompany each registration. Reservations must be received by March 15 2012. After March 15, 2012 add a \$10.00 late fee. No same-day registrations will be accepted. Make checks payable to 2012 LGCF Convention and mail to: Sherri Labbe, 701 Wellington Dr., Houma, LA 70360.



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DEEDS AND DOINGS

District VI

The Plaquemine Garden Club is the proud recipient of LGCF'S Inter-/Club Relations Lifetime Achievement Award #7, year 2010, presented by Verlynn Bercegeay at the Summer Board in Baton Rouge.

The Club has left its indelible mark upon the City of Plaquemine over the last 5 decades thru its many beautification, educational, preservation, and youth-oriented programs; especially the courthouse, Dr.s Museum and Tourism Offices in our city.

This award is granted only once and the competition to receive such an award reaches out to one hundred plus clubs in our state.

Pictured on the right are (l-r front) President Madeline Kessler, Federation Representative Verlyn Bercegeay, 2nd V.P. Brenda Blanchard, Past President Jeanne Panepinto; (back row) 1st V.P. Marian Medine, Treasurer Travis Campesi, Recording Secretary Gail LeJeune



District VII



District VII was proud to help provide refreshments for the Blue Star Memorial Dedication Ceremony held in Fort Polk this past fall. Cookies and bottled water were donated by the Diggers and Weeders Garden Club of Lake Charles, Weeders and Feeders of Lake Charles, Sulphur GC, DeRidder GC, Crowley GC, Rayne Garden Club and Eunice Garden Club. District VII members also stepped up to show their support by attending the event. The Diggers and Weeders had five members in attendance; DeRidder had 2 members attending as well as Crowley with 2 members. Our District Director, Sissy Gall, had the honor of unveiling the memorial and is shown in the picture on the left.

The Sulphur Garden Club (SGC) and the City of Sulphur partnered to beautify the new West Calcasieu Business Center (WCBC). The area in front and side of the building had bare dirt, an unused fountain, and was not the best first impression for those looking to locate in Sulphur. The SGC designed the landscape featuring blue agapanthus and gold daylilies (the colors Sulphur is known for) and then donated the double red Knock-Out roses. The Sulphur maintenance department employees planted the landscape and have maintained it wonderfully. We utilized the derelict fountain area as a large bed for water conservation. The City



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even repainted the trash receptacles blue and gold as accent pieces. The West Calcasieu Chamber of Commerce now has a wonderful first impression.



The Sulphur Garden Club has created an educational garden at Vincent Settlement Elementary School. We have both edible and ornamental plants which help us to educate the students on the role of pollinating insects and their importance to our world. We have swiss chard, collard and mustard greens, tomatoes, seedless grapes, peppers, broccoli, brussel sprouts, and cauliflower on the edible side while we have mums, pansies, marigolds, lantana and society garlic with the ornamentals. The children have helped weed, plant, and will be harvesting

when the vegetables are ready. The vegetables and plants will be used in the science and math classes, and any extra will be donated by their 4-H Club and Student Council to our local retirement center.

District VIII



The Eighth District Judges Council hosted a Small- Standard Flower Show at Smith's Landing in Lecompte, LA on November 9, 2011. The theme of the show was inspired by the song, "Simple Gifts" – a Shaker song written and composed in 1848 by Elder Joseph Brackett. The Eighth District Judges Council consists of fifteen Master Judges, eleven Accredited Judges, fourteen master Judges – Emeritus, and one Retired Life Judge. The photos below offer a pictorial recap of the wonder interpretation of the show's theme and the talent and competition offered by this very active council under the inspiration of Mrs. Virginia Webb, President.

Simple Gifts Flower Show: Pictured are Pattie Killen, Hospitality Chairman; Kate Moreau, Flower Show Chairman; Virginia Webb, Eighth District Judges Council President.



Top Exhibitor Awards (right photo)
Horticulture: Imogene Stroud, Award of Merit; Pattie Killen, Award of Merit and Horticulture Excellence Award; Carla Gauthier, Award of Merit; Lisa Couvillion, Arboreal Award.

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Creative Line Mass Blue(left photo) – Lisa Couvillion, Blue Ribbon for Creative Line Mass – “Tis the gift to be simple.”

Parallel Design Blue (right photo) – Virginia Webb, Blue Ribbon for Parallel Design and Award of Design Excellence – “ Tis the gift to be free.”



Stretch Design Blue (left photo) - Carla Gauthier, Blue Ribbon for Stretch Design – “ Tis the gift to come down were we ought to be.”

Calendar of Events



2012

- Feb. 7 – 8 Flower Show School Course II, Hammond Research Station
- Feb. 28 – 29 Landscape Design School Course 1, Baton Rouge
- March 18-20 Deep South Region Convention, Nashville, Tennessee
- March 23 District VII Flower Show
- April 16 LGCF Pre-Convention Tour
- April 17-18 LGCF Convention, Houma, LA
- May 1 – 2 Gardening Study Series 9 Course 1, Hammond
- May 16-19 National Garden Clubs Convention– Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY
- June 3-9 National Garden Week
- June 19 – 22 Environmental Studies School, Series II Course III & IV Lake Charles
- July 23-24 LGCF Summer Board Meeting, Baton Rouge
- Aug. 7-8 Flower Show School, Course III , Hammond Research Station
- September 23-24 NGC Fall Board Meeting- Little Rock, Arkansas

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- Feb. 26-27 Flower Show School, Course IV, Hammond Research Station.
- May 24-26, National Garden Clubs Convention- Doubletree Hotel, Seattle, WA- (Installation Year)