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Our cover picture for this issue is our new LGCF President, **Donna Bucci**. Donna was born and raised in Morgan City of French and Acadian ancestry. She has been married to the "First Dude" for 36 years. Her husband is a Hospital Pharmacist and she is a retired Registered Nurse. They have two children, two "children-in-law" and 5 grandchildren.

Donna is a charter member of the Bayou Vista Garden Club (formed in 1993) in St. Mary Parish in District III. She has held many offices and chairmanships within her club and the LGCF, and also held several chairmanships in the Deep South Region. Donna's hobbies are traveling, scrapbooking, reading (quite a luxury lately), painting, gardening (not much lately either), and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

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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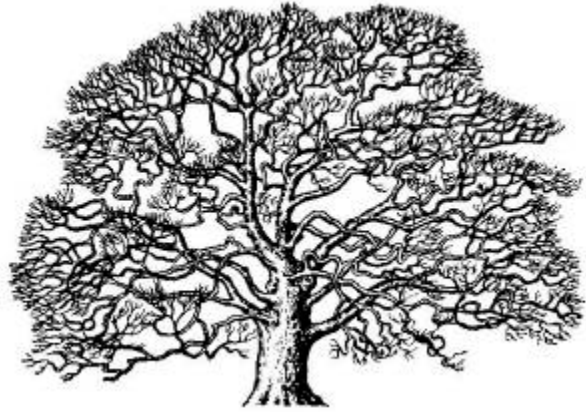
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Message from the President

First of all, I want to thank our Immediate Past-President Sybil Colicchio for her service to the Louisiana Garden Club Federation these past two years. We appreciate your leadership and wish you a "happy retirement"!

Secondly, I know that everyone who attended the LGCF Convention in Monroe will agree that it was outstanding! Many, many thanks to Rene Cascio, her committees and the entire District V for showing us that "Growing Wild-Delta Style" is the way to "grow"!



2009-2010 will be a noteworthy time for the LGCF as we celebrate our 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary! Our Summer Board meeting entitled "Diamonds in the Rough" will be held at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge on July 20 and 21, 2009. This meeting is not to be missed! We will have as our special guests our own Mary Sue Colvin, Deep South Region Director and Margo Racca, DSR Alternate Director. Mary Sue will have some important information at our Club Presidents Luncheon. Also, as an added attraction, we will have a fashion show; "LGCF Dateline Fashion Stroll". This will be fun!!!

You will also want to attend 2 workshops; "Navigating around the LGCF Website and Newsletter" by Pam Langley and Kathy Tell and the Deep South Project "Protecting Our World" "Living Green, Living Clean" by chairmen Jean LaCaze and Shirley Mondello.

The LGCF theme for the next 2 years is "Protect and Conserve our Natural Resources". I have borrowed this line from our Conservation Pledge because I feel that our natural resources are extremely important in our world today. It is very apropos that our NGC, DSR and LGCF themes all center on our environment, conservation and protecting our world.

I have chosen the Live Oak tree as the symbol for my administration. The Live Oak is one of our native trees, it defines the south and it is one of our greatest assets. It is no coincidence that the LGCF is custodian of the Live Oak Society which aids in the preservation of our majestic oaks. I encourage all garden club members to plant, register Live Oaks, protect our waterways and become active in conservation efforts in your community. It is up to us to "Protect and Conserve Our Natural Resources". We are proud to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Live Oak Society.

"If you would know strength and patience, welcome the company of trees."

Author-Hal Borland

With Love and His Peace,



Circle of Roses

ELEANOR MURRAY TALLEY

Vidalia Garden Club (V)



Eleanor Talley, a native Vidalian, graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1954 and taught elementary school for more than 30 years. Her ability to involve and teach newer members strengthens and diversifies our club. Mrs. Eleanor has been a club member since the early 1980's. She is a dedicated club member and contributes willingly in all phases and projects of garden club work. She was president for three years and vice-president for two years. She has served extensively as awards chairman, chairman of the 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration, the Historic Preservation Committee, and various other projects.



In addition, she has served chairman of the State Headquarters Trustees and serves as State and District V Awards advisor. She was District V Director for two years, District V Cleanest City chairman two years and judge for three years. She was chairman of the Deep South Regional Council's Roadside Beautification Committee for two years. She continually works with District V officers. For the 2009-2011 term of office she will serve as Corresponding Secretary of the Deep South Region.

Eleanor is a member of the Louisiana Native Plant Society, Louisiana Ornithological Society, and the Concordia Parish Library Board. Eleanor's spare time is spent enjoying her favorite pastime: bird watching. Eleanor's service, commitment, and involvement with her club, church, family and community are exemplary. The Vidalia Garden Club deeply appreciates and respects Mrs. Eleanor.

EVELYN HEINEMANN

Shady Oaks Garden Club (II)

Evelyn joined Shady Oaks Garden Club in River Ridge in September of 1958. The club met at the Harahan Library and had 35 members. Evelyn remembers that they 'wore hats and probably carried our gloves, real proper'.

Through the years Evelyn learned much about arranging flowers and gardening which she still loves doing to this day.

Evelyn says that the real reward of the many years in Shady Oaks Garden Club is meeting so many wonderful members who have shared their talents and most of all their friendship so freely.

Evelyn has enjoyed all of her fifty years as a garden club member and feels blessed to still be a part of the Shady Oaks Garden Club.



Circle of Roses

HAZEL HAGAN

Community Gardeners of Baton Rouge (VI)

As you probably know, not everyone is willing to serve as president of their garden club. This is not the case with Hazel Hagan, however. Hazel joined Community Gardeners in Baton Rouge in 1970, and in 1975 became president of the club for a two-year period. Then starting in 2000, she again served another two-year term as president of the club. Well, guess what? In June of 2009, Hazel was installed as president of Community Gardeners for a third time for another two-year period.

Needless to say, Hazel is an amazing lady. She was born in Cambria, Illinois in 1927 and grew up in Harrisburg, Illinois. She married her husband, Lowell, in 1946 and began her career as a homemaker and mother. Together they lived in eight states and raised three children. She is grandmother to five children.

In addition to being a very active member and officer of Community Gardeners, Hazel has served her community as a leader of Campfire Girls and Rainbow Girls. She continues to serve her church, Baker Christian Church, in Baker, Louisiana, as president of their ladies group for the fifth time.

We are very lucky and happy to have Hazel in Community Gardeners.



MARIAN BRAUD

Marksville Garden Club (VIII)



Marian Braud has been a member of the Marksville Garden Club since 1954. Her love of flowers and her community has shown through the many civic beautification projects that she has participated in including; the Indian Museum, Library, Hypolite Bordelon Tourist Center, Courthouse Square and Edwards Park, just to mention a few.

She has shared her gift with many through all of the publicity that she has handled for the club through the years. She has compiled many scrapbooks depicting the history of the Marksville Garden Club.



Her horticulture and birding hints have educated us throughout her many years as a member. Marian has diligently served on numerous committees, always volunteering when needed and showing up for support even when not asked.

The Marksville Garden Club cherishes her unending dedication and knowledge that she injects into our club and our community.

Circle of Roses

FLO LANGLOIS

Villa del Rey Study Group, BRGC (VI)



Flo was a charter member of the Villa del Rey Garden Club (VDRGC) and served as the publicity Chairman for many years. Because of her diligence in submitting news articles, the club earned several Publicity Press Book Awards. She served as the Calling Committee Co-Chairman, Garden of the Month Co-Chairman, Baton Rouge Zoo Butterfly Garden Co-Chairman and for several years served as Flower Show Chairman. She won two Best of Show Awards in the design division, other design awards and numerous Horticulture awards.

She was born in Oscar, La., moved to Baton Rouge at the age of 18 years, was married to James Langlois for 61 years and has 6 Children.

After 31 years, in 2008, the VDRCG became a study group of the

Baton Rouge Garden Club.

JUNE PREGEANT

Community Garden Club of Ponchatoula (Vi)



June was born in 1922 and has lived most of her life in Ponchatoula. She was a wife for many years and a working mother of four children. She has always been very active in the community as well as the Garden Club with more energy than most others.

The experience June gained while working as a Nurse at Belle Maison Nursing Home helped her to manage life on her own until the age of 85. She has now adjusted to a retired life with assistance within her home.

During the past 20 years she participated in out-of-State Senior Olympics and also developed many hobbies including landscape painting, arts & crafts and raising potted plants. Over 100 of her paintings have been given to friends and family members. Through

the years she was awarded over 300 ribbons at the Tangipahoa Parish Fairs. She once reigned as Queen of the Year at the Parish Fair and also of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Parade.

June developed the reputation as the "plant lady" by raising a large variety of potted plants and selling or giving them away. Through the years and after each hurricane there was always a large demand for her plants. In 2009, June retired from the flower business but kept 25 of the most special ones for herself.

Today she continues to enjoy her yard and flowers as well as her family and many friends. June was an active member of the Community Garden Club for many years and continues to attend monthly meetings.

Circle of Roses

IDA MAE ALONZO

Villa del Rey Study Group, BRGC (VI)



As a charter member of the Villa del Rey Garden club she was the club's first Historian. She has served as Arbor Day Chairman, Telephone Committee Co-Chairman, Garden of the Month Chairman and years ago assisted with the club's butterfly Garden at the Baton Rouge Zoo. In 2008, the club became a study group of the Baton Rouge Garden Club.

An avid plant and expertise garden person, she always served as the horticulture entry chairman at all of the Villa del Rey Garden Club's flower shows. She won Best of Show with her Pony Tail plant, Swedish Ivy, and Mother of Tears hanging basket; plus many other blue ribbons.

Ida Mae was born in Smoke Bend, Louisiana. She moved to Baton Rouge where she met and has been married to her husband, Earl for 64 years. They have three children, Earl Jr., Dennis, Jan and one grandchild, Tyler.

JOANN CHRISTOPHER

Shady Oaks Garden Club (II)

In 1958, Joann Christopher organized Shady Oak Garden Club and became its first President. Fifty years later she again served as its President in 2008.

She is still a very active member of the club and continues serving in many different committees. She is also a Master Gardener, Master Landscape Design Consultant and Garden Consultant. Joann is presently a board member of Friends of Longue Vue House and Gardens and a member of their Garden Committee for the last 20 years.

She enjoys travelling and for 6 years as the LGCF State Tour Chairman has led group tours to Mexico, Eastern Europe, England and the Netherlands.



Joann is looking forward to many more years of gardening and garden club participation.



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 feature eight very gracious ladies who are known throughout the state. Welcome to our "Circle," 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: minijane1971@yahoo.com.

Landscape Design Study Program

Course I Series XVII

Sponsors:

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
Council of Louisiana Landscape Design

August 5 — 6, 2009 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$55.00 per person

\$5.00 test cost

Lunch is provided for a small fee.

Location:

Baton Rouge Garden Center
7950 Independence Blvd.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Please contact:

Margaret R. Comeaux, Chairperson
215 Public Road
Rayne, La. 70578
Or call 337-334-4315/337-581-4910
Email – mrcomeaux@aol.com

Landscape Design Registration Form

Mail to: Margaret R. Comeaux, Landscape Design Study Program Chairman
215 Public Road
Rayne, Louisiana 70578

Check Payable to: Landscape Design Study Program

_____ Enclosed is \$55.00 to cover cost of Tuition and Manual.

_____ Enclosed is \$5.00 for Exam fee or Refresher Fee.

Name: _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Garden Club: _____ District _____

Registration to be received by July 15th, 2009

Garden Study Program

Gardening Study Course II

Gardening Study school is an educational program geared towards the Garden Club Members and gardeners who wish to learn more about horticulture and gardening. The public is invited to attend our school also.

When: November 3 – 4, 2009

Where: Hammond Research Station,
21549 Old Covington HWY.
Hammond , LA 70403

Registration Fee: \$55.00

Mail Reservations To:

Gardening Study Schools
DOROTHY DELAUNE
216 SHADY POND
COVINGTON LA 70435-5646

Include name, address, garden club and district.

For questions call or email:

Debbie Corales 985-845-7773,
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Name: _____

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Phone: _____ eMail: _____

Garden Club: _____ District _____



**Don't forget the
LGCF Headquarters
when planning field trips.**

**Our Headquarters are
located in
Lecompte, LA
and
visits are always delightful!**

Youth Activities News

**By Janice Verret,
Youth Activities Chairman**

It has been a pleasure serving as LGCF Youth Activities Chairman for 2007-2009. The youth award applications received reflected creativity, effort, and dedication which will ensure the garden club legacy. Congratulations to the LGCF state winners and to Lecompte Junior Garden Club for its NGC Award #14—Horticulture Achievement.

As we begin this new garden club season, I encourage all clubs to sponsor youth garden clubs and apply for the variety of awards available. Several continuing Deep South and NGC awards are open to youth who do not necessarily belong to a youth garden club (Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, NGC Poetry Contest, NGC High School Essay, and NGC High School Distinguished Service Project). The Deep South Region Project for 2009-2011 also affords an opportunity for youth clubs and individual youth to participate in "Protecting Our World."

The requirements, awards, rules, and deadlines for Youth Activities can be accessed on the LGCF Website under the Awards and Youth sidebars. Let us know what your garden club youth are doing by posting on the website. The kids probably get on the internet more than we do! I'm sure they'd like to see their activities online. Also, District Directors will receive handouts at Summer Board to distribute to their club presidents.

I'm looking forward to an active and rewarding new garden club year. ÿ

Diamond Jubilee Sponsors

We would like to thank the following for their generous support of the 75th anniversary of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation.

Garden Gate Study Club (V)	\$369.21
District VII Clubs (Rayne, Eunice, Diggers and Weeders, Iowa, Crowley and Weeders and Feeders)	\$260.00
Marksville Garden Club (VIII)	\$75.00
Kinder Spade and Hope Garden Club (VII)	\$50.00
Opelousas Garden Club (VII)	\$50.00



THE WONDER OF COLOR

by Harriet Osborne, Flower Show Schools and Symposium Instructor

Whenever we view a floral design we are most always excited by its colors, for color is generally considered the most appealing to the senses of all the tangible attributes of a design; more than line, form, texture, pattern, size, or space. We become aware of its dynamic nature as we spend time studying the various ways color impacts our lives. Whether we realize it or not, we respond physically, mentally and emotionally to color every day.

Color is all about us. National Garden Club refers to it as "atmospheric color." We accept the premise that without light there would be no color. Therefore we acknowledge that colors are the "children of light." In our high school explanations of color we were taught that an object in light is the color that the object reflects, rather than absorbs. This is true physiologically since color is only the reflecting vibrations of light. Many of us were shown scientific evidence with the use of a prism that confirms the fact that in light when all colors merge together the result is "white ". Then in our art class we were shown through pigments exactly the opposite premise... for when all pigment colors merge, the result is "black". What could we conclude from this? Obviously, it is that the scientist's approach to color differs dramatically from that of the artist's, yet we accepted the fact that both are true.

Our Handbook for Flower Shows tells us that floral designing is an art form. It also relies on the Pigment System to explain color. From this, it would seem to follow that when we create a design we need only concern ourselves with the artist's approach. Not really. Because of the totality of our art form today, we must familiarize ourselves with both approaches to color. We may begin with a container, a sculpture, a featured object or accessory object that acquires its colors from pigments... paints, dyes, etc. To these we incorporate living plant material largely reliant on light for color. That light may be natural or artificial. Then too, we may choose to throw colored lighting on our design, include a light tube or string, or conceal a small spot light to emphasize movement and depth. . So it is with our ever-expanding avenues of today's creative design in which lighting can play such a dominant role, we need to understand color's impact from both approaches.

The average person can differentiate about one hundred, twenty-eight separate hues in the spectrum. This is exclusive of variations in value (tints or shades of a color) and intensity (strength or weakness of a color). When these are added, the National Bureau of Standards has identified and logged over five million colors. What is also interesting to note is that no two people see color exactly alike. Human vision has its own laws which vary from person to person. These are influenced by the individual physiology of the eye and the cortex, the color-response to messages sent from the eye to the brain and by the psychology and life experiences of an individual. It is safe to say that "the eye is blind to what the mind does not see."

A writing such as this is of necessity much too brief to clarify all of the ramifications of color. My hope is that after reading this article some of you will be inspired to do research on your own and learn more of the fascinating truths about COLOR.

Horticulture Corner: Safer Fertilizer

by Pam Langley, Diggers and Weeders Garden Club, District VII

There have recently been lots of discussions on the damage that fertilizer is doing to our environment. If you are like me, you've never dreamed that something that makes flowers grow and bloom so nicely could be harmful. But excess fertilizer is being washed into our lakes and rivers and it eventually reaches the Gulf. In the Gulf, it stimulates an overgrowth of algae that sinks and decomposes. The decomposition process in turn depletes dissolved oxygen in the water. The area in the Gulf of Mexico where this happens is called the 'dead zone'. The dead zone is of particular concern because it threatens valuable commercial and recreational Gulf fisheries. This low oxygen, or hypoxic, area is primarily caused by high nutrient levels and has been growing larger in recent years.

What can we do to help? We can stop using excess fertilizer, or better yet, we can eliminate our use of commercial fertilizers. We all know the benefits of a good compost pile. But what can we use to help supplement the compost pile? A more organic solution is the use of blood meal and bone meal.

Bone meal is high in phosphorus, which is beneficial to root crops, corms and tubers. Apply to the soil before planting turnips, onions, iris, narcissus, or gladiola. Bone meal is basic with an alkaline reaction to the soil so you should avoid applying it around acid loving plants like azaleas. However, bone meal may be used on lime loving plants such as clematis, lilac, and hydrangea. It is also beneficial to deciduous shrubs. The high calcium content also makes bone meal a good fruit tree fertilizer. I've found that green bell peppers thrive on bone meal.

To apply bone meal use 2 to 3 ounces per square yard and work well into the soil. Bone meal is slow release so it will last for a year or more.

Blood meal is high in nitrogen and is beneficial to use on nitrogen loving greens: broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, spinach, and lettuce, to name a few. Blood meal

can damage young tender plants in warm moist conditions, so it should not be applied to seedlings. Blood meal may be used in compost piles that have lots of high carbon content brown matter (paper, chipped twigs, straw) to help boost the nitrogen content of the compost. Blood meal also has an acidic effect on the soil so should not be applied to lime loving plants. Evergreen shrubs that like acidic soil will benefit from blood meal. I've used blood meal on azaleas after they have bloomed to produce nice green bushes during the summer.

Apply blood meal during the growing season at a rate of no more than 4 ounces per square yard. Blood meal has a faster release rate than bone meal and will last up to 4 months.

Bone meal and blood meal may also be used on house plants in very small amounts. Be aware that large quantities may produce a strong aroma that may be alluring to your pets, but not to you. ÿ

Organic Lawn and Garden Tonic

In a hose end sprayer bottle, mix 1 (12oz) can of any beer (I use whatever is on sale), 1 cup of any liquid dish detergent, and fill the bottle with household ammonia. Spray liberally on lawn and flower beds. It makes the lawn thick and green and is so much more affordable than chemical fertilizer.

Submitted by: Lindy Taylor-President, Washington Garden Club and District VII Director

Impatients

If your impatients get leggy during the hot summer months of July and August, don't be afraid to pinch them back. Impatients that have been pinched back will fill in and begin blooming again when the days start to cool off in the fall. You'll be rewarded with bushier plants and more blooms later. ÿ



National Garden Clubs News

Dates

The following are dates for future NGC Conventions

May 14-16, 2010Atlanta, Georgia

May 27-30, 2011Washington, DC

May 15-17, 2012Buffalo, NY

2013Seattle, WA

NGC Info

The new NGC President is Renee D. Blaschke, 1412 NE 7th St., Smithville, TX 78957-1202; Phone: (512) 360-2738.

The new national theme is "The World Around Us: Love It-Beautiful It-Protect It"

The NGC will publish a new book for Member Services and will include submissions from garden club members. Clubs may submit Prayers (Invocation and Benediction), Installations, and Memorials to the National Garden Clubs Chairman, Nell Denman, 10 Heritage Oak Ct., Lake Jackson, TX 77566-4960; or email: ENDENMAN@comcast.net.

Program ideas for garden clubs are published in a manual available for purchase from NGC, Inc. Price is \$10.00 per copy. Available at <http://www.gardenclub.org/Shopping/NewProducts.aspx>.

The procedure for forming a new garden club is published by the National Garden Clubs, Inc., 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110-3492 or contact Phyllis Wood, Parliamentarian, (314) 776-7574.

National Garden Club, Inc. Scholarship

The NGC Board of Directors approved a new NGC Scholarship to be named for Barbara D. May beginning with the 2009 convention in Houston, Texas.

Designing by Types Books

Additional copies of NGC's Book, *Designing by Types*, have been re-ordered, and will be available to purchase. This book is a well designed, and is an excellent reference book. Don't miss out, order early.

Auntie Litter, Inc.

Auntie Litter, Inc., a national 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization based in Birmingham, is dedicated to promoting a clean and healthy environment. Founded in 1990, educational programs based on anti-litter character, "Auntie Litter", has received national awards from presidents George Bush, and Bill Clinton.

The website is: <http://www.auntielitter.org/takepridestatewide.html> Questions-(205) 879-3009

DEEP SOUTH NEWS

The following are dates for future Deep South Conventions:

March 8-9, 2010 Natchez, Mississippi

March 14-15, 2011 Lafayette, Louisiana

Deep South Regional Council 2009-2011 Theme:

"Together as One - Our Hands and Hearts are P.O.W. E. R."

(Protecting our World's Environment and Resources)

Deep South Director Mary Sue Colvin
10473 Hwy. 562
Fort Necessity, LA 71243-5122
318- 723-4725

DS Unified Project POW!
Protecting Our World
Living Green - Living Clean

DS Girl Scout Liaison Jo Ann Ryan
1307 Delmar Avenue
Morgan City, LA 70380-5957
985-395-2506

Please refer to the Deep South website, dsregion.org, for up-to-date information.

2009 Deep South Convention Report

By Kathy Bedenbaugh

LGCF, Inc. Awards Chairman for Deep South

The 2009 Deep South Convention "Botanical Blast" in Huntsville was a huge success. Twenty-six members of LGCF, Inc. attended the convention. Our state president, Sybil Colicchio was pleasantly surprised and proud to accept eight (8) awards for clubs in Louisiana. And those members that were in attendance were thrilled as well.

I will not name the winning clubs in this report, as the awards will be presented at the awards banquet. Congratulations to all of the garden clubs that submitted awards to the Deep South Region. All of the projects were outstanding. Thank you for taking the time to compile the beautiful "Books of Evidence" required for submitting an entry.



Mary Sue Colvin, Georgie Petitjean, and Kathy Bedenbaugh at the Deep South Convention.

Please continue to record your projects in the future and send them to Deep South and NGC, Inc. for possible awards. Make your club and your state proud of your accomplishments.ÿ



**LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.
2009 SUMMER BOARD MEETING
July 20 - 21, 2009
Embassy Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

“DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH”

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009

9:00 AM.....	Registration Sales Room Opens
9:00 - 10:00 AM.....	Finance Committee Meeting
10:00 - 11:00 AM.....	District Directors Meeting
11:00 - 11:30 AM.....	Judges Executive Council Meeting
11:00 - 12:00 PM.....	Club President’s Meeting
11:30 - 12:30 PM.....	Judges Council Meeting
12:30 - 1:30 PM.....	Lunch Break (Boxed Lunch)
1:30 - 2:30 PM.....	LGCF Executive Council Meeting
2:30 - 3:30 PM.....	Landscape Design Consultants Meeting
3:30 - 4:30 PM.....	Workshop - “Navigating Around the LGCF Website & Newsletter”
4:30 - 5:30 PM.....	Gardening Consultants Meeting
7:00 PM..... (open to all)	Judges Council Dinner (Grilled Fish of the Day) <i>“A Tribute to 75 years of our Shining Stars” - Hosted by the New Orleans Judges Council</i>

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009

8:00 AM.....	Registration Sales Room Open
9:00 - 9:45 AM.....	Workshop – “Protecting Our World” “Living Green - Living Clean”
10:00 - 12:00 Noon.....	LGCF Business Meeting
12:15PM - 2:30 PM	Luncheon honoring Club Presidents (Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad)

Deep South Regional Director Mary Sue Colvin will be our speaker
(Don’t forget to wear your hat)

2009 Summer Board Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Garden Club: _____ District: _____

Date(s) Attending: July 20 July 21 Both Days

Meals:

Monday Lunch \$18.00 (Boxed Lunch) Judges Council Dinner \$28.00 (Grilled Fish of the Day) President's Luncheon \$23.00 (Grilled Chicken Creaser Salad)

Registration Fee: 2-Day \$20.00 1-Day \$10.00 Package Plan \$89.00 (2-Days and three meals)

Please check your credentials:

LGCF:	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Club President	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
				<input type="checkbox"/> Husband
Past LGCF:	<input type="checkbox"/> President			
Deep South:	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member	
NGC:	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member	

Deadline for Registration is July 9 2009. Add late fee of \$5.00 after July 9th. Please fill out a registration form for each person attending.

Send check payable to **LGCF SUMMER BOARD MEETING** designating which event attending and mail to: **Jeanette Gatzman, 4912 Angleton Court, Baton Rouge, LA 70817-1212; Phone 225-751-9648.**

For further information contact **Laura Broussard, Summer Board Chairman, 10556 Mollylea Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815-5024, phone 225-272-1380.** Notify Laura Broussard regarding dietary problems by July 10, 2009.

Hotel Registration

Please fill out the information below and return to Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge, 4914 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, or you may call 1-504-924-6566 to make your reservations. In case of problems, ask to speak to Erica McDaniel.

Group Name: **Louisiana Garden Club**

Group Date: **July 20-21, 2009**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Name of person(s) sharing accommodations: _____

Please check suite type:

- Single (1 person) \$ 89.00
- Double (2 persons) \$ 89.00
- Triple (3 persons) \$ 99.00
- Quad (4 persons) \$ 109.00
(2 Doubles)
- Smoking
- Non-Smoking

Check-in time is 3pm. Check-out time is 12 noon.

In order to get this discounted rate, please make reservations before **July 9, 2009**. Reservations received after this date will be taken on space availability and subject to rack rates. A credit card or first night's deposit is required to guarantee all suite reservations.

Check or Money Order Enclosed American Express Visa Master Card Diner's Club

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ Phone Number _____

Diamond Jubilee Celebration Pin Sale

Our 75th Anniversary Celebration is off to a good start! There are some Diamond Jubilee Pins still left. These pins are individually crafted, silver pendants depicting the Louisiana iris and the diamond shape representing our Diamond Jubilee. These pendants are made only for the LGCF, and it is an original design by Gerald Haessig of New Orleans.

The pendants come in 3 sizes:

Large Pendant- **\$71.25**

Medium- which is a pin/pendant combination (so it can be worn either as a pin or a pendant) is **\$61.75**

Small Pendant- **\$38.00**



The cost of the jewelry includes taxes and there is no mark-up on these pendants in order for you to get the best price.

There are some pins still available. If you place your order now, you may pick them up at Summer Board. The Committee thanks Betty Bagert for taking on this wonderful project for us.

To order, fill out the form below (or write the needed info on a piece of paper) and mail it along with your check to:

Donna Bucci
Diamond Jubilee Celebration
1244 Delmar St.
Morgan City, LA 70380-5904

Please make checks payable to LGCF. Write the number of each pendant desired in the box provided:



Large Pendant
(\$71.25)



Medium Pendant
(\$61.75)



Small Pendant
(\$38)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Deeds and Doings

District III

Azalea Garden Club member Ruby Newcomb presents Bob Dozier a certificate of appreciation from the club. For the past five years, Dozier has given the club a donation of a large item for their raffle during the Sugar Cane Festival Flower and Horticulture Show in memory of his mother, Thelma Dozier, who also was a past president of the Azalea Garden Club.



District IV

District IV finished this year with their Spring Flower Show, Let's Celebrate, on Saturday, April 18. Horticultural exhibits were greatly affected by torrential rains all during that week. The show was chaired by **Fleur de Lis** and volunteers from **Rivercities** club were in charge of horticultural displays.

Award winners in Design were Kay Lee of Pierremont Hills, who won the Designer's Choice award and Claudia Lay of Hosston, who won the Petite Award. In the horticultural exhibits, an Award of Merit was presented to Claudia Clay of Hosston, Rowanne McCollister of Rivercities and Bette Smith of Rivercities. Claudia Clay of Hosston also received the Arboreal Award and the Best of Show Award.

After the judging there was a short ceremony dedicating the Fragrance Garden for the Blind to the memory of Anne Lackey. Anne was instrumental in developing this garden, with its Braille markers, and maintained it at her expense for many years until her death in 2008 at the age of 98. A proclamation from the mayor declared this Anne Lackey Day. A bronze casting donated by District IV was unveiled and will be placed in the Fragrance Garden. The District IV Garden Council has taken over the job of providing plants and labor in honor of Anne. Due to the rain, the ceremony was in the foyer rather than the garden. Many of her family members made the trip for the dedication. Afterwards the Barnwell Center and Fleur de Lis Garden Club hosted a reception for those attending.

A luncheon for the Flower Show Judges followed the garden dedication. About 25 people attended. The luncheon was catered by Mary Dunn and Shirley Roberts who have served as Director Assistants for two years. They are both members of Rivercities Club. We look forward to more activities next year.

District V

The **Ruston Garden Club** participated in "Keep Lincoln Parish Beautiful" cleanup day this past April. Headquarters for the event were set up in Ruston's downtown Railroad Park. The Ruston Garden Club provided a booth, colorfully decorated in fresh greenery and flowers. Available for visitors were free booklets, made by the members, which provided seasonal garden tips. Packets of seeds were also given out, and a drawing for several "green" flower arrangements, designed by club members, was an added attraction.



This was the club's first year to participate; however, after making such a "hit" with the organizers of the event, the club was asked to participate next year. Club member Susanne Brady (left) was chairperson of the booth, and shown with her is member Marilyn Lewis.

Deeds and Doings

District VI



Members of the **Plaquemine Garden Club** attended the Winter Board Meeting of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation in Baton Rouge. Pictured at the event are, from left: Joyce B. Hebert, Brenda Blanchard, Sybil Collichio, president LGCF; Barbara Ma y, president, National Garden Clubs, Inc.; Jeanne Panepinto, president, Plaquemine Garden Club; and Joyce S. Hebert.

On February 19th the **Ponchatoula Community Garden Club** hosted six Parish Garden Clubs for their annual parish wide meeting. Attendance included members of The Gardenettes of Ponchatoula, Hammond Garden Club, Montpelier Pine, Belle Oaks and Stem and Stamen Club of Amite. Also, attending the meeting were special guests Sue Walner, District VI Director, of the Louisiana Garden Club Association and State Vice President, Kathy Bedenbaugh.

The ladies enjoyed with lots of laughter a presentation by local humorist, "Miz. Maudie". She was followed on the program by the inspirational speaker, Kathryn Martin.



The Community Garden Club presented a "Pink Promise" rose bush to Diane Dufour, President of the Gardenettes, to be planted in their Butterfly Garden. The new rose has been designated as a symbol against breast cancer. The National Breast Cancer Foundation selected this rose to officially represent a continual promise of compassion and awareness. The seventy guests enjoyed a delicious salad and dessert luncheon followed by a drawing for door prizes given to all in attendance.

The **Ponchatoula Gardenettes Garden Club** members are busier than bees, as they sponsor a Garden of the Month Award during the summer months and a Genesis Award every two months. The Garden of the Month Award and the Genesis Award is presented to individuals and businesses that beautify their property with landscaping and help improve the appearance of the community so that everyone can enjoy a better place to live, work and play. The Club also continues to work at the Collinswood School Museum and the 'Butterfly Garden' in Ponchatoula, working diligently to keep the landscaping litter free and maintaining well-groomed landscaping for our citizens and visitors. Diane Dufour of Ponchatoula, LA serves as President of the club.

Deeds and Doings

District VII

The Diggers and Weeders Garden Club has volunteered to help plant and maintain flower beds at the Woman's and Children's Shelter in Lake Charles. In May, members enjoyed the help of girls from two Daisy Troops, Troop 095 Kaufman and Troop 101 St John. The butterfly garden got a much needed face lift and the girls learned about planting flowers and seeds.



District VIII

Ira and Louise Schneider and family of Marksville recently dedicated their garden beautification project to the **Marksville Garden Club**. The dedication read: "Over the past 70 odd years through its outstanding leadership and continuing community outreach and gardening education, the Marksville Garden Club is the organization primarily responsible for Marksville's Cleanest City endeavors and residential beautification. This happened through the outstanding membership the club has maintained through the years, education its members in the fields of horticulture, lawn and garden care, landscaping and flower arranging. So it is with great pleasure and joy the Schneider family dedicates our home landscaping and beautification project to the members of the Marksville Garden Club." Louise Schneider has been a member of the club for over 40 years.



Pictured are members present at the dedication: (Back Row) Carol Campbell, Dr Paula Childress, Deanna Roy, Marian Braud, Sherill Laborde, Kate Moreau and Gertrude Laborde. (Front Row) Vickie Dupuy, Louise Schneider and Billie Kay Murphy. ÿ



WAYS AND MEANS

Your Support funds LGCF Projects!

(Ken Schwartz design items, cookbooks, totes & much more)

Do you have ideas for our Ways and Means Committee?

We would love to hear your suggestions!

Calendar of Events

2009

- July 20-21 LGCF Summer Boards
Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge, LA
- Aug. 5-6 Landscape Design Study I, Baton Rouge Garden Center
(See page 8)
- Sept 92 – Oct 3 NCG Fall Meeting, St. Louis, MO
- Oct. 13 District V Fall Meeting
- Oct. 14 District IV Fall Meeting
- Oct. 15 District VIII Fall Meeting
- Oct. 22 Districts I and II Fall Meeting
- Oct. 27 District VII Fall Meeting
- Oct. 28 District III Fall Meeting
- Oct. 30 District VI Fall Meeting
- Nov. 3-4 Garden Study II, Hammond Ag Research Station
(See page 9)
- Dec. 1 Deadline for Award Applications

2010

- Jan. 25-26 LGCF Winter Council Meeting, Lecompte
- Mar. 8-9 Deep South Convention, Natchez, MS
- Apr 13-15 LGCF Convention, Double Tree, New Orleans
75th Diamond Jubilee
Special Guest – Renee Blaschke, NGC President
- May 14-16 National Garden Clubs Convention, Atlanta, Georgia

