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On our cover this quarter is our new president, **Mary Jacobs**, busy tending her garden. Mary and her 1st Dude, Michael, have 5 children and 8 grandchildren. Mary enjoys gardening and gourmet cooking. She says her grandchildren love the outdoors, walks, being strolled around to discover all the wonderful things about Mother Nature. Congratulations, Mary, we are looking forward to your 2 year term.

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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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

“Special Thanks” to our immediate Past-President, for her outstanding leadership to the members of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation. She will serve as my advisor for the next two years, and also represent LA in liaison with the Deep South.



The LGCF Convention in Marksville, chaired by Libby Dupuy and Diane Bordelon, the cochairman, was spectacular and well organized. My praise is extended to members of the respective committees, also the members of District VIII Judges Council and Director Pattie Killen and Yvette Hebert, President-Elect.

The pre-convention garden tour was educational and the luncheon was superb. At the Cochon de lait, hosted by the Cottonport Bank in memory of loved member Deanna P. Roy, music and dancing added merriment to the evening. A sociable High Tea was held at Longbridge, the lovely home of Al and Kathleen Lemoine. Each event offered the members and guests an opportunity to mingle, and enjoy the delicious food and beverages.

Especially I want to express my deepest gratitude to Mary Crumb and Billie Massa for planning a beautiful installation ceremony for me and 2011-13 Officers. I value the support for all the new and long standing members who attended the convention. Thank you! We all enjoyed LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER.

I am deeply humbled and honored to serve as your President for the next two years. I have accepted this challenge; moreover, I am dependent on each of you to have an essential role in our projects while we enjoy the activities. In keeping with my theme, “**CONTINUING OUR LEGACY OF BEAUTIFICATION, EDUCATION AND RESTORATION,**” the goals will be to BEAUTIFY our communities; RESTORE interest and increase club membership, and boost the number of Youth Garden Clubs. As such I have appointed a mentor from each District who will work with the LGCF Membership Chairman.

We will lend a helping hand to members who will need to restore their homes and communities after the horrific flooding of the Mighty Mississippi. Our focus on EDUCATION will include awarding all scholarships to eligible students, and increasing our members’ attendance at the LGCF sponsored NGC Schools. The History of LGCF, Inc. is a continuing project; we will work to complete the book during my tenure.

We are looking forward to the twenty-second annual Summer Board Meeting that will be held at the Embassy suites in Baton Rouge on July 18-19. “**Places, Projects, Products and People**” will be the topic. I would like for you to be there to welcome Sara Lanier, the Deep South Region Director, who will be the speaker at Presidents and Life Members Luncheon. Her theme is “Membership Offers Opportunities for Everyone.” In accordance with the DSR Unified Project, there will be a workshop on ways to increase membership. Additionally, the LGCF Awards Committee will feature our annual awards workshop. You won’t want to miss any part of it.

The dragonfly was selected as the symbol of my administration because of their iridescent beauty, energy, and persistence. Their presence in a garden can be likened to our leadership role in the LGCF; we must be energetic, persistent and resourceful in our commitment.

Daily we should strive to support BEAUTIFICATION, EDUCATION, and Restoration in our lives!

Shared with Hope and Love,

Mary

Circle of Roses



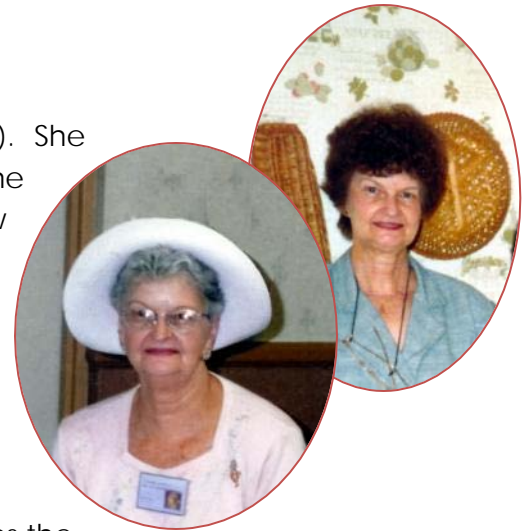
Eleanore Capretto

Lakeview Botany Guild (District I)

Eleanore has been a garden club member since 1963 (48 years). She is a State Life Member and is a Gardening Study Consultant. She is on the Advisory Committee for the Federated Council of New Orleans Garden Club and its yearbook chairman.

Over the years she has been president of the New Orleans Federated Council, the Civic Beautification Association, and both garden clubs, the Ivy Garden Guild (1963 - 2005), which disbanded after Hurricane Katrina, and the Lakeview Botany Guild (2006 - to present).

Eleanore is not only the editor of our club yearbook, she also does the yearbook for the Federated Council and the CBA. She was a Co-Chairman of the recent State Convention held in New Orleans.



Kathryn Larroque

Lakeview Botany Club (District I)

Kathryn Joined Lakeview Botany in 1968 and over the years has served as its President three times.

Kathryn enjoys gardening on a daily basis. As a participant in standard flower shows, she has won numerous top awards bringing multiple blue ribbons to Lakeview Botany. She has also received three of Botany's top awards: Woman of the Year, Horticulturalist of the Year (several years) and Artistic Design awards (more than once).

She has presented numerous gardening programs at other clubs in addition to Lakeview Botany. She remains active in our club, regularly providing demonstrations and educational forums. Kathryn is an asset to the gardening community in New Orleans and it would indeed be an honor for her to be inducted into the Circle of Roses.



Circle of Roses



Inez Whittington

Lafayette Garden Club (District III)

Inez Whittington has been a member of the Lafayette Garden Club for forty six years.

She served as president, secretary, and chairman of different committees. Inez also participated as a judge for district cleanest city numerous times.

Inez has been active in the Methodist Church and served as president of the Methodist Women's organization and taught many years of Sunday School classes. For over fifty years she has been involved in civic and charity work through the Ionian Federated Club.

For many years she was active in her children's school and PTA and also served as president for the local and area PTA Councils and received both national and state PTA Lifetime Memberships.

Inez still loves to garden, but says the only gardening she does now is container gardening.



Bettye Abbott

Baton Rouge Garden Club (District VI)

Bettye Abbott has been an active garden club member since 1977. She became a charter member of Villa del Rey Garden Club and has served in many offices. She has been President, Vice President, Secretary, Arbor Day Chair, Program Chair, and Woman of the Year Chair. In 1994 she became a LGCF Life Member.

Since Villa del Rey Garden Club became a Study Group of the Baton Rouge Garden Club, Betty continues to be an active member. She frequently submits design arrangements in the Flower Shows and has won blue ribbons over the years. She is a valuable member, serving on the Telephone Committee and as a hostess.

Bettye and her husband, James, have been married 59 years and have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Bettye turns another year "younger" on September 18.

The Baton Rouge Garden Club is honored to add the name of Bettye Abbott to the LGCF 'Circle of Roses'.



Circle of Roses



Gerri Dirman

Covington Garden Club (District VI)

Gerri Dirmann has inspired so many through the years in the Covington Garden Club. She is best known for her design ability and horticulture excellence, but we in the Covington Garden Club know her as a wonderful leader, mentor, volunteer and friend.

Gerri served the club as President, and many board seats, flower show chair many times and produced some of the most creative flower show schedules. As a Master Flower Show Judge, the Covington Garden Club benefited from her programs and mentoring. Now a master emeritus she still assists a new generation of designers in the District VI Judges Council and within the Covington Garden Club.

Hostess committees always fight over her name for their committee for her skills at presenting a beautiful, creative design for the tables.

It was a surprise to many of our members that Gerri was even at the age to be eligible for the Circle of Roses. Her youthful spirit is evident at our meetings and the meetings of the "other clubs" she is involved with. She has been in the Civic Organization and well as being involved with her church in Abita Springs, a community where she has always lived and raised her family.

To our club as a whole she is a precious jewel, to me a cherished friend.



Shirley Eck

Baton Rouge Garden Club (District VI)

Shirley Eck has been an active garden club member almost 60 years. In 1952, she became a charter member of Bayou Gardeners Garden Club in New Orleans. Serving first as Parliamentarian, she was elected President in 1961. She also helped in the planning the activities when the LGCF Convention was held in New Orleans. She continued her active membership and participated in all club functions until she moved to Baton Rouge.

In 1969, she joined the Sherwood Forest Garden Club and again became very active. Shirley held several offices and was also elected President, while the club was federated.

She has been a member of the Baton Rouge Garden for over 30 years. She has served as Chair of the Budget Committee, member of the Telephone Committee and Hostess Committee. Although she has submitted Design entries in Flower Shows, her current primary interest is Horticulture. She has been an advocate and supporter of the NGC Vision of Beauty calendars for many years. Shirley has two children and several grandchildren.

The Baton Rouge Garden Club is honored to add the name of Shirley Eck to the LGCF 'Circle of Roses'.



Circle of Roses



Julia Gates

Baton Rouge Garden Club (District VI)

Julia Gates is a Master NAFS Judge, Master Landscape Design Consultant, A Master Gardener and a very valued member of the Baton Rouge Garden Club and the Floral Friends Study Group. She is also a LGCF Life Member.

Since joining the Baton Rouge Garden Club in 1982, Julia has taken an active part in our Flower Shows and Tablescape Shows. She has the distinction of having won every top award in both the Design and Horticulture Divisions and frequently wins the Sweepstakes Award for the most blue ribbons in the Horticulture Division.

An enthusiastic horticulturist, Julia delights in sharing her knowledge and plants with fellow members. As a behind-the-scenes worker, Julia has chaired many committees including Chairman of Clerks for the Flower Shows.

She has served as Chairman of one of the District VI NAFS Flower Show Judges School.

And for State Conventions and Board Meetings, many times she has been a page to the State President or Deep South Director.

Julia was an active member of the Zachary Garden Club from 1974 to 1982 and was elected President of that group five times.

A retired Registered Nurse and the mother of 4 children, Julia is also a proud grandmother to six. Two grandsons live in Baton Rouge and have participated in our Litter Control production of "The Wizard of Wartville" along with their grandmother.

The Baton Rouge Garden Club is honored to add the name of Julia Gates to the LGCF 'Circle of Roses'.



Circle of Roses



Donis Jenkins

Covington Garden Club (District VI)

Donis Jenkins is considered a Garden Club treasure. She may not be weeding one of the community gardens that we keep, or picking up litter for Cleanest City this time around, but she still holds an office and is a valued "go to girl" for her community connections and source for how the club operates for new members.

After her career at Southeastern Hospital as an Occupational Therapist (some thirty years ago) she joined the Covington Garden Club and the Covington Civic Organization; in both groups she excelled in leadership.

Donis has held every office and board position except the Presidency and served as chairman of all 30 Garden Club committees. She was chairman when Covington won its only Cleanest City title. She has been honored with "Women of the Year" a sought after year end Garden Club award.

As if the Garden Club and the Civic Organization were not enough to keep Donis busy, she also is active in her church and is a past President of the ST. Tammany Parish Fair, chairing Home Economics and the Horticulture Buildings. She has choreographed projects between all of her organizations, all to enhance the community that she grew up in and is a lifelong resident of Covington, and how lucky we are to have her.

So reading and looking at her photos you are probably wondering "how old is Donis?", well one of my fondest memories I have is when Donis slugged me some ten years ago (plus or minus a few) for telling fellow Cleanest City Clean Team Members that she was 80... and asked me to quit telling people how old she was... She is a beautiful woman inside and out. Carrie Martin says "Thank you Donis for being my friend and a Garden Club mentor".



Florence Onstad

Magnolia Forest Garden Club (District VI)

Florence was born and raised in New Orleans. She graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart and received an Education Degree from Loyola University.

She was a member of the Gentilly Woods Junior Garden Club and assisted with the Gentilly Woods Junior Women's Club. She was also a member of the New Orleans Junior Women's Club and served in a variety of offices and capacities. Soon after moving to Pearl River, Florence became an active member of the Magnolia Forest Garden Club. She has held many offices, including President.

At the young age of 80, She enjoys competing in Floral Designs, especially Art in Bloom at NOMA and Magnolia Forest Garden Club Home Flower Shows. As a past member of the Magnolia Forest Homeowner Board, Florence enjoys working to beautify the entrances of the subdivision.

Florence is the mother of six children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She is a woman of great faith who has been the strength and anchor for her family.



Circle of Roses



Celeste Rordam Spann

Community Gardeners of Baton Rouge (District VI)

Celeste was in the Broadmoor Botany Guild and Active in the Petal Pushers Garden Club and later joined the Community Gardeners. In Spring 1968 the club held a spring Flower Show in the Sears Building where the club met. This is where she learned so much from the group of garden club ladies. The club had many plant sales at Celeste's home and at one time she potted 80 plants from her own garden to sell. Celeste served as President in 1973 - 1975 and again in 1997 -1999 and has been Chairman of many programs and participated in all garden club activities.



She has always enjoyed the outdoors and gardening. After moving to her present home with a large front and back yard and as soon as her two sons were old enough to play ball elsewhere, she turned the yard into a beautiful garden with mainly native plants which attract lots of bird.

Celeste has been chairman of the Garden Guild at St James Episcopal Church for 25 years. At the age of 82 she continues to enjoy working in God's garden and her own. She says that we are nearer to God in his Garden than anywhere else on earth.



*W*e 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," ten 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.

Environmental Studies School

Environmental Studies School Courses I and II are tentatively scheduled for August 23 – 26 in Lake Charles. Required reading includes *The National Gardener*— 4 issues per year and *LIVING IN THE ENVIRONMENT* by G Tyler Miller, Jr. Please contact Margo Racca or Linda Finley for more information.

**Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
2011 Summer Board Meeting**

July 18-19, 2011

Embassy Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

"Places, Projects, Products & People"

MONDAY JULY 18, 2011

9:00 a.m.	Registration
	Sales Room Open
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Judges Executive Meeting
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Judges Council Meeting
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch (Buffet)
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Club Presidents Meeting
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	District Directors Meeting
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	LGCF, Inc. Executive Council Meeting
4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Workshop – Awards – Open to All
4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	Landscape Design Consultants Meeting
5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Gardening Study Consultants Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Judges Council Dinner – Open to All "Design Program" by District V Judges Council

TUESDAY JULY 19, 2011

Open to All Registered Attendees

8:00 a.m.	Registration
	Sales Room Open
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Workshop "Membership Offers Opportunities For Everyone"
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	LGCF, Inc. Business Meeting
12:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Luncheon Honoring Life Members & Club Presidents Awards Presentations Program: Sara Lanier, DS Regional Director

Don't forget to wear your hat for the Club President's Luncheon.

LOUISIANA FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL – COURSE I
HAMMOND RESEARCH STATION
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 15 – 16, 2011
REGISTRATION FORM

I AM INTERESTED IN BECOMING A JUDGE AND WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE I.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

TELEPHONE _____

NAME OF GARDEN CLUB _____

DISTRICT _____

ATTENDING ONE DAY ONLY HORT: _____ DESIGN _____ COST----- \$45.00

TOTAL COST IS: \$95.00 (includes \$5.00 testing fee) _____ Check _____ Cash _____
(Late Fee after July 26th of 10.00 dollars)

Please fill out form and send check made out to Dist. VI Judges Council. Mail form and check to the school registrar to get on the school list ASAP.

Minnie Posey, Registrar
40643 Hwy 1056
Franklinton, LA 70438-5721
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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL CHAIRMAN:

Rachel Lanford, School Chairman: 38178 Sunny Hill Road, Mt. Hermon, LA 70450-4023
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Those who are attending the school to become a Flower Show Judge should order the latest Handbook for Flower Shows for Judges from National Headquarters to bring to school in August. More info on hotel accommodations will be listed on website and also sent to you if you turn in this form. Please get this form turned in ASAP so that we will know the number of students who will attend the school. LATE FEE AFTER July 26th, 2011 (10.00). (Add ten dollar late fee if after 26th)

You will gain much knowledge in Horticulture, Design and Flower Show Procedure. Accredited Flower Show Judges ONLY (not life or Master) may take School III or School IV for credit if they have never taken one before for Good Standing Credit.

LEARNING TO BECOME A JUDGE IS FUN AND EDUCATIONAL!

LOUISIANA FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
COURSE I AGENDA

MONDAY, August 15, 2011

7:30 – 8:15REGISTRATION

8:15 – 8:30Announcements and Instruction

HORTICULTURE LECTURE (4 ½ hours) Horticulture Instructor, Gay Austin

8:30 – 10:30Coleus – Marigolds

10:30 -10:45 BREAK

10:45 -11:45Horticulture Lecture Continues

11:45 LUNCH

12:45 – 2:15Horticulture Lecture Continues

2:15 – 2:30 BREAK

2:30 – 3:30EXAM Horticulture Point Scoring (1 hour)

5:30 – 6:30 DINNER

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE (2 hours)

6:30 – 8:30.....Instructor - Harriet Osborne

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011

8:00 - 8:20REGISTRATION

8:20 – 8:30Announcements

DESIGN LECTURE (4 ½ hours) Instructor, TBA

8:30 – 10:30Design Lecture Begins

10:30 – 10:45 BREAK

10:45 – 11:45Design Lecture Continues

11:45 LUNCH

12:45 – 2:15Design Lecture Continues

2:15 – 2:30 BREAK

2:30 – 3:30EXAM Design Point Scoring (1 hour)

"It's About Time" FLOWER SHOW

Presented by St. Mary Parish LGCF Garden Clubs / Submitted by Janice Verrett

A Standard Flower Show, as outlined by National Garden Clubs, Inc. was presented April 30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Patterson. This was the **first** Standard Flower Show sponsored jointly by the four member clubs of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation in St. Mary Parish. Sponsoring the event were Bayou Vista, Franklin, Morgan City, and Patterson Garden Clubs. Twenty floral designs, one hundred thirty horticulture specimens, and four educational exhibits were prepared by garden club members.

Winning entries (picture on the right) in the Design Division were Angular, Donna Bucci; Reflective, Renee' Vanover; Stretch, Donna Richard; Functional Tray, Sandra Marshall; and Underwater, Sandra Blanco. The Designer's Choice Award was presented to Donna Bucci for her Angular artistic design. Members interpreted their chosen design category and competed utilizing fresh or dried plant material.



In the Horticulture Division the winners were as follows:

Arboreal Award, Betty Casselman, Mimosa tree specimen (*Albizia julibrissin*); Grower's Choice Award, Sharon Larson, "peanut" cactus (*Chamaecereus sylvestris*); and Awards of Merit were presented for Annuals, Linda Gaspard, Stock (*Matthiola*); Perennials, Sue Robicheaux, Kangaroo Paw (*Anigazanthos*); Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes, and Tubers, Sue Robicheaux, Oriental Lily-Red Alert; and Roses, Pam Breaux, Old Garden Rose -Prosperity. Pam Breaux also won the overall Horticulture Excellence Award for Prosperity. Donna Richard received the Sweepstakes award for the most blue ribbons received.

The Educational Exhibitors presented with Awards of Appreciation were Janice Verret, "A Beautiful Solution to Water Pollution," rain gardens; Linda Veitinger, "Trash to Treasure," unique planting containers; Jo Ann Blanchard, "Growing Time," plant propagation; and Evelyn Estay, Vegetable Time in Louisiana," planting to harvest.



The Chairmen of the Standard Flower Show were Sandra Blanco and Evelyn Estay. Coordinating the event were the club presidents, Janice Verret, Bayou Vista; Linda Veitinger, Franklin; Jo Ann Blanchard, Morgan City; and Evelyn Estay, Patterson. Pictured on the left are the judges and chairmen.

The show was open to the public and sparked interest in the activities of area garden clubs.□

Recycling

Submitted by Camille Stokes, Litter/Reclamation/Recycling/Waste Management Chairman

The Freecycle Network™ is made up of 4,940 groups with 8,402,683 members around the world. It's a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Each local group is moderated by local volunteers (them's good people). Membership is free. To sign up, find your community by going to

<http://www.freecycle.org/>

and entering your city's name into the search box. Have fun!□

Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Winners Of District VI Home And Garden Club

Article and photos by Minnie Posey, Home and Garden Reporter



District VI Home and Garden Club of Franklinton, LA is proud to announce we have four state winners in the Woodsy Owl Poster Contest this year and one winner in Deep South Division. This is the second year the club has sponsored the youth contest and students were more excited this year about entering the contest. First through 5th graders are invited to demonstrate through original drawings of Woodsy Owl with a creative message using their understanding of basic environmental conservation. Dana Truxillo served as 2011 Woodsy Owl Chairman along with committee members Rita Wood, Polly Carter and Minnie Posey. Nellie Jenkins is the president of Home and Garden Club. Janice Verret serves as the State Chairman of youth Contests and Projects. Winning posters may be viewed on the LA Garden Club Federation, Inc web site in the youth division section on Woodsy Owl. A special thanks to all the teachers and principals who helped us encourage students to enter the Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Washington Parish has many talented students!

WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST STATE WINNER was second grader, Kaleigh Boone. Kaleigh place first parish wide in the 2nd grade division and went on to state placing first and receiving a certificate, pin, bookmark, magnet and stickers and Award booklets. Congrats to Kaleigh! Jackie Boone, principal of Enon School, Teacher, Kasey Pittman and District VI Home and Garden Club Chairman of the Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, Dana Truxillo. Great entries and great participation this year helped Washington Parish to shine!





Dist.VI HOME AND GARDEN AWARDS STATE WINNER L-R IS Nellie Jenkins, president of Home and Garden Club in District VI; Dana Truxillo, Home and Garden Club Woodsy Owl Poster Chairman; Substitute teacher, Tysha Robinson filling in for Teacher, Jolie Gerald. Corey Barber, third grader of Thomas School who placed first in Parish; first in State and went on to Deep South and placed 2nd place. Way to go Corey! Home and Garden is proud of all its winners from Washington Parish and hopes more entries will be coming in next year

BOWLING GREEN SCHOOL STUDENT AMELIA McCANN is in the fifth grade and placed first in parish and 2nd in state with her lovely poster. She received a pin, stickers and a certificate for her award and award booklet with her name in it.. L-R is Science teacher, Katie Orouke and Home and Garden Club Woodsy Owl Poster Chairman, Dana Truxillo. Washington Parish students placed well at the state level and we are proud of all of them. With all the participation this year we expect it to be ever greater next year!



WESLEY RAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS FIRST PLACE WINNER in the state Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Raguan Handy's entry placed first in parish and first place in State in the 4 th Grade Division. He received a certificate, magnet, stickers and a woodsy owl pin to wear. Congrats to Raguan for his achievement! L-R is teacher, Michelle Jones holding Raguan's poster and Dana Truxillo, Chairman looks on holding his awards. District VI Home and Garden Club hopes for more entries next year in promoting Woodsy Owl Poster Contest in Louisiana as this will promote caring for our earth, which we all are entrusted with its protection. □

Design Corner



This quarter we feature the Maude Viskill Award winning design by **Karen Breaux of the Terrebonne Garden Club**. Karen's design was displayed at the Terrebonne Garden Club's 2010 Flower Show, "Bayou Treasures" as an Underwater Design in Tri-Color in the Section Class entitled "Swamp Tour".

Congratulations Karen and a thank you to Sherri Labbe for submitting the photo.

UNDERWATER DESIGN; Handbook page 212

1. A Creative Design having component/s, including some or all plant material, submerged in water to create interest. Those components under water must contribute artistically to the overall design and not merely be stems and/or mechanics.

a. If some components are in water and others are not, the effect must be that of a single overall design related by placement and components, not two independent designs. There is a rhythmic flow from components submerged in water to those not in water. Typically, those components not in water will be above those in water, but this is not a requirement.

b. If entire design is submerged within a container, a single overall design results, but the designer must also consider the Design Principle of Proportion. The dimensions and form of the container must be in appropriate relationship to the frame of reference stated in the schedule.

2. Circular transparent containers may provide the best effect, but are not required.

3. Components submerged in water are chosen for their lasting quality under water. Firm, hard-surfaced plant materials such as tropical flowers, foliage, evergreens, seed pods, and some vegetables and fruits will hold up well.

4. Water visually magnifies all things.

a. Underwater components will appear larger.

b. Mechanics and debris are also magnified. This must be considered when planning design and working with plant material.

5. Water line becomes part of design, and is distracting if poorly situated.

6. Water may not be colored if any part of fresh plant material is submerged.

LGCF BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER COUNT

Submitted By Gail Lonibos

As of April 13, 2011 there were 52 Highway Markers, 5 Memorial Markers, and 17 By – Way Markers for a total of 74 Markers.

The following is a breakdown of markers by districts:

LGCF District	Markers			Total
	Highway	By-Way	Memorial	
I	5	1	3	9
II	5	1	1	7
III	10	7		17
IV	4	1		5
V	11			11
VI	5	4	1	10
VII	10			10
VIII	2	3		5

(These totals do not reflect 9 missing markers and 1 destroyed marker.)

Butterfly Garden in Kiwanis Park

Making progress in the newly restored Butterfly Garden, Gardenettes received a generous check from the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce to help purchase plants and supplies for the newly renovated flower beds. Dr. Karen Carter, chamber president, presented a check to Diane Dufour, Gardenette president, at the Chamber meeting Tuesday March 15.

Attending the meeting from the garden club were Present at the meeting were Dale Rieth, Janice Hickey, Mona Middlebrook, and Robin Austin. Rieth gave a presentation on the club's Cleanest City Contest to the Chamber.

Designed and coordinated by Gardenette Kathy Bedenbaugh in 2002, the Butterfly Garden in Kiwanis Park had many serious problems mainly with weeds and poor soil, so starting last fall an extensive total renovation began. All the plants were removed and stored and new beds and soil were set in place by the City of Ponchatoula.

The biggest step was removing all the plants and bushes, getting the new beds in place and replacing the soil. This was a task that the garden club was not able to do on its own. The city stepped in and made some wonderful improvements.

The garden club has received several contributions from civic clubs and individuals to resume re-planting the beds. According to Dufour, the club thanks those who have contributed to this project and feels that the city will enjoy the completed project.



Shown in the picture on the left, Gardenette president DIANE DUFOUR receives a check for the club's Butterfly Garden in Kiwanis Park from the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce president DR. KAREN CARTER, right, and Chamber treasurer JAMES LIRETTE. Late in 2010 the garden beds were razed and restored by the City of Ponchatoula and now need to be re-planted. Gardenettes is a garden club affiliated since 1943 with the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

The Great White Egret

By Coleen Perilloux Landry

Every year for as long as man can remember, the great white egret has chosen a place to court, build a nest, mate, lay eggs, hatch the chicks and care for them until it is time for them to fly the nest.

In Louisiana, two popular rookeries where people eagerly watch for the arrival of the magnificent birds are Lake Martin near St. Martinville and Audubon Park's Bird Island in New Orleans. Bird watchers and photographers flock to these areas in hopes of sighting some of the most beautiful and artistic movements of the egrets.



In mid February the first birds to arrive scout the trees for their place in the centuries old courting season. Dressed in their finest feathers, long tail plumes present only in the breeding season, and their finest colors, red eyes with a bright green lore around the eyes they happily fly amongst the cypress trees and the live oaks. They dance and prance and put on a display of spreading their feathers and lifting their necks to the heavens. When a mate is chosen they quickly begin gathering sticks to build a nest. The actions of the egrets at this time are almost human. The female shrieks with joy when the male arrives at the nest with a stick. As they build their nest together they peck each other affectionately with their beaks and also mate often during this time.

Soon the nest is built to fit the female's body and she lays her pretty blue eggs and sits on them for almost 30 days. When the chicks hatch she covers them with her wings for several days to keep them warm. All the while the male is bringing food to the nest. When the chicks are able to eat solid food, the parents fish for food and bring it to the nest and regurgitate it into the chicks' mouths. This will occur many times a day until the birds are able to fly and hunt on their own some 60 days later.

Egret parents are very good caretakers and hunt for food at least 12 hours a day, flying back and forth from a swamp area, a river or a bayou to hunt and bring the food to their chicks. Oddly enough, the chicks remain in the nest that their parents built until the day they fly away. The skill of nest building is inherent in the great egret and they choose their trees and branches carefully to protect themselves from wind and predators, usually over a body of water or a small island.

In recent years there have been events causing the egrets to leave an area or disappear altogether. Lake Martin observers saw the birds disappear almost overnight, then move farther back into the rookery the following year. In St. Charles Parish, in 2010, the Corps of Engineers hired a company to frighten the egrets away from a rookery where they had been coming to breed for more than four decades. The birds did not return in 2011, instead they chose a place farther into the swamps. In 2011 at Audubon Park, the egrets arrived in mid February, courted, nested, mated and began to lay their eggs when suddenly, overnight, they were gone, abandoning the nests and their eggs. Park officials have yet to find a reason for the sudden exodus of 300 great white egrets.

Birds are part of our ecosystem and without them we would be overrun with snakes and insects. Whatever we can do to protect them should be a part of our lives as stewards of this earth.

District II

Officers of **Acres of Green Garden Club**, District II for 2011-2013 are, seated from left, Millie Quick, co-president; Jane Bodet, installing officer, and Lynne Ryan, co-president. Standing are, from left, Coleen Landry, 2nd vice-president; Mary Ann Joiner, co-1st vice-president; Lynn Courrage, co-1st vice-president; Kay Allen, co-secretary; Carolyn Deynoodt, co-secretary; Rosalie Edwards, corresponding secretary, and Barbara Sandemann, treasurer.



The club is located in Metairie and is entering its 54th year. □

District III

In March, **Lafayette Garden Club** hosted the Deep South Region of National Garden Clubs 50th Annual Convention, Bayou Festival - Fun, Food, Flowers, about recycling and Smokey Bear fire prevention, and featured a Standard Petite Flower Show. Chairman Diana Nolan, her right arm Julia Haack, and her Committee surely made Lafayette proud. To view a write-up and photos of the Deep South Convention, see www.dsregion.org/convention_2011.html, and to see photos of the Flower Show entries, view "Link to the Gallery on the Advertiser website," which follows the Convention report.



Lafayette Garden Club's Betty Foret, pictured on left, was presented with the Deep South Region Member Award of Honor, which is presented to one member in each region whose volunteer efforts during a period of five or more years, has made outstanding contributions to club and community, in one or more of the following areas: civic development, horticulture therapy, youth activities, conservation, landscape design, horticulture, floral design, or all around excellence. And Club member Glenda Balliviero's rhododendron azalea (pink azalea), won the first place Arboreal Award. Copies of DVDs of the Convention are available, and can be ordered from photographer Norman Balliviero at Nbgr@bellsouth.net.

Lafayette Garden Club celebrated spring with its annual Flower Show, "Stately Live Oaks," held on Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, at Vermillionville Historic Cajun/Creole Village in Lafayette, in conjunction with Le Jardin des Herbes Medicinales' celebration at Vermillionville. Blue Ribbon Winners in horticulture, Division I, "Surrounding the Live Oaks" were Award of Horticultural Excellence, Loraine Newberry for Begonia duartei; Arboreal Award, Glenda Balliviero for Acer palmatum, Japanese Maple, 'Coral Bark' and macrophallum 'Chinese Snowball.' Glenda Balliviero won the Sweepstakes Award, and Blue Ribbon Winners in horticulture were Glenda Balliviero, Loraine

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Newberry, Joy Hargrave, Aline Arceneaux, JoAnn Pugh, Edna Wheeler, Roxanna Champagne, Angel Broussard, Margaret Hargroder, and Jan Dennen.

First place design awards, in Division II, "Living with Live Oaks" were "Festivals Beneath the Live Oaks," by Inez Barras; "In the Shade and Shadows of Live Oaks," by Loraine Newberry; and "Oak Alley Plantation Dinner", by Betty Foret. Loraine Newberry won the Designer's Choice Award.



Awards of Appreciation in Division III, Educational Exhibits, "Lafayette City of Live Oaks," went to Gretchen Stewart for "Live Oak Society," and Aline Arceneaux and Gretchen Stewart for "Planting a Live Oak Tree". Flower Show winners are shown seated in Vermilionville courtyard in the photo on the left.

Lafayette Garden Club Spring Luncheon was held at the beautiful home and gardens of Cecille Revels on Acadia Drive. A tribute was given to deceased, former Garden Club presidents, whose photos were on display. The Woman of the Year Award went to Betty Foret, who was presented with the silver bowl floral arrangement, by last year's winner, Julie Haack. Honorary Member of the Year Award was presented to Sarah Schoeffler.

After enjoying a delicious lunch prepared by Club members, the new Club officers were installed by Julie Haack. They are Jo Ann Pugh, Treasurer; Joy Hargrave Corresponding Secretary; Diana Nolan, Recording Secretary; Jan Wyatt, Second Vice-President; Cecille Revels, First Vice-President; and Roxanna Champagne, incoming President. Photos of our Spring Luncheon can be viewed on Lafayette Garden Club's webpage.

Lafayette Garden Club and Water Gardens Unlimited held its annual Tres Jolie fundraiser, a Water Garden Tour in the Acadiana area, on Sunday, May 15. This self-guided tour, through five Lafayette and Broussard area private, featured professionally designed water gardens that include playful Koi and goldfish as well as native aquatic plants. Kudos to Tres Jolie Chair Sybil Allis and her Committee, as well as Kelly Suire, owner of Water Gardens Unlimited, for a successful event.

Volunteer Mary Toce is shown on the right with the Cornes, touring one of the water gardens on the tour. Club member, Betty Foret made floral arrangements for each of the homes on the Water Garden Tour. More photos of the Water Garden Tour can soon be viewed on Lafayette Garden Club's webpage.



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On Saturday, May 21, eleven Daisy Girl Scouts planted daylilies, white begonias and red pentas on the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's campus, as part of Lafayette Garden Club's work in promoting National Garden Club's goal of providing youth horticulture education, promote the love of gardening and civic and environmental responsibility. That day, Daisy Scouts earned their Plant & Garden Girl Scouts Badges, making them eligible to now become Brownie Scouts. Mary Toce and Sarah Schoeffler addressed the Daisy Scouts, shown below, about the planning and planting of this garden project, located near the Alumni House. The garden beside a bridge and brook is within the



garden planted earlier by Lafayette Garden Club under the direction of Honorary Gardens Chair Mary Toce. The event was coordinated by Genevieve Vaughn, Program Specialist for Girl Scouts Pines to the Gulf, and Henrietta Boriskie, Daisy Scout Project Chair, along with Sarah Schoeffler, Claire Moody and Jan Wyatt, of Lafayette Garden Club, who shopped for plants, planted the flower beds and guided the Daisy Scouts as they planted. □

District VI

The ladies of **Magnolia Forest Garden Club** have been very active this spring with monthly meetings and community projects. The club recently acted as hostesses at one of the homes participating in the "Secret Gardens of Slidell" tour, which featured the breathtaking gardens of five talented Slidell homeowners. The event was a project of The Greater Slidell Council of Garden Clubs and Magnolia Forest Garden Club member Betty Rose. Money raised will benefit continuing Slidell beautification efforts. Hostesses for the secret garden tour shown on the right: sitting Pam Anderson; standing from left Ricki Durrant, Margo Necaie, & Jackie Frey.



The garden club recently submitted two floral designs to the 23rd annual Art in Bloom show at the New Orleans Museum of Art. Our club's two designs received 1st and 2nd place with each design receiving a special Art in Bloom award. Proceeds from the show benefit NOMA's educational projects and other civic projects. In the photo on the left, from left: Sandy Solar, Carroll Knowles, Margo Necaie, and Betty Rose with their AIB design.

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The photo on the right shows Joann Round Lynell Braun, and Georgette Frichter with their AIB design.

Turtle Creek, a subdivision in the Slidell area, is forming a garden club and asked MFGC to provide guidance in establishing goals, purpose and structure for their business meetings. Two of their founding members attended one of our meetings and MFGC members Lynell Braun and Florence Onstad recently attended their first meeting and are assisting them.



Magnolia Forest Garden Club recently had two field trips. On the first trip, members attended "The Diamond Head Flower Show," at the Diamondhead Country Club. This was a standard flower show shared by the Diamond Head Garden Club and the Bay-Waveland Garden Club and members enjoyed viewing and learning from the wonderful floral designs and exceptional horticulture exhibits.

The second field trip, MFGC members attended Covington Garden Club's annual style show and luncheon at The Vintage Court. The theme was "A Tropical Paradise" and featured fashions, from "Belk," that were modeled by the members of Covington Garden Club. Members from MFGC enjoyed the style show and had fun.

Magnolia Forest Garden Club members, Betty Rose, Lynell Braun, Margo Necaie, and husbands Jay Rose and John Braun recently participated in Slidell's Spring Citywide Cleanup at Pearl's Garden in John Slidell Park. They supervised students from Northshore High School's Key Club in clearing away weeds and replanting beds with perennials and shrubs that included shishi camellias, foxtail ferns, caladium bulbs, daylilies and a summer annual of pink begonias.

Magnolia Forest Garden Club recently inducted their new officers for next year. The installation, which was conducted by Pat Dalton of the Slidell Garden Club, was inspired by Mardi Gras. After the officers, also known as "The Crew of Magnolia," were inducted and presented, President Johnnie Ruth Rogillio announced the theme for next year will be "In Full Bloom: Sharing gardening talents, skills and knowledge while growing in friendship." MFGC is a member of Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. and the Deep South Region of the National Garden Clubs, Inc.□



Home and Garden Club of Franklinton met for their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2011 in Pine, LA. Daniel and Pauline Thomas hosted the club at their property. Members were given VIP treatment as they were escorted to the back of their property to a lovely, serene little village called, "The Place". After Clyde Cotton's death in 1996, "The Place" still remains a spot of enjoyment for everyone who visits. Touring the simple designed buildings brought back memories of yesteryears with all its furnishings and antiques to set the scene. Members considered it a privilege to be there for the tour! Daniel Thomas keeps up everything and noted that after

Katrina in 2005, a lot of remodeling had to be done. Pauline and David Thomas were married on July 2011

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30, 2005. Since that time, they both have continued to keep up its beauty and charm. Family reunions, weddings and special outings have been held there. It is enjoyed by the Thomas couple everyday as they go there just to sit, enjoy a cup of coffee and seek quiet time with the beauty of nature everywhere.

Home and Garden Club held a business meeting on the porch led by club president, Nellie Jenkins. Kathy Andre', club secretary, presented the minutes. Roll Call requested each member to name a program for next year. Three new members were voted on for the new club year. New and old projects were discussed for the coming year. Members signed up for hostess duties. Dana Truxillo announced winners of Woodsy Owl projects were presented their awards by Minnie Posey and her the past week. Four schools; Bowling Green, Enon, Thomas and Wesley Ray Elem had state winners and one Deep South winner. The club voted to continue this youth project for the coming year.



Minnie Posey announced Business of the Month for May was awarded to Kidz Klub House at 1117 Main Street in Franklinton. She also announced that Charlotte Reso was just installed as the new State Judges Council President and noted that she is serving on the State Flower Show Schools, Symposiums and Credentials Chairman under new state president, Mary Jacobs, president of LA Garden Club Federation, Inc. Flower Show School, Course I will be held August 15 – 16 at Hammond Research Station. It was announced that all officers would continue in their office with the exception of Minnie Posey, who will be Historian and the new club Reporter.

Rita Wood, Vice President, presented club president, Nellie Jenkins with a gift and signed thank You card from all members for her service this past year especially with all the illness she endured. Nellie thanked the club and stated she had a special place already picked out. She was also presented a creative design by Kathy Andre' entitled "Hats Off to You" The unique design has tomato plants, tomatoes and yellow spider Mums on a tomato trellis with gloves and hat.



A special recognition program was held for Opal Breland called, "Circle of Roses". Opal was presented a unique and coveted pin by Dana Truxillo. She also received a certificate from the LA Garden Club Federation, a framed picture of her when in her twenties in a silver frame, an April issue of the Newsletter listing her as an honoree into the Circle of Roses;, and a beautiful yellow running Rose from Home and Garden Club. Opal was very surprised and speechless with tears streaming down her face. The club is honored to have such a dedicated club member who brings so much to the club. This honor is sponsored by LA Garden Club Federation for club members seventy years or older. Other members who have received this special honor are Jo Jane Kern and the late Latane Alford..

After the busy but informative meeting, Polly Carter gave the blessing of the food and get well wishes for Gayle Rester and Larry McGuire. Everyone enjoyed a scrumptious hot dog lunch, with all the

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trimmings: homemade chili, potato salad, baked beans, chips and dips, assorted drinks and delicious pie made by Pauline Thomas.

The Thomas' were presented a homemade cake baked by Dana Truxillo and a gift basket of assorted jellies and goodies by club member, Mary Parsley on behalf of the club. Members attending were Kathy Andre', Cathy Sapia, Nellie Jenkins, Opal Breland, Marguerite Lipani, Polly Carter, Charlotte Reso, Sue Gerald, Janet Baham, Dana Truxillo, Mary Parsley, Rita Wood, and Minnie Posey. Special guest were Daniel and Pauline Thomas. Members wished everyone a good summer and well wishes as they departed, and will meet in August for their annual kick-Off Coffee.□

Ethel Zansler of the **Westchester Estates Garden Club**, Slidell, Louisiana, District Six, presents Malinda Pichom, librarian for Honey Island Elementary School with a copy of the "The Wartville Wizard" for the school library. The donation was made on behalf of the "Keep Slidell Beautiful Committee" and the Garden Club. The book, which encourages the children not to litter, was read earlier to the classes. Members of the Garden Club will be scheduling a reading of the book at the various elementary classes in the Slidell area and leaving a copy for their libraries.



Ponchatoula Gardenettes gather to receive the judges for the Cleanest City Contest, sponsored by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc. The Ponchatoula club received second place in this their first entry since the 1960's.



Club members shown are president Diane Dufour, Adrienne Dunn, Robin Austin, Cheryl Kuhn, Peggy Austin, contest chairman Dale Rieth, City of Ponchatoula Safety & Special Projects Supervisor Wayne Aymond, club members Mona Middlebrook, Margaret Bailey, Tonya Ferguson, Pat Sweeney, Janice Hickey, Sandra Haro and Joan Morse.□

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Several members of the **Westchester Estates Garden Club** gathered for a Sunday afternoon social at the home of Penny Crawford in Diamond Head, Mississippi. Penny prepared a delicious pork dish and each member contributed to the meal with their special dish. After dinner the members enjoyed a tour of Penny's garden.



Pictured above from Left to right are Ethel Zansler, Frances Blanchard, Carol Crock, Yvon Molinary, Sally Arnold, Joan Zimmerle, Alice Green and Penny Crawford.

District VII

The **Diggers and Weeders Garden Club** of Lake Charles and the **Lake Charles Garden Club** have both gotten involved with the 'Urban Gardens' of the city of Lake Charles. Both clubs have planted plots in the garden and are actively involved in helping to plan and spruce up the area for the grand opening ceremonies later this month. The picture on the right shows members at the initial planting in May.



Horticulture Corner

In the heat of Louisiana summer months there are few flowers that will thrive, but with some planning we can have blooming flowers in summer also. Some choices for summer flowers are:

Texas Star (*Hibiscus coccineus*)
Gerbera Daisies (*Gerbera*)
Society Garlic (*Tulbaghia violacea*)
Salvia – multiple varieties
Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia aristata*)
Purple Cone Flower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
Vinca (*Carharanthus roseus*)
Pentas (*Pentas lanceolata*)

Lantana (*Lantana camara*)
Angelonia (*Angelonia angustifolia*)
Star Daisy (*Melampodium paludosum*)
Cigar flower (*Cuphea ignea*)
Milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*)
Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*)
Bee balm (*Monarda didyma*)
Four o'clocks (*Mirabilis jalapa*)
and of course the Crepe Myrtle!

Calendar of Events



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- July 18-19 LGCF Summer Board Meeting
- August 15-16 Flower Show School, Course I, Hammond Research Station
- Aug 23 – 26 Tentative Dates for LGCF Environmental Studies School Series II, Courses I & II

LGCF Fall District Meetings:

- October 4 District III
- October 5 District I & II
- October 6 District VI
- October 11 District VIII-Alexandria
- October 12 District V-Winnsboro
- October 13 District IV-Shreveport
- October 14 District VII-Deridder

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- Feb. 7 – 8 Flower Show School Course II, Hammond Research Station
- April 16-18 LGCF Convention, Houma, LA
- May 16-19 National Garden Clubs Convention– Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY
- July 23-24 LGCF Summer Board Meeting, Baton Rouge
- Aug. 7-8 Flower Show School, Course III , Hammond Research Station
- September 25-29 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)