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Our gorgeous cover photo was taken and submitted by **Norman Balliviero, Lafayette Garden Club** member and Lafayette Parish Master Gardener. In addition to growing beautiful plants, Norman also takes great photos. Thank you, Norman for sharing your photos with us.

The cover photo shows a Milk and Wine Lily (*Crinum zeylanicum*). This old fashioned crinum lily is a low maintenance plant whose blooms, about the size of an Easter Lily, have the most wonderful fragrance! The tall bloom stalk stands about 18 – 24 inches above the abundant foliage and hold 5 or more blooms at a time! These lilies are cold hardy to USDA zone 7a (0° F) and grow very well to zone 11 in full sun or partial shade.

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

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO SPRING ISSUE (July 2012) IS JUNE 1ST, 2012.

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Message from Our President

Dear Garden Club Members,

Our record turnout for our State Convention, "Bayou Treasures," was a complete success! A huge round of applause goes to Mary Jane Peters Chairman and Sherri Labbe, Co-Chairman, Alma "Bebe Ebel-District III Director and Garden Clubs of District III for entertaining & Cajun Swamp Cruise, All we can Eat Crawfish n' Jambalaya, Music, Creole Cuisine, Wonderful Programs. We enjoyed a delightful afternoon tea with trays of delicacy, served in finest of china. Our afternoon was made complete with a workshop on "Tussy Mussy", and historical tour of gardens and home. Our National Garden Club President, Shirley S. Nicolai enjoyed our Southern Hospitality and had a wonderful time. Thank you for memories to last a lifetime.



The Summer Months are approaching, and we are preparing for our vacations with family or friends. Our LGCF Tour Chairman, Jan Smith and advisor, David Campbell, has planned a fabulous trip to Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, including the famous Floriade Horticulture Expo. The dates are from September 13-23rd. This is a trip of a lifetime!! Our next tour will be Pasadena Tournament of Roses. The dates are December 27th-January 3rd, 2013. You do not want to miss this outstanding, fun and entertaining tour! Sign up today!

Congratulations to the Circle of Roses Members, LGCF Life Members for 2012, and all the clubs and individuals winning LGCF Awards!! You have worked hard over the years and I am so very proud of you!

Camille Stakes has notified us that 2 Louisiana parishes are working on certification from Keep America Beautiful. Keep Vernon Parish Beautiful is a Pre-Certified Affiliate, and Keep Calcasieu Beautiful is a Certified Affiliate. Congrats to each of you!

Water Conservation Chairman, Janet Moriarty, and Tom Jackson produced an educational and very entertaining DVD and flyer titled "SAVE OUR WORLD, ONE DROP AT A TIME". Janet's generosity made it possible to distribute copies at our State Convention. The children and youth on this program are so cute and precious and are learning at a very young age to play an important part in saving our world. The DVD is an excellent source of information. Congratulations & thank you for encouraging our members to conserve our valuable world and natural resources.

Keeping In Touch, a NGC Publication featured a story and information on the environment, written by our very own, LGCF's Arbor Day Chairman, Joe E. Baucum. Be sure and download this copy from NGC's Website: <http://www.gardenclub.org/media/2703/KITMay-July2012.pdf>. Congrats Joe for keeping our State of Louisiana in NGC's news!

Summer Board Chairman, Laura Broussard and her committee are planning another year of Inspiration and Information, and More. We will have an AWARDS WORKSHOP ON MONDAY. The Flower Show Judges from District VI are planning a Design program for Monday, July 23rd at their dinner. The program will be presented by Penny Crawford. You don't want to miss this!! We will honor all Club President's, and Life Members and present the NATIONAL AWARDS at the Luncheon on Tuesday, July 24th. Joe Baucum will be the Speaker. Don't forget to wear your Hat!

See you there!

Mary Jacobs, President



Mary (Mary) Ware Anthony

Northeast Garden Club (District VI)

Mary Anthony Married the love of her life, John Wood Anthony in 1945 and they moved to Bogalusa where John practiced law with Talley, Anthony and Hughes until his retirement. Mary and John have 3 daughters and one lovely granddaughter.

In 1960, Mary joined Northeast Garden Club. Mary served Northeast Garden as President from 1968-70 and from 1989-90. Mary served the club several times as chairman of their flower shows. Her love and skill for arrangements inspired her to become a flower show judge, accredited intern, life judge and master judge. In this capacity, Mary served her club as well the Louisiana

Federation of Garden Clubs for many years, judging Flower shows

throughout the area. She has been chairman of the Flower House for Washington Parish Fair and President of Magic City Garden Council. Mary also worked tirelessly in Bogalusa's public gardens, St Matthews Episcopal Church's gardens and even today continues to contribute by encouraging younger gardeners as they work in our public areas.

Mary's lifelong love of beautiful garden spots, influenced Mary and John to purchase an estate owned by built by Mr. & Mrs. JK Johnson called "The Laurels". "The Laurels" was quite famous for its collection of native plants including Mountain Laurels - rare in the Deep South.

John Anthony passed into Eternal Rest in 2010 but Mary continues to be an active member in Northeast Garden Club and she continues to grow interesting plants at the Laurels.



Anna Roy Ribbeck

Town and Country Garden Club (District VI)

Anna Roy Ribbeck achieved the bloom of Master Gardener status at the ripe age of 89, but the seeds were planted in the early 1920's. The grandchild of those with French and German heritage, she grew in a Garden of Eden. Fruit and blooming plants provided more than beauty to the eyes of those trained in a European lifestyle. These early lessons continued to take root as she grew into a young woman with a growing family. Anna founded "The Cottage Planters" in New Orleans following in the garden path of her mother, who had been one of the founders of perhaps the first garden club in New Orleans-"The Little Garden Group".





She soon became active in the New Orleans Garden Club Council and became known for her artistry in flower arranging. Between tending her now 7 children and doting husband, she found time to work at Farley's Florist and Greenhouses. Anna also became a lecturer on house plants, their care and culture now second nature to her. Her own garden on Venus Street was full of every unusual plant one could imagine and she now had eight little gardeners trailing the path with her.

In 1963, Phil, her husband, was transferred by Exxon to Memphis where her knowledge and love of the garden filled a brand new city. She became a registered lecturer at the Civic Garden Center in Memphis and helped start not one, but three garden societies, still alive in the city today. Soon the local public TV station contacted her to do a weekly show and she became known as "The Plant Doctor". Early in 1976, Phil was transferred back to New Orleans and her roots were replanted at 118 Riverwood Drive, Covington, LA. The garden there has been growing ever since and her love of everything green has infiltrated many of her co-gardeners in the Town and Country Garden Club. She writes gardening columns for two magazines on the Northshore and one in Jefferson parish. She also must put in 20 hours a year of gardening service as part of her Master Gardener requirements. Her home is full of over 200 gardening books and her knowledge is freely given to anyone in need. In between all of this, she did find time to raise a garden of children (8) and grandchildren (35) and great grandchildren (13) and the garden is still growing! Her ripened blooms have sewn their seeds by way of these many family members into gardens all over the country.

As she approaches the winter of her life, Anna still finds ways to spread her "green" joy by blooming bigger and more colorful than ever. If she had her choice, she would become the mulch for her precious oaks when the final freeze comes to claim her! Her life motto could be summed in one sentence, "Never underestimate the potential of one little seed and the abundance it can set forth!"

Shirley Guillory

Opelousas Garden Club (District VII)

Shirley Guillory joined the Opelousas Garden Club in 1969 and has been a Committee Chairman for every flower show. She began as an Entries Chairman and is now a Consultant. Shirley received her Flower Show Judge Certificate in 1972 and her Master Judge Certificate in 1984. She has served the Opelousas Garden Club as President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Member intermittently for the past 43 years. She has presented many programs and critiqued horticulture specimens during meetings since becoming a Master Judge. She also belongs to the Southwest Louisiana Judges Council since acquiring her certifications, and is still an active member.



Shirley has won many blue ribbons and top awards in Design and Horticulture in past years. In 2005, she was awarded the annual "Edna Kurtz Award" for the most blue ribbons in the Opelousas Garden Club Spring Flower Show. In 2011, she was awarded the Emeritus Judging Award for her many facets

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of participation throughout the years. She loves judging flower shows and making friends in different parts of the state. She continues to learn about plants and cultivation, and loves sharing them with others.

Shirley has been married to James Guillory for 69 years. She has passed on her green thumb to her five daughters and one son. The couple enjoys their growing family of six grandchildren, and six great grandchildren, three of which are 2 year old triplets.



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. This quarter we would like to welcome to our "Circle" six special ladies.

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

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

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Ponchatoula Mayor Zabbia wins LGCF Award of Commendation

Mayor Bob Zabbia received the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc. Award of Commendation at the organization's annual convention banquet held in Houma LA April 18. Pictured on the right is President Mary Jacobs presenting the award to Mayor Zabbia.



Janice Hickey, Gardenette president, said, "This award is given to an individual, not affiliated with LGCF for outstanding work in the field of horticulture, conservation, or furtherance of other Garden Club objectives." Mayor Zabbia is certainly deserving of this honor, not only with all the help he has given to the Gardenettes, but what he has given back to the city.

One of his most outstanding accomplishments in my opinion is his accessibility. I have lived in many places, and have never felt so comfortable contacting the mayor and having his full attention to my concerns, she said.

The Mayor and his wife Kim Zabbia, were present at the banquet along with their Gardenette supporters Hickey, Sixth District Director Diane Dufour, club president elect Dale Rieth, Margaret Bailey, Cricket Ayala and Kathy Bedenbaugh and her husband Garnett Bedenbaugh.

As Hickey noted, "Who do you turn to when you need manual labor and physical assistance with your projects? If you live in Ponchatoula, the mayor Bob Zabbia is the first person who comes to mind."

The Gardenettes annual Arbor Day celebration wouldn't be the same without the presence of the mayor and his city street crew. Besides his physical presence, his annual proclamation dedicating the ceremony makes things even nicer. This year, the club planted six redbud trees and replaced three tulip poplars from last year's event. The city crew did the actual hole digging and setting in of the planted trees.

Entering the Cleanest City contest was at the suggestion of Zabbia. He proposed that the Gardenettes sponsor it and handle the garden club side, like making scrapbooks, providing the judge's gifts, contacting the businesses to clean up and decorate. His crew would be in charge of the litter and physical beautification. His staff would decorate City Hall and handle the reception. For the club's first time to enter since the 1960's it went very well.

An ongoing project of the club has been planting and maintaining the grounds of Collinswood Museum, a centrally located attraction. The mayor offered one of his staff to help with the clean-up and planting at this central tourist spot.

The swimming pool at Kiwanis Park became a potentially hazardous area once the pool had been closed. The Gardenettes were approached to make a Butterfly Garden on that site. After almost a decade, the ground level plantings were hard to work and so weed infested that it was hard to keep presentable despite the club's diligence. Mayor Bob had all the dirt removed from the site, and

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raised beds constructed with railroad ties. Fresh top soil was used to fill, and herbicides were used to insure the absence of weed seeds. This was a major project, requiring all the plants to be removed and potted. The new beds are wonderful, and the club thanked Mayor Bob for his work crews and financial support.

An irrigation system was installed at both planting sites to insure the success of the plantings. This was also done by the Mayor's Department of Streets.

At the club's fall plant sale, Mayor Bob and his wife came out for the event and received a copy of the club yearbook which was dedicated to him and to his city crew. For their dedication to the Collinswood Museum grounds project, their major work for Cleanest City contest with the clean-up and reception, the total reconstruction of the club's Kiwanis Butterfly Garden, their irrigation of the Butterfly Garden.

Hickey stated that his work is not just a reaction to our requests, but sometimes an instigation of a project for which we are glad to respond.

Lifetime Individual Award



Gardenette Kathy Bedenbaugh was awarded the lifetime Individual Award by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc. (LGCF Inc.) at the annual convention banquet April 18 in Houma, LA.

According to Gardenette president Janice Hickey, "What better person to have received this special medallion than Kathy. I never realized she had accomplished so much and yet so young! What an honor!"

Pictured above is LGCF President Mary Jacobs, NGC President Shirley Nicolai, Award Winner Kathy Bedenbaugh, and Kathy's husband Garnett Bedenbaugh.

Gardenettes attending to support her at the convention were Cricket Ayala, Margaret Bailey, president elect Dale Rieth, 6th District Director Diane Dufour and Hickey.

Bedenbaugh was accompanied to the banquet by her husband Garnett Bedenbaugh. She received the Award #7B, INDIVIDUAL AWARD. She was nominated by the Gardenettes and was recognized as the recipient of this award that is only received once in a lifetime. This winner of this award is chosen on what one has given back to the community, as well as her state.

Talking trash - Bedenbaugh is an outspoken advocate of litter control. She has written editorial comments on the subject and has not been above picking up more than her share of litter along the

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rivers and other scenic spots marred by other people's garbage. She is very visible on Trash Bash days, doing what she can to make Tangipahoa a clean parish.

Volunteerism is a state of personality that promotes giving yourself to others as an automatic reaction. This is a condition fostered at an early age in Gardenette club member Bedenbaugh. From her early days as a Candy Stripper at Hotel Dieu and Children's Hospital when she was 15 to the present in her work in the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc., Deep South Region and on the Louisiana State Parks Commission, Bedenbaugh's concern for making things better for others shines through.

Giving of money is good but giving your time is more important. The list of her many civic and charitable causes is impressive. She has worked in her church, in the Hammond Junior Auxiliary, Regional Arts Board, Longue Vue House and Gardens, Ginger Ford Habitat for Humanity Board, and other organizations. She was president of both Friends of Longue Vue House and Gardens and Ginger Ford Habitat for Humanity Board. She was on the board of Friends of Ronald McDonald House.

Fortune smiled on the Gardenettes in 1993 when Kathryn Bedenbaugh joined the club. A newcomer to the area, Kathy could have gone with a several clubs in our area, but the Gardenettes asked first! Since then they have developed a broader civic conscience under her leadership. It did not take long for them to elect Kathy as president. In 2002, she had interacted with the Ponchatoula city government to turn the unused swimming pool at the Kiwanis Park into a Butterfly Garden. Instead of a dangerous hole, the city now has an attractive planted park area where visitors can sit and enjoy the roses - which Bedenbaugh at a later time had donated in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2007.

A firm believer in volunteerism, Bedenbaugh got a similar program going in 2008 at the local museum where our club maintains the flower beds. Again, Knockout roses were planted in a Breast Cancer Awareness program. Working closely with city officials, Bedenbaugh has formed a good working relationship between our club and the local government. The Gardenettes have won many awards for the programs she has envisioned. The Ponchatoula mayor Bob Zabbia made Bedenbaugh who lives on the Hammond/ Ponchatoula boundary, an "Honorary Citizen."

Most recent was her recurring work to help those who are homeless and temporarily displaced. One year, she took the local homeless shelter, House of Serenity, the only one north of Lake Pontchartrain, as a project for Make a Difference Day 2009. She had been helping with food for the shelter in the past. Months ahead, she took the shelter's wish list to the local civic organizations and churches to see what building materials and supplies she could get donated. On October 24, she got the mayor and other civic leaders to help the Gardenettes deliver and set up what they could. It was a large, time consuming effort for someone who has a busy schedule as first vice president of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. Without Bedenbaugh, the Gardenettes good intentions may not have focused on this situation.

The Gardenettes have been delighted with Bedenbaugh's work in the LGCF, Inc. from her days as District VI director and former Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc. second vice president. As director of 26 garden clubs, she coordinated three events for Hurricane Katrina victims - personally bringing food and Christmas gifts in 2005 and school supplies in 2006 for about 100 children. The District received National "honorable mention" in the Parade Magazine for their participation in

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Make a Difference Day. Bedenbaugh served as District VI Cleanest City chairman for several years and also served as the LGCF, Inc. Historic Trails and State Parks Chairman before becoming LGCF, Inc. Second Vice President.

Bedenbaugh has completed the Landscape Design Consultant course and has assisted clubs besides ours to place their trees and shrubbery. She has also landscaped several homes for the local Habitat For Humanity chapter doing much of the work herself. She has recently been appointed to the Louisiana State Parks Commission.

In 2004 Bedenbaugh contacted Rep. Tank Powell to urge him to submit a bill to change the Statue of Limitations on Child Sex Abuse from 10 years past the age of 18 to 30 years past the age of 18. She and her husband, Garnett, and the President of the local chapter of SNAP, Lyn Taylor, attended several committee meetings at the Louisiana Legislature and also attended the Legislature to lobby for the statue change. The Criminal Bill, HB 17, passed and was signed into law in 2005 by Gov. Kathleen Blanco.

Basking in her reflected glory, the Gardenettes were proud to nominate Bedenbaugh for the Individual Award No. 7. She is not just an organizer, she is a hands-on and in the dirt type worker who can often be seen weeding and planting on our club work days. She is always available to lend a hand as well as advice! She has strengthened the club's commitment to helping others. Her contributions as a garden club member have made long lasting civic contributions in her own right and through a ripple effect through our members who have followed her hard working example to make our community better.

REDUCE UNWANTED MAIL - 3 Million Pounds of Solid Waste Saved!

By Camille Stakes, LGCF State Chairman Litter/Reclamation/Recycling/Waste Management

Catalog Choice, a nonprofit mail preference service dedicated to eliminating unwanted mail and phone books, has announced the environmental benefits of its one-year-old municipal partnership program. Catalog Choice for Communities is a customized service designed to reduce waste, save money and rid consumers of unwanted mail by stopping it at the source.

Since March 2011, more than 530,000 opt-out requests have been processed through Catalog Choice for Communities, which translates to:

- 3 million pounds of solid waste saved (enough to fill 125 garbage trucks)
- 20,000 trees saved (the amount of trees in New York's Central Park)
- 19 million gallons of water saved (29 Olympic-sized swimming pools)
- 8 million pounds of greenhouse gas saved (the amount of emissions produced annually by 364 HUMMERS)

Catalog Choice provides each municipal partner with a tailored website where residents can opt-out of unwanted mail. Summary reports by zip code are shared by Catalog Choice on citizen participation, solid waste diversion, CO2 reductions and other environmental benefits. Communities that work with Catalog Choice stop five times more unsolicited mail at the source than others in the U.S. More than 100 cities have signed on to the service, thus far.

Even if your city isn't a municipal partner, you can become a member of Catalog Choice and opt-out of receiving unwanted mail @ <https://www.catalogchoice.org/>



**Louisiana Garden club Federation, Inc.
2012 Summer Board Meeting
July 23-24, 2012**

Embassy Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

"Inspiration, Information and More"

Monday July 23, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Finance Meeting
- 8:30 - 9:25 a.m. Headquarters Meeting
- 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Judges Executive Council Meeting
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Judges Council Meeting

- 11:00 - 11:30 p.m. Lunch

- 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Club Presidents & District Directors Meeting
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Awards Workshop
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Gardening Study Meeting
- 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. LA Environmental Council Meeting
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Landscape Design Council Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Judges Council Dinner-Open to All

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 - Noon LGCF, Inc. Business Meeting
- 12:15 - 2:30p.m. Luncheon
 - Honoring Life Members and Club Presidents
 - Awards: Presentations
 - Program: Joe Baucum, LGCF Arbor Day Chairman

Don't forget to wear your Beautiful Design Hat for the Club President's Luncheon

LGCF Summer Board

2012 Summer Board Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Garden Club: _____ District: _____

Date(s) Attending: July 23rd July 24th Both Days

Meals:

- Monday Lunch \$20.00 Judges Council Dinner \$30.00 President's Luncheon \$25.00
 (Buffet Lunch) (Grilled Fish) (Grilled Chicken Ceaser Salad)

Registration Fee:

- 2-Day \$20.00 1-Day \$10.00 Package Plan \$95.00
 (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 **June 28, 2012**. Add late fee of \$5.00 after June 28th. 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: Willie Allen, 1668 Bellridge, Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70815-5423
 Phone 225-275-8985

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 1, 2011.

Hotel Registration Information

Summer Boards will be held at Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge, 4914 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. You may call 1-225-924-6566 to make your reservations. In case of problems, ask to speak to Erica McDaniel.

Group Name: Louisiana Garden Club
Group Date: July 23rd & 24th, 2012
Check-in time is 3pm. Check-out time is 12 noon.

Room Rates are available BEFORE June 28, 2012.	
Single (1 person)	\$ 92.00
Double (2 persons)	\$ 92.00
Triple (3 persons)	\$102.00

In order to get this discounted rate, you **must** make reservations before **June 28, 2012**. Reservations received after this date will be taken on space availability and subject to regular rates. A credit card or first night's deposit is required to guarantee all suite reservations.

Award Applications Simplified

In an effort to keep LGCF award applications in agreement with NCG award applications, the LGCF Awards Committee has simplified the award application process. The simplified application is below. Simply fill in the blanks, then answer questions 2 – 6 starting at the bottom of the form. You are limited to 3 pages.



LGCF Awards Application 2012-13

Award # _____ Award Name _____

Submitted by: _____ Number of members in club: _____

[Enter name exactly as it should appear on any award received]

1. New project: Yes ____ No ____ Beginning date: _____ Completion date: _____
2. Brief summary and objectives of project.
3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.
4. Project expenses and means of funding.
5. Continuing involvement, follow up, maintenance.
6. Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn.)

The Southern Garden Symposium

The Southern Garden Symposium will be held October 12 & 13, 2012 at St. Francisville, LA.

With featured speakers including Dean Norton, Mount Vernon's Director of Horticulture; Heidi Sheesley, owner of Treesearch Farms in Houston, Texas; and floral design instructor Lynette McDougald of Mississippi State University, no other gardening program brings together top quality speakers and historic plantation settings as well as the Southern Garden Symposium in St. Francisville, Louisiana. Known as much for its engaging social events and historic venues as for its outstanding gardening lectures and workshops, the Southern Garden Symposium - now in its 24th year - has become an annual tradition for garden enthusiasts from across the south.

Registration for the Southern Garden Symposium is limited and required in advance. Complete program information and registration forms will be available online beginning April 15 at www.SouthernGardenSymposium.org. You may also call 225-635-3738 or email luciecassity@bellsouth.net to be added to our mailing list.

LGCF Tours

More unforgettable tours are in the works for LGCF. These tours been orchestrated and will be led by David Campbell, son of Carol Campbell, former Marksville Garden Club President and current member. We currently have two tours in the making:

- Charming Europe and the 2012 Floriade Horticulture Expo: Sept 13-23, with airfare and meal costs the total cost should be around \$4500.
- 2013 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade Tour: Dec 27, 2012 – Jan 3, 2013, cost \$2,500.

For more information you may contact David at 504-821-9283.

Email: David@stephenambrosetours.com or gbctours@gmail.com

Plantings for Public and Special Places

Plantings for Public and Special Places is a 2011-2013 NGC President's Project. Representing three areas of interest; Gardens with Edibles, Container Gardens, Trees and Shrubs, this project recognizes ALL garden club service to communities when members provide Plantings for Public and Special Places. These plantings can beautify, have environmental value or provide sustenance. Possibilities exist for every garden club, regardless of its size, resources, and energy levels. Clubs, districts and regions will be awarded Certificates of Appreciation and Participation by the NGC President. Details regarding categories and monetary awards will be printed on the NGC website. To receive this recognition, participants are asked to submit an online form, available on the NGC website, along with a before and after digital photo. Updates and TIPS that will inform and stimulate your creative gardening minds will be posted on the NGC website.

Garden clubs may submit online forms for any or all of the three (3) areas of interest listed below. Submission deadline is April 1, 2013. Plantings for Public and Special Places aligns extremely well with other areas of interests of our garden club outreach: Blue Star Memorial Markers, Habitat for Humanity Gardens, Penny Pines, Plant It Pink, Sage and Roses, and Arbor Day ceremonies, to name a few. Imagine the possibilities! For more information look under Projects at

<http://www.gardenclub.org>

Plant It Pink on Flickr

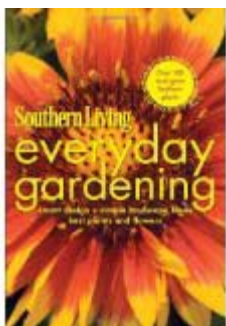
Check out the Plant It Pink pictures submitted to the NGC Plant It Pink Gardens on Flickr. The link is <http://www.flickr.com/search/show/?q=plant+it+pink+gardens>

See what other garden clubs are doing at <http://flickr.com/NationalGardenClubs>

To submit your club photos, you need to have both a Yahoo! Email account and a Flickr account. Both are free, quick and easy to set up, and accessible on the Flickr sign-up page at www.flickr.com OR send your pictures to Robin Pokorski at RobinP@juno.com. Robin is the coordinator for Deep South Flickr pictures.

Book Review

By Dolla Farmer, LGCF Book Review Chair



*Southern Living Everyday Gardening: Smart design * Simple Landscape Ideas * Best Plants and Flowers* by the Editors of Southern Living Magazine, Oxmoor House, Inc., 2011, Paperback, 276 pp., ISBN-13: 978-0-8487-3352-0, \$21.95

The Southern Living experts take the guesswork out of gardening. It has the best garden techniques and landscape design ideas to inspire you to create your own retreat. They highlight the best pick of trees, shrubs, annuals, and perennials to grow in Southern gardens. You get advice from experts on the secrets of planting unique gardens and landscape features. This book has cool container gardening tips, easy edible garden ideas and much more.

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Blue Star Memorial Marker Report

By Mary Hazen, LGCF Blue Star Chair

The dedication of Blue Star Markers continues to rise through out the US. Three BLUE STAR Memorial Markers and 1 Byway marker have been dedicated in LA since the last report bringing the total BLUE STAR Markers to 83.

Please be aware of the current cost of markers: Memorial Hwy Markers are \$1250 and Byway Markers are \$450. These prices will hold firm through 2012.

Garden Club members, I thank each and every one of you and your cluBlue Star who have supported "Freedom Isn't Free", our states unified project. This is a very successful project and is very much appreciated by all who have been recipients of a marker. The first Freedom Isn't Free Marker was dedicated on 6-6-2010, D-Day, the day that saved the world. It was presented for safe keeping to the National WWII museum in New Orleans. On November 7, 2011 a Byway marker was dedicated to the Fort Polk Military Instillation. The marker was mounted on polished granite with the inscription 'Freedom Isn't Free'. The marker rests on top of Warrior Hill for the Fort Polk family and veterans to see.

We now have a second BLUE STAR project "Welcome to Louisiana" accepted at Winter Board 2012. The goal is to dedicate a BLUE STAR Memorial Marker at every major Welcome Center in Louisiana. This will be a major endeavor and a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors to Louisiana and a tremendous avenue to say "Thank You" to our military. It will be a memorial for all to see, lest we forget those who help to keep us free.

Landscape Design School Report

By Clara Earl, LDS Chair

The Louisiana Landscape Design School Series 18 began in 2012 with course 1 on Feb 28-29, 2012 in Baton Rouge at the Baton Rouge garden center.

46 persons registered. 43 students, consultants, others attended. The breakdown is as follows:

Students	16
Consultants.....	11
Masters refreshed	2
Master gardeners	4
Others	20

With the committee and professors our total attendance was 53. We had 3 NGC members from Ohio and 2 from Kentucky. One member from Ohio was presented her "5 star pin" for having completed and achieved master status in all 4 schools. Donna Bucci, LGCF former president, did the honors.

A complete list of all the new consultants, new master consultants and emeritus will be presented at summer board.

Course II will be held October 30-31 in Baton Rouge at the Garden Center. Brochures will be distributed at the July Summer Board and mailed to most all consultants.

Headquarters Report

By Sara Marshall, Chairman, Headquarters' Trustees

As you know, our resident caretaker moved out in January and the Trustees have not found a replacement as of this convention. It will take a special person to take Maria Burns' place and to take care of our Home.

In the last six months, the house has been pressure washed; porches, railings and steps painted; and the caretaker rooms have been refurbished- bedroom, bath and sunroom, plus the two closets. The only room in the house that has not been redone is the kitchen and that would be quite a project. It has early 1900's metal cabinets, but all appliances are relatively new and operable. Fran Francis, our local chairman, and I were pleased to host the West Baton Rouge Garden and Civic Club. None of their members had visited before and were delighted to see what a nice Headquarters our state organization owned. We were pleased to receive a most generous donation from their club and most of the members gave an extra dollar or two to put in the Headquarters' "Pot". And speaking of that, the Lecompte Garden Club voted to donate \$1 per member towards Headquarters, in lieu of the \$1 per member we use to donate to the Newsletter.

You've heard me say this every time I give a report and, believe it or not, there's always someone who hears it for the first time. Our Headquarters' Home was bought and furnished with donations from ladies just like you and me. The landscaping was donated. Our state organization only gives money for the insurance and upkeep. Everything we have done is because of the generosity of our garden club members.

Come and bring your club members-it was a fun day for the West Baton Rouge Garden members-after a short meeting in the Home, they went to Lea's for lunch, then out to some of the nurseries in Forest Hill.

Preservation of our Home depends on you!

Youth Activities Report

By Mary Lou Adragna, Youth Chairman and Diane Baur, Youth co-Chairman

District II

Shady Oaks Garden Club sponsors the Little Shadows Junior Garden club at Hazel Park Hilda Knoff School. There are 10 members in the 4th and 5th grades. This year they have all entered the Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Two have entered the LGCF Sculpture Contest, the Scarecrow Trail in City Park Botanical Gardens and the Standard Flower Show sponsored by Shady Oaks Garden Club.

The River Ridge Garden Club sponsors Chapelle High School's Garden Club. There are 65 members ranging from 8th grade thru 12th grade. Projects consisted of making a small grapevine wreath with dried flowers, a Christmas topiary and a plant stake for a flower pot. In the past years, the kids from the Good Shepherd School made posters for the Woodsey Owl contest.

District III

Versa Dore, vice president of the Azalea Garden Club, formed the Berri Patch JR Garden Club. She uses her master gardener skills with a Girl Scout Troup she already had and she asked Azalea Garden Club to sponsor these 8 girls, ages ranging from 5-9. The girls planted a second spring garden in raised beds with the help of committee members. They planted tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, beans,

okra and herbs. After ordering NGC's Youth Design Lesson Book and after a few exercises, each girl made a design that was displayed at the Sugar Cane Festival Flower Show last September, Girls have earned recycling badges, made bath salts using herbs from the garden and made fishing poles from bamboo from the yard, and this just names a few of the things these girls have done.

District VII

The Lake Charles Garden Club sponsors a junior garden club, Garden Angels, at College Oaks Elementary. They currently have 10 members. Projects have been planting pumpkin seeds, making candle holders out of miniature pumpkins, learning about birds and how to make birdfeeders. In January, the girls planted a tree in the schoolyard followed by an Arbor Day Program and plan to make their own terrariums.

District VIII

The Lecompte Garden Club sponsors the Lecompte Junior Garden Club. The members received a Pink Glove Award from the National Garden Club for planting daffodils at the Cancer Center at the Christus St. Francis Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria. The club's butterfly garden has been certified as a Monarch Way station by the Monarch Watch at the University of Kansas. Club members continue working on their Blue Birds on the Bayou project. This year they have installed 52 additional blue bird boxes in Rapides Parish.

The Alexandria Garden Club sponsors the Fleurettes Junior Garden Club which has 9 members in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. At Melrose Plantation, members have helped to plant flowers on the grounds and every year helped with the craft fair. Virginia Webb, master judge, took members to the Natural Springs Garden Center in Natchitoches where they experienced gardening in a miniature or "fairy" garden as it is called. In 2012 a new junior garden was formed. Hazel Prevost is the moderator and the Rayne Garden Club is sponsoring this new junior club. Currently they have 5 members and are planning some lovely and educational programs. All of our junior garden clubs are active including those that are not included in this report.

2012 LGCF Convention Designs

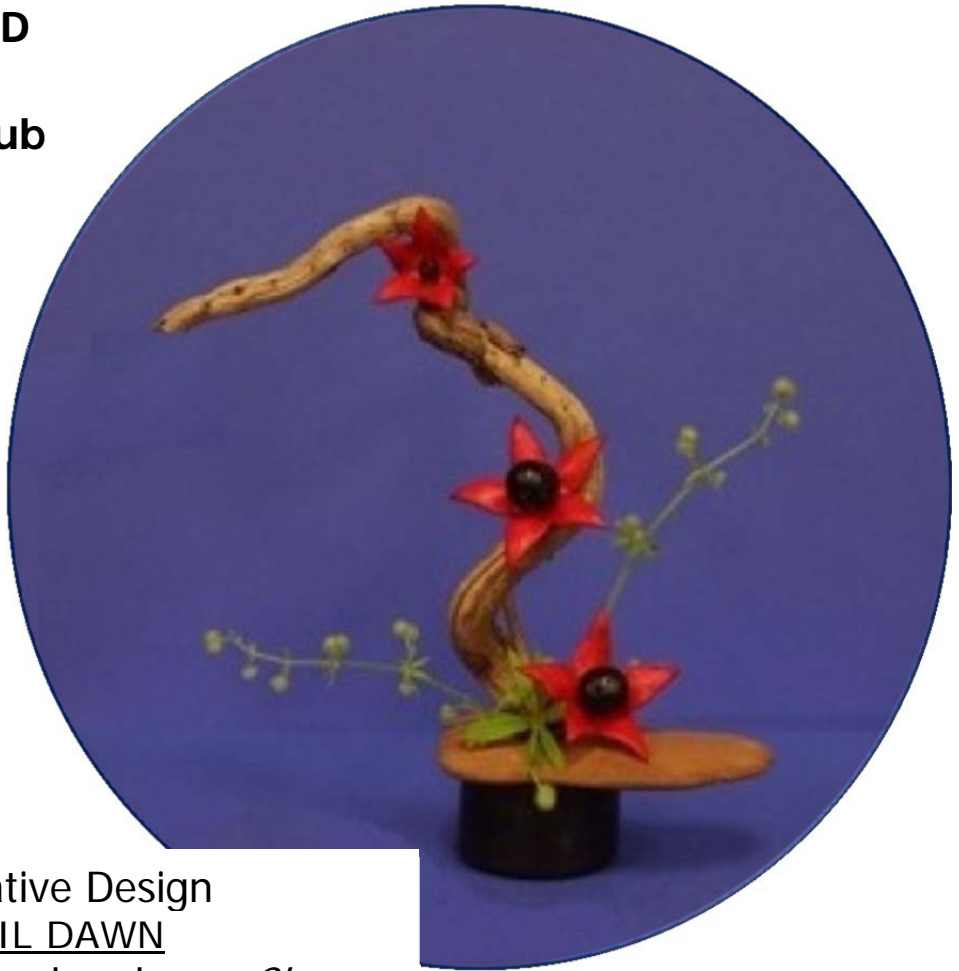


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MAUDE VISKELL AWARD
By Paulette Henry
Terrebonne Garden Club



Miniature Creative Design

DANCING TIL DAWN

The black and red seed pods are *Clerodendrum wallichii* 'White Waterfalls'.

Green plant material is *Mollugo verticillata*

MINIATURE DESIGNS; *Handbook pages 203-204*

1. May be of any design style, Traditional or Creative, and any design type, but reduced in size. Requirements and Scale of Points are the same as for any full size design.
2. Design may not exceed five (5) inches in height, width, or depth.
3. Plant material and other components (optional) must be small, as scale is important.
4. Staging is not limited to Miniature Design dimensions, but must be in pleasing proportion to a 5" Design.
5. Backgrounds need not be square even though the allotted dimensions in height and width are square; nevertheless, either height or width must exceed in pleasing proportion to the 5" allotted to a Miniature Design.

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District III

Norman Balliviero, Club member and Lafayette Parish master gardener, presented a most informative program and hands-on workshop on sharpening garden tools, which got the attention of members of **Lafayette Garden Club**. And the March event included a field trip to LSU's Hammond Research Center, led by Dr. Allen Owings, who gave tips on growing plants and constructing new flower beds the easy way and showed the group many of the new Super Plants developed and researched at the LSU Ag Center and several greenhouses. Pictured (below left) attending the tour



are first row: Glenda Balliviero, Roxanna Champagne, Cecille Revels, Becky Latiolais, Jan Vining, Cathy Andrew; and second row: Dr. Allen Owings Anita Petitjean, Angel Broussard. Club member, Norman Balliviero, is not pictured because he was taking the photo. The group, laden with plants donated by Dr. Owings or bought at a nearby nursery, then lunched at Jacmel Restaurant.

The April meeting found the Club members enjoying a tour of Richard Goula's Thistlewood Gardens, which features 17 acres of ponds, a bog garden and a stream that provides the aquatic environment for a major collection of Louisiana irises. The group is pictured (at right) with Richard Goula, outside his country home.



Festival des Fleur was held on Saturday, April 14, and many members participated in the Festival's Garden Club' Flower Show, A Spring Florafest, by entering plant material in the Horticulture Division and creative floral designs in the Design Division. Betty Foret and Gloria Guilbeaux chaired the Flower Show, and Glenda Balliviero chaired the Youth Garden Education activities. Flower Show winners are shown at Blackham Coliseum in the photo on the left. Blue Ribbon Winners in Horticulture are Glenda Balliviero, for Yellow Bird of Paradise (*caesalpinia gilliesii*); and Lois Manuel, for Cry Baby (*Erythrina crostagalli*). Blue Ribbon Winners in Design are Angel Broussard, for "A Music Festival"; Becky Latiolais, for "Southwest Garden

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Festival" design; and Betty Foret's "Crawfish Festival" design. For a complete list of Horticulture and Design winners, see the Flower Show link on <http://www.lafayettegardenclub.org>.

At the April 16 - 18 State Convention in Houma, attended by many Garden Club members, Lafayette Garden Club received ten LGCF awards, three Deep South Region awards and \$70.00 in monetary awards. The Awards List can be seen on <http://www.lafayettegardenclub.org>.



Thanks to Mike Hess, ULL Grounds Manager, and Claude Douglas, University of Louisiana a Lafayette Gardener; Girl Scouts USA; and Lafayette Garden Club Committee members, thirteen Daisy Scouts from the Acadiana area planted red begonias and white pentas at Lafayette Garden Club's Bridge Garden on the ULL campus, on Saturday, April 28. Today, the young Scouts earned their Girl Scout Plant & Garden badges. Shown addressing the Daisy Scouts is Committee member, Sarah Schoeffler.

Lafayette Garden Club and Water Gardens Unlimited presented an inspiring Water Garden Tour in Acadiana, on Sunday, May 6, 2012, its annual Tres Jolie fundraising event. This Tour, which is chaired by Cinde Risinger and Julie Haack, helps support Lafayette Garden Club's various philanthropic activities, and serves the goals of the National Garden Club Federation by educating the community. Among the beneficiaries are the annual Flower Show, Cleanest City Award, Arbor Day tree planting ceremony, maintenance of the Bridge Garden at University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Alumni Center, Youth Horticulture Education involving Daisy Scouts and Girl Scouts, butterfly gardens at the Lafayette Visitors' Center and Cathedral-Carmel School, Mary's Garden at the downtown library, Garden Therapy for Senior citizens, Habitat for Humanity, and Live Oak Tree Registration.

Club members attended the Spring luncheon and Plant and White Elephant Auction, at the Bendel Gardens home of Gretchen Stewart. Club President Roxanna Champagne introduced Enola May and Lois Manuel, our Club's latest inductees into the Circle of Roses. Ms. Champagne then announced the 2011-12 Woman of the Year, Jan Wyatt, and presented her with the silver bowl red rose arrangement and her own smaller silver bowl keepsake. Angel Broussard was chosen Member of the Year. All are very deserving ladies.

Jean Gilstrap, Cleanest City Contest Chairman for Louisiana Garden Club Federation, had good news for City-Parish President Joey Durel, announcing that Lafayette has been awarded the Cleanest City title for 2012. President Durel said that the City of Lafayette is honored to receive these awards on behalf of our citizens. Durel further stated that he wants to acknowledge the important work of our residents, our businesses, and our Public Works Department to help keep Lafayette clean and beautiful. Jan Dennen, Civic Development Chairman, says that the judges will present President Durel with a plaque commemorating this award, at a Thursday, June 14 reception attended by Lafayette Consolidated Government staff, LGCF judges and Lafayette Garden Club members. The Tree City USA® program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. And the Cleanest Schools Committee selected Comeaux High School and Ascension Day School to receive the Cleanest Schools award.

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Bayou Vista Garden Club Vice President and Program Chairman Donna Bucci and BVGC member Jo Ann Ryan conducted a hypertufa workshop for BVGC members. Hypertufa, an artificial stone, was concocted to be used as a substitute for the natural volcanic rock called Tufa. It is often used to create plant containers, stepping stones, and garden art objects. Basic hypertufa recipe ingredients are varying combinations of Portland cement, peat moss, sand, perlite, or vermiculite, and water. Participating in the workshop were Nancy Marcel, Janice Verret, Kim Alcina, Donna Bucci, Gloria Roy, Jean Chauvin, Jennie Aucoin, and Jo Ann Ryan.



In observance of National Garden Week, members of **Terrebonne Garden Club** will place floral artistic designs in public buildings. Small signs will indicate that the Garden Club donated the designs. Our Parish President Michel Claudet issued a Proclamation that the week of June 3 to June 9, 2012 be known as "National Garden Week" and be it further proclaimed that all members of local Garden Clubs be recognized for their dedication to the advancement of Terrebonne Parish and the greater good of all its residents. Brochures encouraging membership in garden clubs will be placed with the designs. Shown on the right is Frances Pellegrin of Terrebonne Garden Club with her design at the North Terrebonne Library in honor of National Garden



Week June 3rd to 9th.

District VI

On Tuesday, March 13th, members of the **West Baton Rouge Garden & Civic Club** of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation District VI visited our beautiful and historic Louisiana Garden Club Federation Headquarters in Lecompte and were graciously greeted there by Fran Francis and Sara Marshall. After a tour of Headquarters, a brief business meeting was conducted by President, Ann Dugas. Lea's Restaurant, a short driving distance from Headquarters, was the destination for a delicious lunch. While everyone enjoyed their lunch, many in the group had experiences to share of previous visits to this lovely and well known Louisiana landmark restaurant. A stop at nearby Forest Hill nurseries was done by several in the group before returning home to Port Allen. Everyone agreed that the day was delightful and the group would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Sara and Fran for the hospitality that was shown to us at Headquarters and for making the trip a memorable one. Those participating in the road trip are (top row from left to right) Ann Dugas, Trudy Millard, Nancy



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Conn, Julie Prejean, and Helen Gossman; (second row from left to right) Ruth Stanley, Betty Landry, Cheryl Tassin, and Metha Arnold; (bottom row from left to right) Fannie Easterly, Rumiko Bourg and Lillie Mabile.

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", which featured the breathtaking gardens of five talented Slidell homeowners. The second annual tour was a project of The Greater Slidell Council of Garden Clubs and Magnolia Forest Garden Club member Betty Rose, chaired the event. Money raised will benefit council beautification efforts throughout Slidell. Pictured on right: Front: Joann Round, Design Chairman; Lynell Braun, Flower Show Chairman. Back: Margo Necaie, Horticulture Chairman; Betty Rose, Horticulture Chairman; Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, President; & Julie Frichter our Southern Belle.



Our flower show, "Southern Hospitality", was a great success; it was beautiful and enjoyed by all who attended. Both Design and Horticulture divisions were judged by accredited District VI LGCF Flower Show Judges in accordance with the rules in the Handbook for Flower Shows. In addition, the club recently submitted two floral designs to The Slidell Art League's exhibit titled "Art & Bloom on the Northshore" held at Slidell Memorial Hospital Cancer Center. Each design interpreted an assigned piece of art created by a local artist.

Club members, Betty Rose, Lynell Braun, Margo Necaie, and Jane Freeman also recently participated in Slidell's Spring Citywide Cleanup at Pearl's Garden in John Slidell Park. They along with volunteers from area Starbucks cleared away weeds and replanted beds.

The club also recently inducted their new officers for next year. The installation was conducted by Dianne Dufour, District VI Director, and was all about "Ducks" making it a fun and humorous activity. After the officers were inducted and presented, President Johnnie Ruth Rogillio announced the theme for next year will be "Bloom and Grow: Sharing gardening talents, skills, while growing in friendship."

Although the Magnolia Forest Garden Club doesn't meet during the summer months, the members continue to stay busy with field trips, projects and gatherings. Their first field trip for the summer was a trip to the Sculpture Garden in New Orleans' City Park followed by lunch across the street at Ralph's on the Park. Shown (photo on right) at the entrance to the sculpture garden are Beryl Deris, Carroll Knowles,



Mary Jane Herman, Lynell Braun, Florence Onstad, and Carol Hodge. The garden contains over 50 contemporary and modern sculptures and is a world-class exhibit. The members who attended

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enjoyed not only the beautiful sculptures but, of course, the beautifully landscaped garden with cypress, magnolia and centuries old oak trees with Spanish moss.

District VII

The Diggers & Weeders Garden Club of Lake Charles and the Lake Charles Garden Club are proud to announce that Lake Charles has won the Cleanest City Contest! The two garden clubs along with Team Green, the Lake Charles the Calcasieu Parish Library, LSU Ag Center, the Chamber SWLA, Team Green of Southwest Louisiana, Junior Team Green, St. Margaret School Science Club, St. Louis High School, S. J. Welsh Student Council, Barbe High School Student Council, Boy Scout Troop 1 in Lake Charles, Boy Scout Troop 24 in Iowa, and the Greater Lake Charles Beautification Committee to clean up the city and urge residents to do the same. Pictured on the right (front row l-r) is Kathy Tell, D&W President Pam Langley, Mayor Randy Roach, LCGC President Thelma Fontenot, Nan Himel, LGCF Cleanest City Chair Jean Gilstrap, and LGCF President Mary Jacobs; (back) Gaylyn Fullington, Cheri Cowen, Linda Finley, and Camille Stakes.



Louisiana Master Gardener Conference

The Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners are hosting the 2012 LMG State Conference. The conference is open to all who have an interest in learning more about gardening. The conference will be held October 24 – 26, 2012 at L'auberge Casiono and Resort in Lake Charles, LA. Conference fee is \$150. You may find more information at <http://lsuagcenter.com/lmg2012>

More Convention Designs



Calendar of Events



2012

- July 23-24 LGCF Summer Board Meeting, Baton Rouge
- Aug. 7-8 Flower Show School, Course III, Ponchatoula
- Sept. 1 Deadline for submissions LGCF Newsletter – Fall Issue
- September 26-29 NGC Fall Board Meeting- Little Rock, Arkansas
- October LGCF Fall District Meetings
- Oct 1 District VIII
 - Oct 2 District V
 - Oct 3 District VII
 - Oct 4 District III
 - Oct 5 District VI
 - TBA District IV
 - Oct 16 District I and II
- Oct. 30-31 Landscape Design Study, Baton Rouge

2013

- March 24-26 Deep South Regional Convention, Savannah, GA- Hyatt Hotel
- April 16-17 LGCF State Convention, Kenner, LA
- May 23-27 NGC Convention, Seattle, WA
- May 30 – June 2 LGCF Symposium, Woodworth, LA