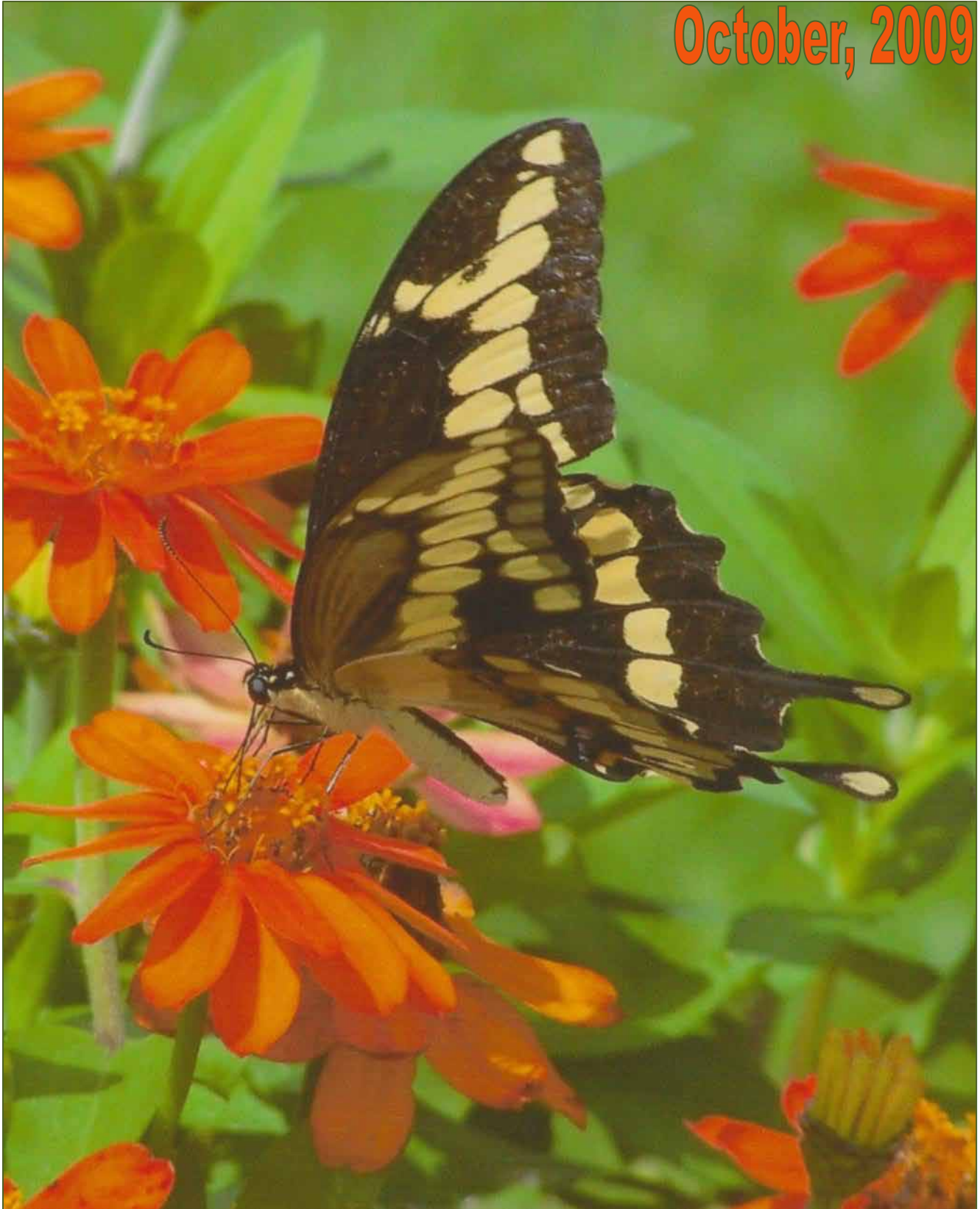




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Our cover picture was submitted by Emily Winners of the Lecompte Garden Club in District VIII. Emily says that this giant swallowtail was enjoying the 'Profusion Orange' zinnias on her patio a few years back and she was lucky to get a good photo before he (or she) moved on. Thanks, Emily, for sharing this great photo with us.

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 the President



Summer has come and gone, and now we look forward to a little cooler weather. "Cooler" is a relative term here in South Louisiana, that just means a temperature of under 80 degrees.

A huge thank you to Laura Broussard, Summer Board Chairman for a job well done! Laura is awesome- she and her committee do a fabulous job each year. We are so fortunate to have these gals and we are very grateful! A special thank-you to all of the ladies who made our awesome decorated hat centerpieces!" I am sure that all of you who attended Summer Board were well entertained at the Deep South Regional Project Workshop with all of those "Trashy Ladies"! They really kept us in stitches!

I also commend Jeanette Gatzman and the entire Diamond Jubilee Committee for a wonderfully hilarious journey through the decades of fashion, 1934-2009, in their "Dateline Fashion Stroll" at the Club President's meeting! This "fashion show" will be talked about for a long time! A special thanks to Kathy Bedenbaugh as our emcee and Mary Beth Whitehead on the keyboard!

Our workshop on "Navigating around the LGCF Website and Newsletter" was enlightening. Dr. Pam Langley, Newsletter Editor and Kathy Tell, Webmaster sharpened our computer skills! I heard many "Ah-ha's" as the duo held our "mini computer class"! A big thank you goes out to Pam and Kathy!

The Diamond Jubilee Committee continues to work toward our 2010 Gala at our Annual Convention in New Orleans. The committee still has a few of the collectable solid silver pendants and pins depicting the logo of our 75th Anniversary. The pins and pendants have "LGCF 1934-2009" engraved on the back. They are wonderful mementos of our Diamond Jubilee and they make wonderful gifts for out-going Club Presidents. They will be for sale at the Fall District Meetings. Get them while they last! The committee also has aprons with our Jubilee logo on them for sale.

Grand plans are in the works for the 2010 LGCF Convention in New Orleans!

The Convention Committee reported that a Pre-Convention tour will be held on Monday April 12, 2010. LSU Professor Emeritus, Dr. Neil Odenwald will lead members through the affluent Uptown area and we will be privileged to see gardens that are not usually open to the public. We will have a picnic and attend the Dedication of the Native Plant Gardens at the New Orleans Botanical Gardens. What a wonderful tour this will be!

Mary Jacobs will chair the compilation of a book outlining the LGCF's 75 year history. She will seek input from District Directors and Club Presidents on any history that they may have to include in the book. Mary welcomes any members who would like to join her in this worthwhile endeavor. We will make this book available to all members at its completion.

Next up on our calendar are the Fall District Meetings. I look forward to all of these meetings for the diversity of programs and seeing all of our wonderful members! Please check our website for all of the details of the district meetings (www.louisianagardenclubs.org).

Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower. - Albert Camus

Protecting and Conserving Our Natural Resources is our duty!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna".



CIRCLE OF ROSES

MARJORIE DUCK HICKS

Alexandria Garden Club (District VIII)

Marjorie was born in Pineville, LA in 1926 and grew up in Forest Hill, LA. She attended business school in Port Arthur, TX where her aunt lived. When she returned home she did bookkeeping for the family owned lumber company and also worked at Camp Claiborne. After the war she enrolled at Louisiana College in Pineville in Secretarial Science and also chose to pursue a teacher certification. After she received her degree in 1949, she worked as secretary for several Louisiana College Presidents and retired in 1989.

Marjorie married Ernest Hicks of Ludington, LA in 1955. They had two daughters, Tamara Hicks Ford and Pauline Hicks and two grandchildren. She has been a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria for over 50 years, teaching 5 year olds in Sunday School and presently a member in the Senior Adult Class.

In 1991 Marjorie joined the Alexandria Garden Club after the death of her husband, where she served as Club President twice. She is a retired Flower Show Judge and was very active in the Society for Louisiana Iris.



JEANNE BOURG WURZLOW

Terrebonne Garden Club (District III)

Jeanne is a retired teacher and a Master Gardener. She is an active member of the Terrebonne Garden Club and has served as Secretary and has been on many other committees. Jeanne has many talents. She loves gardening as well as flower arranging. She always brings horticulture and enters a floral design in the Flower Shows.

Jeanne is very knowledgeable about horticulture. She has had the garden club over to her beautiful garden, and her garden has been on the Secret Garden Tour. She has received the "Garden of the Month" award several times.

Jeanne is the mother of five children, 9 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren that keep her very busy. Slowing down is not something she understands. She stays very active in other organizations and the parish church. Jeanne is an inspiration to all garden club members.



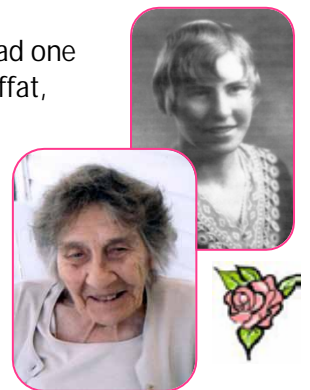
BARBARA NELSON

Lafayette Garden Club (District III)

Barbara was born in Shawnee, OK on September 21, 1913 and reared in Wichita, KS. She had one sister. Married Ira S Nelson and was the mother of four children: Martha N. Wood, Leah N. Moffat, Catherine Ruth Nelson and James Thomas Nelson. She has 6 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

She graduated with high honors from Friends University in Wichita. After her husband's death she was employed as an instructor at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in the Horticulture Center, which was later named The Ira S Nelson Horticulture Center to honor her husband for his many contributions to the field of Horticulture. Since that time both the Louisiana Society for Horticulture Research(LSHR) and the Society of Louisiana Irises are domiciled on the campus. She served as Secretary and later President of LSHR and Secretary-Treasurer of the Society for Louisiana Irises. She worked with special publications and Newsletters for both societies.

Barbara was also President of the Lafayette Garden Club and District Director of District III. She is also a Master Flower Show Judge Emeritus.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

LOLA HESTLE

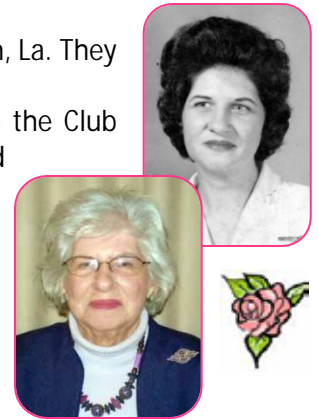
Tensas Garden Club (District V)

Lola Hestle was born in Centrenelle, Alabama and met her husband, a native of St. Joseph, La. They were married in 1945 and moved to St. Joseph.

She joined the Garden Club in 1962. She has served on various committees and been the Club Secretary, as well as serving on the Flower Show Committee. She is a skilled and talented flower arranger and often presented programs on Flower Arranging to the Garden Club. She still attends the Garden Club meetings.

She owned and operated a Beauty Shop for over 40 years. She has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren. Her hobbies are flower gardening, crewel and cross stitch.

For many years she has arranged and placed flowers in her church on Sunday morning. She has and still does flower gardening, growing flowers for the church arrangements. She is always willing to share her knowledge of gardening, flower arranging and creativity with others.



BETTY ANTHONY

Tensas Garden Club (District V)

Betty Anthony was a Michigan native, met her husband, who was from West Monroe, La. and married him in 1942 in Michigan. She moved to St. Joseph in 1970 and joined the Tensas Garden Club in 1972.

She served as President, Vice President and Secretary. She has served on every committee in the 36 years she has been in the Garden Club and has been Chairman of Garden Therapy for many years. In the earlier years, she has attended many District meetings and served as District Officer. She still regularly attends and is very active in the Garden Club.

She still tends to her flower beds and at 84 years young sometimes mows her lawn. Over the years she has planted many native plants and trees in her yard.

Betty was married for 36 years. She has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Betty has been involved in church activities for 30 years and for many of them, she served as President of St. Joseph United Methodist Women.



RUBY NELL SMITH

Gonzales Garden Club (District VI)

Ruby Nell Smith was born in the hills of north Arkansas and finished school at Mountain Home, Arkansas. She worked for years for the telephone company in Little Rock, Arkansas and in Baton Rouge, La. Ruby moved to Gonzales in 1958 and became a charter member of the Gonzales Garden Club. Ruby has been instrumental in floral design and has won many blue ribbons as well as state blue ribbons for her creative design throughout the years.



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

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

Landscape Design Study Program

Course II Series XVII

Sponsors:

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January 6 & 7th, 2010

Cost is \$55.00 per person

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Lunch is provided for a small fee.

Location:

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

For More Info, Please contact:

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

Garden Study Program

Gardening Study Course II

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

When: November 3 – 4, 2009

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

Registration Fee: \$55.00

Mail Reservations To:

Gardening Study Schools
DOROTHY DELAUNE
216 SHADY POND
COVINGTON LA 70435-5646
Include name, address, garden club and district.

For questions call or email:

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Youth Activities News

By Janice Verret, Youth Activities Chairman

School is back in session and now is the time to make contacts to promote LGCF youth garden clubs, projects and activities. School principals should be the first contact within the system. The principal will usually solicit a volunteer school sponsor. Remember, already established youth clubs such as 4-H, Green Clubs, and Scouts can also be a youth garden club. NGC requires five youth garden club members and five activities. The deadline for youth garden club registration is December 1, 2009.

The Deep South and National Garden Club Youth Contests are another opportunity to showcase the talents of our youth. These contests do not require membership in a youth garden club. Students can participate in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest individually or in school, library, community, and private art classes. The NGC Poetry and High School Essay contests are also open to individual participation or can be incorporated in English and Creative Writing classes.

All contests have very specific guidelines. Requirements, guidelines, and forms are available on the LGCF website under the Youth sidebar. Also, all District Directors received hardcopies of the documents. The deadline for youth award applications is December 1, 2009, with the exception of Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters which are due January 20, 2010.

Send all youth award applications to Janice Verret, LGCF Youth Activities Chairman, 833 Delmar Avenue, Morgan City, LA 70380-5344. If you have any questions or requests, call 985-395-2560 or email joverret@cox.net.

News from National

A note from NGC President Rene Blaschke states;

"I will be stressing the importance of individuals to take personal responsibility for their actions in protecting the environment- recycling-conservation of natural resources- remembering and recognizing our aging membership with a project that will be called "Golden Days" with encouragement of planting daffodils in pots to take to members who are now confined to homes, assisted living, nursing homes or those who have felt the need to downsize their living quarters. The project can be expanded to plant daffodils at any of these facilities in mass, or at cemeteries, Blue Star Memorial sites, and public lands. NGC is studying and researching growers who can perhaps provide daffodil bulbs in bulk to sell as a fundraiser. I would like to see a big promotion of plantings of daffodils across the US."

For those of us who are restricted in daffodil bulb choices, we are encouraged to plant yellow marigolds or yellow daylilies.

Jo Ann Fryling is the LGCF Golden Days Chairman.

NGC also has a fabulous project "Beautify Blight" in which we are asked to partner with local leaders and organized youth groups to identify blighted areas within our communities. She suggests that we consider developing them into community gardens with emphasis on growing food for food pantries, homeless, or for individuals who no longer have space to garden. Betty Bagert is the LGCF "Beautify Blight" Chairman.

Design Corner

After spending long hours of planting, fertilizing, weeding and caring for your precious plants, the last thing you want to do is to cut those gorgeous blooms. But what better time to enjoy the sights and smells of the garden inside your home as well as outside it? Another reason to cut flowers is that it encourages more flowering throughout the summer and fall. One windy thunderstorm can destroy our beloved blooms. Cutting guarantees that at least some flowers will be spared this cruel fate.

There are several pointers when harvesting flowers to help prolong the life of your bouquet. The first thing to consider is the time to cut the flowers. Flowers should not be cut during the heat of the day. Early morning is best for cutting flowers. The cool night air and morning dew ensures that the stems are filled with water and are firm to the touch. When harvesting, have a bucket of lukewarm water on hand to put the flowers in. The water temperature should be 100°F to 110°F. (An exception is when you are using bulb flowers, such as hyacinths and tulips, which need cold water.) Warm water molecules move faster than cold water molecules and so can be absorbed by flowers with greater ease. The objective is to get water and nutrients as quickly as possible to the head of the flower. Don't dillydally; place the cut flowers in the bucket immediately. A plastic pail is preferred over a metal one because metal can affect the pH balance of the water.

Always use a sharp knife, clippers, or shears to cut the stems. Never use ordinary household scissors. The gauge on scissors is set for paper or fabric, not for flower stems, which are bulkier. Using scissors will crush their vascular systems and prevent proper water uptake.

If you don't have time to arrange the flowers immediately after cutting, store the container and flowers in a refrigerator set at 35-40°F. They may be kept in the fridge for up to 12 hours. Cooling permits the plant to take up more water than it releases and helps hold flower freshness. Never store flowers in a refrigerator with fresh fruits or vegetables; they release ethylene gas which will reduce the vase life of the flowers.

The next step is to choose the correct container. Be creative when choosing a container. Tea pots, pitchers, cookware, wine decanters, anything waterproof can probably make a flower container; and if it isn't waterproof, try tucking a jar inside. Just remember, for best display, flowers should be 1 ½ to 2 times taller than the container, and the color of the container should not clash with the flower color.

Using a preservative definitely increases the longevity of cut flowers. To survive, flowers need three ingredients: carbohydrates, biocides, and acidifiers. Carbohydrates are necessary for cell metabolism; biocides combat bacteria and are necessary for maintaining plant health; acidifiers adjust the pH of water to facilitate and increase water uptake. If you do not have any commercial flower preservative, try the homemade version on the right.

Flower Preservative

1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon household bleach
2 teaspoons lemon or lime juice
1 quart lukewarm water

When arranging the flowers, re-cut the stem to the correct length and don't overcrowd the flowers in the container. The arrangement should appear uniform all around. Visualize a circle divided into three equal sectors, and then select similar flowers for each of the sectors. Support the flowers to keep them in place. One simple approach is to use the flower stems themselves for support. By placing each flower into the container at an angle, you can form a grid that will hold the design together. The only flower that should be inserted straight up in the container is the center flower and should be placed in the container only after the grid has taken shape. After completing your arrangement, be sure to keep it away from direct sunlight and ripening fruits and ENJOY!

Horticulture Corner

DAYLILY RUST DISEASE

Contributed by Kathy Tell, LGCF Web Master and President of Diggers and Weeders

Detection: Daylily rust occurs two to three days after leaf inoculation. The disease spreads quickly and may kill the foliage. All known infections have been on the foliage and flower stalks. The yellowish-orange rust spores significantly affect plant appearance. In Louisiana, rust can appear in the spring, but generally is most noticeable in the late summer and fall months. Most researchers report that daylily rust can successfully overwinter in USDA Hardiness Zone 7 and south.



Prevention: The Louisiana State University (LSU) AgCenter and Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry offer some guidelines recommended by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services based on ongoing daylily rust research at the University of Georgia. Infected plants should be cut back to an inch or less and treated repeatedly with labeled fungicides. Foliage from infected plants should be removed and destroyed. Infected plants should be isolated from other daylily beds and varieties.

Fungicides recommended (for prevention more than control) are myclobutanil (Systhane), propiconazole (Banner Maxx), flutolanil (Contrast) and asoxystrobin (heritage). These are all systemic materials. Others to consider are triadimefon (Strike; systemic) and mancozeb (Dithane; protectant/contact). Most broad-spectrum, contact and systemic fungicides may be somewhat effective and may be useful in combination. It appears, however, that fungicide effectiveness is limited.

LEAF STREAK DISEASE

Although not considered to be as major a problem as rust, leaf streak (*Aureobasidium microstictum*) is another disease of daylilies. Leaf streak (sometimes called "yellows disease") should not be confused with rust. Symptoms are small reddish to brownish spots on infected foliage. A yellow streak usually begins at the leaf tips and moves down the mid vein. As with rust, leaf streak appearance varies from variety to variety, and plants that are water stressed or nutritionally deficient are most prone to the disease. Fungicides labeled for leaf streak include thiophanate-methyl (Banrot, Cleary's 3336, Domain, Systec 1998), myclobutanil (Systhane), and chlorothalonil (Daconil).—



Checklist for September, October, November (Condensed from www.lsuAgCenter.com)

Begin preparing beds for fall planting. Take soil samples from landscape beds and submit to your parish LSU AgCenter Extension Service office for analysis. Cost is \$7 per sample.

Fall is a great time to plant trees. If room is available in your landscape, plant a few native trees. Trees that provide good fall color in Louisiana include baldcypress (a "Louisiana Select" tree), nuttall oak, shumard oak, cherrybark oak, Bradford pear, Chinese pistachio, ginkgo, Japanese maple, sweet gum, sumac and hickories.

Watch azalea plantings for early fall infestation of lace bugs. Control with Orthene, horticultural oil sprays and other recommended insecticides.

October weather can be dry. Water plantings as needed. Pay special attention to any newly planted areas. It is generally best to water direct seeded beds of flowers or vegetables lightly every day to make sure the seeds do not dry out. —

LGCF Summer Board District Reports

District I – Diane Baur, District Director

As District I Director, I represent only a small part of the ten hard-working garden clubs in our district. Our **Fleur de Lis Garden Club** is very active in horticulture, flower arranging and helping our environment. They participate in our council flower show and Art in Bloom.

With a theme like “Rebirth, Rebuild, Regrowth and Loving It” who can mistake the **Green Thumb Garden Club** will have a productive year? They embrace nature by educating members on gardening, birds, conservation, environment and landscaping. They planted nine crape myrtle trees at de la Ronde Ruins. They have an intra-club flower show every year.

“Color and Design” is the theme for **Lake Terrace Garden Club**. For Arbor Day they have a tree planting ceremony within Lake Terrace Subdivision. In the spring, a backyard patio tour is planned.

Belle Chasse Garden Club will start the year off with a new member welcoming tea on August 29th. In January, plans are underway for a white elephant sale to benefit their scholarship fund. Garden therapy with special needs children is planned at belle chasse elementary school.

A “Circle of Sisters” theme surrounds the **Tall Timbers Garden Club** where they are to bring at the first meeting photos of themselves when they were young adults. As a continuing project, members maintain the garden beds at the entrance to the Botanical Gardens in City Park. They have instituted a youth activities committee this year and will continue to provide pj’s and story books to children in shelters for homeless or domestic abuse victims. But most important, a support and comfort network for members who are managing serious health problems will be provided.

To start their garden club year, **Lakeview Botany Guild’s** theme will be “Delighting the Senses”. Each program will include all the senses. A garden party is planned in October and a Christmas tea in December. In April, a garden pilgrimage is planned.

As a very active member of the New Orleans Council for many years, **Buena Vista Garden Society** plans to participate in council activities and art in bloom.

Aurora Plantation Gardeners’ theme this year will be “ABC’s of Garden Clubbing”. Their programs will include flower designing and the wetlands.

“Getting to Know H-E-R-B..... The Study of Herbs” starts the year off for the **Lake Forest Garden Club**. Members will exercise their talents in decorating with flowers and herbs and some tasty delights.

An annual maintenance of a 14 foot “water trough” in front of the old Algiers Courthouse is an on-going project for the **Point Garden Study Club**. Seasonal flowers are added. Their theme will be “local flora and fauna”. Members will be working with the Algiers Point Association to complete some planting upgrades at the Algiers ferry landing.

Once again, the Scarecrow Trail will be held in the New Orleans Botanical Gardens in October. Club members will have fun using their imagination in their scarecrow design.

In November, members are busy making Mr Bingle wreaths for Celebration in the Oaks. The park comes alive with the many garlands and lights used for decorating the botanical gardens. We welcome any help from our sister districts.

The Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl posters are due on December 1st. Last year one of our students came in 2nd for Deep South.

A celebration in January for Arbor Day is attended by our club members.

Our committee members are eagerly anticipating the 75th LGCF convention to be held in April along with the dedication of the Native Plant Garden in City Park.

We welcome everyone to join us on October 22nd for our fall meeting and luncheon to be held at Chateau Estates Country Club.

LGCF Summer Board District Reports

District III – Mary Jane Peters, District Director

District III garden clubs have been very active this spring. Six garden Clubs sponsored the Cleanest City Contest and three cities won; Gueydan, Morgan City and Houma.

Many of our clubs planted Native Plants in their landscaping projects at school grounds, assisted living facilities, and neutral areas. Native trees were planted to observe Arbor Day by many clubs.

Four garden clubs had timely themes for their Flower Shows this spring, and **Terrebonne Garden Club** celebrated 80 years with Tea.

Bird study, butterfly programs, and garden therapy are some of the projects pursued by member clubs. Most clubs make contributions of gardening books to their parish libraries.

The President's meeting was held in Morgan City, and the guest speaker was Eleanor Talley and over 70 club members attended.

Fall District Luncheon Meeting will be held October 28, 2009 in Franklin at The Forest Restaurant with registration beginning at 9:00a.m. The keynote speaker will be Robert R. Thibodeaux.

District III clubs have been successful this year in fulfilling their objectives and they continue to help make their communities a better place to live. It will be a great honor to serve as District III Director.

Also, District III is proud to claim state president, Donna Bucci, for the next two years.

District IV – Delores Ivy, District Director

District IV is off to a good start for the New Year. While most clubs were idle in the summer, **Hosston** was working hard. They have completed the schedule for the Spring Flower Show to be held in April.

Mary Dunn, Delores Ivy, Rowanne McCollister and Shirley Roberts represented the district at the Summer Board Meeting held in July. In the style show which was held, Delores was a flower child from the seventies and Shirley was a "pink lady" (from the musical Grease) of the 80's. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show.

Our District Luncheon will be held on October 14 at East Ridge Country Club. The theme is "Diamonds are Forever" in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the founding of LGCF. Groups are busily making favors and planning table decoration. The six clubs will have varied duties. We are looking forward to a good crowd and lots of fun at the event.

District V – Peggy Murray, District Director

Garden Club members of District V have had an extremely busy year. Beside their normal club activities, District V hosted the 2009 LGCF State Convention in Monroe, LA. Former District Director, Jean LaCaze, appointed Rene Casio of Monroe as Chairman for the convention, and it was a wonderful success.

A highlight of the State Convention was a cocktail party for Garden Gate Study Club member, Mary Sue Colvin, Deep South Regional Director-Elect. The party was given by the Colvin children. Receptions were also held honoring LGCF President, Sybil Colicchio, and Incoming LGCF President, Donna Bucci.

For the State Convention functions, table designs were provided by the Bayou Desiard Garden Club, the Ferriday Garden Club and The Fifth District Flower Show Judges Council. Door prizes for the Presidents' luncheon were provided by the Jonesboro-Hodge Garden Club.

During the Convention, members of District V were installed as LGCF Second Vice-President, LGCF Flower Show Judges Council President and Corresponding Secretary. Five District V members hold LGCF chairmanships.

At the 2009 NGC Convention in Texas, Mary Sue Colvin was installed as Deep South Regional Director. Eleanor Talley was appointed Deep South Corresponding Secretary and three members from our District hold Deep South Chairmanships.

LGCF Summer Board District Reports

The District V Spring Meeting was held May 27, in Winnsboro, La. Mary Sue Colvin was a special guest and 30 members from 10 clubs attended. Clubs received information for the upcoming year and discussed planned and possible programs.

District V was well represented at the LGCF Summer Board Meeting. Four clubs provided decorated hats for the Presidents' Luncheon. Members in attendance were inspired by the workshops and information presented at the meeting and all District V clubs are looking forward to the coming year with enthusiasm.

District VI – Minnie Posey, District Director

We have 23 Garden Clubs in District VI and they are all shining like diamonds as we celebrate our Diamond Jubilee this year as they prepare for the new year with great projects and programs.

Congratulations to Baton Rouge and Hammond for winning State Cleanest City Contest. Also Amite was a District VI winner, and second in the state. We need more towns entering for cleanup efforts.

Home and Garden continues to judge Garden of the Month and Business of the Month during the summer. They also celebrated National Gardening Week in June by donating two Horticulture Books which both are required reading for Flower Show Schools. Club President Dana Truxillo made an all green design from her garden to emphasize greening the earth and explaining objectives of NGC to the group.

We have active Youth Garden Clubs in District VI but would like to see more and are working on that. Also clubs are being encouraged to sponsor Youth Contests in their communities this year. Some of our clubs are on the web site with projects they have completed with youth in their towns.

Mt. Hermon Garden Club members with new president, Joyce Proffitt, put on a great Flower Show in June entitled "Jewels of the World".

All of District VI Garden Clubs are in the planning stages right now selecting their themes and planning great programs and projects. Best wishes for a great year.

District VI Garden Clubs have been challenged to COLLECT BOTTLE CAPS -- A MILLION OR MORE. They can be of all sizes, and shapes: toothpaste caps, bottle caps, washing powder plastic caps, milk caps, shampoo caps; any plastic cap. At the end of my tenure, we will see who has collected the most caps. This will be a District VI Challenge and a special award will be given by our District for this project.

At our Spring President's meeting, our District VI collected funds for the Global Partners, Running Waters, which will help provide Global Partners/Running Waters Project with money to do this great service project. The bucket was passed around and everyone pitched in to support such a great project. Dist. VI LA Garden Club Federation, Inc, has written a check for that collection, which will be sent for the NGC special project of raising funds to provide water to villages in Guatemala to help people have fresh water in places where they are now having to walk many miles just to have water. Of interest to us, Home and Garden Club President, Dana Truxillo's, daughter, Lauren Truxillo works with the Peace Corps in rural health mad development. They hope to raise 25,000 to 40, 000 dollars in this effort. Every Club should participate in this project with a donation this year!

We had fifty ladies at our July 1 meeting and all had a great time. Sally Daigle was the winner of the two hundred dollar bromeliads Tree and we were honored to have been donated a lovely painting by Charlotte Reso for our raffle.

I am very excited about the next two years. Our theme is "Caring for the Earth with Constructive Choices". We want to make our communities aware of recycling and stress to them, Recycle, and Reuse this year. I am requesting that District VI Garden Clubs email me of what is going on in their clubs so we can share with everyone. I hope to see many Greening the Earth projects this year!

Our District VI Fall Meeting will be held in Gonzales on October 30th, and is being hosted by the Gonzales Garden Club. Janis Poche, president of the club has officially offered the invitation. It will be held at Mike Anderson's at Holiday Inn located at 1099 Hwy 30 in Gonzales and the theme is, "Proud of our Roots". The meeting will start at ten AM. You

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will be receiving information on this right away by email. It will be great to have our state president, Donna Bucci with us. Presidents please put this date on your calendar and come join us for the special activities.

This year ladies, let's encourage our younger ladies in our communities to get involved in garden club work to carry on what was started in LA seventy five years ago. These young women are our future and we must inspire them and share our knowledge with them.

District VII – Linda Taylor, District Director

Local clubs in District VII are diligently working on the new issues of their local club membership yearbooks and planning for their fall meetings.

The District VII Garden Club Fall Meeting is being held on Tuesday, October 27th at the Iowa Community Center. Guest speaker is Jim Tule who will present a program on "Genetically Enhanced Trees for Louisiana." Cost, including lunch is \$23. Registration deadline is October 18th. Door prizes and a Silent Auction will be offered.

The **Lake Charles Garden Club** members are lining up their new projects, including beautifying the area around the Blue Star Marker on Lakeshore Drive, creating a blue bird trail at St. John's Elementary, and various landscaping projects to beautify the community.

Diggers & Weeders of Lake Charles Garden Club members are focusing on native plants for the coming year and will have Ecologist Sara Thames as their speaker at the first fall meeting. There are plans to maintain the grounds of Calcasieu Women's Center, beautify the Blue Star Marker with new plants, and to conduct a field trip in October to the 250 acre Shangri La Nature Center & Botanical Gardens in Orange, Texas.

Washington Garden Club has Bob Thibodeaux, of Bob's Trees in Church Point as their speaker for the September meeting. In addition to being an arborist, he also founded the coastal restoration project "Acorns of Hope", which was endorsed by LGCF at Summer Board 2009. The club is hosting their highly acclaimed (and sold out) annual fund-raiser for historic restoration, "Tea Tyme on the Steamboat" on Sunday, October 18th at 2pm at the Wolff Banquet & Reception Hall on Main Street in Washington. The November monthly meeting will feature a members plant exchange and a presentation on composting by landscaper, Greg Brandl.

Iowa Garden Club members will focus on a different aspect of "going green" for each of their monthly meetings, in support of the Deep South Project. Youth partners from the Iowa Middle School will provide members with a skit at the first fall meeting, which is a culmination activity of last seasons "Keep Louisiana Beautiful" Litter Grant.

And a hearty Congratulations to **Spade and Hope Garden Club** of Kinder who has had an increase in membership, since April, of 9 members!

District VIII – Pattie Killen, District Director

District VIII has only four clubs but we like to think we make up for it with enthusiasm and hard work.

Marksville Garden Club had a beautiful flower show in April and then began the summer with a bang lead by President Kate Moreau. They participated in the Chamber of Commerce Annual Farmers' Market every Saturday in June with a colorful booth selling gardening tools, accessories, and plants. Their specific goals were to contribute to the success of the Farmers' Market, to encourage interest in their garden club, to become a source of horticulture education to the public and, of course, fund-raising. June 7-13 they displayed the National Garden Clubs, Inc. poster and visitors were encouraged to plant natives in their gardens.

The Club continues the celebration of Marksville's 200th birthday. They will identify all horticulture in the gardens of the Historic Hypolite House with period correct markers.

Other plans are to continue projects such as: member and nonmember gardens of the month, garden therapy and many beautification projects.

On the day the **Alexandria Garden Club** installed Billie Ryland as president, the State Cleanest City Judges were in town. The cities of Alexandria and Pineville, sponsored by the Alexandria Garden Club came in second in their selected

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categories. Diane Lawton, Alexandria club member, has done an outstanding job as District VIII's Cleanest City Chairman. Alexandria and Pineville plan to win first next year.

A most exciting change is the Garden Club's new home. The Alexandria Club will meet in the Baillio Room in the new Visitor's Center at Kent house. In appreciation the Club purchased a sound speaker system for Kent House. Plans for landscaping the downtown Rapides Parish Library are underway. Planting will begin in October. The Club has enthusiastic members who are looking forward to living up to their theme, "We're Planting Our Roots in a New Garden."

Moreauville Garden Club had an interesting and educational year last year and plans are for the coming year to be just as interesting and educational under their new President Ann Dorgant. Members learned to choose the perfect containers for arrangements, received tips on how many of the same containers and materials, with small changes, are easily used for different Holidays, learned about caring for tropical plants, made corsages and boutonnieres for nursing home patients and treated their children and grandchildren to a Garden Party while teaching them to pot annuals. Moreauville Garden Club members also enjoyed an installation supper and a beautiful sunset on Horseshoe Lake.

During the year three of their judges, Liz Coco, Diane Bordelon and Carla Gauthier were very active judging five flower shows.

In April, the **Lecompte Garden Club** held a standard flower show, A Salute to Walt Disney, and did their clubs' talent show with 20 designs, each depicting a Disney character, award winning horticulture, and two outstanding educational exhibits on Blue Birds and gourds.

This year, President Fran Francis, has chosen programs in keeping with the theme, "Living and Growing Green," which include recycling, forestry and the cleanest city. The Lecompte Club will meet with local businesses and local clubs to encourage more involvement with the cleanest city contest. Lecompte will also have a program to learn more about awards and plans to apply for more awards.

They award a monthly nonmember Garden of the Month and a Civic Garden of the Month which hopefully will encourage participation in the Cleanest City. The Junior Garden Club is active and fun to work with. The juniors entered horticulture in the Flower Show and received an award for studying Blue Birds.

Flower Show Announcements

"El vis is in the Buil ding"

Standard Flower Show and Tea

Presented by

The Baton Rouge Garden Club

Sally Daigle, President

Saturday, November 21, 2009

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free and Everyone is Invited

Baton Rouge Garden Center

7950 Independence Boulevard

Baton Rouge, LA

The Baton Rouge Garden Club sponsors a Tablescape Show once a year. It is a Ways & Means project to benefit a \$1000 scholarship given to a worthy student studying Landscape or Forestry. This project started 16 years ago in 1993. It is always held on the Saturday and Sunday following Mardi Gras. The date of the next Tablescapes is February 20-21, 2010. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Tickets may be bought at the door.

Fall District Meetings Schedule

District I & II

Date: Thursday, Oct. 22
Time: 10:00 am Registration
Hosted by: District I & II
Location: Chateau Estates Country Club
3600 Chateau Estates Blvd, Kenner
Program: by Dan Gill
Cost: \$29
Payable to: Eleanore Capretto
Mail to: Eleanore Capretto
4624 Neyrey Dr., Metairie, 70002
Reserve by: Oct. 1
More info: Eleanore Capretto 504.835.4003

District III

"Trees...Nature's Treasures"

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 28
Time: 9:00 am Registration
Hosted by: Franklin Garden Club
Location: Forest Restaurant
1905 W. Main St., Franklin
Speaker: Robert R. Thibodeaux
And Alexandra Futch
Cost: \$30
Mail to: Linda Gaspard
117 W. Oaklawn Dr., Franklin, 70538
More info: Linda Gaspard 337.828.1952

District IV

"Diamonds are Forever"

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 14
Time: 10:00 am Registration
Location: East Ridge Country Club
1000 Stewart Dr., Shreveport
Cost: \$22
Payable to: LGCF District IV
Mail to: Evelyn Thomas
5306 Primitive Baptist Church Rd
Shreveport, 71107
Reserve by: Oct. 7
More info: Evelyn Thomas 318.929.3485

District V

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 13
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Hosted by: Vidalia and Ferriday Garden Clubs
Location: Vidalia Conference and Convention
Center, 112 Front St., Vidalia
Program: "Designs for the Home"
Cost: \$22
Payable to: LGCF District V

Mail to: Dolly Smith
1003 Guillory St., Vidalia, LA 71373
Reserve by: Oct. 8
More info: Peggy Murray 318.336.7668

District VI

"Proud of Our Roots"

Date: Friday, Oct. 30
Time: 9:00 am
Hosted by: Gonzales Garden Club
Location: Mike Anderson's at Holiday Inn Gonzales
1099 Hwy. 30, Gonzales, La. 70737
Program: "Sustainable Housing and Landscapes"
By John Young
Cost: \$24
Payable to: Gonzales Garden Club
Mail to: Cynthia Cagnolatti
1130 East Dawn Street
Gonzales, La. 70737-4308
Reserve by: Oct. 14
More info: Janis Poche
225-673-3664, hpoche@eatel.net

District VII

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 27
Time: 10:00 am
Hosted by: Iowa Garden Club
Location: Iowa Community Center
207 W. Hwy 90, Iowa
Program: "Genetically Enhanced Trees for
Louisiana" by Jim Tule
Cost: \$23
Payable to: Iowa Garden Club
Mail to: Chris Fournet
PO Box 12106, Lake Charles, 70612
Reserve by: Oct. 18
More info: Linda Taylor 337.782.6518

District VIII

Date: Thursday, Oct. 15
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Lecompte Community Complex
2204 St. Charles St., Lecompte
Program: "Ornamental Grasses"
By Harold Poole, Jr.
Cost: \$20
Payable to: District VIII Fall Meeting
Mail to: Sharon Bailey
PO Box 596, Lecompte, 71346
More info: Janet Moriarty 318.776.9177

LGCF CLUB PRESIDENT'S MEETING SUMMER BOARD 2009

By Mary Jacobs, LGCF President-Elect

LGCF State President, Donna Bucci had the insight to bring back "The Club President's Meeting to State Conventions, and Summer Board. The purpose of this meeting is to help club presidents understand their leadership roles, and to keep abreast of goals and objectives of National Garden Club, Deep South Region and Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. Donna and Board of LGCF care and are ready to help answer questions which may come up during the term of office.

At this meeting several reports were given by Lena Bateman, Second Vice-President, on Deep South and National Awards. Kathy Bedenbaugh, First Vice-President, and Eleanor Talley, LGCF Awards Advisor, reports were on State Awards. Dottie Hebert, LGCF Scholarship Chairman, announced the NGC Award given to an LGCF student. Dottie gave the information on a Deep South Scholarship available to any student from Louisiana, meeting the criterion. Jean Gilstrap's report on Winners from 2009 Cleanest City Contest, and information for Spring 2010 Cleanest City Contest. Sue Wallner, LGCF Publicity Press Book Chairman announced and presented the Books of Evidence to club presidents, who had not received their books earlier.

These chairmen may be contacted for additional information.

Copies of OBJECTIVES OF THE LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION were available at this meeting, and if you did not get a copy, I will have them available at the Fall District Meetings.

I would like to thank Donna for giving me the opportunity to serve as Chairman, and to everyone for their participation!

Landscape Design Course I

The first course in the Landscape Design Series XVII was held in Baton Rouge on August 5-6, 2009. The next course will be held January 6-7, 2010 at the Baton Rouge Garden Center. See page 6 for more information.

Pictured below are attendees of the first course, Left to right: Jo Ann Ryan, LGCF Corresponding Secretary; Margaret Comeaux, LSD Courses Chairman, Mary Jane Peters, LSD Council President; Clara Earl, LSD Courses Co-Chairman; Betty Foret, LSD Courses Co-Chairman; Donna Bucci, LGCF President.



LGCF SUMMER BOARD 2009 NEWSLETTER PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

Article X – Committees

Page 93, Section 4 (b) The Newsletter Staff shall include, Editor, Business Manager, Advertising Manager, Circulation Manager and others if they are needed. This staff shall be responsible for editing and publishing the Newsletter, the official publication of the Federation. A written financial statement covering the fiscal year (from June 1 to the following May 31) for the Newsletter is to be given to the membership at the Annual Convention by the Business Manager, and a copy furnished to the Treasurer for the official records.

Rationale: Since there are no printing costs, there is no need for a staff, a written financial statement, nor a Business Manager.

Thus, Section 4 (b) would then read:

Page 93, Section 4 (b) The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for editing and publishing the Newsletter on the website, the official publication of the Federation.

Page 102 NEWSLETTER:

1. Inasmuch as the Newsletter is allocated a sum of money for its publication in the annual budget of the LGCF, it is recommended that a special bank account be established with this money in the city where the Newsletter Business Manager resided.

Rationale: Paragraph 1 is not needed for the reasons stated above.

Paragraph 2 would then become number 1. Paragraph 3 would become number 2. Paragraph 4 would be eliminated; therefore paragraph 5 would then become number 3.

2. Biennially in the uneven calendar years, the Directory Issue of the Newsletter shall publish any amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Reports of the LGCF Officers and Chairmen will appear biennially in the uneven calendar year Spring Issue of the Newsletter with the exception of the District Directors whose reports will appear annually.

No change in content, with the exception of the paragraph number.

3. As a courtesy, and in order for the Newsletter Editor to be well informed concerning LGCF activities, the Editor may attend Executive Council meetings, but will have no voice or vote during the meetings unless recognized by the President.

No change in content, with the exception of the paragraph number.

4. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the cost of the annual subscription to the Newsletter for each LGCF Life Member is to be deducted from that year's LGCF Life Membership funds. The remaining funds are to be placed in the LGCF Special Fund.

Rationale: Eliminate this paragraph for reasons stated above.

5. The listing of judges, and consultants by individual Councils will be provided at no charge once during each administration in the Directory Issue of the Newsletter in the odd numbered year. Individual Councils wishing their lists to be published in any other issue of the Newsletter must pay the publishing costs.

Rationale: For the reasons stated above: Eliminate at no charge. Eliminate Individual Councils wishing their lists to be published in any other issue of the Newsletter must pay publishing costs. This paragraph would then read:

3. The listing of judges, and consultants by individual Councils will be provided once during each administration in the Directory Issue of the Newsletter in the odd numbered year.



MEMBERS VOTE TO ENDORSE TREE PLANTING PROJECT “ACORNS OF HOPE”

“Acorns of Hope” is a non-profit, coastal Louisiana re-forestation project dedicated to beautifying and restoring our coastal areas as well as our central interior prairie lands in which the landscape has been completely transformed from recent hurricane devastation. The “Hope” for this mission is to raise awareness of the coastal erosion crisis and the crucial role which the Chenier Plain and her endangered trees play in

lessening this crisis. The Chenier Plain provides the breeding and maturing grounds for most of the seafood catch of the Gulf of Mexico, absorbs storm surge, and is a key center for production and distribution of domestic and imported oil for the USA. The project “Hopes” to begin the reforestation of one of the fastest eroding coastlines in world history.

Annually, certified arborists and tree advocates from across the country donate their time and efforts to help restore our beloved trees. These activists ride bicycles and travel 300 miles from southwest to southeast Louisiana planting Live Oaks. Their mission is to plant 10,000 Live Oaks by the year 2012. See www.acornsofhope.org.

President Donna Bucci, encouraged members to participate in this and other tree planting project during the next 2 years. Jean Gilstrap, Representative at Large and Joe Baucum, Urban Forestry and Arboriculture/Arbor Day Chairmen have agreed to compile information from clubs and apply for a Tree Planting Award. Please send these chairmen all project information (pictures, newspaper clippings, project descriptions) involving tree plantings as soon as the projects are complete.

COLLECTIVE BLUE STAR MEMORIAL STATEWIDE PROJECT

*M*ary Hazen made the following proposal at the 2009 LGCF Summer Board Meeting and it was approved. Contributions are being received now for this project. Make checks payable to LGCF with a notation for N.O. Museum Blue Star Plaque and mail to: Linda Finley, LGCF Treasurer, 4101 Mary Ann St., Lake Charles, LA 70605-4101

COLLECTIVE STATEWIDE GARDEN CLUB PROJECT BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

LET LGCF MEMBERS, FRIENDS & FAMILY BE THE LEADERS OF THANKFUL AMERICANS

By contributing to the statewide Blue Star Memorial Marker project & show our deep appreciation for the sacrifice of our fighting men & women of the past, present, and future for what they have accomplished on the battlefield to keep America free.

SHORT TERM GOALS

- To raise money to erect a Blue Star Memorial Marker
- Location: National World War II Museum, New Orleans, La.
- Date: Nov 6/ or Nov 11 2009 - this will be in conjunction with the opening of the new phase of the WWII museum (Veteran's Day is Nov. 11)

LONG TERM GOALS

- On-going fund-raising to place Blue Star Markers at welcome centers, parks or designated areas throughout the state of La.
- A line item account will be established to receive all donations for the state wide project.
- The money accrued will also be used to landscape around the markers.

FORM A STEERING COMMITTEE

GAIL LONIBOS, THE BLUE STAR CHAIRMAN WILL HANDLE ALL BLUE STAR APPLICATIONS

New Hibiscus, “Donna Marie”

Past LGCF President, Bera Smith and member of the Acadiana Hibiscus Society was instrumental in having a new hibiscus cultivar named after LGCF President Donna Bucci. The plant will be made available early next year.

Donna thanks Bera, Acadiana Hibiscus Society, and AHS President, Buddy Short for such a meaningful tribute!ÿ



Deep South Plant Sale

Sherri Labbe announces that a Plant Sale will be held on Monday, March 8, 2010 at the DS Convention in Natchez, MS. Sherri will be seeking donations of plants from Districts and Clubs to represent Louisiana. Hopefully, we'll have enough plants that she'll also need help in transporting to Natchez! The committee's guidelines may be found at http://www.louisianagardenclubs.org/projects/ds_plantsale.pdf. For more info contact Sherri at 985-851-3593 or shedigsdirt@att.netÿ

NURTURE THE EARTH – PLANT NATIVES

Discover, Connect and Take Action by earning the National Garden Clubs Native Plants Patch for Girl Scouts

This program encourages partnerships between Girl Scouts and local National Garden Clubs to teach Girl Scouts about native plants in their area. Girl Scouts of all age levels are eligible to earn this patch. Learn more about this program at www.gardenclub.org click on Youth or contact Patrice Lineberger, Girl Scout Liaison for the National Garden Clubs, Inc. at PALtwinmom@alumni.Clemson.edu



The purpose of the Native Plants Patch is to:

- Encourage Girl Scouts and the National Garden Clubs to work collaboratively by Promoting girl-to-girl, adult-to-adult, and girl-to-adult discussion about the National Garden Club initiative and partnership
- Encouraging Girl Scouts to go to experts when they have questions while earning related badges, Try-Its, Interest Projects, or STUDIO 2B® charms
- Showing girls a way to focus their earned awards when working toward the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

To earn the Native Plants Patch girls can:

- Discover native plants. Girls will learn what plants are native to their area and how to preserve and protect those native plants as well as what invasive species are in their area. Girls will learn about resources and partnerships offered by their local National Garden Clubs.
- Connect by working with their local National Garden Club members who will serve as project sponsor. In addition, girls are encouraged to make contact with native plant societies, horticultural professionals, and county extension services to help in completing project requirements.

Take Action by doing the following:

- *Interview someone about native plants in their area.
- *Establish a native beauty spot in a public garden, school, church, park, town or community.
- *Spread the word about native plants by sharing information learned with other troops and community groups.

To order patches, call the National Garden Clubs Headquarters at 1-800-550-6007 (orders only, please)

Patches are \$1.75 each, this includes shipping and handling

LGCF SCHOLARSHIPS

By Dottie Hebert, Chairman, LGCF Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee met on Friday, July 10, 2009 to select the recipients for the 2009-2010 academic years. Eleven Scholarships were available and there were seven applicants, some with multiple applications. Those attending the selection meeting were Billie Massa, former LGCF President and committee member, Dolores Masson, 2010 Convention Co-Chairman, Eleanor Capretto LGCF Life Membership Chairman and committee member, and Dottie Hebert, Scholarship Chairman. There were no applicants for the District I Book Scholarship.



Midelia Nagura, a postgraduate in Landscape Architecture at LSU Baton Rouge, will receive the \$2,000 Anite Currault Scholarship.



William Tietje, a senior in Landscape Architecture at LSU Baton Rouge, will receive a LGCF \$2,000 Scholarship.



Dana Delaune a 5th year student in Landscape Architecture at LSU Baton Rouge, will receive a LGCF \$2,000 Scholarship.



Jean Christopher Michael Kropog, a senior in Horticulture at Southeastern Louisiana University will receive the \$1,000 Irene M. Petijean Horticulture Scholarship and the \$500.00 Neil Christopher/Shady Oaks Garden Club Scholarship.



Rachel Varnado, a senior in Horticulture at Southeastern Louisiana University will receive the \$ 1,000 Ducie Heaney Horticulture Scholarship and the Neil Christopher/Louisiana Landscape Design Consultants Book Scholarship of \$500.00



Blake Buller a Post Graduate student at McNeese State University in the College of Science - Agribusiness will receive the \$1,000 District VII Scholarship.



Dillon Green, a junior at Northwestern State University in Science and Technology –Biology, will receive the Gardening Consultants/JoAnn Christopher Scholarship of \$500 and the District II Book Scholarship of \$250.

Deeds and Doings

District III

Bayou Vista Garden Club members presented an educational program to the children of Claire House, a rehabilitation home for drug dependent women and their children, in Bayou Vista. The book, "Oh Say Can You Seed?" by Bonnie Worth was read. A display was prepared showing Louisiana agriculture and a variety of seeds. The children planted zinnia seeds in the barrel containers. Pictured are BVGC Garden Therapy Chairman Sandra Blanco, BVGC Youth Chairman Ann Breaux with her three children, and the children of Claire House.



District V

Garden club members from District V are pictured below with Deep South Director, Mary Sue Colvin, seated far right, at the LGCF Summer Board Meeting in July.



District VI

The Magnolia Forest Garden Club is ready to kick off the 2009-2010 year with a meeting and luncheon on September 3rd. Although the club does not meet during the summer months, its members are still active with projects and activities. The officers met twice to discuss and organize the clubs future activities and projects. Several members represented MFGC at the District VI Presidents' Luncheon Meeting at the Bogalusa Country Club and the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Summer Board Meeting and Luncheon in Baton Rouge. The club held its annual summer social at Nathan's Restaurant where members and their spouses enjoyed cocktails and dinner. In August, several members met to make Christmas ornaments to decorate the Magnolia Forest Garden Club tree for "Christmas Under the Stars" in Slidell's Griffin Park.



The St. Martinville Garden Club Memorial Oak Tree Dedication was held early this summer. The picture on the left shows the beautiful oak tree sculpture.

Brenda L. Wiederkehr, a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, is the

designer of the sculpture. She has also done a Dripping Tree water sculpture which is located in the Rose Garden of the Governors' Mansion in Baton Rouge.

The Terrebonne Garden Club celebrated Arbor Day in January by planting a tree at St. Gregory Elementary School in Houma.

Deeds and Doings

The 2009-2010 officers for the **West Baton Rouge Garden & Civic Club** were installed at the "Hats on for Gardening" luncheon during the May meeting at the West Baton Rouge Museum. Officers installed were: (front row, left) Katherine Mouch, co-parliamentarian; Julie Prejean, social secretary; Ruth Stanley, treasurer; (back row, left) Helen Thibodeaux, co-parliamentarian; Meths Arnold, historian; Betty Landry, secretary; Kim Callegan, vice president; and Linda Phillips, president. ☺



District VI held its Summer Board Meeting in Bogalusa with the theme "Down by the River".



Pictured above (L-R) are Minnie Posey, Sue Wallner, and Kathy Beenbaugh. Posey is the District VI Director from Franklinton and has chosen the theme "Caring for the Earth With Constructive Choices" for her district. Sue Wallner, State Press Book Chairman and District VI Awards Advisor was a guest speaker along with Kathy Bedenbaugh who serves as State Awards Chairman. They both encouraged club presidents to submit for several awards this year and not to wait until the last minute to start putting them together. Betty Rose and Carroll Knowles were Magnolia Forest Garden Club representatives at the meeting. The table decorations were all designs made with driftwood and plant material. Everyone enjoyed the meeting and the food and fellowship was great!☺

Join District VI **Home and Garden Club** Members to promote "RECYCLING" for 2009 for a cleaner America. Members pose with recyclable shopping bags and drinking water bottles that were presented as a gift to them by President Dana Truxillo to encourage them to be mindful of recycling all year long. Truxillo noted that by using the water bottle, one could save as much as six hundred dollars per year and then save the landfills from all those plastic bottles in the parish. Below (L-R) Front row is Janet Baham, Minnie Posey, Mary Parsley, Kathy Andre', Cathy Sapia, Charlotte; Back Row is L-R, Rachel Lanford, Gayle Rester, Nellie Jenkins, Jo Jace Kern, Sue Gerald and Becky Guerin. ☺



District VIII

Marksville Garden Club members took advantage of the Marksville Farmers' Market 2009 to promote National Garden Week at their booth on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Excerpts from the National Garden Week Proclamation confirm what gardeners have always known... "gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life and teaches us that rewards come from diligent efforts." Pictured are Al and Liz Leger visiting with Marksville Garden Club members, Sherill Laborde and Dr. Celeste Luke. ☺



Calendar of Events

2009

- Sept 29 – Oct 3 NCG Fall Meeting, St. Louis, MO
- Oct. 13 District V Fall Meeting
- Oct. 14 District IV Fall Meeting
- Oct. 15 District VIII Fall Meeting
- Oct. 22 Districts I and II Fall Meeting
- Oct. 27 District VII Fall Meeting
- Oct. 28 District III Fall Meeting
- Oct. 30 District VI Fall Meeting
- Nov. 3-4 Garden Study II, Hammond Ag Research Station
(See page 6)
- Nov. 21 Baton Rouge Garden Club
Standard Flower Show and Tea (See page 14)
- Dec. 1 Deadline for Award Applications

2010

- Jan. 6-7 Landscape Design Course II, Baton Rouge Garden Center
(See page 6)
- Jan. 25-26 LGCF Winter Council Meeting, Lecompte
- Feb. 20-21 Baton Rouge Garden Club
"Tablescapes" Show (See page 14)
- Mar. 8-9 Deep South Convention, Natchez, MS
- Apr 13-15 LGCF Convention, Double Tree, New Orleans
75th Diamond Jubilee
Special Guest – Renee Blaschke, NGC President
- May 14-16 National Garden Clubs Convention, Atlanta, Georgia
- July 19-20 LGCF Summer Board, Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge

