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The cover photograph shows **Margo Racca** with her winning Bromeliad. The plant is a Tillandsia ehlersiana which won the Judges Challenge Award at the World Bromeliad Conference held in New Orleans at the Astor Crown Plaza, July 28-31, 2010. Margo has been growing it for at least 25 years. It has never bloomed nor had any offsets. It has won many awards because it does not change in appearance from year to year. It is large for an ehlersiana which gives it more points when being point scored. This particular clone is quite rare. Folks who have collected plants for many years have never seen one this large.

Congratulations Margo!

The photo was submitted by **Mary Jacobs**. Thank you, Mary.

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 WINTER ISSUE (JAN 2011) IS DEC 1ST, 2010.

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Message from Our President



I must say that autumn is my favorite time of year! I so look forward to the cool, crisp mornings and bright blue skies that greet me as I am able to spend more time outdoors.

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all"—Stanley Horowitz.

Fall exemplifies this to me- a mosaic, with a myriad of colors and textures all delighting the eye and senses. It is also a welcome respite from the long, hot, wet summer; I am energized and anxious to tackle new projects!

Fall also means that it is time for our Fall District Meetings. These "get-togethers" afford us time to attend to district business and visit with friends. For some of us, this is the only time we are able to meet new members and "network". Please make a special effort to invite new members to attend these meetings. I would love to welcome each and every one.

A big thank you to the District Directors! I am so pleased to hear of all the wonderful projects of your clubs. Thank you for informing and encouraging our members to participate in all of our worthwhile projects. Special recognition will be given again this year for Golden Days Projects and School Gardens at the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention. Send in photos and descriptions of your projects so that your club can receive the recognition it deserves. That also includes LGCF, DSR and NGC Awards. I can assure you that there is nothing more satisfying than receiving an award for a project that your club has completed. This year our Deep South Convention will be held in Lafayette on March 13-16, 2011. Wouldn't it be wonderful to hear your club's name called out as the First Place winner for your project! Lafayette promises an exceptional time of a "Bayou Festival- Fun, Food and Flowers"- plan on attending!

Many thanks to Laura Broussard, Summer Board Chairman and her outstanding committee for a very successful two days of meetings, food, programs and fun! Laura has completed 22 years of serving as Summer Board Chairman. What dedication!

Several exciting projects were introduced at Summer Board.

First of all, Laura Broussard offered surplus money in the Summer Board account to purchase needed equipment. The appointed committee will purchase a Computer Projector to be used by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Schools for Power Point Programs given by lecturers. Our schools will no longer need to rent these projectors thus saving money. A portable microphone and speaker will also be purchased for use at small meetings where voice amplification is needed. These two pieces of equipment will be a great aid in conducting schools, programs and meetings.

Secondly, The Diamond Jubilee Committee agreed to use surplus money to present to the LGCF the following for our Headquarters house in Lecompte: a new sign for the Headquarters house, a 36" round concrete table with matching benches for the yard and a Blue Star By-Way Memorial Marker.

We whole-heartedly thank these two committees for generously donating these items to our organization.

We are looking forward to our LGCF Convention on April 13-15, 2011 in Marksville. Many unique and interesting programs await us! You won't want to be left out so register early and book your rooms early (ask for the North Tower)!

Members as well as non-members continue to be drawn to our Landscape Design School. The June 16-17, 2010 School was very successful. Congratulations go out to Co-Chairmen Betty Foret and Clara Earl. The September Environmental Studies Schools III and IV were postponed hopefully to November due to illness of the primary instructor for the courses. Please check the website for further postings. Gardening Study Course IV will be

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held at the Hammond Research Station on January 26-27, 2011. Be sure to enroll for the school as there will not be any accredited tours on the agenda this year for those needing a refresher. A very successful Flower Show Symposium Chaired by Mary Jane Peters and Co-Chaired by Carrie Martin was held in Baton Rouge on Aug 31, Sept 1-2, 2011. Gina Jogan, Design Instructor and Tina Tuttle, Horticulture Instructor were featured at the symposium.

Jean Gilstrap reports that the 75th Diamond Jubilee Collectors Plates will be distributed at the Fall District Meetings for those who have placed their orders. There are a few extra plates, so if you would like a memento of our 75th Anniversary, the plates will be available for \$25.00. These plates are numbered and they are a special edition!

We are working on a tour to the World Flower Show in Boston on June 15-19, 2011. Besides taking in the First World Association of Flower Arrangers Show in the United States "The Glorious Earth", tentative plans include visiting the Boston Flower Exchange and Jacobson Floral Supply. We will have tea at The Boston Public Library's Courtyard Restaurant that overlooks a beautiful Italian Garden. Of course we will also tour Historic Boston and dine on delicious seafood! Information will be coming soon. Make plans to attend this once in a lifetime tour!

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful. Welcome it in every face, in every sky, in every flower. Ralph Waldo Emerson

With Love and His Peace,



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB AWARDS RECEIVED

Award #16 – Yearbooks

A. Garden Clubs – (20-29 membership)
1st Place: **Diggers and Weeders Garden Club**, La.

Award #39 – Litter/Recycling/Reclamation

1st Place and overall winner:
Terrebonne Garden Club (Aii), La.

Award #42 – Bird Protection

1st Place and Overall Winner
Lecompte Garden Club (Aii), La.

PUBLICITY PRESSBOOK

Deep South Region:

Small Club
1st Place: **Bayou Vista Garden Club**, La.
Large Club
Lafayette Garden Club, La.

Award #50 – Historic Preservation

2nd Place: **Ferriday Garden Club**, La.

Award #63Dii – Website (district, state, region)

2nd Place: **Louisiana Garden Club Federation**

STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Award #57 – Standard Flower Show Staged in Public Building

A. One member club
1st Place: "Elvis is in the Building" **Baton Rouge Garden Club**, La.

CONGRATULATIONS - AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

Circle of Roses



Bera Smith

Lafayette Garden Club (District III)

Bera Smith brought her charm, ideas and services to Louisiana in 1971 when she and her husband, Burton, moved to Lafayette from New York City, loving the quieter, more natural environment. Bera lost her husband in 1973 and subsequently lost three of her five children. Her son Leon and daughter Debbie reside in Texas. She has grandchildren and other relatives in Louisiana – giving her sufficient reason to remain in Louisiana!



Bera immediately got involved with the Lafayette Garden Club with the help of Barbara Nelson. She was Club President in 1973. She also served as District Director, State Treasurer, Vice- President and served as Cleanest City Chairman for 9 years. She is still a prominent, reliable member of the Cleanest City Committee, where she meets monthly with city officials – and goes beyond litter control, to add suggestions for city beautification! Bera Smith served as LGCF State President from 1995 to 1996.

While District Director she created a raffle program that has produced funds for District III expenses and two \$500 scholarships for Louisiana Horticulture Students. She put lots of effort towards the purchase of our Headquarters and its continued care and maintenance. While Bera was Vice President she started a cook book using garden club members recipes and it is a money making project which continues to help support Headquarters. The “Circle of Roses” is a project she introduced in 1996 while serving as LGCF State President. It was meant to recognize mature garden club members for their contributions to our garden clubs all around the state. Mrs. Irma Wiggins of Lafayette, who was 97 years old, was our first “Rose”.

Bera is a Life member of LGCF, a Master Flower Show Judge, a Landscape Design Consultant and a Gardening Consultant. She co-sponsored a Flower Show School and won the Maude Viskell Flower Show award in 2004.

She asked that a memorial pathway be placed at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center in honor of Josephine Wiggins. Marshall Mugnien created the walkway design connecting the office walkway to the classroom and benches and birdbath were added. The Ira Nelson Horticultural Center and the Louisiana Society for Horticultural Research are among her many areas of interest and influence.

For many years the club sponsored garage sales at Bera’s home with funds being used to help support the Lafayette Garden Club. She spent several years with the Creative Needles, learning and teaching various needle crafting. She is currently LGCF Ways and Means Chairman.

Bera has also been active in the Iris Society and the Hibiscus Society, promoting membership and community service in these organizations also. She maintains friends throughout the state’s horticultural web.

Her fellow garden club members comment on her readiness to help new members in floral design, offering to them their choice of container from her large collection. She is always willing to submit

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any number of needed designs for various undertakings. Club members also comment on her generous sharing of personal items for door and raffle prizes!

Bera can truly be called a "gardener at heart"!



Circle of Roses



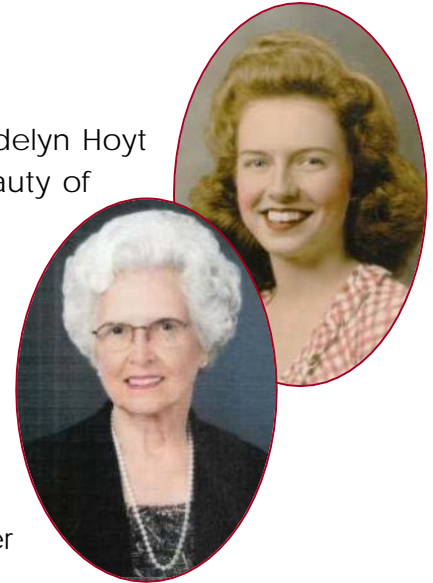
Madelyn B. Hoyt

Lafayette Garden Club (District III)

As a member of Federated Garden Clubs for the past 55 years, Madelyn Hoyt can testify to the enjoyment and satisfaction of working with the beauty of nature and association with others of like interest.

She joined the Lecompte Garden Club as a Charter Member in 1955. In ensuing years she has been a member of the Lafayette Garden Club, the Dutchess County Garden Study Club in Poughkeepsie, NY, and the Hudson Valley Chapter No. 148 Ikebana International Club of Rye, NY. As the Director of District III, she was honored with a Life Membership in the Louisiana Garden Club Federation. She served as President of the Lafayette Garden Club for two terms and filled other offices in these clubs.

On the State level, she has served as Chairman of several committees. As a civic minded garden club member, she has served for years, and continues to serve on the City-Parish Cleanest City Committee. She enjoys many other activities such as Festival des Fleurs de Louisiane and Flower Shows in which she competed winning numerous awards for her floral designs, serving as chairman of the decorations committee for a church organization which meets monthly, and Arbor Day Activities.



Patricia Hughes Sweeney

Ponchatoula Gardenettes (District VI)

Gardening most of her life and with the Ponchatoula Gardenettes for the past 20 years has been a passion for Patricia Hughes Sweeney. Continuing to be loyal and dedicated to the Ponchatoula Gardenettes, she has a strong positive attitude to better the community. Pat loves sharing moments from years past.

Living in Ponchatoula for 36 years, she raised four children, always volunteering with the boy scouts, working the concession stands and guiding children to create a safe environment. Ponchatoula is a very small, quaint community, known for shoppers coming from all around to shop for antiques down the main street of town. Pat started one of the first antique shops with her husband and enjoyed greeting her customers and guiding them around Ponchatoula.

Pat has been very active in the club and has filled a number of club officer positions. She was Treasurer for four years, Christmas club chairman, Garden of the Month chairman, Telephone committee chairman and is currently Corresponding Secretary, which she has been for the past 5 years. Pat is always willing to help work on many civic projects. She is still very active in the club and plans to stay with us for a very long time. Pat looks forward to our projects planned for the future.



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Nicole Newsome

Diggers and Weeders Garden Club (District VII)

Nicole Newsome of Lake Charles has been an active member of the Diggers and Weeders Garden Club since 1972. A native of LaRochelle, France, Nicole has brought an international flair to her designs and to the goodies she has treated her club with over the years. Not afraid of work, she has held the position of President (1981 – 1983, 1995 – 1997, and 2003 - 2005), Vice –President and Treasurer several times during her 38 years as a member. It was under her Presidency the club won their first ever 1st place for their Program Book.



She participates every year in the Southwest Louisiana Garden Festival. Her attention to detail and creativity have earned her many 1st and 2nd places over the years. Her creativity has also shown in the many things the Diggers and Weeders have done for the community. She has developed unique decorating ideas each year for a local nursing home, encouraged local day-cares to participate in Arbor Day plantings, and organized many community projects over the years. She loves participation in various activities and enjoys the challenges each brings.

Nicole was married to Russ Newsome for 45 years and they raised 4 children living in several different states and countries, moving every couple of years as the Army dictated. She is a graduate of Nursing School in France and spent many years working in the nursing field. She has also spent many years as a Girl Scout Leader and a Boy Scout Den Mother, both of which she was known for her creativity and uniqueness. She is now grandmother to 17 and great-grandmother to 5. She enjoys spending time in her garden, with her grandchildren, working with her multitude of crafts, and with the ladies of the Diggers and Weeders.

At 72, she is now “passing the torch” of responsibilities to the younger members of her club so she can spend time doing what she loves, playing with the flowers and plants. For a while Nicole may have had some barriers with the English language, the language of flowers knows no barriers and she speaks fluently with her arrangements.



“Treat the earth well. It wasn’t given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children.”

Kenyan Proverb

Celebrate Louisiana Arbor Day

January 21, 2011

Joe Baucum, LGCF Arbor Day Chairman

1. Plant a Tree(s)!

- preferably a native tree but always a suitable tree.
- ideally plant a tree on needy public property.
- always comply with local regulations and customs.
- choose the right tree for the right space.
- dedicate your new tree to a person(s) or cause.

2. Share Your Joy and Enthusiasm with Others

- involve your garden club.
- engage another organization(s) in your community.
- reach out to the youth and the elderly of your area.
- get your family and neighbors to participate.
- make it a joyous celebration of life.

3. Make the Celebration an Official and Public Function

- develop and promote a public proclamation.
- write and contribute a news article.
- get radio or television coverage of your event.
- Raise the flag! Strike up the band! Celebrate!

4. Sponsor a school celebration of Louisiana Arbor Day

- make it an educational event that complements the school curriculum.
- Promote youth leadership and participation.
- Teach the joys and benefits of public trees.
- Cause the event to be memorable and meaningful.

5. Submit for a LGCF Arbor Day Award (Award #17)

- See [guidance on website](#). No special form required.
- Postmark to Chairman not later than December 1.

Resources:

Arbor Day Foundation
The Arbor Day Foundation
100 Arbor Avenue
Nebraska City, NE 68410
1-888-448-7337 (toll free)
www.arborday.org

Louisiana Department of
Agriculture and Forestry
Wade Dubea, State Forester
LA Dept of Ag and Forestry
P. O. Box 1628
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
225-925-4500
wdubea@ldaf.state.la.us

Louisiana Urban Forestry Council
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LUFC Executive Director
P. O. Box 290
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michaelknobloch@hotmail.com

Design Corner

This quarter we feature a Maude Viskell Award Winner. Dot Wu's Duo Design in the class entitled "I've Got the Sun in the Morning" won the award at Terrebone Garden Club's 2010 Spring Standard Flower Show, "Bayou Treasures". The first side of the design used Heliconia and Yucca leaves, while the second side featured Orchid, grown by Dot, and Yucca leaves.

Congratulations Dot!



Side 1



Side 2

DUO DESIGN (Handbook pages 200-201)

1. A Creative Design organized in one container or in containers joined to appear as one, or in a contrivance, or mechanic. It is organized as two designs, back to back and entered in two separate classes in the Design Division. It must always be created by a single exhibitor.
 - a. Each side appears as a different design from the other, and each side is part of a separate class to be judged. One side is a design in one class and on the other side is a design in another class. Schedule specifies both classes, each with a separate title.
 - b. "Duo effect" is obtained by each side of the Duo Design using different colors of the same materials, or different materials in the concealed portion/s.
 - c. A concentration of components between the two designs prevents one side from showing through to the other in their focal area/s. This center might be a palm leaf/leaves, decorative wood, man-made object, or whatever else will provide a visual concealment between focal areas of each design, however, not a background panel. Both sides may share the dominant line and enclosed spaces.

The photos were submitted by Sherri Labbe. Thank you, Sherri.

Bromeliads

Editors Note: The topic of this piece has been chosen in honor of Margo Racca's First Place showing, pictured on our cover. Please see the write-up on page 2.

Bromeliads are members of the family Bromeliaceae (bro-meh-lee-AH-say-eye) which contains over 3000 described species in approximately 56 genera.

The most well known bromeliad is the pineapple. The family contains a wide range of plants including some very un-pineapple like members such as Spanish Moss (which is neither Spanish nor a moss). Other members resemble aloes or yuccas while still others look like green, leafy grasses.

Bromeliads entered recorded history over 500 years ago when Columbus introduced the pineapple (*Ananas comosus*) to Spain upon return from his second voyage to the New World in 1493. On that voyage he found it being cultivated by the Carib Indians in the West Indies. Within 50 years this tropical fruit was being cultivated in India and other Old World countries.



It took some time for additional bromeliads to enter cultivation. It wasn't until 1776 that another bromeliad (*Guzmania lingulata*, pictured on the left) was brought to Europe. *Aechmea fasciata* followed in 1828 and *Vriesea splendens* in 1840.

Although the pineapple is the only member of the family cultivated for food, several species including *Caroia* (*Neoglaziovia variegata*) are cultivated as a source of fiber. Pineapple stems are a source of the protein-digesting enzyme bromelain used as a meat tenderizer. Because fresh pineapple also contains bromelain, it cannot be used in gelatin molds since the enzyme breaks down the congealing proteins. Spanish Moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*) contains a tough, wiry core that was once used as a material for stuffing upholstery.

The flower stalk (or scape as it is called) is usually in the center of the rosette and may be long with the flowers held far away from the plant (either erect or hanging pendants) or the scape may be short with the flowers nestled in the rosette. The scape may produce a single flower or many individual flowers and may have colorful leaf-like appendages called scape bracts that serve to attract pollinators and delight bromeliad enthusiasts. With rare exceptions, bromeliads only flower a single time - once the plant stops producing leaves and produces its flower, it will not start making leaves again. It will, however, vegetatively produce new plantlets called "offsets" or "pups". These plants will feed off the "mother" plant until they are large enough to set roots of their own and survive as a separate plant. Pups are usually produced near the base of the plant - inside the sheath of a leaf. Sometimes, however, pups may be produced on long stolons or atop the inflorescence (flower spike) of the mother plant. The green, leafy top of a pineapple is in fact a pup that may be removed and planted to start a new plant.

This article was condensed from the web pages of the Bromeliad Society International: www.bsi.org

2010 FALL LGCF DISTRICT MEETINGS

District I & II

When: Wed., Oct. 13 – Reg. at 10am
Where: Chateau Estates Country Club
3600 Chateau Estates Blvd., Kenner, LA
Program: by Dan Gill
Cost: \$29 Checks payable to Eleanore
Capretto
Send to: Eleanore Capretto
4624 Neyrey Dr., Netairie, LA 70002
504-835-4003
Deadline: Oct. 4, 2010

District III

When: Thurs., Oct. 14 – Reg. at 9am
Where: Petroleum Club of Lafayette
111 Heymann Blvd., Lafayette, LA
Program: Rhythm and Hues in
Floral and Gardening Design
by Theresa Guidry
Cost: \$30
Send to: Mary Toce
417 Kim Drive, Lafayette, LA 70503
337-984-6570
Deadline: Oct. 8, 2010

District IV

When: Thurs., Oct. 21 – Reg. at 10:30am
Where: Barnwell Garden & Art Center
601 Clyde Fant Parkway,
Shreveport, LA 71101
Cost: \$22 - Checks payable to LGCF District IV
Send to: Evelyn Thomas
5306 Primitive Baptist Church Rd.
Shreveport, LA 71107
318-929-3485
Deadline: Oct. 14, 2010

More information on each of the Fall Meetings
may be obtained from the LGCF Website:

<http://www.louisianagardenclubs.org/meetings/district.html>

District V

When: Fri., Oct. 22 – Reg. at 10:30am
Where: First Baptist Church
Multi-Purpose Building
608 Texas St., Vidalia, LA
Cost: \$20 - Checks payable to LGCF District V
Send to: Dolly Smith
1003 Guillory St., Vidalia, LA 71373
Deadline: Oct. 15, 2010
Special Requests to Peggy Murray 318-336-1655

District VI

When: Tues., Oct. 12 – Reg. at 9:15am
Where: Baton Rouge Garden Center
7950 Independence Blvd.,
Baton Rouge, LA
Cost: \$20 - Checks payable to
Baton Rouge Garden Club
Send to: Sue Wallner, Registrar
35115 Bend Road
Denham Springs, LA 70706-0612
225-791-3615 or 225-571-6714

District VII

When: Tues., Oct. 19 – Reg. at 9:30am
Where: Ville Platte Northside Civic Center
704 N. Soileau St., Ville Platte, LA 70568
Program: The New Arboretum Visitor Center
in Chicot State Park
Cost: \$28 - Checks payable to
Magnolia Garden Club
Send to: Glenda B. Mitchell, Treasurer
211 N. Morein St.
Ville Platte, LA 70586-2816
Deadline: Oct. 5
For Additional info: Linda Taylor 337-826-6518

District VIII

When: Wed., Oct. 20 – Reg. at 9:30am
Where: Kent Plantation House Visitors' Center
3601 Bayou Rapides Road,
Alexandria, LA
Program: Speaker Jeffrey Carbo, ASLA
Cost: \$25 - Checks payable to
District VIII, Fall Meeting
Send to: Emily Winners, Registration Chair
126 Winegart Lane
Lecompte, LA 71346-9540
Deadline: Oct. 13
For Additional info: Janet Moriarty 318-776-9177



Another Year to Create a GOLDEN Community



"Golden Days" is President Renee's NGC Project is a two-year project "to make your community more beautiful and bring happiness to your Senior members " Last year at least 7 GCF clubs participated, planting both Daffodils and Day lilies. The hope is that additional clubs will participate this year. "Golden Days" can also serve as a Fund Raiser for NGC through the purchase of 'Golden Harvest' and/or Master Daffodil Blend offered by Colorblends. www.colorblends.com The wholesaler Van Zyverden Company is offering bulbs at a discounted price to LGCF member clubs. See attached form for details.

By planting Daylilies as well as Daffodils, the golden bloom period can be greatly extended. Day Lilies will not be in bloom for the April 1 Awards deadline but photos of your planting them may be submitted. *"One valuable benefit of daylilies in the landscape is their ability to multiply. Daylilies increase in size from year to year and can be divided almost any time of the year to produce new plants. A clump of two to three plants may not flower the first year after division, but a clump of five to 10 plants will flower well*"*

Award Categories – Certificates Awarded

- A. Senior Plantings – Retirement, Nursing, downsized living, Senior Centers, etc
- B. Youth Plantings – Working with Youth to honor Senior Members
- C. Mass Plantings
- D. Potted Plants

Participants will be asked to submit a one-page summary with no more than 3 pictures of the project. Photos taken now can be used for applications for 2011 (which is actually 2010 planting.) The deadline is April 1, 2011, but you don't have to wait until then to make a submission. Send Award Applications to:

Lila Petersen, Chairman, 860 Hunting Hills, Boone, NC 28607

Note: Deadline April 1, 2010

**LSU Ag Center horticulture extension associate Anthony L. Witcher*

Ways and Means

If you haven't gotten a copy of our cookbook, "Cher, It's Good, Too", now is the time. It will give you time to scan and mark all those great dishes you can make for the upcoming holiday season. It would also make a great gift for that cookbook aficionado that you know. The cookbook sells for \$15. The funds are used to maintain LGCF Headquarters in Lecompte, LA. Recipes have been provided by Garden Club members from all over the state. To purchase one, call Margo Racca @ 582-7339.



2010-11 GOLDEN DAYS DAFFODIL BULB ORDER FORM for LGCF CLUBS

"Golden Days" NGC President's Project 2009-20011...to encourage the plantings of daffodils with an emphasis on senior members who are in retirements centers, nursing facilities, downsized living facilities (potted daffodils acceptable)."

The wholesaler Van Zyverden Bulb Company is once again making the following varieties available at a great discount to our Louisiana garden clubs. Each interested club sends in this order form and a check to the Van Zyverden Company to its District Chairman. Each District will place a single order with the bulb company, which must include a Tax ID number from at least one club. Bulbs will be shipped to a single location of choice in each District, in time for distribution at Fall District Meetings. To allow time for shipping, District orders and club checks must be received by the Van Zyverden Company at least 7 workdays before the bulbs are due to arrive at a location. All District orders must be filed by end of October. There will be a \$25 charge for shipping orders less than \$250.

About the daffodils: Yellow Trumpet and Dutch Master produce very large flowers in zones 3-8, northern Louisiana. Dutch Master is an improved version of the popular King Alfred. Tete a Tete and Grand Soleil D'Or are reported to do well south of I-20. Tete a Tete is diminutive (6-8"), blooming early with soft yellow flowers with slightly darker cups. It is excellent for edges. Grand Soleil D'Or produces up to 20 bright golden blooms with orange cups on a stem and grows to 12-14". Summer blooming Stella D'Oro daylilies have been added to the list.

Table with 5 columns: QTY Pkgs, Item#, Description, Cost / Pkg, Costs. Rows include Daffodils Yellow Trumpet, Daffodils Dutch Master, Tete a Tete, Grand Soleil D'Or, Stella D'Oro Daylilies, and a TOTAL row.

Garden Club name: _____ Tax ID _____ (if possible)

Person placing order: _____ Phone/e-mail _____

Send this order form and check made out to "Van Zyverden Company" to your District Chairman.

Thank you

JoAnn Fryling 225-766-3120 jfryling@cox.net



HELP MEMBERSHIP BLOOM!

Contest Update Adrienne Langan

National Garden Clubs, Inc., continues its Membership Contest with a fabulous new award and a new deadline: June 1 2010 to March 31, 2011.

Disappointed that your state did not win the honor of naming that beautiful new Daylily? Well, you have a chance to claim victory by participating in this new contest where the state with the greatest number of new clubs will have the honor of naming a magnificent new variety of African violet.



This African violet, grown by Lyndon-Lyon Greenhouses, Inc., is a semi-miniature variety with single/semi double pansy shaped blooms of white with a distinct wavy green edge and light purple highlights randomly scattered about the flower face. Wavy medium green foliage enhances the striking blooms.

HELP MEMBERSHIP BLOOM by creating new clubs in your state, and proudly compete to have this beautiful African violet bear your state's name!

Congratulations to North Dakota winner of the 2009- 2010 Membership Contest whose members chose NORTH DAKOTA SUNRISE as the name of this spectacular new daylily cultivar! Instructions for ordering this beautiful Daylily will be sent to all states, and order forms will be available at Fall Board.

National Garden
Clubs, INC.
Gardening Study School
Louisiana
Gardening Study
Schools
Series 8 – Course IV
January 26 – 27, 2011

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

www.lsuagcenter.com/hammond

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For questions call or email:

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mart3285@bellsouth.net

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RDGDELAUNE@aol.com

Registration Form

Course Fee: \$55.00 (2 Days)

Clip or copy and mail to: Gardening
Study Schools, Dorothy Delaune
216 Shady Pond Lane
Covington, LA 70435

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Phone number_____

Email_____

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LGCF Scholarship Committee Report

Dottie Hebert, Chairman

The Scholarship Committee met on Thursday, July 8, 2010 to select the recipients for the 2010-2011 academic year. Eleven Scholarships were available and there were four applicants, some with multiple applications. Those attending the selection meeting were JoAnn Christopher, Committee Member, Eleanor Capretto LGCF Life Membership Chairman and Committee Member, and Dottie Hebert, Scholarship Chairman.

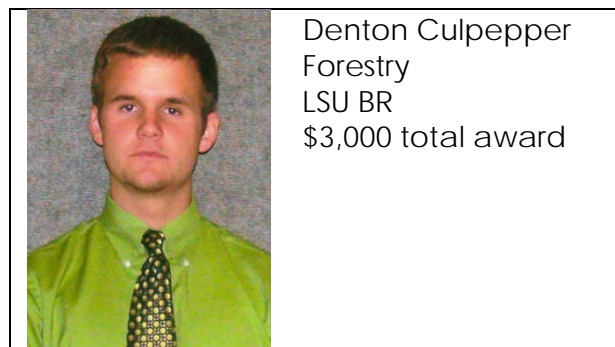
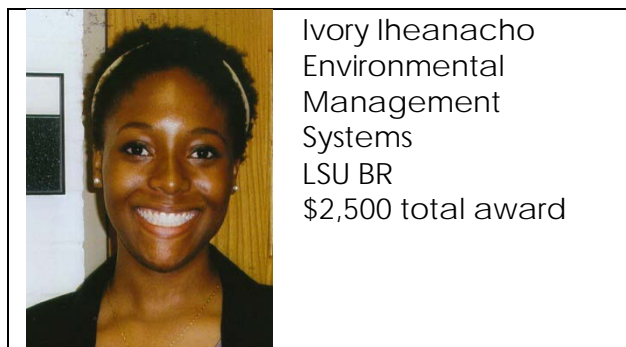
Susannah Glenn Bridges, a postgraduate student in Landscape Architecture at LSU Baton Rouge, will receive the \$2,000 Anite Currault Scholarship and the Neil Christopher/Landscape Design Consultants book scholarship of \$500.

William Tietje, a 5th year student in Landscape Architecture at LSU Baton Rouge, will receive the District VII Scholarship of \$ 1,000, the Ducie Heaney Horticulture Scholarship of \$ 1,000, and the Neil Christopher/ Shady Oaks Garden Club scholarship of \$500.

Ivory Iheanacho a senior in Environmental Management Systems at LSU BR, will receive a LGCF \$2,000 Scholarship and the Gardening Consultants/JoAnn Christopher Scholarship of \$500.

Denton Culpepper working toward a Masters in Forestry at LSU BR will receive a LGCF \$2,000 scholarship and the Irene M. Petijean Horticulture Scholarship of \$ 1,000.

There were no applicants for the District I and District II Book Scholarships.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Registration Form LGCF State Convention-April 13-15, 2011

LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER !

Package plan cost: \$199.00. Package plan includes registration, all meals, events, speakers, and business meetings. Includes cochon-de-lait mixer and tea.

Does not include pre-convention tour in Alexandria on April 12, 2011

If you choose not to select the package plan, please complete the following. Note: You must pay the \$15 registration fee required for each day, even if attending only one event, except for Tuesday, no registration fee for that date.

Wednesday, April 13: Mixer: \$30____
(Cochon-de-lait meal, DJ, cash bar)

Thursday, April 14: Registration: \$15____
Lunch: \$25____
Tea: \$25____
Banquet: \$28____

Friday, April 15: Registration: \$15____
Lunch: \$25____
Banquet: \$36____

Total Package: \$199____

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

Phone:_____ Garden Club:_____ District:_____

Check your status for registration and credentials.

Local ___Club President ___Delegate ___Alternate

LGCF ___Officer ___Chairman ___LGCF Life Member ___Past President

Deep South ___Officer ___Chairman ___Life Member

NGC ___Officer ___Chairman ___Life Member

This form or a duplicate must accompany each registration. Reservations must be received by March 20, 2011. After March 20 add a \$10 late fee. Make checks payable to 2011 LGCF Convention and mail to: Sherill Laborde, 318 W. Bontemp Street, Marksville, La. 71351-2319.

Information on Pre-convention Tour will be sent out separately.

2011 LGCF Convention to be held April 13 – 15, 2011 at the Paragon Casino Hotel in Marksville.
Hotel reservation forms are at <http://www.louisianagardenclubs.org/meetings/2011reservation.pdf>.

NGC Project: Global Partners Running Waters Inc. Donation

Global Partners Running Waters Inc. is a nonprofit organization established to build relationships through collaboration on water, food and health projects in Latin America. As part of NGC's World Gardening Committee, NGC has chosen to raise funds to bring safe drinking water to villages in Guatemala.

This year, Global Partners/Running Waters celebrates completion of 45 projects, including the project at Ojo de Agua Quiche that you may have already heard about. Our goal now is to raise approximately \$25,000 to \$40,000 for a new project. If each member contributes 50 cents, NGC will exceed that amount. When the money is collected, the project will begin. You can choose to donate as an individual, a club, a district or a state. It is an excellent way to celebrate a special occasion, honor a loved one, or recognize a special achievement.

NGC will acknowledge all donations with a printed tax receipt form and a recognition certificate. A gift card enclosure form is now available on the NGC website and can be printed to note your donation.

How to donate:

1. Donations may be made in any amount.
2. Make checks payable to: National Garden Clubs, Inc. Please indicate "Global Partners" on the memo portion of your check.
3. Mail this form and your check to:

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
4401 Magnolia Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110-3492

Donor or Club Name: _____

District or State: _____

Amount of donation: _____

Choose one: Please make recognition certificate out to donor name

Certificate in honor of _____

Certificate in memory of _____

Send certificate and tax receipt to Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP + 4: _____

Email: _____

For more information, contact Barbara Wesley, NGC World Gardening Chairman.
barbandwes@earthlink.net

Youth Activities Report

Janice Verret, Chairman

Congratulations to all of the 2009 Youth Award Winners. Now is the time to begin on the award applications for 2010. LGCF Youth Garden Club Awards can be found on the LGCF Website-- Awards #3A-H and #4A-H. 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, 2010.

The Deep South Region Unified Project has both a Youth Club and Individual Youth Competition Division. The 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. The NGC Youth Sculpture Contest, which encourages students to keep our planet green, is a new opportunity for students in grades 4th through 8th to display their creative talents.

All contests have very specific guidelines. Requirements, guidelines, and forms are available on the LGCF website under the Youth sidebar with links to the Deep South Region and NGC websites. The deadline for youth award applications is December 1, 2010, with the exception of Deep South Region Unified Project due November 15, 2010, and Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters which are due January 20, 2011.

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.

Planting times for Fall Vegetables in the South

Beans, bush, seed: Sept	Lettuce, leaf, seed and transplant: late-Sept- Dec
Beets, seed: Sept-mid-Oct	Mustard, seed: Sept-Nov
Broccoli, transplant: Sept-Jan	Mustard, transplant: Sept-Jan
Brussels sprouts, transplant: Sept-Jan	Onion, transplant: mid-Oct-Nov, Jan
Cabbage, seed: August-Nov	Peas, snap, seed: late-Sept-Oct/Jan-early Feb
Cabbage, transplant: Sept-Nov	Potatoes, Irish, seed potatoes: mid-Aug-mid- Sept
Carrots, seed: mid-Oct-Nov	Radish, seed: Sept-Nov
Cauliflower, transplant: Sept-Jan	Spinach, seed/transplant: Oct-Nov
Collards, seed: Sept-Dec 1	Squash, summer, transplant - early Sept
Collards, transplant: Sept-Jan	Tomatoes, transplant: mid-July-mid-August
Cucumber, seed: August	Turnips, seed: Sept-Nov, Jan-February
Garlic, clove: late-Sept-mid-Nov	
Kohlrabi, transplant: mid-Sept-Nov	

Deeds and Doings

District III

Lafayette Garden Club and Gueydan Garden Club will host the October 14 Fall District Meeting, Rhythms & Hues, at the Petroleum Club in Lafayette. The Committee is planning a fun event, and the program will feature Theresa Guidry, a multi-talented florist and master gardener, presenting a program titled "Rhythm and Hues in Floral and Gardening Design." For reservations, due by October 8, please send \$30 check to Mary Toce, 417 Kim Drive, Lafayette, LA 70503. Mary can be reached at 984-6570.



Several Club members attended the LGCF District III Presidents' meeting, at the Morgan City Petroleum Club on June 23. Pictured on the right are Inez Barras, JoAnn Pugh, Betty Foret, Lafayette Garden Club President Margaret Hargroder, seated alongside Terrebonne Garden Club President Dotsy Qubre, Gloria Guilbeaux, Diana Nolan and Bera Smith.



Glenda Balliviero's garden therapy work at Evangeline Oaks has merited our Club a Garden Therapy Certificate of merit and Esther Carriere Garden Therapy Award - first in State. Glenda's great volunteer work at Evangeline Oaks has prompted the residents of the nursing home to start their own "garden club." Glenda is pictured on the left doing a demonstration on making hanging baskets at Evangeline Oaks for the new Evangeline Oaks residents' Garden Club.

Under the leadership of President Margaret Hargroder and with the talent and hard work of our Club's membership, Lafayette Garden Club is quite proud of its many achievements this past term. A list of our awards can be viewed on Lafayette Garden Club's webpage.

Deeds and Doings

Bayou Vista Garden Club presented a program on sunflowers for the children of the residents of



Claire House in Bayou Vista. Garden Therapy Chairman Sandra Blanco presented the lesson with illustrations from the book *How Does it Grow? Seed to Sunflower* by Ian Smith. The children then planted sunflower seeds in pots. A display on the Northern Cardinal, Eggs to Fledglings, showed the stages of life of this frequent visitor to the backyards in our area. The sunflower seeds generated from the children's plantings will be

an additional food source for this common redbird. Pictured above from left are BVGC President Janice Verret, BVGC Youth Chairman Ann Breaux, Jaden Breaux, Shannon Breaux, Mary Myers, and BVGC Garden Therapy Chairman Sandra Blanco.

Bayou Vista Garden Club enlisted Bayou Vista Boy Scouts of America Troop 104 in its project to provide shelter for birds in our community. BSA Troop 104 constructed, painted, and installed four bird houses in the Bayou Vista Community Center bird sanctuary. The birdhouses are suitable for a variety of species; especially the purple martin. BVGC members will monitor and maintain the birdhouses so



that visitors to the BVCC gazebo can continue to enjoy bird watching in the sanctuary. Promoting bird protection and welfare is one of the goals of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Pictured kneeling from left are Ryan Hebert, Project Supervisor; Joe'l Pellerin, and BVGC President Janice Verret. Standing from left are Jonathan Dake, Jonathan Hebert, Patrick Hebert, Jr., Scoutmaster Patrick Hebert, Joseph Hebert, Ronald Bucci, and Louisiana Garden Club Federation President Donna Bucci.

Deeds and Doings

District VI

Magnolia Forest Garden Club's theme for the coming year will be "Grow and Sparkle" They are excited about getting back together and getting to work after the summer break. The officers met over the summer for an executive board meeting and worked on the budget, the yearbook and the agenda of projects for the up-coming year. They have a lot planned for next year as they continue to grow and sparkle.



Magnolia Garden Club member Florence Onstad; Kathy Bedenbaugh, First Vice President LGCF; Sue Wallner, Awards Advisor LGCF; and Magnolia Forest Garden Club member Willie LaNasa at the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Convention Tea.

District VII

Local garden clubs around the district have started off the season with a bang! All of the clubs are busy selling raffle tickets for the Fall District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 19th, hosted by the Magnolia Garden Club of Ville Platte. Clubs are reminded that the registration deadline is October 5th and the cost is \$28. The program will feature information about the new Arboretum Visitor Center in Chico State Park. Detailed information and registration form can be found on the [website](#).

Deeds and Doings



Over the summer, members of The Washington Garden Club put together a cookbook featuring favorite recipes with a special section on high tea. Proceeds from the cookbook will fund their next project of historic preservation of St. John's Church in Washington. They are also adding recycling of aluminum cans and plastic bottles to their

newspaper recycling project which benefits the students and staff of the Washington Career and Technical Center.

Members of the Crowley Garden Club are repeating the highly successful sale of Christmas wreaths and door decorations that they did last year as a fundraiser for their upcoming programs.

Other clubs throughout the district are working on the projects and programs that they have adopted for this year that support the goals and objectives of LGCF and the Deep South Region of the NGC.

District VIII

Marksville Garden Club would like to invite LGCF members to their standard flower show entitled "An Italian Holiday". It is being held Tuesday October 5, 2010 from 1:00pm until 3:00pm at Villa di Dupuy, 628 South Main Street, Marksville, LA.



October through early November is the time to add snapdragons to your garden. They prefer a sunny location with slightly moist, well prepared soil that has good drainage. If you plant them in the fall, they will bloom off and on through fall and winter and then put on a great show in the spring. They are available in a range of heights: dwarf (6-8 inches), medium (15-30 inches) and tall (30-48 inches). Snapdragons are native to the Mediterranean region.

Calendar of Events



2010

December 1 Award Applications due (with exception of Publicity Press Book)

2011

January 15 Publicity Press Books due

January 17 - 18 Louisiana Garden Club Federation- Winter Council Meeting, Lecompte, LA

January 21 Arbor Day

January 26-27 Garden Study School Course IV

March 1 Final report of Officers and Chairmen due to Newsletter

March 14-15 Deep South Convention- Hilton, Lafayette, LA

April 13-15 Louisiana Garden Club Federation Convention- Paragon Casino Hotel, Marksville

May 27-29 National Garden Clubs Convention, Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C
(Installation Year)

June 5-11 National Garden Week

June 15-19 World Association of Flower Arrangers 10th World Flower Show, Boston, MA

July 18-19 LGCF Summer Board Meeting

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May 16-19 National Garden Clubs Convention- Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY

September 25-29 NGC Fall Board Meeting- Little Rock, Arkansas

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May 24-26, National Garden Clubs Convention- Doubletree Hotel, Seattle, WA-
(Installation Year)