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Pictured on our cover is **Glenda Balliviero's** *Caesalpinia gilliesii*, Yellow Bird of Paradise. It received the Horticulture Excellence Award at the Lafayette Garden Club's Standard Flower Show held in May 2010 and then received the Silver Trowel Award at the State Convention this April. Glenda is a member of the Lafayette Garden Club. **Norman Balliviero**, her husband, submitted the photo and is also a member of the Lafayette Garden Club. Glenda was gracious enough to write an article about the plant and it is included in this issue's 'Horticulture Corner'. Thank you Glenda and Norman for helping make our Newsletter more informative.

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

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Garden Club Members,

The soaring temperatures did not keep anyone from contributing to our Summer Board Attendance. Laura Broussard and her Summer Board committee reported 151 registered. At the meeting we had a Workshop on Awards given by NGC and LGCF Chairman and advisers that was well received by many. Deep South Region Co-Chairman and Committee hit the blocks with a skit on Building Membership. Let each of us serve as a Building Block and continue to build our Membership. All eight Districts contributed to the original and creative "Recycled Hats" that adorned the Club Presidents' luncheon tables. The Sixth District Judges Council Dinner and program enlightened all of us. Our "Ways " Chairman & Co-Chairman, Harriette Charles and Dee Nolan would like to thank everyone who contributed to helping them in their new job, They have large shoes to fill after our Bera Smith retired from "Ways and Means". Since Sissy Gall, our District 7 Director, was so very creative in incorporating our "Places, Projects, Products and People" Summer Board theme in her report, I decided to share it with all of you. It is included after my message.



Congratulations are in order for Mary Hazen and Betty Foret for all the efforts they have contributed to Garden Club and their communities. Congratulations also to the many individuals and clubs who won so many awards to bring back to their Districts, including our NGC Scholarship Winner. Cleanest City was a great success. It's not just the winners that win, it's all of Louisiana.

Sara Lanier, our Deep South Director, was busy taking notes from our meeting and was thrilled to be with us. Our hard working efforts on increasing our membership are impressive, especially for our 3 New Garden Clubs: Jennings Garden Club, Union Parish Garden Club, and Waggman Development Group. Our membership Chairman Roxanna Champagne and Betty Bagert, Donna Bucci, Billie Massa, Peggy Cazes, Sybil Colicchio, Mary Sue Colvin, Sara Weiss and Margo Racca are keeping busy talking up membership.

We welcome our newest clubs and members. We are here to help you!!

District VI has created a grant program to award two of their members per school in the District, this gives them an opportunity to attend any of the NGC Schools. This is a wonderful project for the other Districts to follow. Diane Dufour, District VI, has all the details.

Our LGCF Chairmen for the 4 schools (Garden Study School, Environmental Study School, Flower Show Judges School and Landscape Design School) have the schools in full operation. Don't miss your chance to sign up today. These courses offer something for everyone.

The Live Oak Chairman has reported that a new batch entered into her computer registry has set a Record High Count of 330 Live Oaks registered since April. Colleen Landry reports some garden clubs have decided to do this as their project. Can you imagine this takes 20 minutes to register each tree?

I am looking forward to receiving your Club yearbooks, and the ones I have received so far are a tribute to your club projects & activities.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Fall at your District Meetings, and coming back with lots of in good news to report from my trip to National Garden Club's Meeting in September.

Blessings be,

Mary Jacobs, Louisiana Garden Club Federation President

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT
LGCF District VII Report for 2011 Summer Board
"Places, Projects, Products and People"

Greetings to all from District 7!

Our places are Crowley, DeRidder, Eunice, Iowa, Jennings, Lake Charles, Oakdale, Opelousas, Rayne, Sulphur, Ville Platte and Washington. We also have new clubs sprouting in Starks and Welsh!

Collectively, our projects are Cleanest City, Plant it Pink, Golden Days, Arbor Day, Residential Garden of the Month, Civic Beautification, Adopt-a-School, Scholarship, Youth Education, Recycling, Floral Design, Historical Preservation, Urban Gardening, and Fundraising;

Our products are increased knowledge, awareness and enjoyment of the natural world; civic involvement and partnerships and pride; warm friendships; motivation through hands-on floral and horticulture workshops, field trips, home and garden tours, flower shows, plant sales; and communication using the latest technologies and E-published yearbooks, not to mention our numerous State Awards as well as a couple of Deep South Awards;

And our people are 288 strong and counting. We are new and we are experienced. We are willing and able. We are proud to be a part of Louisiana Garden Club Federation. We have great goals, and are enthusiastic about the year ahead!

Respectfully submitted,

Sissy Gall

Tree Facts

- 1 tree makes on average 16.67 reams of copy paper or 8,333 sheets
- The average U.S. office worker prints 10,000 pages per year
- In 2004 the United States used 8 million tons of office paper (3.2 billion reams). That's the equivalent of 178 million trees!
- A single mature tree can release enough oxygen back into the atmosphere to support 2 human beings.
- Each person in the U.S. generates approximately 2.3 tons of CO₂ each year.
- Deforestation is one of the main causes of atmospheric carbon dioxide; burning and cutting millions of acres of trees each year, it is responsible for 20-25 per cent of all carbon emissions.
- A single tree will absorb one ton of carbon dioxide over its lifetime. Shade provided by trees can also reduce your air conditioning bill by 10 to 15 percent.
- It only takes 30 trees to offset the CO₂ produced by one car annually.
- An average American uses about 750 pounds of paper every year, and 95% of homes are built using wood. That means each person uses the equivalent of one 100 foot tall, 16 inch diameter, tree every year for their paper and wood product needs.
- There are about 20,000 tree species in the world. The United States has one of the largest tree treasuries second only to India.
- Three trees planted in the right place around buildings can cut air-conditioning costs up to 50 percent.
- Trees improve water quality by slowing and filtering rain water as well as protecting aquifers and watersheds.
- The Hyperion in Redwood national park is believed to be the world's tallest living tree, standing a formidable 379' tall.

From www.seed-the-future.com

Circle of Roses



Hilda Champagne

Covington Garden Club (District VI)

Hilda Champagne grew up in Bogulusa, LA. When she married her husband, Edward Champagne, she moved to Covington, where she has lived ever since. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, Hilda spent countless hours in her garden, planting camellias and azaleas.

Hilda joined the Covington Garden Club in 1960 and won her first award for a potted foliage plant that same year. She has competed in countless flower shows, winning 31 silver awards, 6 arrangements of the year, and multiple awards and sweepstakes. She has been published in the National Gardening Magazine. Hilda has generously shared her knowledge of flower arranging and horticulture, her love of gardening, and supported the Covington Garden Club, earning a gold pin for ten years of perfect attendance. We truly say that Hilda Champagne is a delightful individual who more than deserves to be in the Circle of Roses. She is greatly admired by her garden club.



Lillie Mae Courville

Bulb and Blossom Garden Club (District VII)

Lille has been a member of Bulb and Blossom since 1974. She served as their president in 1977 -1979. She has always volunteered to help in everything. She is still very active in all the club projects. She can sell raffle tickets like crazy.

Lille is the mother of five children, catholic and volunteers in church clubs, hospital and community projects. She was raised on a farm and still lives on a farm. She is generous, kind and humble. We all love Mrs. Lille.



Circle of Roses



Alberta Cecile Frey

Bulb and Blossom Garden Club (District VII)

Alberta has been a member of Bulb and Blossom since 1978. She will always volunteer no matter what the job or activity. If she had a previous commitment, she will work at a different time and date if she has to. In 2005 she received the Hard Hat Award from our club, an award to honor her hard work and to this day continues to work hard.

Alberta is the mother of four children and loves cooking for her family. She is a catholic, loves her family and friends and always smiles. She is a farmer. We need more strong women like Mrs. Alberta.



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 would like to welcome to our "Circle" three special ladies.

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

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

Lagniappe

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face
Without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.
Let us take time for all things;
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
Straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things
That create differences,
That in the big things of life we are at one.
And may we strive to touch and to know
The great, common heart of us all.

And, oh Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

Amen

Mary Sue Colvin, LGCF 2001-2003 Installation of Officers

Horticulture Corner

Caesalpinia gillessii

“Desert Bird of Paradise or Yellow Bird of Paradise” by Glenda Balliviero



Photo by Norman Balliviero

This beautiful shrub or small tree is native to tropical America, especially Argentina, and has naturalized in many parts of the southwestern USA. It is very drought tolerant and cold hardy; however, it does go dormant in winter. Its leaves are ferny and a bluish green color. The racemes consist of yellow flowers with 5 petals and long red stamens which are quite unusual and beautiful.

In order to be successful with these plants in south Louisiana, they should be planted in full sun in soil that is sandy and has very good drainage. Too much water will cause the plant to die very quickly.

The plants if germinated from seeds may produce a few flowers their first year but it isn't until the second year that they produce an abundance of blooms. The seeds should be germinated when they are fresh and not kept for a long period of time to completely dry out. It is, also, a good idea to soak them in water for a few hours before planting.

The photo is of the horticulture specimen that Glenda Balliviero of the Lafayette Garden Club received the Louisiana Garden Club Federation's Silver Trowel Award this spring. The photo was taken by her husband Norman Balliviero. □

Design Corner

Welcome to the Fair



This quarter we feature a creative design by **Minnie Posey** of Home and Garden Club using flowers from her garden. Two large white and red Amaryllis, clipped Umbrella plant and Aspidistra leaves complete the design in a lovely black/blue container. The arrangement is entitled, "Welcome to The Fair".

Thank you Minnie, for sharing your beautiful design with us!

Any Flower show judge with knowledge on flower show designs is encouraged to share their knowledge and designs with their fellow garden club members through the Newsletter's Design Corner section. You may mail articles to Pam Langley, LGCF Newsletter Editor, 1750 Bilbo Street, Lake Charles, LA, 70601, or you may email articles to pamxyz@bellsouth.net.

Ten Ways to save Water

There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with YOU!

1. When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
2. Some refrigerators, air conditioners and ice-makers are cooled with wasted flows of water. Consider upgrading with air-cooled appliances for significant water savings.
3. Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
4. Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
5. Choose shrubs and ground covers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes and isolated strips.
6. Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around your pumps.
7. Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons every time.
8. Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.
9. For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.
10. Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.

Environmental Study School



Everyone enjoyed the last Environmental Study course held in Lake Charles in August. The entire class is pictured above. The tentative dates for the next course, Series II Course III and IV, are June 19-22, 2012. For further information on the course email course co-chairman Margo Racca at mracca@centrytel.net.

FIFTH DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FLOWER SHOW JUDGES

The Fifth District Council of Flower Show Judges held their May meeting in Monroe at The Fisherman's Warf. It was a sad and joyous occasion with seven active members attending. Because this would be the last meeting for the Fifth Dist. Council, retired judges were invited to attend and reminisce on past experiences.

A display board created by Margie Whitlock displayed pictures of many of the activities that had been enjoyed by council members. Old times were discussed and many memories were shared. Retired Judges attending, show seated (L to R) in the picture on the right, were: Berdiana Smelley, Christine Allen, and Valerie Barnum. Each retired judge was presented with a Certificate of Emeritus Flower Show Judge which had the NGC Seal and National President's signature.



After a delicious meal was enjoyed, a short business meeting was held. Vice President, Lena Bateman reported on the council's responsibilities at Summer Board. The State Judges Council Dinner speaker was discussed as well as the designs that would be provided for the tables. Also discussed was Dist. V's Fall Meeting and Flower Show to be held Oct. 12, 2011 in Winnsboro.

It was truly a sad occasion getting together for probably the last time; but the members of The Fifth District Council have been invited to join the Eighth Dist. Council in September. Fifth Dist. October 2011

Council members are looking forward to getting to know our new council members and are thankful for the invitation and the opportunity to join a great council.

The active members attending the luncheon were: Sue Nugent, Lena Bateman, Barbara Coates, Margie Whitlock, Eloise Barham, Peggy Murray and Patsy Eames. Special guest attending was Betty Pate.

2011 Southern Garden Symposium

The 2011 **Southern Garden Symposium**, "Offering prestigious speakers amid gracious surroundings", will be held October 14 & 15, 2011 in St. Francisville.

With featured speakers like Mr. M. Lindsay Bierman, Editor-in-Chief of Southern Living and Mr. Guillaume Pellerin of Normandy, France. No other gardening program brings together top quality speakers and historic plantation settings as well as the Southern Garden Symposium in St. Francisville, Louisiana. Known as much for its engaging social events and historic venues as for its outstanding gardening lectures and workshops, the Southern Garden Symposium - now in its 23rd year - has become an annual tradition for garden enthusiasts from across the south.

The 2011 symposium will begin with a series of workshops on Friday, October 14 at 9:30 a.m. Attendees may select two of the following:

Fresh! Flowers from the South - Ms. Sybil Sylvester

Tools of the Trade: A History of Old Garden Tools - Mr. Guillaume Pellerin

Sustainable Design: From Conception to Completion and Beyond - Mr. Jason Osterberger

Botanical Treasures for Today's Garden - Dr. Jeff Kuehny

Inspiration for Creating Your Own Botanical Garden - Dr. Severn Doughty and Mr. Walter Imahara

The \$65 cost per person for the Friday workshops includes lunch at Afton Villa Gardens.

On Friday evening, the speakers will be honored at a special gala at Wyoming Plantation, the private home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sullivan. This cocktail buffet is open to all Symposium participants and their guests, \$50 per person.

Saturday lecture programs will take place at the beautiful setting of Hemingbough in St. Francisville, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The program will include:

Gentle Gardening in the Shadow of Giants - Ms. Linda Gay

Creating a Subtropical Oasis in a Not-So-Tropical Climate - Mr. Guillaume Pellerin

Love of the Land: A personal tour of the Editor's favorite gardens from the pages of Southern Living -- Mr. M. Lindsay Bierman

The day will conclude with afternoon tea at White's Cottage, private home of Lynn LeSueur Leak. The \$65 cost per person for the Saturday symposium includes all lectures, lunch at Hemingbough, and tea at White's Cottage.

The Southern Garden Symposium welcomes groups and individuals who wish to travel to St. Francisville for this special event. For registration information, visit www.SouthernGardenSymposium.org; call 225-635-3738 or email luciecassity@bellsouth.net. For information regarding overnight accommodations in St. Francisville, visit www.stfrancisville.us or call 225-635-6330.

Growing Our Membership and Clubs

Submitted By Roxanna Champagne, LGCF Membership Promotion Chair



There is no better time than now to grow federated garden clubs in our state and build membership in individual clubs. "Building Membership" is the Deep South Unified Regional Project that provides us with an extra incentive to grow LGCF membership. It is our DSR Director Sara Lanier's "hope that membership and retention will be at the top of the list for all club presidents." Sara (pictured on the left) has taken as her theme "Membership Offers Opportunities For Everyone." All club members should play an active role in recruiting new members by inviting a neighbor or friend who loves to garden, arrange flowers, or is concerned with civic or environmental issues. New members bring with them new and fresh ideas.

Encourage and invite new members to play an active role in your club's social activities, fund raisers, and projects. We need to advertise our garden clubs in our communities to let them know all the wonderful programs and knowledge sharing that happen in our clubs. There are many ways to recruit new members and retain our existing members. Our LGCF Immediate Past President Donna Bucci compiled suggestions from garden club members around the state on How to Attract New Members (42 ideas), How To Keep Our Members (39 ways), and How to Help Our Members Flourish (30 suggestions).^{*} I also have some wonderful ideas that Sara has shared about growing and building membership.^{*}

We also need to foster the growth of new federated garden clubs. If your club is full, then sponsor a new garden club and mentor them through the process of forming a club and becoming federated. We now have Membership Mentors who are past presidents from each of our eight districts. They will be happy to assist the new club on their journey to federation. I have a prepared packet^{*} that contains everything needed to get a new club up and running. This year we have had three new clubs become federated, Jennings Garden Club, Union Parish Garden Club and Waggaman Development Group. We have several other garden clubs that are in the formation process at this time. I thank those members who have mentored and are mentoring these new clubs.

The National Garden Clubs has produced a 15 minute video^{*} explaining the value of joining our organization, our objectives, and the scope of our activities world-wide. This is an excellent tool to use in recruitment of new members and new clubs. NGC is the largest volunteer organization of its kind in the world. It is our responsibility to do all we can to increase that membership.

I would like to end with a quote from our DSR Director that was reprinted by the Iowa Federation, "Garden club work is as complex as the unfolding of a rose and as simple as the face of a daisy. It is social. It is spiritual. It is political. It is educational. It is scientific. It is a way of life."

^{*}Please contact me at roxannchamp@cox.net for any of the material I have mentioned in the article.

New NGC video

Our President, Shirley Nicolai is promoting the new NGC video – “Growing Our World, Greening our Communities”, item #9117. This very professionally produced video may be purchased for the cost of \$5, including postage and handling from National Headquarters.

The video is designed to educate existing members and attract new members, and it is only 12 minutes. The video can be shown at church, District and State meetings, flower shows, fairs, and other events and can be used to demonstrate the quality projects carried out by National Garden Clubs throughout the country, as we proudly serve our communities.

To order by TELEPHONE, call 800-550-6007 from 9 am - 5 pm central time, Monday - Friday

To order by MAIL, download Member Services Order Form (PDF) and mail to:

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Keep America Beautiful National Conference in New Orleans

As New Orleans has tirelessly worked to restore the damage from Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita in years past, a renewed dedication, strength and resilience of its citizens has emerged. In the face of tremendous adversity, the City of New Orleans took control of its future and is now once again a premiere travel and conference destination. Often referred to as “the most unique city in America,” we salute New Orleans and are thrilled to conduct KAB's 58th National Conference at Harrah's New Orleans.(DATES: NOVEMBER 21-22,2011)

You'll hear from KAB experts and affiliates on best practices in fundraising, board development, social media and much more. Get inspired by New Orleans' Mayor Mitch Landrieu's opening address to affiliates. Keep America Beautiful invites you to renew and restore what's most important to you: your planet, your passion, your community, your faith, your park, your spirit, your drive and your commitment to keep America beautiful. Join us!

Recycle Bowl Competition

Recycle-Bowl is a free, friendly competition and benchmarking tool for K-12 school recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities. School recycling programs across the nation compete in a race to collect the most recyclables. Whether a school has an extensive recycling program or one classroom is just launching basic recycling collections, Recycle-Bowl is an excellent way for teachers, student green teams and facility managers to engage their school community in a fun and friendly way.

The competition is open to all elementary, middle and high schools and individual classrooms. Public, private and charter schools are eligible. Recycle-Bowl participants will track and report how much material they collect during the four-week competition timeframe. School-wide competitions may compete for national prizes.

One school in each state, that collects the most recyclable material per capita, will win \$1,000. A national champion will then be chosen from the top 50 statewide winners to receive a grand prize of \$2,500. Schools that host a community recycling drop-off program will compete in a separate

category for first, second- and third- place cash prizes. The Recycle-Bowl website is now LIVE - <http://recycle-bowl.org/>. Register your K-12 school or individual classroom to compete this fall. Registration deadline is October 10, 2011.

“LOUISIANA’S BUTTERFLY MILKY WAY – SAVING OUR MONARCHS”

LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.
BUTTERFLY GARDENING AND CONSERVATION
CO-CHAIRMEN PAT GOLEMI AND DENISE WOODWARD
2011 – 2013

Project’s Objective: To preserve the North American migration path of one of nature’s most beautiful but fragile insects, the amazing Monarch Butterfly, by creating Monarch Way Stations that will ensure the production of future generations and sustain migration.

Why the monarchs need our help: Each fall hundreds of millions of monarch butterflies migrate from Canada and the United States to Mexico and back again in the spring. The monarch migration is truly one of the world’s greatest natural wonders, but it is threatened by habitat loss. The monarch larvae depend on food from the milkweed plant and the adult monarchs on food from nectar plants. These food sources are declining due to land development and the widespread use of herbicides.

How we can help: We can get garden clubs, schools and home gardeners involved with a program called Monarch Watch, run by the University of Kansas. The part we can play is to create what the program calls Monarch Way Stations. They are places (habitats) that provide the milkweed and nectar plants needed by the monarchs to produce future generations and sustain their migration and can be as simple as a small patch of milkweed and a few penta plants. Milkweed seeds or plants can be planted anywhere, can be harvested and passed along to someone else. Monarchwatch.org will provide all the information needed, with a place to register Way Stations, report monarch sightings and receive a special certificate.

Be a Citizen Scientist: Monarch Watch is an educational, scientific and conservation program. The student or citizen scientist can learn and exchange information with those in Mexico, Canada and the U. S.

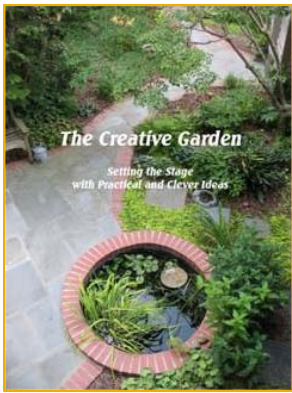
WHAT WE’D LIKE FROM YOU: As soon as your Way Station is completed, please send us a non-competitive report of what you’ve done (photos and description), so we can track the success of our project. The 2011-2012 deadline is May 1, 2012. Thank you for helping save our monarchs.

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The Creative Garden

NCAGC's Landscape Design Council has a NEW BOOK to help put the finishing touches to your garden. THE CREATIVE GARDEN was written to spark creative ideas for those of us who are passionate about 'setting the stage' in our home garden. Filled with many examples and solutions to enhance your outdoor spaces, this new picture book promises to be an inspirational springboard to get your creative juices flowing.



This 44-page book (written by Nancy Burns and Poss Tarpley, LDC; please note that the cover is Poss' garden!) contains over 130 color photos in an 8.5" x 11" format. Cost is only \$10 each for NGC members and Master Gardeners; \$14 for non-members. Shipping: \$2.50 for 1 copy. For 2-5 copies: \$4.95 total. Over 5, please e-mail n.burns@cox.net for reduced shipping charges or other questions.

Please make checks payable to fundraiser: "Landscape Design Council." Mail order form and check to: The Creative Garden, 3702 Bethwood Court, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-7787

We hope you find THE CREATIVE GARDEN useful in creating your vision of the perfect garden. Order your copies today~~also makes great gifts!

"Mr. Al" Moves to a New Address

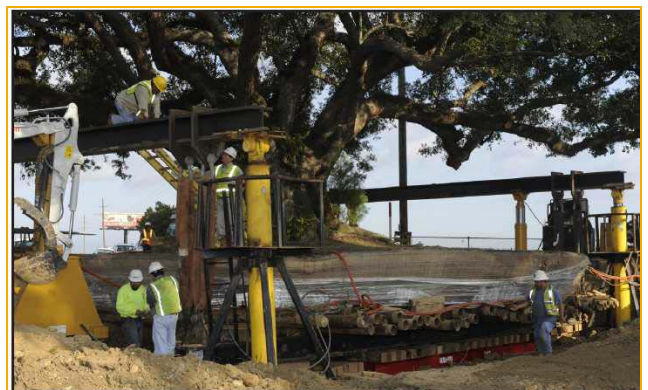
By Coleen Perilloux Landry, Chair of the Live Oak Society

Two years ago the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development began plans to build a service road along I-90 which would have necessitated destroying a venerable live oak (*Q. virginiana* Mill.) called "Mr. Al" which was growing in the proposed right of way. Residents, arborists, the local Optimist Club, and the Live Oak Society began measures to save it from being removed. The result was a decision to transplant the tree. The task of moving the tree was entrusted to a Houston, Texas, firm called Environmental Design, which specializes in transplanting mature trees. ("Mr. Al" is believed to be between 120 and 150 years old.) The cost of the venture was \$300,000, which came from federal and state DODT funds..

Although expensive, it is possible to transplant a live oak because of its wide-spreading roots. To prepare for the move, workers dug a large circle around the oak, pruned its roots and then wrapped the 42-foot-diameter

root ball in plastic, burlap, and wire. Large pipes were then pushed under the root ball to create a metal floor so jacks could lift the 880,000-pound load onto the trailers. The trailers used to transport the tree have a total of 192 wheels and are more commonly used for moving ships and other large industrial loads.

Once in place in its new home one and a half miles farther west, at the LA 83 exit ramp, the tree was lowered to the ground surface and dirt from the original site was piled over and around the root ball. A well was drilled on the site to supply an automatic irrigation



"Mr. Al" is carefully dug out of his original growing site, mid May, 2011. (Photos: Lee Ball, courtesy of the Daily Iberian, New Iberia, Louisiana.)



Moving "Mr. Al" attracted a lot of attention.

system for the oak. During its convalescence, "Mr. Al" will be carefully tended by Mr. Jim "Possum" Foret, nicknamed "the Tree Whisperer," a teacher and arborist at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. "Mr. Al" is on the registry of the Live Oak Society. A portfolio of photographs of the move can be viewed at

<http://gallery.me.com/treemover#100880>

A month and a half after the move, "Mr. Al" appears to be in good condition, with almost no leaf loss.

Editors note: The above article appeared in the International Oak Society Newsletter and was included here by permission of the Author, *Coleen Perilloux Landry*.



"Mr. Al" ready to be unloaded on May 17th at the place where he will spend the rest of his life.

LGCF Fall District Meetings

OCTOBER 4, 2011 DISTRICT III Municipal Auditorium, MORGAN CITY
\$30 -- Deadline Sept 20

OCTOBER 5, 2011 DISTRICT I & II Metairie Country Club, METAIRIE
\$31 -- Deadline Sept 28

OCTOBER 6, 2011 DISTRICT VI Baton Rouge Garden Center, BATON ROUGE
\$20 -- Deadline Sept 28

OCTOBER 11, 2011 DISTRICT VIII Kent Plantation House, ALEXANDRIA
\$25 -- Deadline Oct. 4

OCTOBER 12, 2011 DISTRICT V Parish Library Learning Center, WINNSBORO
\$25 -- Deadline Oct 1

OCTOBER 13, 2011 DISTRICT IV Clarion Hotel, SHREVEPORT
\$22 -- Deadline Oct 6

OCTOBER 14, 2011 DISTRICT VII Civic Center, DERIDDER
\$20 -- Deadline Sept 30

More information is available at <http://www.louisianagardenclubs.org/meetings/district.html>

Quotes for Fun

- The only reason people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory.
- After twelve years of therapy my psychiatrist said something that brought tears to my eyes. He said, "No hablo ingles."
- Energizer Bunny arrested, charged with battery.
- I told my wife that a husband is like a fine wine; he gets better with age. The next day, she locked me in the cellar.
- Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.
- If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

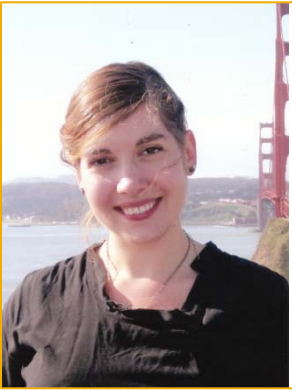
Report of the LGCF Scholarship Committee

By Dottie Hebert, Chairman

The Scholarship Committee met on Monday, July 11, 2011 to select the recipients for the 2011-2012 academic years. Eleven Scholarships were available and there were three applicants, some with multiple applications. Those attending the selection meeting were JoAnn Christopher, Committee Member, Eleanor Capretto, LGCF Life Membership Chairman and Committee Member, Mary Jacobs, LGCF State President and Dottie Hebert, Scholarship Chairman.



Amanda Jane Beerens, a postgraduate student in Landscape Architecture at LSU Baton Rouge, will receive the \$2,000 Anite Currault Scholarship and the Irene M. Petijean Horticulture Scholarship for \$1,000.



Audrey Marie Cropp, a postgraduate student in Landscape Architecture at LSU Baton Rouge will receive the LGCF, Inc. scholarship for \$2,000, the Neil Christopher/Shady Oaks Garden Club scholarship for \$500 and the Neil Christopher/Louisiana Landscape Design Consultant's book scholarship of \$500.



Mindy Rochelle Posey, a postgraduate in Dairy Foods Technology will receive one of the LGCF Inc scholarships for \$2,000 and the Louisiana Gardening Consultants Council Book Scholarship for \$500.

There were no applicants for the District I Book Scholarship.

There were no applicants for the District II Book Scholarship.

There were no applicants for the District VII Scholarship.

Deeds and Doings

District III

After a very busy 2010-2011 season, **Lafayette Garden Club** members took time to enjoy the summer, despite the high temperatures. However, the group did get in a few interesting, educational activities during their monthly get-togethers. June found the group in Maurice, visiting the home of Doug Trahan (pictured on right), seeing his lovely bromeliads, greenhouse and back yard, and listening to his very informative talk on features and care of bromeliads. Among the many Garden Club members attending many went home with prized bromeliads. This outing was followed by lunch at Soup's Restaurant in Maurice.



Betsy Palmer's ten-year-old lovely garden at 109 Orgeron in Lafayette was the setting for July's gathering (pictured on left). Betsy explained where she obtained her many plants in her different garden areas, and the care of many of her plants. Refreshments were served to Jan Wyatt, Jeanie Richard, Jeanne Latiolais, Mary Toce, Joy Hargrave, JoAnn Pugh, Cecille Revels, Dee Nolan, Bera Smith, Jan Dennen, Babette Werner, Marilyn Duhe, Maggie Chaisson, Mary Elizabeth Watson, Anita Petitjean, Roxanna Champagne, and guest Therese Duet. After purchasing some unique plants, the

Lafayette Garden Club members attending the garden tour, headed out to "La Hacienda" to enjoy tasty Mexican Cuisine.

Pictured on the right are ladies who attended Summer Board, from left to right: Diana Nolan, outgoing Lafayette Garden Club President Margaret Hargroder, Babette Werner, newly elected Lafayette Garden Club President Roxanna Champagne and Jo Ann Pugh.



And for an August 17 outing, Garden Club members visited the Bayou Vermilion District at Vermilionville, with Margot Addison, of Vermilionville, as our tour guide. This field trip helped us understand and appreciate the work of our Bayou Vermilion District to beautify, conserve and manage sites along the bayou ensuring the preservation and enhancement of our natural and cultural resources in Lafayette Parish, as we walked on the new boardwalk through the bog garden with many blooming plants, saw pavement that allows the water to flow through, a rain barrel, rain garden, and the Watershed Exhibit. Education Director, Margot Addison was our tour guide. Then the group enjoyed lunch at Vermilionville's La Cuisine de Maman (Mama's Kitchen).

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Lafayette Garden Club helped provide landscaping expenses for Holy Cross Church's Habitat for Humanity home, for the new homeowners from New Orleans area, who were misplaced after Hurricane Katrina. A volunteer youth group sodded 4 pallets of sod. JoAnn Pugh, our Club liason for Habitat, provided a photo (on left) of this landscaped flower bed.

District VI

District VI garden club members all enjoyed the President's Luncheon at 2011 Summer Board in Baton Rouge, LA at Embassy Suites. The occasion called for everyone to wear their hat. Tables were also adorned with decorated recycled hats. Shown in the picture L- R are Minnie Posey, Dist. VI Home and Garden Club member;



President of Washington Parish Garden Club Council and State Flower Show Schools/Symposium/Credentials Chairman and 2011 Fair Flower Show Chairman; Next, Mary Jacobs, LA State Garden Club Federation President took out time for a picture with Dist. VI ladies; Charlotte Reso, State Judges Council President and Dist. VI Home and Garden Member; Rachel Lanford District VI Judges Council President and Susan McNeese, both members of Mt. Hermon Garden Club. Susan is President of the club. Everyone enjoyed the luncheon and learning from other Garden Club Presidents over the state. The motivation projected from our state president Mary Jacobs was obvious to all present. Marys encouragement made each club present want to give it our all in beautifying and caring for our earth, promoting membership, and seeking more clean city entries. (Photo by Minnie Posey)

The Magnolia Forest Garden Club is ready to kick off the 2011-2012 year with a meeting and luncheon on September 8th. The theme for the coming year will be "In Full Bloom: Sharing gardening talents, skills and knowledge while growing in friendship." We are excited about getting back together and getting to work after the summer break.

Although the club does not meet during the summer months, 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. Several members represented MFGC at the District VI Presidents' Luncheon Meeting in Ponchatoula and the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Summer Board Meeting and Luncheon in Baton Rouge where member Florence Onstad was inducted into the Circle of Roses. The club also held its annual summer social at Chateau Bleu. Members and spouses enjoyed an

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elegant dining experience that started with cocktails and conversation, which was followed by a wonderful dinner and dessert with good company.

Members at the Executive Board Meeting are pictured on the right. Front row: Nancy Fischer, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Georgette Frichter, Janet Fouert, Sandy Solar, & Florence Onstad. Back row: Joann Round, Ricki Durrant, Carroll Knowles, & Betty Rose.

(Submitted by Margo Necaie)



What is the 4th of July? Is it barbecues, family gatherings, fireworks, swimming pools? Or is it this?

July 4th, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. Thirteen colonies were free. The **Genesis Gardenettes** honor the men and women who have made this freedom possible and still do today. The Gardenettes give the Genesis Award to The Ponchatoula Cemetery. The entrance road with the flowing American flags is breathtaking. The headstones of the military that gave their lives so we could be free is overwhelming. Thank you for your service!



Home and Garden Club held its first meeting for the new club year 2011-12. Shown in the picture are (L-R) Polly Carter, who hosted the meeting in her home with Co Hostess, Cathy Sapia. Members enjoyed an array of tasty treats and beverage. A lovely philodendron plant graced the table. Also Janet Baham baked scrumptious Pear Cobbler with ice cream that was served up as special treat dessert. Members had time to visit and mingle about Summer activities before going into business session with new club President, Nellie Jenkins. Members paid dues and received their new 'Vision of Beauty' Calendar and new yearbook. (Photo by Minnie Posey, Reporter Home and Garden)

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One of the goals for Louisiana Garden clubs this year is for clubs to seek new membership in garden clubs across Louisiana and America. All the club members gave special welcome to new members Eathel Seal and Carolyn Bailey of Franklinton. Both members are shown here on the right with Nellie Jenkins in the center. The theme for the club year is "Spreading Joy Thru Gardening".



District VII

District 7 is up and running. Our first get-together was our Club Presidents' Meeting, where we were able to meet and visit, and eat cake! As well as having experienced officers, our district also boasts a number of first-time presidents who are eager to learn and to lead their clubs into a productive year for their communities.

We came out in numbers for Summer Board, which was a highlight in our season of preparations for the coming year. What a great opportunity to network with our friends from other districts!

Though most clubs in D7 don't officially meet during the summer, there's a lot of activity being reported! Our clubs are putting together some impressive plans for the upcoming year. We are joining forces with local governments, other civic groups and businesses to get our voices heard, and our goals achieved. We are utilizing all the resources LGCF, Deep South Region and NGC have to offer to educate ourselves and our communities on all things related to the natural world. We are making it a priority to increase awareness and appreciation of the beauty and wonder of our unique local environment.

Upcoming D7 Events of Special Note:

Jennings Garden Club has partnered with the Zigler Art Museum in hosting The Vietnam Travelling Memorial Wall, which will be on display in their community Oct. 14, 15, 16. Their club was asked to stage the memorial with appropriate plants and a pleasant walkway for visitors. Contact polly@cityofjennings.com or Cynthia@jdbusinessalliance.com for more info.

Crowley Garden Club will sponsor their 3rd Annual Rice Festival Door Decorating Contest in October. Also this fall, CGC will join the Crowley Art Association in hosting "An Evening with the Arts". Original paintings by local artists will be paired with floral interpretations. The evening will culminate with a auction of all artwork. CGC's 3rd Annual Poinsettia and Evergreen Sale will kick off in November with pre-orders taken for delivery the first week of December. More info at ndbhurst@aol.com

We are looking forward to our next get-together on Friday, October 14th, when DeRidder Garden Club will host our D7 Fall Meeting. It's sure to be a fun time, so plan to join us! Contact emilyshirley@hughes.net for more details. District 7 Scholarship Fund Raffle tickets will go on sale by mid- September. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. The prizes are outstanding! Contact Sissy Gall at semgall783@aol.com

Washington Garden Club has reprinted their popular cookbook, "Acadiana Entertains", which are available for \$15 each, to fund their Historic Preservation projects. This club is proud to announce that this fall they will begin participation in Monarch Watch, and will also be sponsoring their Fall Harvest October 2011

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Tour of Historic Homes. For more information on cookbooks, or tickets (\$30) for the Tour of Homes, please contact Lindy Taylor at 337-826-7337 or washingtongardenclub@yahoo.com

The **Iowa Garden Club** began the new gardening year on Aug.27th. The club participated in the Annual Arts Show sponsored by the Calcasieu Parish Library. There was an excellent turn out. Teeter Longtain is sitting in front of the exhibit in the picture on the right.



The **Diggers and Weeders of Lake Charles** are getting into the swing of things by continued work on ongoing projects. Pictured on the left are members, friends, and CARC personnel in back of the garden frame that was installed to create a garden for the CARC residents to grow some of their own veggies!



The **Sulphur Garden Club** had 2 members attend the recent Environmental Studies Courses (I and II) in Lake Charles. The class was informative and very much enjoyed. Jackie

Farrar and Dolla Farmer both are working toward their certification and look forward to the Courses III and IV. In photo (L to R) District V Members, Kathy Tell, Jackie Farrar, Linda Finley (course Co-Chair), the Instructor, Margo Racca (course Co-Chair), Dolla Farmer, and LGCF President Mary Jacobs.

The Sulphur Garden Club co-hosted the August session of the "2nd Saturdays in Sulphur" program with the Brimstone Historical Society. We worked with the Coastal Plains Conservancy to educate the children on Preserving the Louisiana Coastal Plains and what they can do to help. It was a hands-on activity with take home results. The Sulphur Garden Club also provided an informational handout on Louisiana Wildflowers highlighting the "Cone Flower" family.



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The Sulphur Garden Club toured the Shangra La Gardens in Orange, Texas. The gardens have undergone many recent changes as a result of the large number of trees lost in the last major hurricane. We had a lovely time, learning and looking at the new gardens, the egret hatchlings and nests, as well as the new sculpture and structure.

Fall in Louisiana is a good time to:

- Trim back overgrown bush roses
- Plant Sweet Pea Seed and Snapdragon plants for flowers next Spring
- Plant daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs
- Plant beets, onions, leeks, carrots, turnips, or potatoes
- Cheer on your favorite football team
- Get a head start on the Christmas Shopping
- Attend your District's Fall Meeting (and maybe other Districts as well)



Pictures on the left are from the 2011 WAFA Flower Show held in Boston this June. They are the winners of the Sticks Class. First place was won by Patricia Leahey, from Northern Ireland. Second place was won by Margaret McSheehy and third by Anette Badenhorst. More pictures may be found at

www.wafausa.org

Calendar of Events



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LGCF Fall District Meetings:

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

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- Feb. 7 – 8 Flower Show School Course II, Hammond Research Station
- Feb. 28 – 29 Landscape Design School Course 1, Baton Rouge
- March 18-20 Deep South Region Convention, Nashville, Tennessee
- March 23 District VII Flower Show
- April 16 LGCF Pre-Convention Tour
- April 17-18 LGCF Convention, Houma, LA
- May 1 – 2 Gardening Study Series 9 Course 1, Hammond
- May 16-19 National Garden Clubs Convention– Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY
- June 3-9 National Garden Week
- June 19 – 22 Environmental Studies School, Series II Course III & IV Lake Charles
- July 23-24 LGCF Summer Board Meeting, Baton Rouge
- Aug. 7-8 Flower Show School, Course III, Hammond Research Station
- September 23-24 NGC Fall Board Meeting- Little Rock, Arkansas

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- Feb. 26-27 Flower Show School, Course IV, Hammond Research Station.
- May 24-26, National Garden Clubs Convention- Doubletree Hotel, Seattle, WA- (Installation Year)