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The cover photograph was taken by **Coleen Perilloux Landry** from the **Acres of Green Garden Club** in District II. It is an outstanding photo of an American lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*) that was called "Graine a' Voler" by Louisiana Cajuns. Coleen has also written an excellent article on the plant which is featured in this quarter's Horticulture Corner.

Thank you, Coleen for sharing your talents with us!



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

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Message from the President



What a splendid 75th Diamond Jubilee Convention we had in New Orleans. Our congratulations to all of the District I and II members who worked so hard on this special milestone for our organization! We were very fortunate to have our National Garden Club, Inc. President Renee Blaschke as our special guest. We had a fantastic time “second-lining” with our distinctive District Sashes and festive Umbrellas. The dedication of the Native Plant Garden in the New Orleans Botanical Gardens finalized the NGC “Greening the Gulf Coast” Grant Program. The convention will long be remembered as a great success!

The month of May brought a small contingent of LGCF members to the NGC Convention in Atlanta. The convention was superb with many informative and exciting programs and speakers. This LGCF President was very proud of our garden clubs achievements as we received many outstanding awards! Congratulations to all for a splendid job!

We now look forward to summer; family vacations and gatherings, District Presidents Meetings, Summer Board and preparing for our next garden club year. If you have not done so already, send in your registration for Summer Board. We have two workshops scheduled. The first is on Monday, July 19, 2010 at 3:30 pm on Awards. Eleanor Talley, LGCF Awards Advisor, Kathy Bedenbaugh, LGCF 1st Vice President and LGCF Awards Chairman and Lena Bateman, LGCF 2nd Vice President and DSR/NGC Awards chairman will hold an informative workshop and review the Awards changes that were ratified at the LGCF State Convention in April. The second workshop will be on Tuesday morning July 20, 2010 at 9:00 am on Trees. Scott Courtright, is a very knowledgeable Licensed Arborist who I promise will tell you things about trees and their care that you have not heard before. Bring all your tree care questions for Scott to answer. All Club Presidents and in-coming Club Presidents are invited to the Club President’s Meeting on June 19, 2010 at 10:00 am.

Membership is still a focus for the LGCF. To show our pride and hopefully create interest, we have 3 new items in Ways and Means; a small garden flag with “Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.” and our purple iris for your garden, car window decals and bumper stickers that state “Ask me about my garden club”. This president sold 40 of the decals and bumper stickers at the NGC Convention to other state presidents who also think it is a good way to promote interest in our garden clubs.

There seems to be a notion that in order to join a garden club, a personal invitation is required. We are aware that this is not necessarily the case, but I ask you to make it a point to personally ask someone to join your club. Follow up with a card and the date and time of your next meeting. Offer to pick up that person and/or escort them into the meeting. Be their mentor and assist them in learning all about the LGCF.

We currently have 2 schools scheduled in the next few months;

Landscape Design School—August 4 and 5, 2010, Course II in Baton Rouge

Environmental Studies School Sept 14-17, 2010, Courses III and IV in Lake Charles

Gardening Study School is being rescheduled due to low registration. Please check the Website for further details and make plans to attend.

Message from the President

Congratulations to the "Freedom Isn't Free" Project and Chairman Mary Hazen along with Blue Star Memorial Marker Chairman Gail Lonibos as we dedicated a very special Blue Star Memorial Marker at The National World War II Museum in New Orleans. The committee conducted a beautiful and moving ceremony which honored all of our service men and women at such a fitting memorial.

In closing, remember the AARP of garden clubbing; Appreciation, Approval, Respect and Praise.

Love and His Peace,



Keep America Beautiful Awards

Camille Stakes, LGCF State Chairman of Litter/Reclamation/Recycling/Waste Management would like you to know about the Keep America Beautiful (KAB) National Awards Program for 2010.

In an effort to honor the work of all whose commitment to community improvement delivers more beautiful, cleaner and improved neighborhoods and public spaces, Keep America Beautiful is proud to present the online National Awards Program for 2010.

Through this annual awards program, Keep America Beautiful recognizes and rewards the best of the best among its Network of Affiliates, leading corporate partners, and volunteers across the country. Award winners will be recognized at KAB's Conference in Orlando, in December 2010.

More information is available online at

http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=KAB_Award_applications

"The Living Earth" Environmental Studies School

Chairmen Linda Finley and Margo Racca announce Courses III and IV in the Environmental Studies series will be offered in Lake Charles on September 14 – 17, 2010. The topic for Course III is air, while Course IV covers water.

At the end of each course, there will be an open-book multiple choice exam given. After completion of two courses, the student will have attained the status of Environmental Consultant Intern. This qualifies the student to join an Environmental Consultants Council while completing all four courses to achieve the full designation of Nationally Accredited Environmental Consultant.

The National Garden Club's accredited program does not require one to complete the courses in order. For more information you may contact Linda Finley or Margo Racca or consult the LGCF webpage:

<http://www.louisianagardenclubs.org/schools/environmental.htm>

CIRCLE OF ROSES

JOY PALAZOLA

Lake Forest Garden Club (District I)

In 1973 Joy Palazola joined the Lake Forest Garden Club. She went on to serve as their club's President. As a member of the Civic Beautification Association of Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard she became their litter poster contest chairman for many years, eventually becoming the Chairman of that organization. That year she was instrumental in establishing a butterfly garden in the New Orleans City Park's Botanical Garden. On becoming the Chairman of Federated Council of New Orleans Garden Club, she led the council to give a large donation to the Botanical Garden in New Orleans' City Park., as a result we have a free meeting room there and the use of the Pavilion of Two Sisters for our flower shows. She joined another garden club in 1991, Colonial Garden Club, and serve as their President for two terms. Joy also served a term as an officer in Jefferson Council of Garden Clubs and for LGCF as their recording secretary. In her community of Harahan she has served as President of Harahan Beautification Assn. She has been honored by her peers as Woman of the Year for both of her garden clubs and the Federated Council of New Orleans Garden Clubs. Joy is truly a dedicated member and loves everything garden clubs promotes. She says the past 37 years has gone by so fast.



PATRICIA HEANEY OCCHIPINTI

Metairie Ridge Garden Club (District II)

Patricia lived all of her life in New Orleans, went through Katrina and moved to Kenner in 2005. She graduated from Grammar School as Valedictorian and finished in top 3rd of her class from Dominican High School, during that time volunteering at the Hospital.

Patricia earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Technology, was in Honor Society of Medical Technology and Service Sorority at Loyola University. She worked at Tulane Medical School in Pathology for 9 doctors doing tissue research and LSU Medical School with OBGYN Dr. Milton McCall doing cancer research of uterus.

Patricia is married with two children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She was Cub Scout Den Mother, Brownie and Jr. Scout Leader. She was Charter member and President of St. Dominic Kaycee Auxiliary and elected woman of the year and President of Happy Homemakers. She was a Charter Member of Seedling Garden Guild in 1957 until they disbanded.

Patricia loves gardening, especially horticulture and is teased a lot because she is considered "Susie Homemaker".



CIRCLE OF ROSES

BETTY MATHERNE LABAUVE

Plaquemine Garden Club (District VI)

Betty joined the Plaquemine Garden Club in 1974 and has recorded service and leadership for 36 years. She is still very active. Her creative abilities are enjoyed every year by all who attend the club's annual Christmas Tea, as she has designed fabulous centerpieces for the dining room tables for many years.

Betty is now serving her 19th years as the club's Horticulturist. She shows plant specimens and gives planting information at the club's monthly meetings. She also has prepared the annual Horticulture Paper and presented it to the Garden Club members for many years. Her papers have won numerous awards.

Betty served the club as first vice president in 1986-88, and as president from 1988-90. She has also served on various committees and the Executive Board.

She has assisted with the design of various community plantings and most recently designed the planting put in by the club at the Hwy 1 entrance to Plaquemine. She won the "Best in Show" Design in the club's 1995-96 Flower Show and also placed in Trayscape design.

Constantly sharing her talents with club members, Betty presented a program on the use of dried materials, and a program on designing centerpieces. She has been hostess for the Christmas Tea and May Luncheon. Her list of accomplishments is so extensive that they cannot all be listed.



JOYCE BAXLEY HEBERT

Plaquemine Garden Club (District VI)

Joyce joined the Plaquemine Garden Club in 1993 and remains actively involved in the club's activities, working diligently for the club and her community.

She was named the Outstanding Member for the 2005-06 club year and was honored at the District VI Fall Meeting of the LGCF in Baton Rouge. She served as recording secretary, first vice president and president three years and was a member of the Board of Directors in 1997-98, 2004-05 and 2005-06.

Joyce was chairman and schedule maker for the Standard Flower Show in 1995, chaired the show and was named design winner in 1998 and again chaired the show in 2000. Her schedule was selected as a teaching tool for state Flower Show Schools.

In 1994 Joyce chaired the elementary school anti-littering campaign. She was club spokesman at the Rotary Club in 2000; planned the table arrangements for the District VI meeting in Baton Rouge in 2000; and served as a judge for table settings at the President's Fall Meeting in 2001. She researched and authored the publication of the club's 50-year history, "Plaquemine Garden Club: Our Legacy 1955-2005," and served on the committee to plan the anniversary celebration. She also chaired the community survey of organizations project with AARP.

These are some of her most important contributions. Her activities with the club are so extensive they cannot all be listed here.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

ELAINE A WELLS-CORKERN

Montpelier-Pine Garden Club (District VI)

Elaine moved to Baton Rouge in 1954 and worked at Baton Rouge Telco FCU for 33 ½ years as employee and Manager/CEO. She was married to G L Wells, Jr. for 34 years and has 2 sons, Keith and Kevin Wells. G L passed away in 1985 and Elaine remarried Duel Corkern in 1989 and they have a son, Scott. They have 7 Grandchildren and 2 Great-Grandchildren.

Elaine joined Montpelier-Pine Garden Club in 1991. She served two terms as president and served on most of the other offices and committees in the club. She helped get a building built for their club meetings.

“We have a great Club and it is a joy to be a part of it.”



CATHERINE D. FRANK

Country Club Homes Gardeners (District II)

Cathy, a native of Virginia, has been an involved and active member of Country Club Homes Gardeners for 35 years. She has served in several office capacities and on varied committees, as well as being a board member for 35 years. She is currently the Club Librarian.

She has also been involved in many civic and political organizations and is presently participating in “Going Green” awareness programs.

Cathy and Ben have been married for 51 years and have three children and five grandchildren.



WYNELLE FULLER

Country Club Homes Gardeners (District II)

Wynelle is a native of Claiborne parish, and moved to Metairie in 1960. She joined Country Club Homes Gardeners in 1964. She has served as Recording Secretary, as Program Chairman, and has done floral arrangement demonstrations at club meetings. She has represented the Club at several flower shows and has won blue ribbons and the Tricolor Award. In the years before Hurricane Katrina, she repeatedly won the Christmas Doorways competition. She is presently Chairman of Garden Therapy.

With her husband Hoffman, Wynelle has two sons and three grandchildren.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

GLORIA WOODS

Country Club Homes Gardeners (District II)

Gloria is the sole surviving active charter member of Country Club Homes Gardeners; she took part in the creation of the Club in 1958. Gloria is a life-long resident of the New Orleans area, having been educated in New Orleans schools and having met her late husband, Thomas A. Woods, while he was a student at Jesuit High School. She has two children and four grandchildren. Gloria has combined her love of flowers, plants, gardening and painting with a passion for travel, gourmet food, and fine wines. For a number of years she formed and then led the Junior Garden Clubs, Daisy Debs and Daisy Maids. Over the years, Gloria has been awarded blue ribbons in Christmas doorway contests and in flower shows. She has long been active in her church, and serves as Eucharistic minister in her congregation at St. Philip Neri.



PATRICIA HUTCHENS

Country Club Homes Gardeners (District II)

Pat, a former English teacher, married fifty-two years to John, mother of three sons and grandmother of four, has been a member of her club since 1982 filling every office and committee chair over the years and been honored as Woman of the Year four times. She has for the past several years been the Awards Chairman and Representative to Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs in which she is a Life Member.

Pat toured CCHG's 1981 "Christmas Homes Tours" and decided these fifty, friendly ladies knew how to decorate homes using fresh floral designs and she wanted to be a part of their membership. She not only found friendship and learned floral design, care of butterflies and birds, but also embraced a love of horticulture which sent her right into the Louisiana Garden Club Federation's Landscape Design courses. How beautifully fulfilling this entire garden club network enriched her life!

She used new found design expertise to design interpretive floral designs in the yearly New Orleans Museum of Arts "Art in Bloom" winning ribbons, Best in Show and Best in Color. She designs a large floral arrangement for the church auditorium fifty times a year and is often called to design florals for the brides using the church.

She designs for meetings and conferences and gives many horticulture programs with specimens within her club, Council and other garden clubs. She loves being a part of landscaping public places in Jefferson Parish especially in Lafreniere Park, West Esplanade thoroughfare, neighborhood school grounds and also private spaces.

Pat says she's just following in the footsteps of all my gardening friends who love learning, teaching and passing forward knowledge acquired over the years.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

PHYLLIS STACY

Acres of Green Garden Club (District II)

Phyllis is a very active member of her garden club. She was President of her club in 1988 and Vice President in 2008. She designed the cover of their roster for 9 years, was Awards Chairman for 6 years and participated in ways and means. Helped Girl Scouts at St Philips School, involved in Art in Bloom and A of G Garden Club Doorway Contest. Helped design and work on Elmwood Entrance for 12 years and children's guide at City Park for 9 years.

Phyllis enjoys flower arranging. She began "Guest Garden of Month" Award in 2007. She is involved with flowers in Great Hall NOMA, Garden's at Sheriff's Office, St. Philip's Gardens, Scarecrow and Wreath Contest at City Park and Flower Arrangement Programs for her Club. She received the JPCGC Individual Achievement Award in 2003 and has been a club hostess over the past 9 years.



COLEEN PERILLOUX LANDRY

Acres of Green Garden Club (District II)

Coleen joined Bissonet Garden Club in 1962 and served in every office including president. In 1977, wrote legislation naming Lafreniere Park, Linear Park and Bissonet Subdivision Bird Sanctuaries and still maintains them as of today. Following Katrina, she personally hauled sacks of cracked corn to Lafreniere Park and New Orleans City Park for 10 months to feed the starving waterfowl. Bissonet Garden Club disbanded in 1978.

She joined Acres of Green Garden Club in 1978 and served as President in its 30th year and in its 50th year. She served as program chairman, yearbook chairman, bird sanctuary chairman and Arbor Day chairman several times and participates in all programs of the club.

Coleen is a Life member of Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Club. She was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by LGCF in 2004 and "Citizen of the Year" by Louisiana Urban Forestry Council in 2004. She is LGCF's Live Oak Society Chairman since 2001 and published nationally and internationally promoting the live oak tree. She helped build the LOS web site and currently maintain it for the LGCF.

She is the current Historian of the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs and lectures to any club requesting a talk about live oaks and their preservation. She helps keep up the roadside entrance garden to Bissonet Plaza subdivision since 1980, promotes wildlife within the state with a presentation of the breeding season and life of the Great Egret and also does a presentation of the wildflowers of Louisiana.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

BETTY SALLES

Rambling Rose Gardeners (District II)

Betty became a member of the North Wilshire Heights Garden Club when it was organized in 1961 through Katrina in 2005 when it disbanded, a total of continuous membership of 44 years. During this time she always held an office or was on a committee. The club participated in many activities and events.

After Katrina, she became a member of Rambling Rose Garden Club and has been with them for 5 years, making a total of 49 years of garden club membership. "The rewards have been gratifying!"



VIOLET NICK SICARD

New Iberia Garden Club (District III)

Violet Nick Sicard (Mrs. Forester Joseph Sacred) joined the Sunrise Garden Club in 1963. While a member of that club she served as President, twice. As Vice President her duties included preparation of the Yearbook. She served as Chairman of the Horticulture and also the Publicity committees. She participated in Flower Shows, home gardening and the annual Christmas Door Decoration contest of which she won many awards. She remained an actively participating member until Hurricane Katrina caused her to relocate to New Iberia.

She was a member of the Driftwood Garden Club from 1975 until it became inactive.

Joining the Jefferson Parish Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. in 1963 she served on the telephone committee. She is a lifetime member to this day.

Becoming a member in 1963 of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation she is now a lifetime member. She has attended many state conventions over the years and has derived much pleasure from doing so.

As a resident in an assisted living facility in New Iberia, LA she now attends the New Iberia Garden Club annual Christmas Tea by invitation of gracious friends. Ms. Violet is now 96 years young.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

GERTRUDE LABORDE

Marksville Garden Club (District VIII)

Gertrude Laborde has been in the Marksville Garden Club since 1978. Originally from Abbeville she found her way to Marksville after graduating from USL as a home economist. She was first employed at the Avoyelles County Agent office. Soon she caught the eye of a young dentist. She married Dr. Francis Laborde and made Marksville her home. Gertrude went on to teach Nutrition classes in the technical college system until her retirement in the 80's. Many student nurses reaped the benefits of her lessons on social graces and proper etiquette.

Gertrude has worked in many capacities in the Marksville Garden Club, on committees and has held several offices through the years. Currently she is the club's Corresponding Secretary. Her abilities in horticulture are pronounced. She has always taken an active part in the Horticulture Division of the club's flower shows. Gert, as we fondly refer to her, loves gardening and watching

her plants and flowers grow. Her grace and style have attracted many young women to the club – many wanting “to be like Mrs. Gert when I grow up”. Her love for the garden club is expressed best when she welcomes each new member with her experience by stating: “You will love it! It gives you the opportunity to be with the most wonderful ladies with whom you would not have had contact otherwise”. She has been a great role model to many members and a grand dame. Gert is the mother of four, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of three.



JOAN THOMPSON MORSE

Ponchatoula Gardenettes (District VI)

Joan Thompson Morse, a 76 year old, Gardenette, has served for most of her club years as recording secretary, a job that she does with meticulous precision.

Prior to joining the Gardenettes in 1997, Joan helped in several of our Arbor Day planting ceremonies at Perrin Early Learning Center, the school where she worked for many years. A weekly columnist for the Hammond Daily Star newspaper, Joan gave the Gardenettes much good publicity for our projects and meetings.

A devoted church and community volunteer, Joan can be found every Friday at the Collinswood Museum in Ponchatoula where she arranges the exhibits and answers questions for the tourists. She helps tend the museum grounds with Gardenette help.

Joan has been a member of the First Baptist Church Of Ponchatoula since 1947. She is the church clerk and takes the minutes at the church business sessions, sings in the Triple S Choir, active in the Young At Heart program, helps with Vacation Bible School during the summer, has a daughter, a son, and a granddaughter "Sweetie".



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

Landscape Design



Study Program: Course II Series XVII

Sponsors: National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
Council of Louisiana Landscape Design

Contact:

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bgforet@yahoo.com
or
Clara Earl
P.O. Box 45504
Baton Rouge, LA 70895-4504
(225) 924-6429
clarae2003@yahoo.com

Date & Time: **August 4-5th, 2010 9:00am to 3:00pm**
(New date)

Costs: \$55.00 per person
\$5.00 test cost
Lunch is provided for a small fee

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

Registration Form

Mail to: **Betty Foret**
7929 Hwy 31
Opelousas, LA 70570-1620

Please make check Payable to: Landscape Design Study Program

_____ Enclosed is \$55.00 to cover cost of Tuition and Manual.

_____ Enclosed is \$5.00 for Exam fee or Refresher Fee.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Garden Club: _____ District: _____

Deadline for registration is July 19, 2010

"Freedom Isn't Free" Project

The ceremony for the special dedication of the Blue Star Marker at the World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA on June 6, 2010 was a wonderful program. It included presentations, as well as the dedication by the LA Garden Club Federation. Garden Clubs throughout the state came together to donate enough funds in order to buy the plaque for the special dedication. The project was called, "Freedom Isn't Free", and was whole-heartily supported by the Louisiana garden clubs. It is amazing what garden club ladies can accomplish in this state. We salute their efforts in such an outstanding project that brought appreciation from our veterans, our military, our friends and the New Orleans Museum personnel. It was a very moving program for many attending that had lost family in past wars or had family now serving in the U. S. Military. To all the garden clubs of Louisiana, a special thanks for donating funds to help sponsor the "Freedom Isn't Free' Project", which was chaired by Mary Hazen, garden club member of New Orleans. Thanks to Mary for all her hard work and efforts in this great project!

Pictured at the podium is Mary Hazen, Blue Star Marker Chairman. Mary's presentation was dedicated to those who served yesterday, those serving now and those who will serve in the future. Next to Mary is Minnie Posey, District VI Director, shown holding the flag that Mary's grandparents displayed while Mary's father and his two brothers served in WWII.



Article and photo submitted by Minnie Posey.

Natives

Why plant natives? They help conserve water, provide habitat for birds, butterflies and other wildlife, protect the soil and save money on fertilizer and pesticides. Below is a partial list of Louisiana native plants that are recommended.



- Maples: Acer Rubrum (Red), A. Saccharum (Sugar)
- ← Milkweeds: Asclepias Variegata (White), A. Tuberosa (Butterflyweed)
- Hollies: Ilex deciduas (Possumhaw), I. Opaca (American Holly), I. Vomitoria (Yapon)
- Fern: Thelypteris kunthii (Southern Shield)
- Violets: Viola pedata (Bird's foot), V. Affinis, V. Langloisii, Vpalmata, V. Sororia (Purple)

**LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.
2010 SUMMER BOARD MEETING
July 19 - 20, 2010
Embassy Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

“EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN”

MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010

9:00 AM Registration
Sales Room Opens
9:00 - 10:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting
10:00 - 11:00 AM Club Presidents Meeting
10:00 - 10:30 AM Awards Workshop for Committee
Chairmen Judging Awards-Kathy Bedenbaugh,
Lena Bateman, Eleanor Talley
11:00 - 11:30 AM Judges Executive Council Meeting
11:00 - 12:00 PM District Directors Meeting
11:30 - 12:30 PM Judges Council Meeting
12:00 - 12:30 PM Diamond Jubilee Committee
12:30 - 1:30 PM Lunch Break
1:30 - 2:30 PM LGCF Executive Council Meeting
2:30 - 3:30 PM Landscape Design Consultants Meeting
3:30 - 4:30 PM Workshop-Awards (Open to all members)
Eleanor Talley, Kathy Bedenbaugh, Lena Bateman
4:30 - 5:30 PM Gardening Consultants Meeting
7:00 PM..... Judges Council Dinner
(Open to all)

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010

8:00 AM Registration
Sales Room Open
9:00 - 9:45 AM Workshop
Scott Courtright- Licensed Arborist
10:00 - 12:00 NoonLGCF Business Meeting
12:15PM - 2:30 PM Luncheon Honoring Club Presidents
Program: “Invasive Species”- Michael Massimi of Barataria-
Terrebonne National Estuary Program

(Remember to wear your [vintage hats!](#))

2010 Summer Board Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Garden Club: _____ District: _____

Date(s) Attending: July 19 July 20 Both Days

Meals:

- Monday Lunch \$18.00 Judges Council Dinner \$28.00 President's Luncheon \$23.00
 (Boxed Lunch) (Grilled Fish of the Day) (Grilled Chicken Creaser Salad)

Registration Fee:

- 2-Day \$20.00 1-Day \$10.00 Package Plan \$89.00
 (2-Days and three meals)

Please check your credentials:

LGCF: <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman <input type="checkbox"/> Club President <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Husband
Past LGCF: <input type="checkbox"/> President
Deep South: <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member
NGC: <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member

Deadline for Registration is **July 1, 2010**. Add late fee of \$5.00 after July 1st. Please fill out a registration form for each person attending.

Send check payable to **LGCF SUMMER BOARD MEETING** designating which event attending and mail to:
 Jeanette Gatzman, 4912 Angleton Court, Baton Rouge, LA 70817-1212
 Phone 225-751-9648.

For further information contact Laura Broussard, Summer Board Chairman, 10556 Mollylea Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815-5024, phone 225-272-1380. Notify Laura Broussard regarding dietary problems by July 1, 2010.

Hotel Registration Information

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

Group Name: Louisiana Garden Club

Group Date: July 19-20, 2010

Check-in time is 3pm. Check-out time is 12 noon.

In order to get this discounted rate, you **must** make reservations before **July 1, 2010**. Reservations received after this date will be taken on space availability and subject to regular rates. A credit card or first night's deposit is required to guarantee all suite reservations.

Room Rates are available BEFORE July 1, 2010.	
Single (1 person)	\$ 90.00
Double (2 persons)	\$ 90.00
Triple (3 persons)	\$100.00
Quad (4 persons)	\$110.00

Design Corner

This month we highlight the wonderful designs that were on display at the LGCF's State Convention held in New Orleans this past April. The designs are presented in no particular order.



Design by

Mary Jane Peters

Southwest Judges Council

Honoring President Donna Bicci



Design by

Betty Stipelcovich

Green Thumb Garden Club

New Orleans Judges Council

District I



Design By

Diane Bordelon

Eighth District Judges Council

Design Corner



Design by
Minnie Posey
Sixth District Judges Council



Design by
Patsy Eames

Fifth District Judges Council
Honoring Mary Sue Colvin



BOSOM BUDDY BOTTLE BAG PROJECT

In 2010, garden club members in the Deep South Region embarked on a project for those facing the challenge of recovering from breast cancer surgery – the DSR Bosom Buddy Bottle Bag.

As an extension of National Garden Club's Plant It Pink project honoring breast cancer patients, the DSR Bosom Buddy Bottle Bag project is a course of action that was developed to reach and aid individuals – women and men - immediately following breast surgery.

As part of breast surgery protocol, drainage tubes are inserted and attached to two drainage bottles. These remain in place for the first week(s) following surgery. No provision is made for managing these bottles at the hospital, for the trip home or for recovery time at home. Imagine having to hold a bottle in each hand and attempting to complete the simplest task – from brushing your teeth, dressing for the day or eating a meal!

The Bosom Buddy Bottle Bag was designed by a breast cancer surgery patient as a practical and creative solution to the handling of the drainage bottles 24/7. Garden club members in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, have joined together to sew the bags and deliver them to surgery centers in local communities for distribution to breast cancer surgery patients. It is suggested that a contact person – preferably a nurse on the surgical floor – be engaged to assist with the distribution of the bags.

Instructions for making the bags may be found at <http://www.louisianagardenclubs.org/projects/bussombuddybag.pdf>

Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. See <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

LOUISIANA'S GRAINE A VOLER

By Coleen Perilloux Landry

Long before settlers from Europe came to Louisiana the native American Indians were familiar with the plant named by Louisiana Cajuns as the "Graine a' Voler", or seeds that fly.

The true name is the American lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*) and it grows in the bayous and freshwater lakes of southern Louisiana. The blooming season is generally in July, August and early September. The leaves, which can hold rainwater for days, are as big as an umbrella and shaped like a bowl. It is a great source of fresh water for waterfowl. The flowers are larger than dinner plates when fully opened. The tight buds are great perches for small birds. The buds open with the morning sunlight and close at dusk. There is nothing more beautiful than to arrive in the water at the break of dawn and watch the flowers open as the sun appears over the horizon.



Coleen Perilloux Landry on the bayou where the cover photograph was taken.

The part of the plant that caused the Cajuns to give it the name is the seed pod, which has the resemblance to a shower head. The seeds are a favorite among hunters and fishermen and can be eaten right out on the water with the taste being that of a bland grape. When dry, the seeds in the pod can propel as much as 20 feet. Waterfowl devour the seeds, fresh and dried, and during the months of bloom the waterways are filled with the birds waiting for the delicacy. Small birds such as bitterns and marsh hens feed all day and herons and egrets seem to feed in early morning.

The American Indians, and later, the Cajuns, used the plant for medicine and food. The seeds and roots were used for tea and to make a poultice to soothe inflammation. As food, the roots can be ground into flour, the spring leaves can be cooked, and the tubers can be baked. The young seeds can be eaten raw or roasted and boiled. The ripe winter seeds can be ground into meal. Extracted from the plant is an edible oil and the seeds can be cooked in this oil as a kind of popcorn.

Though the Graine a' voler blooms beautifully in the marshes, the flower, once cut withers almost immediately and cannot be used as decoration.

The plant can be grown in a huge plastic or clay pot and sunk into a home pond or large sugar kettle and it will behave much the same way as it does in the marsh, though it will not spread as profusely.

The leaf and stem of the Graine a' voler is a luscious blue green and drops of dew or rain appear on it as diamonds, attracting small birds to drink. The leaf is thick and can support birds of substantial size, such as the tri-colored heron.

The flower, shaped similar to *Magnolia grandiflora*, is a very pale yellow, sometimes more cream than yellow, and the center is a rich buttery yellow. The pod does not turn green until all of the petals of the flower fall off.

In the middle of September the leaves and flowers begin to wane and all that is left are the seedpods sticking in the air. However, in the short time of the bloom there is nothing more beautiful than a water field of Graine a' voler.

And, the bird, small animals and people who eat and drink from it can attest to its importance in the world of plants.

References: Word of mouth from grandmother and mother.

Personal experience by going out in flat boat to water fields.

Deeds and Doings

District III

Cecille Revels received the Sweepstakes Award for her floral designs at **Lafayette Garden Club's** Flower Show at Festival des Fleurs, on Saturday, May 8, 2010, at Blackham Coliseum in Lafayette. The show titled "Islands of the World" featured many excellent floral designs and horticulture entries. First place winners of Division II (Design), titled "Vacation Destination" were Margaret Hargroder, Edna Wheeler, Julie Haack, Betty Foret, Lorraine Newberry, Lois Manual, Linda Bourg and Cecille Revels. Edna Wheeler won the Award of Design Excellence and Tricolor, while Betty Foret won the Designers Choice Award. Cecille Revels' "Galapagos Island" design is shown on the right.



The Division I Awards (Horticulture), titled "British Colonies" Sweepstakes Award was won by Glenda Balliviero. Ms. Balliviero's entries included Clematis x jackmanii "Lady Jackmanii," Begonia "Purple Curl," Rosa "Belinda," Caespinia gilliesii "Yellow Bird of Paradise," Acer palmatum "Japanese Maple," and Old Garden Roses. Awards of Merit in the horticulture division were also won by Loraine Newberry for Brunfelsia pauciflora "Yesterday-Today-And-Tomorrow" and Edna Wheeler for Salvia guaranitica Anise-scented Sage. Blue Ribbon Winners under horticulture are Glenda Balliviero, Loraine Newberry, Bera Smith, Betty Foret, Joy Hargrave, Aline Arceneaux, Inez Barras, Julie Haack, JoAnn Pugh, Madelyn Hoyt, Edna Wheeler, Hazel Prevost and Lois Manual.

Division III Awards of Appreciation for Special Exhibits went to Sarah Schoeffler and Henrietta Boriskie. Ms. Schoeffler's Boy Scouts' exhibit was "Trees to Grace and Preserve Our Landscape," and Ms. Boriskie's Girl Scouts' exhibit was "Promoting Green Through Partnerships."



Lafayette Garden Club's Spring Luncheon was held at the beautiful home and gardens of Gloria Guilbeaux, in Lafayette. Betty Wiggs gave a lovely Memorial for our deceased Club Member, Grace Eyster, known for her talks about birds at each Club meeting and as a recent member of Circle of Roses. The photo on the left shows the Memorial to our beloved Grace Eyster.

Pictured on the right are Julie Haack and Sybil Allis. Julie Haack won The Woman of the Year Award, and Honorary Member of the Year Award winner is Sybil Allis. A White Elephant Auction was conducted by Betty Tujague.



Deeds and Doings



Daisy Girl Scouts partnered with **Lafayette Garden Club** in planting a Butterfly Garden in Vermilionville and landscaping the entrance sign at Vermilionville, on Saturday, April 24. This represents our Club's contribution to providing education and resource opportunities, a goal of the National Garden Club. Volunteering Lafayette Garden Club members were Jan Wyatt, Kathy Van Ness, Sarah Schoeffler, Claire Moody, Stacy Lee, Margaret Hargroder, Julie Haack and Henrietta Boriskie. The photo shows Daisy Scouts holding flower plants, Gardener Margo Addison of Vermilionville, Shadon Hannie, Program Specialist for Girl Scouts Pines to the Gulf, and Lafayette Garden Club members, who planted a Butterfly Garden and flower bed at the entrance sign, at Vermilionville.

District V

Louisiana Garden Club Federation President Donna Bucci and State Cleanest City Chairman Jean Gilstrap will present Ferriday, La with the cleanest city award for Category E on June 10, 2010. The town was sponsored by **Ferriday Garden Club**. This is the second year that Ferriday has entered. The Garden Club received support from the City, local civic clubs and merchants.



District VI

PLAQUEMINE GARDEN CLUB ... Donna Bucci, president of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, was a special guest at the Plaquemine Garden Club's annual Christmas Tea and Flower Show. She is pictured on the left with Jeanne Panepinto, Garden Club president, at the event.



Dana Truxillo, President of the **Home and Garden Club**, presents a lovely daffodil arrangement from her own garden to Ruth Knight of Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Franklinton. The daffodils are a remembrance and reminder to Ruth of her membership and friendship over the years in Home and Garden. The club's special project called "Golden" Moments is designed to recognize former garden club members and let them know they are missed. Home and Garden Club also planted daffodil bulbs around the flag pole in Franklinton, Riverview Apartments, Washington Parish Museum and both nursing homes; Heritage Manor and Good Samaritan where over two hundred bulbs were planted at each home as gardening therapy with the residents assisted by club members. In District VI, covering eight parishes, over 7,775 daffodil bulbs were planted. The project will continue through next year.

Deeds and Doings

In April, **Home and Garden Club** members along with **Mt. Hermon Garden Club** members attended a very educational program on Butterfly Gardening at Rimes Nursery in Progress, Mississippi, given by special guest, Carol Funchess of Mc Comb, Mississippi. Along with a slide presentation on butterflies, several books, photo albums, butterfly cocoons, and butterflies hatching in a gallon jar were on display. Nursery owner, Aubrey Rimes made butterfly friendly plants available for purchase such as milkweed plant, dill, types of mint, and the butterfly blooming shrubs. Pictured L-R is Home and Garden Club members, Marguertie Lipani, and Minnie Posey, District VI Director; Joyce Proffitt, President of Mt. Hermon Garden Club; guest speaker, Carol Funchess; Rachel Lanford, District VI Judges Council President; and Susan McNeese, member of Mt. Hermon Garden Club and employee of Rimes Nursery.



District VI

The May meeting of the **Hammond Garden Club** was held at the LSU Ag Center. Meeting included the installation of officers for the coming year and a tour of the gardens given by Dr. Regina Bracey, Director of the Ag Center. Shown in the picture from left to right are Eldie Stafford, Chaplain; Peggy Dunn, Parliamentarian; Phyllis di Benedetto, Treasurer; Glenda Bice Recording Secretary; Linda Broussard, Historian & 2nd Vice President; Pat Joseph, President-Elect & 1st Vice President, and Gail Diebold, President.



District VII

Members of local garden clubs in District VII have held their last monthly membership meetings before the summer break, but continue to work on community projects such as Garden of the Month recognition programs, improving gardens and landscaping in the community, and summer reading programs for kids at the local libraries.

The District VII Club Presidents Meeting, with 28 attendees, was held in Rayne on June 3rd and was hosted by the Rayne Garden Club. Joyce Coreil, President of Magnolia Garden Club in Ville Platte and Glenda Mitchell, Chairman of the Fall Meeting on October 19th gave an overview of the meeting and announced that the theme will be "Festivals of Ville Platte". The speaker will be from Chico State Park and the Arboretum, with a visual presentation of the new and expanded facilities. District VII will hold its annual fundraiser, a raffle of fantastic items donated by each club in the district and having a value of \$50-\$100 each. Tickets are on sale now at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. See any District VII Garden Club member for raffle tickets. Winners will be drawn at the Fall Meeting.

Deeds and Doings

Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach is shown presenting a proclamation declaring the week of June 6 - 12, 2010 as National Garden Week to (left) **Lake Charles Garden Club** president, Nan Himel and (right) **Diggers and Weeders Garden Club** of Lake Charles president, Kathy Tell. The two garden clubs celebrate the week by setting up educational table displays at the Central Library, tending established flower beds and donating books to the library. Additionally Lake Charles Garden Club presents some city officials with potted plants and Diggers and Weeders Garden Club holds their annual "Share a little Flower Power" project where the club devotes time to 'tidy up' the flower beds of a selected member who is currently unable to maintain her yard.



District VIII

Marksville Garden Club received the Outstanding Organization in Marksville Award at the Annual Marksville Chamber of Commerce Banquet in April. The club was cited for its service, availability, eagerness to help and participation in all the events surrounding the year-long celebration of the city's 200th birthday - Le Bicentenaire de la ville de Marksville.

The ladies of the club were active with many of the scheduled celebratory activities that stretched out through the year. Their presence was seen preparing the graveyard with luminaries and other props for the St. Joseph's Cemetery tour, decorating the hall for the 200th year court presentation, judging the recreation of the street car and shoe box parades around



the courthouse, encouraging business to enter the Broken Wagon Wheel (symbolic of the founding of Marksville) decoration contest and judging the entries, promoting horticulture ideas while manning the old Trading Post, conducting a plant sale at the historic Hypolite Bordelon House on Pioneer Day, dressing "Gardinella" complete with period dress, seed packets and gardening tools for the Scarecrow Contest, hosting a Standard Flower Show - "Our Old Town" - open to the public and dedicated to the ladies of the past, preparing Edwards Park and the Margaret Michel Memorial Trail sites for celebration activities, promoting National Garden Week with information and plant donations at the Marksville Farmers' Market and culminating the activities in period dress with flowers, flowers, flowers, and they rode down Main Street with wagons, bikes, and carts celebrating the days of yore. The ladies had fun and used each opportunity to promote the objectives and projects of the club. Pictured are members Vickie Dupuy, Stephni McNeal, Libby Dupuy, Kate Moreau, Janet Gros, Gertrude Laborde and Marina Gagic. Not pictured but also present for the celebration were Marian Braud, Carol Campbell and Susie Moncla.

Calendar of Events



2010

July 19-20 LGCF Summer Board Meeting, Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge

August 4-5 Landscape Design School Course II – Baton Rouge

September 14-17 Environmental Study School – Lake Charles

September 23-26 NGC Fall Meeting, Great Falls, Montana

Louisiana Garden Club Federation- Fall Meetings

October 12, 2010- District VI

October 13, 2010- District I & II

October 14, 2010- District III

October 19, 2010- District VII

October 20, 2010- District VIII

October 21, 2010- District IV

October 22, 2010- District V

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

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

January 15 Publicity Press Books due

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)

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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)
