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The cover photo was submitted by **Minnie Posey**, District VI Director. She took the photo at **Rita Wood's** garden in Pine , LA. Rita has many lovely yellow and white Calla Lilies blooming in her garden as well as many kinds of day lilies. Rita is a member of Dist. VI Home and Garden Club. Thank you, Minnie for sharing your photo with us, and you Rita for growing such beautiful flowers.



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



Contrary to popular belief, the winter landscape affords a special beauty all its own. I marvel at the artistry and grace of the leafless branches of the trees. Winter provides a time to observe some of nature's creativity that occurred during the past year. High up in the bough of the trees are countless bird nests long ago left vacant by our feathered friends. I have observed one particular tree in my backyard. As the tree has grown, so have the number of nests as well as my enjoyment through-out the year!

I, along with the LGCF Officers, have enjoyed traveling around the state for the Fall District meetings. We were able to greet old friends and meet new members! The programs were diverse, interesting and the warmth shown to us was very heartwarming. Thank you for welcoming us into your districts! Congratulations on jobs well-done! Congratulations are also in order to Kathy Bedenbaugh, LGCF 1st Vice President on her appointment to serve on the Louisiana State Parks and Recreation Commission.

The National Fall Meeting in St. Louis was enlightening! President Elect, Mary Jacobs and I learned of many avenues that the NGC is taking to move us forward. Join the NGC on Facebook and Twitter and inform these networks of programs, activities, and news about your clubs. I am happy to report that, there are no restrictions on the time element between Gardening Study, Landscape Design and our newest School- Environmental Studies. We are planning on having Environmental Studies School on February 23- 25, 2010 with Courses I and II held back to back in Lake Charles. Our Landscape Design School Course II, Series XVII has been rescheduled for June 16-17, 2010 at the Baton Rouge Garden Center. Please check on our website for further information. The Gardening Study School Course II held November 3 - 4, 2009 in Hammond was a great success. As soon as Course III is announced, the information will be added to our website as well.

Make your reservations as soon as possible for our 75th Diamond Anniversary Convention in New Orleans to be held April 13-15, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel on world-famous Canal St. The Convention Committee has promised us that we will "Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler"! Our National Garden Club President, Renee Blaschke, will be in attendance and will be the guest of honor along with Mary Sue Colvin, Deep South Regional Director at High Tea at Windsor Court. Renee will also address our members at our Gala on Thursday Night, April 15th. You WILL want to be there!

Also make plans to attend the Deep South Region Convention "Living and Growing on the Mississippi" to be held in Natchez, Mississippi on March 7-9, 2010. It will be held during the "Spring Pilgrimage" which is such a lovely celebration! Don't miss the Plant Sale at the Convention. Sherri Labbe is the LGCF Chairman. Why not share some of your plants- you might even find a rare "gem" to add to your collection! It is not too late to donate some of your "cast-off" jewelry to a good cause- the Habitat for Humanity "Great Jewelry Exchange". Send your jewelry to your District Director and she will deliver them to our Habitat for Humanity Chairman, Sandra Blanco. All of the proceeds from the sale will be returned to our state. Our LGCF website has information with a link to the Deep South Website. We hope to see many LGCF members there!

The Live Oak Society, with Coleen Landry at the helm is celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year! Let's register a record number of our majestic Live Oaks! Please continue planting trees for our state-wide "Tree Planting Project"! Take pictures and submit them to Jean Gilstrap or Joe Baucum. Involve youth groups and scouts- they are our future!

"Winter is the season people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat!"

Love,



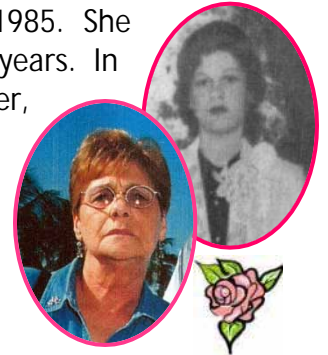
CIRCLE OF ROSES

RENDA THERIOT

Terrebonne Garden Club (District III)

Renda is a native of Houma, Louisiana. She joined the Terrebonne Garden Club in 1985. She served as Secretary from 1997-2001. She has been Scrapbook Chairman for several years. In February, 2004 she did a Floral Design presentation at a club meeting and in December, 2005, won first place in the Christmas Gift Design contest. She has participated in numerous other club activities and is still an active member with the Club. She enjoys growing flowers and shares her knowledge with other gardeners. Her favorite flower is the Iris and loves pink.

Renda and her husband E.J., now deceased, have seven children, twenty grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.



BETTY NAQUIN

Terrebonne Garden Club (District III)

Betty Naquin is a native of Houma and has been a member of the Terrebonne Garden Club for twenty-five years. She served as President from 2001-2003. While Club President she hosted the District III Fall Meeting. She has been a Committee Co-Chairman for the Civic Pride Award and Horticulture Award for four years. She has co-chaired Ways and Means helping with the annual Plant Auction. She was a hostess for the Club's annual Backyard Garden Tour. She is still an active member of the Club and is presently a member of the Telephone Committee. Betty has won the Garden of the Month Award several times and still grows her own vegetable garden and flower garden.

Betty is also active in the KC Auxiliary with her Church where she was President for six years and is currently a member of the Choir. Betty and her husband have been married 53 years. They have three children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren—with two more on the way.



EVELYN DE LA BRETONNE

Terrebonne Garden Club (District III)

Evelyn is a native of Houma, LA. She joined the Terrebonne Garden Club in 1995 and served as President 1997-2001. She has been the Club's auctioneer for the annual plant sale for several years. As an involved member of the Club, she has participated in many Club activities such as decorating for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, co-chairing the Civic Pride Award and Horticulture Award Committee for four years, working to host the annual Cornicopia meeting and entering the Flower Show taking third place. She was a hostess for the Club's annual Backyard Garden Tour. Evelyn's "green thumb" helped her win "Garden of the Month" two times.

She is a past volunteer of LaTerre Master Gardeners and a past member of Le Champs du Cane Garden Club. She remains an active member in the Terrebonne Garden Club and the Terrebonne Bird Club.



CIRCLE OF ROSES

JO JANE KERN

Franklinton Home and Garden Club (District VI)

Jo Jane Kern has been a dedicated active member of District VI Home and Garden Club for many, many years. She is married to Ralph Kern and Attends United Methodist Church in Franklinton, LA. She has served in most every office of leadership for the club. She is especially talented in keeping the club's money up to date and has served as Treasurer many times. She continues to promote LGCF and NGC objectives in the community and parish by her involvement in our garden club activities, the Washington Parish Fair, her Homemaker Club and also a ten-year volunteer for Farm Safety Day for Kids. She has always been a friend to the entire club's membership and extends a hand of friendship and love to its members giving encouragement to everyone she comes in contact with. We all are so proud to claim her as our "Garden Club Sister".



We thank Jo Jane for always being available for all our projects for so many years. Dependability is what makes an outstanding member and she fits the bill. She is truly an asset to our club and we appreciate her so much for her dedication. It is our honor and privilege to have her in our club and to have her as a friend. She truly is our special 'Rose' and just keeps on blooming!



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

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

Pruning Roses

In Louisiana, roses generally are pruned twice a year – the last week in January (south LA) to mid-February (north LA) and again in late August to early September. The classic pruning technique for hybrid teas and grandifloras encourages the production of high-quality flowers with long stems for cutting. This involves rather hard pruning, back to 18 to 24 inches in the late winter and 24 to 30 inches in the late summer. The current recommendations are more relaxed, however, and involve less severe pruning. Floribundas, polyanthas shrub roses, miniatures and old garden roses require only moderate pruning to shape them and remove dead wood.

Some rose cultivars (ramblers, some climbers and some old garden roses) bloom prolifically in the spring and early summer and then stop. These roses bloom on growth they made the summer before and generally are not as popular as repeat-blooming roses that bloom all summer. They should be pruned, as needed, in early to midsummer soon after they finish their bloom season. Do not prune them now, or you will reduce or eliminate flowering this spring. ([LSU AgCenter](#))

Diamond Jubilee Finale!



Make plans now to attend the 2010 Louisiana Garden Club Federation Convention, "75 YEARS OF BRILLIANCE" which will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, April 13 - 15, 2010.

A highlight of the Convention is "High Tea" at Windsor Court on Wednesday honoring National President, Renee Blaschke and ends with a spectacular Diamond Jubilee Gala on Thursday night. The Doubletree is conveniently located to many New Orleans attractions and restaurants and Harrah's Casino is right next door. (See the agenda on the next page.)

LGCF Scholarships

Through an outstanding scholarship program, LGCF furthers education in the fields of horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, botany, plant biology, plant pathology, forestry, agronomics, environmental soil/water science, city planning, land management, crop science, and/or allied subjects.

There are a total of 10 scholarships that will be available for the 2010-2011 year. Please pass the information on to students you know who may qualify. Application deadline is July 1, 2010.

- 3 for \$2,000
- 3 for \$1,000
- 3 for \$500
- 1 for \$250

To qualify, a student must be a Louisiana resident, at Junior level or above at a Louisiana State supported school, majoring in a field related to horticulture or landscaping, with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above.

Details and application forms may be found at <http://www.louisianagardenclubs.org/projects/scholarship.html> or contact the LGCF Scholarship Chairman, Dottie Hebert at dottiesh@cox.net or 8720 Hermitage Pl., River Ridge, LA 70123 or phone 504-737-3344.

Go Green...Recycle in 2010

What better way to start the New Year than by helping to clean up our environment by recycling? Camille Stokes, LGCF State Chairman for Litter/Reclamation/Recycling/Waste Management, reminds us of five things we can do to start recycling and spread the habit:

1. Find out what materials can and cannot be recycled in your Community.
2. Lead by example in your neighborhood by recycling and telling your neighbors about recycling.
3. Recycle batteries, cell phones and other electronic waste.
4. Email, call, or write your elected officials to ask them to increase funding for your Community's recycling programs.
5. Tell five friends that recycling is the easiest thing they can do to help our environment.

2010 LGCF CONVENTION AGENDA

Monday, April 12, 2010

9:00 - 5:00 Pre-Convention Tour
(Dedication of Native Plant Garden in Botanical Garden, City Park)

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

10:30 - 4:00 Registration Open
(Registration closed during meals & Special Events)

9:00 - 9:30 Headquarters Committee Meeting

9:30 - 10:00 Finance Committee Meeting

10:00 - 11:00 District Directors Meeting

11:00 - 12:00 LGCF Executive Council Meeting

Lunch on your own

2:00 - 2:30 Judges' Executive Council Meeting

2:00 - 2:30 Diamond Jubilee Committee Meeting

2:30 - 3:30 Judges' Council Meeting

3:30 - 4:30 Gardening Consultants Council Meeting

4:30 - 5:30 Landscape Design Consultants Meeting

7:00 - 9:00 Welcome, New Orleans Style Party

(Wear your District Sashes - Let's Second Line!)

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

7:30 - 4:00 Registration Open

9:00 - 4:00 Sales Room Open

(Registration & Sales Room closed during meals & Special Events)

8:00 - 9:45 "A Diamond in the Rough" Breakfast

(Speaker, Paul Soniat, Director of Botanical Garden, City Park)

10:00 - 12:00 Formal Opening of Convention

First Business Meeting

12:15 - 2:30 "Thinking Emerald Green" Gardening Consultants Council Luncheon

(Speaker, Garret Graves, Governor's Chairman of Coastal Restoration & Protection Authority)

2:30 - 3:30 Club President's Meeting

4:00 High Tea at Windsor Court

(Honoring National Garden Club, Inc. President, Renee Blaschke, Deep South Region Director, Mary Sue Colvin, and Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. President, Donna Bucci)

Dinner on Your Own

Thursday, April 15, 2010

7:30 - 4:00 Registration Open

9:00 - 4:00 Sales Room Open

(Registration & Sales Room closed during meals & Special Events)

8:00 - 9:45 "Polishing the Topaz" Landscape Design Consultants Breakfast

(Non-Competitive Awards)

10:00 - 12:00 (Memorial Service) Second Business Meeting

12:15 - 2:30 "Pearls of Wonder" Judges' Council Luncheon

(Honoring Club Presidents & Life Members) (Competitive Awards)

3:00 - 4:00 Break-out Sessions

(Environmental Studies - Linda Finley; IRS non-profit filing - Jane Stacy; Community Gardens - Jean Fahr)

6:00 - 7:00 Happy Hour (Cash Bar)

7:00 75th Diamond Jubilee GALA Banquet

(Speaker: Renee Blaschke, NGC, Inc. President)

Menus

Please advise of any dietary restrictions when registering.

Tuesday

Cash wine bar & cheese party

Wednesday Breakfast

Southern Classic - scrambled eggs with Fresh Chives, Creamy Southern grits, Smoked bacon & biscuits with butter and preserves, coffee or tea and freshly squeezed orange juice.

Wednesday Lunch

Seafood gumbo, Chicken Caesar Salad (bed of romaine lettuce with sliced grilled Chicken topped with fresh Parmesan cheese and croutons), Chef's Selection of Dessert, ice tea, and coffee.

Thursday Breakfast

Eggs Benedict (poached egg and Canadian bacon on toasted English muffin with special sauce), freshly brewed coffee or tea and freshly squeezed orange juice.

Thursday Lunch

House salad, Rosemary Pork Loin Medallions (Pork Loin Medallions crusted with Rosemary & Herbs Roasted with Root Vegetables and finished with a savory pan gravy), French pistolettes & butter, dessert, iced tea and coffee.

Thursday Banquet

Spinach salad, Chicken LeStat (delicately sauteed breast of chicken topped with Bearnaise Sauce, Lump crabmeat and asparagus), bread & butter, dessert, iced tea and coffee. Wine with dinner supplied by Diamond Jubilee Committee.

HOTEL REGISTRATION

Make hotel reservations with Doubletree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (ask for Louisiana Garden Club Federation Convention rate). **Phone: 504-581-1300**. Room rates are \$139 + applicable fees of 13% totaling \$157. To insure rooms at this price, we highly advise booking early.

Deadline is Saturday, March 13, 2010. Again, we highly recommend making your reservations **as soon as possible**.

Valet Parking at Hotel - \$35.84/night - In & Out

Self parking - \$17.92/night - at Canal Place - **No** In & Out

Convention Co-Chairmen: Mary Ellen Miller, 504-738-3980, memiller306@yahoo.com
Dolores Masson, 504-835-5033, dpaulina@bellsouth.net
Eleanore Capretto, 504-835-4003, ecapretto@cox.net

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 (Boxed Lunch) Judges Council Dinner \$28.00 (Grilled Fish of the Day) President's Luncheon \$23.00 (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

Please fill out the information below and return to Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge, 4914 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, or you may call 1-504-924-6566 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**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Name of person(s) sharing accommodations: _____

Please check suite type:

- Single (1 person) \$ 90.00
- Double (2 persons) \$ 90.00
- Smoking
- Non-Smoking

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

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

Check or Money Order Enclosed American Express Visa Master Card Diner's Club

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ Phone Number _____

GARDEN STUDY WAS HELD AT LSU RESEARCH STATION IN HAMMOND

The second course of the four part series of Gardening Study was held on November 3rd and 4th at the LSU Research Station in Hammond. Speakers included Dan Gill, a Horticultural Specialist from LSU; Dr. Regina Bracey, Resident coordinator of the Hammond Research Station; Dr. Allen Owings, Professor of LSU and Dr. Yan Chen, Asst. Professor of LSU.



Pictured above (L/R) are Linda Brashier, Charlene Cuculu, Harriette Charles, Gail Lonibos, Sherri Labbe, Pam Langley, Dr. Regina Bracy, Dana Truxillo, Gayle Rester, Sara LeBlanc, Cathie Sapia, Michael Fauntleroy, Dan Gill, and Carrie Martin of Covington who served as Chairman. All the ladies received credit for attending the study.

The NGC Gardening Study Course consists of a series of four courses, held about six months apart, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, followed by a general examination on the morning of the third day. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, pruning and selected topics of local interest. The courses do not have to be taken in sequence.

Although the courses are intended primarily for garden club members, they are open to the general public, requiring only the payment of a nominal fee. Garden club members completing the series of four courses are awarded the designation of Gardening Consultant. Attendees from the general public may attain Consultant status by joining a garden club during the course series or shortly after completion of all four courses.

LGCF'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY PUBLICATION

LGCF's 75th Anniversary Publication needs your information to help us remember and document the wonderful history, memories, "near and dear" to your heart!

Our State President, and those of us who traveled with her to National Garden Clubs, Inc. Headquarters during the month of October, noticed in one of the gardens titled "Stewards of Tommorrow", there were plaques with names of garden club members recognized by their garden club friends. The honored members from LGCF were Mrs. J.L. Yawn, Mrs. John J. Cucurullo, Mrs. Homer Harris, Mrs. Stanley Holiday, and Mrs. Fred Mauntel. This is a memorable part of our HISTORY!

Please mail all information and photos (copies only) to: Mary Jacobs
29 Chateau Mouton Dr.
Kenner, LA 70065

Deadline Date is: January 10, 2010.

LGCF Environmental Studies School

Linda Finley and Margo Racca received their diplomas from Linda Whetsell, Chairman of Texas Environmental Studies School, in Tyler, Texas, on August 12, 2009.



Linda and Margo are the first Environmental Consultants in Louisiana. "The Living Earth" Environmental Studies School curriculum was created by National Garden Clubs, Inc. to bring together garden club members from across the country who are



seeking to become better stewards of our natural environment. It provides an in-depth understanding of the elements necessary for our survival and the challenges facing their sustainability including environmental science, water conservation, air pollution, land conservation, and endangered species by explaining their value.

The first LGCF Environmental Studies School, will be offered on February 23 - 25, 2010 with Courses I and II held back to back in Lake Charles. Course I is entitled "The Living Earth" and Course II is "Land and Related Issues". More details will be posted on the web site as they become available:

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

Live Oak Society Celebrating 75 Years

The Society was founded in 1934 by Dr. Edwin Lewis Stephens, the first president of Southwestern Louisiana Institute (now the University of Louisiana in Lafayette). The Society promotes the culture, distribution, preservation and appreciation of the live oak tree, scientifically known as *Quercus virginiana*.

The Live Oak Society began with 45 members chosen by Dr. Stephens and now boasts 6168 members in 14 states and is under the auspices of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. The first president was "The Locke Breaux Oak" in Taft, Louisiana, who lost its life in 1968 due to air and ground water pollution.



Its successor and current president (shown on the left) is the "Seven Sisters Oak", formerly known as "Doby's Seven Sisters". The owner who first named the tree was Carole Hendry Doby, who was one of seven sisters. "Seven Sisters Oak" is located in the Lewisburg area of Mandeville, Louisiana on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain. Estimated by foresters to be 1200 years old, this tree has a girth of over 38 feet.

To register a live oak it must be at least 8 ft in girth. Forms may be found at:

http://www.louisianagardenclubs.org/live_oak_society/application.htm

Deeds and Doings

District III

Lafayette Garden Club got off to a good start at its September meeting, under the theme "Promoting Green through Partnerships." Pictured on the grounds at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, are new Club officers and Board members Marilyn Duhe, Douglas Dempsey, Julie Haack, Roxanna Champagne, Jo Ann Pugh, Linda Bourg, Aline Arceneaux, Diana Nolan, Gloria Guilbeaux and President Margaret Hargroder. Executive Board members not pictured are Inez Barran and Mary Toce. Russell Bourg of the Environmental Quality for Lafayette Consolidated Government gave a very informative talk on Recycling in Homes and Gardens.



Plans are underway by Chairperson Sybil Allis and her Tres Jolie Committee, for the fundraiser, *Step into Spring!*, which will feature floral and interior design guest speakers, and a style show by Birdie's Boutique. The event is set for Saturday, February 27, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the Bayou Café & Bayou Beanery at East Bayou Baptist Church, at 2234 Kaliste Saloom Road. For reservations or more information, call JoAnn Pugh at (337) 233-6004 or (337) 247-5526.

Mary's Garden Co-Chair Dee Nolan announced that the oak tree in Mary's Garden at the main Lafayette public library, has been given registered status as member number 6140, named "Le livre-chene dans le Jardin de Marie" (the book oak in Mary's Garden). Club member Glenda Balliviero recently won national recognition by winning 3rd place among 600 entries for the Garden Crusader educational award for her work in the Children's Garden of the Master Gardeners garden, as well as a monetary award. Mary Elizabeth Watson Going Green/Recycling for a Cause Chair reports that Club members donated approximately 250 old pill bottles to Lafayette Clinic on Jefferson Street. Ms. Watson continues to collect these bottles.



Many Lafayette Garden Club members attended Louisiana Garden Club Federation's District III Fall Meeting on Wednesday, October 28, by the Franklin Garden Club at the Forest Restaurant in Franklin. The photo on the left shows the club at the Fall meeting.

District IV

The Fall luncheon was held at East Ridge Country Club this year. The theme "Diamonds are Forever" was carried out in the centerpieces and in the favors. Bobbie Hutchins spoke on Hypertufa which was a new topic to most everyone. Her husband, Stan, spoke on Concrete Yard Art which he makes. Everyone enjoyed the program. The Hutchins own Plantation Nursery in Mooringsport, which is devoted to Louisiana Iris development.

Rivercities participated in the parade at the Veterans' Home in Bossier City for their second year.

Clubs are busy with holiday plans. All will have luncheons and have varied ways to help the community. Many are donating food and gifts for needy families. Others are donating money to community organizations for their projects.

In January our thoughts turn to the Spring Flower Show which will be in April. The theme will be "A Trip to Granny's House" and will be hosted by the **Hosston Club**.

Deeds and Doings (cont.)

District VI

Ponchatoula Gardenettes decorate a Christmas Tree at the North Oaks Rehab Center in Hammond. The Gardenettes have been decorating a tree for the North Oaks Health System for many years along with other local garden clubs.

Gardenettes on left of tree : Diane Dufour, President, Janice Hickey, Vice President, members Patti Mullins and Joan Morse

Gardenettes on right side of tree: Rear - members Kathy Bedenbaugh, Cricket Ayala, Margaret Sue Bailey and Front - Sandra Haro.



Franklinton Home and Garden Club members

donated goodies for "A Special Care Package" Project for local military, Jason Posey, son of Minnie and Aubrey Posey; and David Mulkey, grandson of Mary and Bennie Parsley. The recipients should receive their packages by Christmas. It is a small way to show our appreciation!



The "Golden Moments" Special Project took place at the front flower bed of the Riverview Apartment complex. Club members planted yellow daffodils to remember our garden club ladies of years past and our senior citizens who have served the community for many years. Everyone is anxious to see the daffodils bloom in the spring with their brilliant colors reminding us of these special ones. Planting the bulbs in the photo on the left is Dana Truxillo, club president; Rita Wood, Janet Baham, and Kathy Andre'. Also on hand was Gayle Rester, Minnie Posey, and Opal Breland. The job took some effort but the project is one that will certainly bring happiness to our golden ladies in the spring!

District VII

The Fall District VII Annual Meeting was hosted by the **Iowa Garden Club** on October 27, 2009 at the Iowa Community Center with 96 in attendance. Under the leadership of Club President, Teeter Longtain and Meeting Chairman, Earline Williams, the club members used recycled products for table service, containers for goody bags, and artistic table decorations. Jim Tule presented a program on

"Genetically Enhanced Trees for Louisiana". A National Garden Club Life Membership was presented to former District VII Director, Kathy Tell in appreciation of her service to District VII. Kathy is the current President of the Diggers and Weeders Garden Club of Lake Charles. A Circle of Roses Certificate and pin was presented to Antonia Hoffpaur of the Rayne Garden Club by Circle of Roses Chairman, Jennifer Granger. An invitation to the 2010 District VII Fall Meeting was issued by Joyce Coreil, President of the Magnolia Garden Club of Ville Platte.

Elizabeth "Sissy" Gall, President of the **Crowley Garden Club** was elected at the District VII Fall Meeting 2009 to serve as District Director Elect and will work closely with Lindy Taylor, current District VII Director, until her term as Director begins in April 2011. Sissy and her family live on a farm north of Crowley. She is the mother of three children and enjoys gardening and sewing.

"Tea Tyme on the Steamboat", a fundraiser for Historic Preservation, was hosted by the members of the **Washington Garden Club** on Sunday, October 18th. The sold out high tea event for 220 was held at the historic Wolff Banquet & Reception Hall in Washington. Beautiful tables set with fine china, glassware and silver from the private collections of the garden club members set the stage for the three tea courses. Musical entertainment was provided during the service. 100% of the proceeds from the event was dedicated to the historic preservation and restoration of the St. John's Episcopal Church, circa 1874, which serves as the headquarters home for the club.

Deeds and Doings (cont.)

Lindy Taylor, District VII Director, was the featured speaker at the November meeting of the **Oakdale Garden Club**, held at the home of Diane Bacon, Oakdale Garden Club Vice President. Lindy shared her tips for "What Makes a Garden Club Successful", calling on her experiences with her own Washington Garden Club. The picture on the right shows Lindy with the Oakdale Garden Club.



Betty Foret, member and Past President of the **Opelousas Garden Club**, demonstrated "Table Decorations for Thanksgiving" at the club's November meeting at their Garden Center. Betty is a Master Flower Show Judge and a winner of the Maude Viskell Design Award. She will present "Creative Designs with Emphasis on Mechanics" to the Lake Charles Garden Club on January 12th.

Dr. Carlos Smith, county agent for Avoyelles Parish and commercial nursery specialist for LSU AgCenter will present a program entitled "Spring Color" at the January 28th meeting of the **DeRidder Garden Club**.

Members of the **Crowley Garden Club** participated in a Small Standard Flower Show in December in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce After Hours Christmas Social. "A Christmas Carol" was held at Crowley City Hall. Designs included: Traditional, Reflective, Still life and Wreaths.

The **Rayne Garden Club** members have been focusing their attention on design. Helen Garrett presented "Christmas on the Mind" in December. On January 7th, Betty Foret of the Opelousas Garden Club presents "Construction of Design" and on February 4th, the design program is presented by Georgie Pettijean of the Crowley Garden Club.

The **Iowa Garden Club** hosts Jeff McMillan, owner of Almost Eden Nursery and gardening consultant, with a program entitled "Stepping Out of Our Old Plant Ways" at the Jan. 12th meeting at the Iowa Community Center.



The **Diggers and Weeders Garden Club** of Lake Charles has welcomed two new members, Heather Dieterich and Judy Courville. The Blue Star Memorial Marker was landscaped and planted with Knock-out Roses on Veterans Day. Jennifer Granger, Kathy Tell, Pam Langley and Renee' Hebert picked up litter on a 1 mile stretch of road during Adopt-A-Spot weekend in October. The club traveled to Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center in Orange, TX on Tuesday Oct 13, 2009. Members shown at the gardens are Pam Langley, Jennifer Granger, Kathy Tell, Nicole Newsome, Cherie Couvillion and Barbara Dartz. Not pictured is guest Amanda Granger. On January 11th they will host Helen Page, LSU AgCtr 4H Agent

who will present a program on rain barrels.

District VIII

A wreath was placed at the Blue Star Memorial Site on Tunica Drive in Marksville on Veteran's Day by the **Marksville Garden Club**. Words of appreciation to our veterans and those currently serving were given by Dr. Paula Childress and a lovely poem in honor of Veterans' Day was read by Sherill Laborde. Mums and other horticulture were planted and the beds were groomed by the members. Participating in the tribute to those who have served and are now serving in defense of the U.S. were (Left to Right): George Alice Dupuy, Libby Dupuy, Janet Gros, Marian Braud, Dr. Paula Childress, Beth Dupuy, Sherill Laborde, Kate Moreau, and Laura Dauzat.



Freedom Isn't Free

Mary P. Hazen , on behalf of District II would like to extend a heartfelt *Thank You* to the LGFC Clubs who gave so generously to help make possible the LGCF Blue Star marker for the WWII Museum in New Orleans, LA. Below shows a close up view of the marker.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS!

Design Corner

Featured this quarter is a design by our very own Minnie Posey, District VI Director. Her interpretive design of Elvis's song, "Pocketful of Rainbows" won a first place ribbon, Designer's Choice Rosette Ribbon and Best Design in the Overall Show.



Lafayette Garden Club
Presents Our Fifth Annual

"Tres Jolie"

Featuring

Joel Theriot, Floral Designer
Todd Zimmerman, Interior Decorator
Birdie's Boutique

Saturday, February 27, 2010

**East Bayou Baptist Church
2234 Kallistic Saloom Rd.**

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM Reservations: 337-247-5526

**Mail checks to:
Lafayette Garden Club
P.O. Box 51366**

Lafayette, LA 70505

**\$40.00 Light breakfast & Lunch included
2 Wonderful presenters + a Style Show
Seating Limited to 120**

Horticulture corner

Just a reminder that January 15 is Arbor Day in Louisiana. It might be good to remember that the following list of trees grow well in Louisiana and are also hurricane resistant.

- Bald Cypress | Live Oak
- Sabal Palm | Windmill Palm
- Mexican Fan Palm | Black Gum
- Cow Oak | Iron Wood
- Shumard Oak | Winged Elm

Landscape Design School

Landscape Design School Course II, Series XVII will be held June 16 – 17, 2010 at the Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd. For more info see

http://www.louisianagardenclubs.org/schools/landscape_design.html

LGCF SUMMER BOARD 2010 NEWSLETTER PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

Article X – Committees

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

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

Thus, Section 4 (b) would then read:

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

Page 102 NEWSLETTER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rationale: Eliminate this paragraph for reasons stated above.

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

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

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

Calendar of Events



2010

- January 25-26 Winter Council, Lecompte, LA
- February 23-24 Environmental Studies School, Course I & II, LSU Ag Center, Lake Charles, LA
- March 8-9 Deep South Region Convention, The Grand Hotel, Natchez, MS
- April 13-15 LGCF Annual Convention, Doubletree, New Orleans
- May 14-16 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention – Omni Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia
- June 6 Dedication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker, WWII Museum, New Orleans
Everyone is invited!
- June 6-12 National Garden Week
- June 16-17 Landscape Design School Course II, Series XVII, Baton Rouge Garden Center
- July 19-20 LGCF Summer Board Meeting, Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge
- 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- Districts 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)

2011

- January Louisiana Garden Club Federation- Winter Board Meeting, Lecompte, LA
- 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
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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)
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