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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

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Nancy Bartlett of Blue Stem Farms

At the July meeting, our featured speaker was Nancy Bartlett of Blue Stem Farms from Folsom, part of Bartlett Farms. Nancy is a member of the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers. She and her son, John, are regulars at the Saturday Covington Farmer's Market and the Crescent City Farmer's Market in New Orleans. Nancy sells cut flowers from Blue Stem Farms and John, "The Garden" part of Bartlett Farms, sells organic vegetables and fresh eggs. John was recently featured in *Gambit* magazine.

John does the manual part of the flower growing, preparing the soil and making rows. Nancy grows her flowers from seed in a greenhouse then moves them outside. She uses grid support netting that is raised as the plants grow taller. She also uses hoop houses to extend the growing season. The grid netting and the diffused light from the hoop house allows for tall straight stems necessary for cut flowers. Nancy talked about the timing of cutting flowers for the longest lasting cut flowers which varies for each type of flower. For example, zinnias are cut before pollen forms. For more information on Nancy's cut flowers and John's fresh garden vegetables, visit www.bluestemfarms.com or visit them at the Covington Farmer's Market on Saturdays from 9 am - 1 pm.

Photos courtesy of bluestemfarms.com.

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www.lsuagcenter.com

President's Message

No good deed goes unpunished. I am presently stranded in Bentonville with my car in the “hospital” undergoing treatment after towing a trailer through mountainous Arkansas with temperatures in the 100’s bringing my daughter a refrigerator, washer and dryer and various other items for her new house. After a fun filled week of painting, cleaning and moving furniture, I realized my car wouldn’t shift into fourth gear and the dealership didn’t have the part in stock. I hope to return to rainy Mandeville on Saturday. I can’t wait to wade into my garden!



Thank you to everyone who filled out the membership survey last month. We got over 50 responses we are in the process of organizing the information for you. We also heard from all of our vendors and that information will also be shared with you in an e-mail along with the results of the membership survey. At the August membership meeting we will be discussing whether or not we want to change the days of our Plant Show to Friday/Saturday and we will have a ballot vote.

I know I am getting excited about our La Provence trip after the membership meeting on August 17. Our meeting will start at the regular time, 10:00 AM, and we will jump right into the business at hand so we can leave for La Provence by at least 11:15 AM. John Besh will give us a tour of his garden and chat with us before we enjoy a delicious lunch. Bon Appétit!

September is shaping up to be a busy month for the St. Tammany Master Gardeners and this will also be a great time to get some volunteer hours if you need them. The Fall seminar will be “Tree-mendous” on Wednesday September 14. Dan Gill will be one of our featured speakers and he will be talking about the benefits of trees. There will be table clinics to be manned and other opportunities to volunteer. Nancie Munn is chairing this activity and would love to hear from you. The Fall Herb Fest will delight the public on Tuesday September 27. The committee is just starting to plan this event so if you are interested in helping out, please contact the chairman, Camille Schwandt.

Stay cool and stay dry! We’ll be out in the garden soon!

Julie Deus
jdcalla@aol.com

Fungus Among Us

By

Rusty Batty

Our lawns have taken a tremulous “stomping” this year. In January through February we had below freezing days in addition to snow, followed by consistent cool weather from March to mid-May. Then sooner than you can say “Hotter than Hades,” we had a stretch of 90° and drought.

Now that the continued hot August nights and high humidity are here we can expect several fungi problems in the lawns. Begin looking for these common lawn diseases.

- Take-all Root Rot – this is currently the most common disease in our lawns this summer. The disease resembles brown patch. The patches for take-all are more irregular in shape than those of brown patch. Because it is a root disease, it actually kills the turf, whereas brown patch only kills the leaves. A key symptom of take-all root rot is the ease of lifting the damaged material from the soil. Reduce the stress, proper irrigation, proper cutting heights, and avoiding high nitrogen fertilizer can minimize the disease.
- Brown Patch - common in most grasses but especially in Bermuda, Centipede and St. Augustine. The symptoms appear in a wide circular pattern usually brownish to gray. High Nitrogen, deep thatch and watering in late afternoon are problems that can cause this fungus to increase. Brown patch will occasionally show up this time of year, but is more likely to become a problem in the fall beginning in late September as the temperatures cool down. Best time for brown patch is when daytime temperatures are less than 85° and nights are above 50°.
- Gray Leaf Spot – mostly found on St. Augustine. Common with long period of hot, humid weather. Lesions of gray leaf spot are more tan to gray and margins are more purplish-brown. From a distance the affected areas may have the dirty yellow appearance. Often times found in shaded damp areas of the lawn.

Our lawns are struggling and these are some things we can do to help. Cutting height, cutting frequency, thatch layer and soil compaction are simple corrections to limit fungus among us. For more information on lawn diseases see: http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/departments/Plant_Pathology_Crop_Physiology/Plant_Disease_Clinic/Fact_Sheets/Turf/

Brown Patch in St. Augustine



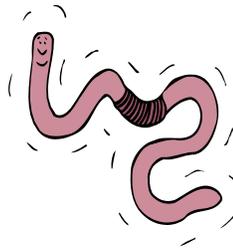
Gray Leaf Spot



Take-all Root Rot



Hi Everyone, Mother Nature finally realized she had forgotten her gardeners. Her tears of regret however were too many and too late. My garden is finished for summer. Old Yeller and Mr. Green Jeans have retired to the barn for a maintenance session. I perform an awkward ballet as I tiptoe down the driveway trying to avoid the numerous worms who have evacuated their homes due to flash floods. The rabbits are working overtime to keep up with the growing Bahia grass seed heads. The armadillo has aerated the yard from one end to the other. The raccoons have been eating under the patio umbrella. The chickens have created a muck pit on one end of their pen. I keep expecting a swamp monster to emerge as I enter the pen. As I mourn the loss of the spring crops July is coming to a close. It is time to compile all the data and enter into the records the unusual growing season. It is also time to plant seeds for harvesting for the October parish fair. Four o'clock and zephyranthes (rain lilies) are putting on a spectacular show in the humidity laden last days of July. I will have to stay out of the veggie garden until further notice as I think I am developing the annual summer allergy to perspiration. I was not made for glistening. It is time to make jelly from the frozen bounty of spring. I hear my new Mehu Lissa steam juicer calling from the pantry. Uncharted territory here I come, Ball Jars and lids ready for action. Not in the garden, AJ



AGAPANTHUS

Most lilies are enjoyable for a few days, while the agapanthus or Lily of the Nile gives us pleasure for nearly the whole month of June. The cooling shades of blue, purple or white give our gardens a fresh look when the heat is on!

My agapanthus stay with me all year. I pick the stalks and let them dry naturally in a crock or tall container. The soft brown texture adds interest in any room. When they are dry, I pick off the seed pods and flower debris, and they are ready for a new experience.



The dry stalks can be used naturally in fall arrangements, spray painted shiny red for a Christmas look or even gilded silver and gold for New Year's Eve!

This spring my Lily of the Nile crop was perfect in a door wreath. A quick spray of Rustoleum satin "Sweet Pea" pink put the finishing touch on my summer wreath.

Take the plunge and make your Lily of the Nile a constant companion!

PLUMERIA

It was summer 2006, and we had just said grace over a meal with our pre-Katrina neighbors. The phone rang; friends from Algiers were bringing us some plants. I suggested that I'd pick them up next time I was in New Orleans, but that didn't work. The plants were in the car, and they were on their way!



When they arrived, they were embarrassed to barge in on a Sunday dinner party, but we convinced them to sit down and enjoy the meal. Fortunately, we had more than enough.

The two plants were plumerias---more than 5 feet tall! I knew that this was the Hawaiian lei flower, but that was the extent of it. They told us to put the plants inside during the winter months. We kept them alive for a few years with poor results.

Then one day, I saw the Plumeria booth at the St. Tammany Master Gardener Plant sale. The vendor said to put them in FULL SUN (of course, they had been in the shade) and feed them plumeria food. I have to tell you, these plants just bloomed like crazy by following her advice.

Now they are a pleasure and a show-stopper too!

So if you have plumerias at your house, give them as much sun as possible along with a time-release fertilizer that promotes blooms. It will make all the difference.

Submitted by Donna Moran



St. Tammany Parish Master Gardener Association
Membership Meeting
July 20, 2011

A meeting of the St. Tammany Parish Master Gardener Association was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the National Guard Armory.

Julie Deus called the meeting to order. A quorum was present with 61 members attending. Julie led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and Rusty Batty led the group in prayer.

Judy Wood introduced Art Scott who presented the Hot Topic, "Sanitation and Bugs". Don LeFevre followed with "Frugal Hints" for the garden.

Nancy Bartlett of Bartlett Farms, member of the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers, spoke to the members on "Flower Growing for Cutting". Nancy sells flowers at the Covington Farmers Market and Crescent City Farmers Market in New Orleans.

(10 minute break following the speaker program)

Rusty Batty reported that the new Master Gardener class starts August 16th with 30 people (there were 69 applicants). Rusty also gave an update on the budget cuts.

Julie asked for approval of the June minutes.

A Motion was offered by Nancy Berulis to approve the June, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Julie thanked the members who responded to the survey and stated that at the next meeting, there would be discussion and voting on a possible change in the Plant Sale dates. Pam Twardzik will continue accepting surveys for an extended time.

Judy Wood reported that there are 70 members registered for the John Besh program on August 17 and that on August 1st, any openings would be made available for "guests" at a cost of \$45 per person on a first come, first serve basis. In addition, Judy updated the speaker programs for the remainder of the year.

Judy announced that a change would be implemented at the September meeting – in addition to the Sharing Table, there will be a garden-related "Problem Table" which will be coordinated by AJ Bailey.

Judy stated that the STPMG's will have a page on the LSU website and information will be given on how to access the site. It will be possible to do multiple postings about MG activities and there will be shortcuts to the newsletter, etc.

Jay Rose presented the Treasurer's Report for July 1, 2011, net worth of \$23,276.71 (copy attached to the minutes).

A Motion was offered by Sandy Arnoult to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Pam Keating reported that Susie Koepp will assume the role of Membership Committee Chairperson effective immediately.

Nancie Munn, Fall Seminar Chairperson reported that "A Tree-mendous Seminar" would be held on September 14, 9 AM – 12:30 PM at the Bayou Lacombe Wildlife Center, \$15 per person, 150 seats available. More information will be given at the next meeting.

A Motion was offered by Linda Deslatte to approve Master Gardener's support of the Fall Seminar. Motion carried.

Betty Rose announced that the Fall Herb Fest would be chaired by Camille Schwandt and the first planning meeting would be on July 29th at 2:30 PM at the Passionate Platter in Slidell.

A Motion was offered by Judy Wood to approve Master Gardener's support of the Fall Herb Fest. Motion carried.

Betty reminded everyone that the next Herb Talk would be on August 10th at the Slidell Library – Pattie McGinnis will speak on basil and on October 5th, Cecelia Drennan will talk about mint. Tastings follow the presentations. Additional information will be in the Garden-goer.

Christy Paulsell gave an update on the partnership with the St. Tammany Parish School System and Northshore Community Foundation (Jinx Vidrine). The Summer Institute professional development program will be on July 27 at the Jefferson East Center. Dr. Kiki Fontenot will participate and Christy asked for Master Gardener participation, input, support in this endeavor.

Donna Howland reported on the Food Bank project and stated there would be a meeting on Friday, July 22 at 10:00 AM at the Ag Center. Planning will begin for a fall group and Donna invited those interested in participating to attend.

Door prizes were awarded to #1, Pete Pericone and #41, Dennis Koepp.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Chere Currault, Secretary

June Meeting Recap



Art Scott had the Hot Topic of the month. He talked about diseases and bugs that are currently in the garden. Practice good sanitation techniques in your garden to reduce future pests and diseases. Don Lefevre gave the garden hint of the month...use color coded bottles to differentiate garden chemicals. Nancy Bartlett, a commercial cut flower grower, gave us some insight on the how-to's of growing cut flowers, including her use of grid netting and a hoop house. Nancy Berulis, Barbara Moore and Pattie McGinnis, assisted Donna Dicharry with wildflower identification. Dennis Koepp and Pete Pericone won the door prizes.

New Membership Chairman

Congratulations to Susie Koepp for agreeing to chair the Membership Committee, a post previously held by Pam Keating. Pam has done an outstanding job as membership chair and felt it was time to pass the baton.

Susie, a graduate of the Master Gardener Class of 2010, has been a very active member in the short time she has been an MG. She was a big part of the spring seminar and has stepped up to assist Pam while Pam was on medical leave.

Susie is married to Dennis, who is a 2009 Master Gardener. Susie has been a resident of St. Tammany since 1973. She was a sales representative and a volunteer costume maker for children's theater. Since retiring she spends her summer in the garden growing her own veggies to put away for the winter months for soups and stews. In the winter, her time is divided by her first love, greenhouse gardening and oil painting and quilting for her grandchildren.

We've all seen her name on all of the forwarded emails, and now everyone will know what she looks like. When you see her, please give her a pat on the back and a big "thank you" for accepting this chair!



SUSIE KOEPP



The Slidell Library Herb Committee News



Herb Gathering meetings - all are Wednesdays on the following dates from 1-3 PM at the Slidell Library meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Aug.10	Pattie McGinnis	Basil
Oct. 5	Cecelia Drennan	Mint (<i>change your calendars, new date!</i>)
Nov. 9	Donna Dicharry	Parsley

The Fall Herb Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 from 4-7. Setup starts at 1pm and take down is over by 8pm. Camille Schwandt has volunteered to chair the Festival. Plans are underway for another great Herb Festival. There will be speakers, herb tastings, a craft project and a children's activity. Be sure to come by to learn more about herbs or contact Camille Schwandt if you would like to volunteer.

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Camille Schwandt and Betty Rose

Contact Betty Rose at bettyrose@charter.net for more information.

St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners 2011 Programs

Month	Speaker	Topic	Garden Hint	Garden Problem	Sharing Table	ED Hours
January 19 Covington	Jerry Ballanco	Vegetable Gardening: Delicious Fun	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
February 16 Slidell	Bob Stroud	Camellias and Tour of Camellia Gardens	No	No	No	1 talk 1 tour
March 16 Covington	Georgeann Chaffee	Assessing the Mature Landscape	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
March 24 Mobile, AL	Tour	Festival of Flowers				6
April 20 Covington	No Speaker	Plant Swap	No	No	No	0
May 18 Covington	Art Scott Edible Flowers	Scholarship Award	No	No	No	1
June 15 Covington	No Speaker	Vegetable Festival	No	No	Yes	1
July 20 Covington	Nancy Bartlett	Cut Flower Gardening	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 talk
August 17 Covington/ Big Branch	John Besh	La Provence	No	No	No	
September 21 Covington	John Cassidy	Urban Storm Drainage	Yes	Yes	Yes	
October 19 Covington	Dr. Allen Owings	Outstanding Plants from the Trial Gardens at Hammond & Tour Bartlett Farms	Yes	Yes	Yes	
November 16 Covington	Patrick O'Connor	Louisiana Iris	Yes	Yes	Yes	
December 14 ? Location	No Speaker	Christmas Party	No	No	No	0

For any questions concerning MG Programs, contact Judy Wood.
jazzwood@charter.net



August 17 Meeting – La Provence Garden Tour and Lunch

On Wednesday, August 17, our speaker will be John Besh, nationally recognized chef and owner of many restaurants in and around New Orleans. We will tour the garden at La Provence and then hear remarks by Chef Besh. Following his presentation we will have lunch at La Provence. (Menu below)

We will gather at the Armory at 10 AM on August 17 for our regular business meeting. Following the meeting we will drive to La Provence for an 11:45 tour of the garden with John Besh's presentation and lunch to follow.

At this time there are ten spaces available for guests of STPMG members. Registration checks made payable to STPMG in the amount of \$45 for your guest may be sent to JUDY WOOD, 60589 Cypress Drive, Lacombe, LA 70445. Indicate the name of your guest on the check. You will receive an email confirmation after August 8 that the check sent through the mail has arrived and that your guest is on the list.

St . Tammany Master Gardeners Menu
Wednesday, August 17, 2011
La Provence

salad of mixed local greens from our farm, Mangalitsa ham, candied pistachios, fresh goats cheese, and roasted beets

slow cooked neck of Mangalitsa pork
local chanterelle mushrooms, heirloom tomatoes, and house made pasta

local blueberry tart with buttermilk ice cream

ice tea and coffee service



**St. Tammany Parish Library Presents
Frugal Gardening Advice
With
Louisiana Master Gardener, Donald Lefevre**

The St. Tammany Parish Library presents a seminar called “Frugal Gardening Advice” with Louisiana master gardener, Donald Lefevre. The east and west sides of the parish will benefit from a variety of nifty and thrifty gardening tips, offered at the Slidell and Covington libraries.

Originally, from Green Bay WI, Mr. Lefevre is retired and lives in St. Tammany Parish close to family members. He became a master gardener in 2008. His gardening tips and tricks, which he learned, borrowed and created during his many years of gardening, will save gardeners money and time. Mr. Lefevre will provide handouts during the presentation.

The seminar will be offered in Slidell on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. and in Covington on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

The seminar is free and open to the public, and registration is recommended. Seating space is limited to adults. Please stop by the branch library offering the program, call the Slidell library at 985-646-6470 or the Covington library at 985-893-6280 to register.

Visit our website www.sttammany.lib.la.us for more information on library sponsored adult programs or comment on St. Tammany Parish Library Adult Programs on Facebook at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=108821689152851#!/pages/St-Tammany-Parish-Library-Adult-Programs/104018319640402>.



Don LeFevre

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Susie Koepf is taking over as chairman of the Membership committee so that Pam Keating can enjoy other fun projects that the Master Gardeners are involved with. Pam has done a tremendous job of managing all aspects of membership but particularly in sending out all of the important e-mails that keep our organization humming along. Thank you for all of your hard work these last few years Pam. You are leaving big shoes to fill but if anyone can handle this job, Susie can!

Susie would like to remind everyone some basic guidelines about her role in sending out these mass e-mails. If you have a comment or question about an e-mail that is sent out to the entire membership, please don't reply back to Susie. She only forwards on the messages sent to her. Instead, reply to the person who authored the e-mail.

By the same token, when you write an e-mail to the whole membership, please be sure to sign your name and put your e-mail so that anyone with a question can contact you directly.

If you are writing an article for the Gardengoer, please send these directly to Debora Litzenberger at dklitz@charter.net.

If you are not receiving any of the mass e-mails that Susie sends out, please contact her immediately at cskoepf@yahoo.com. She will do a little detective work and figure out why you're not receiving the e-mails.

Submitted by: Julie Deus

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT OTIS HOUSE EVENTS

Hello MGs,

The Otis House renovation is nearing completion and the house will be open for the Pickets-N-Posts Home Tour 1pm-4pm, a part of the Madisonville Bicentennial Celebration on Saturday, Sept 24. Three or Four Master Gardener volunteers are needed to provide tours of the butterfly garden before/after visitors tour the house.



Also, in cooperation with the LSU AgCenter Youth Wetlands Program and other non-profits volunteers, Fairview State Park will host Louisiana Wetlands Exploration Day for students on Tuesday, October 24. Students will learn about the importance of Louisiana's wetlands at various stations from 9am-1:30pm. A few Master Gardeners are needed to conduct presentations on wetland plants and help students plant irises.

For more information or to help, contact Ann Durel at 985-626-1656 home, 985-845-3318 park entrance, 985-792-4652 Otis House, or email adurel@bellsouth.net



Submitted by: Ann Durel

Photo courtesy of : <http://www.crt.state.la.us/parks/ifairview.aspx>

Office Volunteers Needed

Rusty's right-hand woman in the Ag Center Office, Mary Beth, is so excited to have the opportunity to become a Master Gardener in this year's class. We'll need some volunteers to replace her during class times on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 - 12:00. The class runs from Aug. 16th through Nov. 3rd.

Please call or email Penelope Gilles (penelope_law@yahoo.com, 985 845 0216) if you are able to help out.

August:

Tues. Aug. 16	8:00-12	_____
Thurs. Aug. 18	8:00-12	Lonnie Holbrook
Tues. Aug. 23	8:00-12	_____
Thurs. Aug. 25	8:00-12	Lonnie Holbrook
Tues. Aug. 30	8:00-12	_____

September:

Thurs. Sept. 1	8:00-12	Lonnie Holbrook
Tues. Sept. 6	8:00-12	_____
Thurs. Sept. 8	8:00-12	Lonnie Holbrook
Tues. Sept. 13	8:00-12	_____
Thurs. Sept. 15	8:00-12	Lonnie Holbrook
Tues. Sept. 20	8:00-12	_____
Thurs. Sept. 22	8:30-12	Lonnie Holbrook
Tues. Sept. 27	8:00-12	_____
Thurs. Sept. 29	8:00-12	Lonnie Holbrook

October:

Tues. Oct. 4	8:00-12	_____
Thurs. Oct. 6	8:00-12	Lonnie Holbrook
Tues. Oct. 11	8:00-12	_____
Thurs. Oct. 13	8:00-12	Lonnie Holbrook
Tues. Oct. 18	8:00-12	_____
Thurs. Oct. 20	8:00-12	Lonnie Holbrook
Tues. Oct. 25	8:00-12	_____
Thurs. Oct. 27	8:00-12	Lonnie Holbrook

November:

Tues. Nov. 1	8:00-12	_____
Thurs. Nov. 3	8:00-12	Lonnie Holbrook



Remember, this is a great way to earn volunteer hours and blessings on Lonnie Holbrook's head for volunteering for all of the Thursday slots!

Thanks,
Penelope Gilles, MG 2009

WHAT'S GROWING?



A master gardener moved this winter and I inherited this large clay pot full of soil. I left it alone and then in mid-spring a shoot started sprouting from the pot. The stem is variegated green and yellow with a fleshy consistency similar to the snake plant. It is now about 4 ft tall and has a baby plant that came up and another sprout appearing. I called the plant's previous owner and she doesn't know what it is either but knows it loves shade. Since it survived the winter freeze in a pot I am tempted to plant it in the ground but would like to learn more about it first. Can anyone identify this plant?

Betty Rose bettyrose@charter.net

**MYSTERY
SOLVED**

Scientific name: *Amorphophallus konjac* (sold as *Amorphophallus rivieri*)

Common names: Devils tongue, Snake plant, Voodoo lily, Dragon plant, etc.

A native of Asia, especially China and Korea, it is in Araceae, Arum Family, along with Jack in the Pulpit, Arum, Calla lily, Caladium, etc.

It grows from a tuber which was probably left in the pot after the plant froze down.

For more information:

- **USDA Plant Database**, <http://plants.usda.gov/>
- **Exotic Rainforest**, <http://www.exoticrainforest.com/Amorphophallus>

I also have one, but it has not bloomed recently. Many *Amorphophallus* flowers smell foul, so be careful where you put it.

Trudy Campbell sells these at Covington Farmers Market.

Rod Downie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Tammany Parish Master Gardener Home Page

St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners now have their own home page at the LSU AgCenter web site. The link to take you directly to the page is

<http://www.lsuagcenter.com/stpmg>

When you click on the link and arrive at the page, save it as a book mark.

Presently the STPMG home page contains the link to our newsletters, The Gardengoer, and the link to report your volunteer hours. In the coming months we will add content to the page reporting about our projects and announcing our upcoming events.

To provide suggestions for the site contact Judy Wood jazzwood@charter.net



STPMG Garden Glove Sales

Garden gloves sold at STPMG events will be \$5 per pair to whoever is purchasing at that event.

STPMG members may purchase garden gloves at \$4 per pair at STPMG monthly meetings only. (There may be meetings where gloves may not be for sale.)

Members who wish to purchase gloves should email Peggy Goertz, Glove Chairperson, peggpegg@aol.com, indicating the size and number of gloves they wish to purchase at \$4 per pair. The gloves will be packaged for the member and ready for pick up at the designated meeting. The member will have a check in the correct amount made out to STPMG.

Submitted by:
Judy Wood

Calendar of Events

August, 2011

10	<i>Herb Gathering</i> at the Slidell Library meeting room at 1 pm. Pattie McGinnis will give a talk on basil. <i>See page 10</i>
17	<i>Frugal Gardening Advice</i> , a seminar by Don Lefevre sponsored by the St. Tammany Parish Library. The seminar will be offered at the Slidell Library on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. and at the Covington Library on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Call to register. <i>See page 13</i>
17	Monthly meeting at National Guard Armory 10 a.m. followed by a tour/lunch at La Provence with Chef John Besh. <i>See page 12</i>

September, 2011

14	<i>TREEmendous Seminar</i> at Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge, Bayou La-combe Centre, Hwy 434, Lacombe. 9 am - 12:30. Nancie Munn is chairman. Contact her at xtchanrm@yahoo.com to volunteer. Details for registration will be emailed to Master Gardeners after Aug 7 to allow the public equal opportunity to register as space is limited. Speakers: Donovan Guilbeau on “Tree Assessment”, Kyle Huffstickler on “Tree Maintenance” and Dan Gill on “Tree Selection”.
19	Monthly meeting at National Guard Armory 10 a.m. Speaker is John Cassidy on Urban Storm Drainage. The rescheduled tour (from last September) of Suzanne Sloan’s bromeliad garden in Beau Chene will follow the meeting.
24	<i>Pickets-N-Posts Home Tour</i> 1-4. Fairview Riverside State Park. Otis House tours as part of the Madisonville Bicentennial Celebration. 3 or 4 Master Gardeners are needed for butterfly garden tours. <i>See page 15.</i>
27	<i>Slidell Library Fall Herb Festival</i> “Herban Gardening” 4-7. Set-up for the festival starts at 1pm. There will be speakers, herbal food & drink tastings, crafts with herbs, a children’s activity and a cooking demo. To volunteer, contact the chairman of the festival is Camille Schwandt at camilleschwandt@charter.net <i>See page 10</i>

October, 2011

5	<i>Herb Gathering</i> at the Slidell Library meeting room at 1 pm. Cecelia Drennan will give a talk on mint. <i>See page 10</i>
15	“ <i>Wild Things</i> ” at SELA NWR in Lacombe. Lots of children’s activities, food and fun. Hwy 434 Lacombe. 882-2000
19	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 am. Speaker is Dr. Alan Owings on “New Plants at the Research Station”. The rescheduled tour (from July) of Nancy Bartlett’s farm will follow the meeting.

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Notes from the Editor:

There's an end to the summer in sight! The Fall Seminar planning is well underway for a TREEmendous Seminar. Look for an email in a week for registration information. There's also the Fall Herb Festival in the planning stages also. Both signal that fall is coming soon.

There is ample opportunity to get in those volunteer hours with the two events mentioned above. Don't wait until December when there's not much going on to get those hours in.

Please help Susie, our new membership chairman, by emailing your articles for this newsletter directly to me. It's easy to hit the "reply" key on my reminder email, but please take the time to send the articles directly to me.

Don't forget to post your volunteer hours! Here is the link for your convenience:

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn_garden/master_gardener/Reporting+Volunteer+Hours/

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