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## STPMG's First 1000 Hour Member



Julie Deus, left, awarded A.J. Heinsz-Bailey a commemorative 1000 hour brick for reaching the elusive one thousand Master Gardener volunteer hours mark. A.J. was a member of the very first Master Gardener Class in St. Tammany Parish. She was President of the STPMG since its inception until the end of 2008. She has chaired the Northshore Plant and Garden Show since it's humble beginnings through the very large and successful Spring Plant Show of 2012.

A.J. is a native New Orleanian, a graduate of LSU with a BS in Agriculture in 1979. She and her husband lived many years in Denver, where she ran her own gardening business, became a Colorado Master Gardener, worked at the Denver Botanic Gardens and was chairman of the Annuals division of the DBG plant sale for 9 years. She and her family moved back to the Northshore where she completed the Louisiana Master Gardening training in 2000.

A.J. has worked tirelessly to make the St. Tammany Master Gardeners one of the premier organizations in the state. Congratulations, A.J., on this monumental accomplishment!

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# President's Message

Happy 2013! St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners certainly had a very busy 2012 - monthly meetings, seminars, field trips, classroom hours and projects for the class of 2012, a very successful two-day plant show, projects at libraries and schools, and numerous other events and activities. It's a wonder any of us had time for our own gardens.

This year looks to be just as busy. Our first general meeting of the year will be held on January 16, our spring seminar ("You Need a Good Vegucation") is scheduled for February 22, and our annual plant show will be held on March 15 and 16. Additional information on these events and others can be found in this issue of the *Gardengoer*, so make sure to take the time to read about all of the great events scheduled for the next few months.

These events don't just happen. We have a large corps of MGs who serve as committee and project chairpersons and co-chairpersons. These folks give us their time and talent to plan, organize, and direct the many activities that make St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners Association the great organization it is. At our January meeting we will have tables set up for each committee and project chair. You will have an opportunity to visit these tables during an extended break in order to learn more about each committee/project and meet with the chairpersons. Information on each committee and project including contact info for the chairs and sign-up sheets for volunteering will be at each table. Please try to attend the meeting and take advantage of this great chance to learn about your 2013 volunteer opportunities.

Three folks who have volunteered their time and talents for the past two years deserve our thanks for their service. Outgoing MG officers Julie Deus, Judy Wood and Jay Rose have completed their terms of office. Many thanks to them for jobs well done and for the help they have given to your new officers. On behalf of all of the 2013 officers, thanks to the outgoing officers and all of our fellow gardeners for your continued participation in the St. Tammany Master Gardener Association. We look forward to a wonderful year.

Susie Andres

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## Home Care for Holiday Plants

The following information was taken from an article written by Dan Gill, "Care for Your Holiday Plants", 12/7/12, [www.lusagcenter.com/en/communications/news/ge](http://www.lusagcenter.com/en/communications/news/ge).

The poinsettia, Christmas cactus and Kalanchoe add festive air to holiday decorations. Unfortunately, these plants don't last as long as we would like. Proper care once they are in the home will keep them looking attractive for a long time.

In general, be sure to protect the plants when bringing them home. Sudden exposure to low temperatures and wind will damage the plants. These plants are usually sold wrapped in foil. To allow proper drainage, punch holes in the foil where the drainage holes of the pot are located and set the plant in a plastic saucer. Often the plants are root bound and will require frequent (daily) watering to just moisten the soil. Be sure that you don't overwater which will cause root rot.

These plants appreciate being set in a brightly lit location – but not direct sunlight that can burn the plant. Some morning sun is beneficial but not essential during the holiday season. If you are interested in growing the plant beyond the Christmas season, it is important for it to receive adequate light after you are finished displaying it.

If the plant drops its leaves or flowers, this could be caused by low temperatures below 70 F, drafts or low humidity. Any of these conditions will shorten the attractive life of a holiday plant and should be avoided.

### Poinsettias

With proper care, poinsettias may be grown and enjoyed for many years. In March, cut the plant back to 6 – 12 inches and put it in a sunny location. To produce a bushier plant with more flowers, cut the plant back again in July. Do not cut it back after September 1.

Poinsettias form flowers when nights are long. To set flowers, they must not receive artificial light at night after September 1. If the plant is growing in a container, move it to a dark closet between 5:00 pm and 8:00 am every night after September 1. It must be moved back to a sunny window in the morning.

## Christmas Cactus

If your Christmas cactus begins to drop buds when you bring it home, there is little that you can do. These plants do not like to be moved while blooming. Hopefully a few blooms will hang on and make a beautiful display.

The good news is that this plant is an easily grown house plant that can be displayed at home for many years. When the initial blooms have dropped off, reduce watering and keep the plant in a well-lit location. It can also be moved to a shaded porch during the summer. The plant should be kept evenly moist and fertilized with a half strength fertilizer once a month.

To induce flowers, the amount of water should be decreased in October and the plant placed outside or in an unheated room. Low temperatures in the 50's and long nights are necessary for blooms. When tiny buds appear, move the plant inside to a bright location and leave it there. Keep it evenly moist but not soggy and mist it if the humidity is low.

## Kalanchoe

These plants enjoy a sunny window in the home. They will tolerate less light for a short season but will do best with bright light.

These plants are succulents and will rot if the soil is kept too moist. Make sure the soil feels dry before watering and never allow the pot to sit in water. When your kalanchoe outgrows its original pot, move it to one an inch larger in diameter and re-pot with a gritty, well drained mix.

Like the poinsettias, kalanchoes are triggered to bloom by long nights and short days in the fall. The plants will not bloom unless they receive similar treatment.

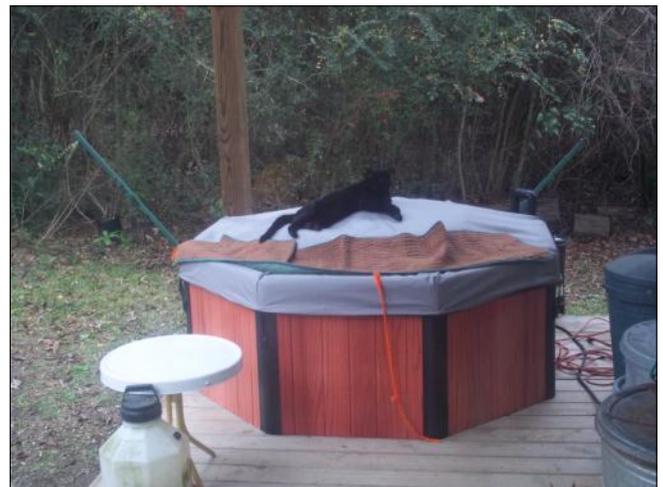
Submitted by  
Donna Howland





Happy Holidays to everyone. This is the time for the spreading of good cheer and great stories. This is the story of a day in the life of the magical white box with the mystical openings. Early each morning before sunrise, several pairs of eyes stare longingly at the magical white box. The raccoons are the first to notice the instant sunrise at 5am shining through the mystical openings. It is always followed by the automatic feeder serving breakfast. After serving the food, the sun goes off for another 45 minutes. This time the cardinals, doves, sparrows, and other feeder birds surround the white box waiting for the mystical openings to provide a welcome meal. High in the trees, a murder of crows calls to the white box to let it know they

are ready for dining. The crows are joined by squirrels and rabbits. Throughout the day the white box feeds an ever changing cast of hungry mouths. They watch the white box from lawns, trees, and brush. They are faithful to their daily routine. The white box is treasured by all the mouths it feeds. Even the black stray cat on the hot tub roof keeps a vigilant watch over his automatically filled feed dishes. The lizards and the frogs patrol the plants on the perimeter of the white box like a fast food drive through diner. The geckos wait for darkness when once again the instant sun shines through the mystical openings and late night dining is in full swing. The brown bats attached to the wooden shutters are last to say goodnight to the white box. Once again it is 5 am and Jim calls to see if his coffee is ready. I tell him just a minute there are guests at the back door. I look out the mystical door to see anxious masked faces staring back at me. Next I see feeder birds staring through the windows watching Jim and I eat breakfast. We all have one thing in common, no matter what our point of view, the white box with mystical openings is home to us all. We all wish everyone a happy new year filled with sharing and caring for all of our friends. Back in the garden next month, aj



## STPMG PROGRAMS for 2013

Month	Speaker	Topic	Hint	Problem	Share	Hours
January 16 Covington	Sue McGuire - Master Gardener 2012	Pruning Roses	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
February 20 Covington	Jim Campbell – Riverside Camellias	Camellias	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
	Field Trip (late Feb or March)					
March 20 Covington	Lee Berry – Bamboo Gardens of Louisiana	Overview of bamboo varieties, planting, maintenance	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
April 17 Covington	No speaker	Spring Plant Swap	No	No	No	0
May 15 Covington	TBA	Scholarship Award	No	No	No	0
June 19 Covington	TBA					
July 17 Covington	TBA					
August 21 Covington	TBA					
September 18 Covington						
October ?	Field Trip					
October 16 Covington	TBA	Fall Plant Swap				
November 13 Covington	TBA					
December	No Speaker	Christmas Party				



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# Vegucators Offer 2 Great Programs

## An Invite to Learn – free and open to all Master Gardeners

Don't be scared!! Talking to a group, sharing what you know and learning what they know can be great fun and rewarding.

**This is it:** A Vegucator sponsored workshop on “How to develop a talk” is being held on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M. at the Ag Center.

Brief presentations on the same topic will be given by three experienced speakers who have not collaborated on these talks to demonstrate different approaches to the same topic and different use of power point slides and other aids. Another brief talk will be on “Resources” to demonstrate handling a topic that is pretty hard to get excited about.

Following a break, there will be a panel discussion by the presenters and Q & A.

Please join us and help us learn.

*The Vegucators*



## Tomato focus group – an invitation

WHO? Master Gardeners who want to grow tomatoes

WHY? Which varieties grow well in St Tammany Parish AND taste good

WHAT? Grow them, taste them, recommend them

SKILL LEVEL: “I’ve always wanted to grow tomatoes” to experienced

GARDEN SIZE: Four pots on the patio to half acre plots

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: enthusiasm

HOW? Sign up at the January MG meeting or send an e-mail to [gballanco@bellsouth.net](mailto:gballanco@bellsouth.net).

Meet at the Ag Center on January 22 at 9:00 AM. **Attendance at this meeting, or specific other arrangement prior to this meeting, is a requirement for this project.** This is year four of the tomato focus group.

All tomatoes are heirloom varieties. It's about taste and fun. We even learn stuff.

Hope you will join us.

Jerry

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## *You Need a Good Vegucation*

The LSU AgCenter and the Master Gardener Class of 2012 will be hosting the 2013 Spring Seminar titled, "You Need a Good Vegucation" on Friday, February 22nd from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The seminar will be held at the First Baptist Church which is located at 16333 Highway 1085 in Covington. Our speakers include, Dr. Kiki Fontenot, Vegetable Specialist, LSU Ag Center, Rodney Cross, Master Gardener 2009 and Vegucator, Dr. Ron Strahan, Weed Specialist, Henry Schexnayder, Organic Program Specialist and Dr. Lance Hill, from Tulane University. The numerous topics will cover new and improved vegetable varieties, container gardening, how to avoid weeds in your garden and growing vegetables organically.

Additionally, there will be table top clinics to provide information and expertise on other areas of interest including do it yourself irrigation, vegetables from seed to harvest, frugal gardening, and soil testing. Gardening gloves and copies of the Louisiana Home Vegetable Gardening from the LSU AgCenter will be for sale.

The registration forms will be available at the monthly Master Gardener meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. Flyers and registration forms will be distributed to feed stores and garden centers. The fee is \$20 which includes a Continental Breakfast, snacks and lunch. Please be aware that space is limited and registration will close when full. For further information please call the LSU Ag Center Office at (985) 875-2635.

We are looking forward to an exciting, informative Spring Seminar!

Happy gardening,  
Nancy Thompson  
2013 Spring Seminar Chair



# Get to Know Your New Officers

Susie Andres, President

I started gardening when I married and moved to Slidell from my home town of New Orleans back in 1978. My husband (fellow Master Gardener c/o 2010 Paul Andres) got his knowledge and love of gardening from his mother while he grew up in Buffalo, NY, so he taught me some basics as we worked on the gardens of our homes. We enjoyed watching our daughters working alongside us in the vegetable gardens and helping us harvest (and eat) our crops.

When I retired from St. Tammany Parish School Board in 2008 after a career in Special Education I found that I had more time to garden and I really enjoyed it. After Paul retired in 2010 we both applied to become members of the MG Class of 2010 and were thrilled to be accepted into the class. I LOVED the classes and the opportunity to meet all of the interesting people who were learning all sorts of wonderful things with us during our classes. My herb and vegetable beds are my favorite; I always get a thrill out of using my fresh garden produce while cooking.

Current favorite gardening quote:

“I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow.”

David Hobson, author of *Diary of a Mad Gardener*.



Martha Gruning, Vice President

I have always loved the outdoors. The gardening gene skipped a generation since my grandmother was an avid gardener, having grown up on a farm in rural South Carolina, but my mother was not. I certainly got the gene. I grew up in Covington and spent lots of time outdoors, exploring the woods (yes there were still woods near our house right in old Covington) and helping my father in the yard. We had camellias, azaleas, beautiful dogwoods and magnolias, huckleberry and mimosa in our yard. I am particularly fond of native plants and have planted many on our property in Abita Springs. Living in a woody setting has provided me with the opportunity to learn to identify trees and their growing habits. Growing edibles is very appealing to me and I hope one day to take advantage of the "Vegucator" group. My husband and I have planted blueberries, figs and usually plant a small garden to feed the starving deer and rabbits (I originally thought I might get a bit of produce also but no such luck!)



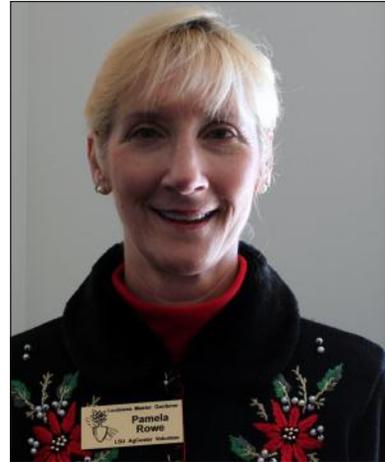
Although I started out in the area of translating after getting a Master's degree in French, I went back to school and received my MBA in 1988. I was CFO for P.J.'s Coffee and Tea, Inc. for twelve years. I held the same position after returning from a two-year stay in Montreal at both Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic Company and Boudreaux's Butt Paste, Inc. I am semi-retired but still do a bit of consulting in the area of financial management.

Pam Rowe, Treasurer

I'm originally from Metairie, but loved to spend summers at my grandparents' homes in Alexandria and Many, LA. They had huge vegetable gardens and they taught me at a young age how to hoe rows and hills, plant seeds, harvest veggies, shell peas/beans, cook and even 'put up' the extras.

Their homes were surrounded by plants and flowers of all kinds - it always fascinated me to explore their yards. I lived in Maryland for 18 years and

was always out in my yard experimenting with bulbs and plants that don't do well in Louisiana. I miss being able to grow rhododendrons, peonies, lilacs, tulips and crocuses, but I am glad to be back home. Currently, I am working full time as the evening shift supervisor in the laboratory at St Tammany Parish Hospital. My undergraduate degree was in Medical Technology and I have a Masters degree in administration/marketing.



## **LOGO MERCHANDISE ORDER**

If you ordered logo merchandise from Dee Middleton, your order can be picked up at the January meeting on Wednesday, January 16th. If you can not be there to pick up your order, please contact Dee Middleton at 504-578-4196 to make other arrangements.





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# Seed Starting Workshop

**Thursday, January 24, 2013**

Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge, Lacombe

9 AM to Noon

Jerry Ballanco, MG Class 2008

Instructor

Cost is \$20

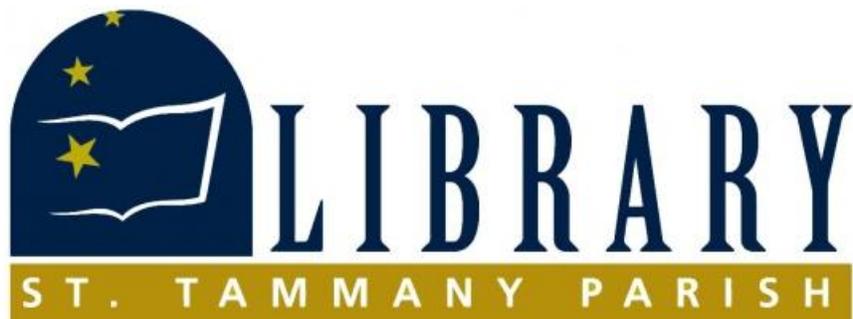
This is a hands-on workshop where you will sort mature seed pods for seed, plant seeds and transplant seedlings. A basic seed starting kit will be provided to each participant.

*Each participant will be asked to share their knowledge with others.*

Registration is limited to **the first 30 MGs** who send a check. **To register send a check for \$20 made payable to STPMG with your name to Judy Wood, 60589 Cypress Drive, Lacombe, LA 70445.** You will receive email confirmation that your check was received and you are enrolled in the class.

A list of required supplies will be emailed to participants at least one week prior to the class. The course outline will be distributed at the class.

Questions – contact Judy Wood [jazzwood@charter.net](mailto:jazzwood@charter.net)



## **Growing Spring Vegetables from Seed**

**With Dr. Gerard Ballanco**

### **Slidell Branch**

**555 Robert Blvd.**

**985-646-6470**

**Saturday**

**January 12**

**10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

### **Causeway Branch**

**3457 Hwy 190**

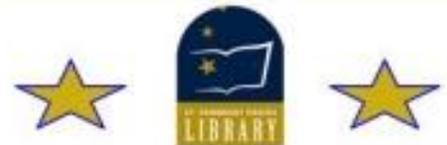
**985-626-9779**

**Wednesday**

**January 16**

**6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

- ♦ Register online at <http://register.stpl.us/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp> or call the branch
- ♦ Seating space is limited to adults
- ♦ Light refreshments provided



[www.sttammanylibrary.org](http://www.sttammanylibrary.org)

# Garden Symposium

The Keep Covington Beautiful organization is having a Garden Symposium on January 26, 2013 at the Greater Covington Center, Bogue Falaya Hall from 9-11. Cost is \$25 --checks made payable to KCB. Rusty Batty has agreed to count attendance as 3 educational hours.

Speakers will be:

Nellie Neal on Heirloom plants worth reviving for today's garden.

Suzanne Turner - will speak on Gardens of Louisiana--places of work and wonder

Dr. Charles Allen will talk on old native plants that should be in every garden

Linda Orton (lifetime master gardener and Founder and President of the mid-south Hydranga Society ) will speak on how to make small hypertufas for your garden and their uses.

Weather permitting there will be a workshop on hypertufa making outside following the seminar that will be an extra \$5 dollar charge at the door

After the seminar for those not interested in hypertufa making, there will be a tour of the Riverside Camellia Nursery that has over 600 types of camellias to view and to purchase.

Registration forms can be found online at the KCB website:

[www.keepcovingtonbeautiful.org](http://www.keepcovingtonbeautiful.org)

For further information you can contact me at 892-7069 or email at [janice-leebe@gmail.com](mailto:janice-leebe@gmail.com)

I will also be at the January MG meeting, and will have registration forms there as well.

Thank you and again happiest of holidays,

Jan Butler

# Backyard Plants

## Master Gardener Grown Plants 4 Sale

Hi! Heads Up - March will be here before you know it!

It's time to start propagating what you'd like to donate to the plant sale booth (Renamed: Backyard Plants)! Thanks so much for the great job you did last year, especially LABELING your plants! Please keep in mind these parameters:

- 1) Plant must be **labeled** (common name ok/ scientific name, great!)
- 2) Plant must have a **viable root system** – we would like to up the quality of donations to ensure our “customers” have a good chance of success!
- 3) I am also looking for volunteers (I have one with a truck so far) to pick up donated plants (only from those unable to deliver them to the barn) on the afternoon of Thursday, March 14
- 4) Remember – the hours you spend propagating your donations DO count toward your annual volunteer requirement.

Happy Propagating,

Warm regards, Lisann Cheaney 985-951-9855

[lisannsc@gmail.com](mailto:lisannsc@gmail.com)



# New MG Project Proposals

## Covington Farmer's Market



Beginning on Saturday morning, February 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing each third Saturday of the month the St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners will be present to offer advice and answer questions at the Covington Farmer's Market. Volunteers will be needed to staff the table and members are requested to contact the project chair, Billie Stanga at [billie.stanga@gmail.com](mailto:billie.stanga@gmail.com) or by phone at 985-630-6763, if willing to assist throughout the year. This will be a great opportunity to earn service hours, to meet and to talk with the public and to enjoy a pleasant morning surrounded by vendors selling beautiful produce. As a bonus, the market offers live music as well, so what better way to spend a Saturday morning?

Billie Stanga [billie.stanga@gmail.com](mailto:billie.stanga@gmail.com)



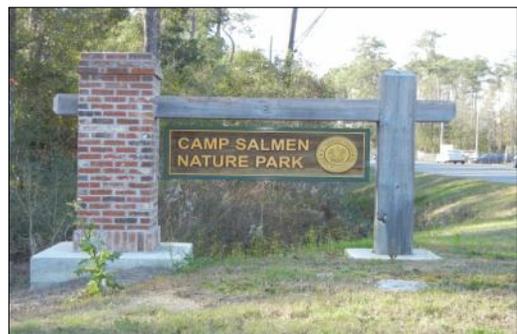
## Camp Salmen Nature Park Hummingbird/Butterfly Garden

The Camp Salmen Hummingbird/Butterfly Garden is a new project for the St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners. Located on scenic Bayou Liberty near Slidell, Camp Salmen, for nearly 60 years, was the regional camp reservation for the Greater New Orleans area Boy Scouts. St. Tammany Parish purchased Camp Salmen in 2004 and opened it to the public as the Camp Salmen Nature Park a few years ago.

Camp Salmen Nature Park is a rich ecological endowment of native landscapes and an unusually diverse community of plants and animals. The Park reached out to the St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners to partner with them to create a Hummingbird/Butterfly Garden. The garden is located in an area called "Order of the Arrow" just off the main parking lot. Our plan is to use plants native to the region in a natural setting. Once the garden is established it will serve to educate the community and help increase the horticultural knowledge of the residents. The garden will be available to schools, scouts, and other organizations and we will participate at the Park's Spring Fling and Youth Wetlands Day (in the fall) much like the Wild Things event held at the SELA National Wildlife Refuge in Lacombe every year.

If you would like the opportunity to be a part of a new project from the very beginning, please sign up at the January meeting.

Peggy Goertz, [peggpegg@aol.com](mailto:peggpegg@aol.com)





***Scenes from the 2012 Christmas Party at the Pontchartrain Yacht Club***

Top left are some of the many plants brought to the plant “stealing”. Top right are A.J. Heinsz-Bailey, Glenda Spano and Susie Koepp, recipients of commemorative bricks for their service to the STPMG. Middle left are Barbara Moore, Hospitality Chairman, and Isabelle Moore, hostess of the plant swap. Middle right is Judy Wood, our new Membership Chairman and a small sample of the attendance at the party. Bottom left is Linda Franzo in the party spirit. Bottom right are Rusty Batty, our MG Coordinator and Guru of all things horticultural and Lisann Cheaney, Chair of the MG Backyard Plants booth. The party was a great success. Congratulations to the Hospitality Committee for a putting on a wonderful Christmas party, again!

## **ST TAMMANY PARISH MASTER GARDENERS DECEMBER MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY 12/12/12**

The December meeting and annual Christmas party was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at the Pontchartrain Yacht Club in Mandeville.

The very short meeting was called to order by President Julie at 11:30. Opening ceremonies included the pledge led by Julie and the prayer and additional comments by Rusty.

Minutes were approved and announcements were made for the upcoming new class spring seminar **YOU NEED A GOOD VEGUCATION** on 2/22/13 and the seed workshop (to be given by our very own Jerry Balanco) on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

New business included a special presentation to a very special member, A.J. Heinsz-Bailey. A.J. has volunteered to the community in the Master Gardeners name for over 1000 hours and received a brick for this achievement. AJ is the first person to receive this award. Recognition was also given to the retiring committee chairmen.

The meeting was adjourned so all could enjoy the delicious smoked pork loin and side dishes provided by the membership and wine and drinks provided by the yacht club. Great fun was had by all as we swapped and stole beautiful plants from each other. Barbara Moore and her team did a fantastic job. Many thanks to all who helped with this wonderful event.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Guidry, Secretary



**AGENDA**  
**STPMG Board of Directors**  
**January 3, 2013**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Committee Reports (from those able to attend)**
  - A. Membership - Judy Wood**
    - a. Communication: Art Scott, Pam Rowe**
    - b. Honors: Sandy Arnoult**
    - c. Merchandise: Dee Middleton**
    - d. Gloves: Peggy Goertz**
    - e. Hospitality: Barbara Moore**
  - B. Finance – Pam Rowe**
  - C. Program – Martha Gruning**
  - D. Publicity – Ann Gilbert**
  - E. Scholarship – Lyn Monteleone**
  - F. Spring Garden Show – Ty Guidroz**
  - G. Spring Seminar – Nancy Thompson**
- 3. Project Reports (from those able to attend)**
  - A. Slidell Hospital Rehab Garden: Leslie Landeche**
  - B. Slidell Senior Citizen Center: Ruthanne Johnson**
  - C. Slidell Library Herb Garden: Betty Rose**
  - D. Lacombe Butterfly Garden: Kay Hanson**
  - E. Otis House: Ann Durel**
  - F. School Partnership: Christy Paulsell**
  - G. Vegucators: Gerry Ballanco**
  - H. Speakers' Bureau: Geri Sommers**
  - I. Abita Library Garden: Martha Gruning**
  - J. Methodist Home Garden: Fran Thigpen**
- 4. New Business**
- 5. Upcoming Meetings/Events**
- 6. January 16, 2013 general membership meeting agenda**
- 7. Adjourn**

# Calendar of Events

January, 2013	
3	Board meeting at the Causeway Branch Library in Mandeville. 10 am.
12 & 16	<i>Growing Spring Vegetables from Seed.</i> Our own Dr. Gerard Ballanco will give two talks, one at the Slidell Branch Library on the 12th @ 10am-11:30am and another at the Causeway Branch Library on the 16th from 6-7:30pm . <i>See page 12 for details.</i>
16	Plant sale meeting at the National Guard Armory. 9 am.
16	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 am. Sue Maguire, a recent MG graduate, will talk about pruning roses. <b>Everyone who purchased merchandise from Dee Middleton can pick up your order at this meeting. If you can not be at the meeting to pick up your order, contact Dee Middleton at <a href="mailto:doloresmiddleton@ymail.com">doloresmiddleton@ymail.com</a> or 504-578-4196 to make other arrangements.</b>
24	<i>Seed Starting Workshop</i> at SELA National Wildlife Refuge on HWY 434 in Lacombe. 9-12. Space is very limited. <i>See the flier on page 11 for more information.</i>
26	Keep Covington Beautiful presents a Garden Symposium at the Bogue Falaya Hall from 9-11. 3 speakers. <i>See page 13 for details.</i>

February, 2013	
20	Plant sale meeting at the National Guard Armory. 9 am.
20	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 am. Jim Campbell will give a talk about camellias.
22	Spring Seminar, "You Need a Good Vegucation". Presented by the Class of 2012. The Chairman is Nancy Thompson, <a href="mailto:nthomps25@bellsouth.net">nthomps25@bellsouth.net</a> . It will be held at the First Baptist Church in Covington from 9-3. <i>See page 8 for details.</i>

March, 2013	
15-16	<b>**SAVE THE DATE**</b> Northshore Plant Show and Sale at the Fairgrounds.
20	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 am. Lee Barry will give a talk on bamboo.

# STPMG Directory

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*Notes From the Editor:*

*Hi MGs,*

*Once again we're faced with drab skies and unpleasant gardening weather. However, there are still MG activities to participate in this month such as the Seed Starting Workshop and the seminar, "Growing Spring Vegetables from Seed". After those you can plan your flower and vegetable gardens and order seeds for those hard-to-find varieties. Also, sharpen those tools to get them ready for spring. Rake up leaves and add them to your beds for an extra layer of mulch. Master Gardeners can always find a way to garden in the dreariest of months!*

*Here's an idea to help you get organized for 2013; make a New Year's resolution to post your hours on the LSU AgCenter website as you do them. Wouldn't it be great not to scramble to remember what you've done come the end of the year? If you can't manage that, make a note of your hours on your monthly calendar as you earn them and log them on the website once a month after you read the Gardengoer! Here is the link to post your hours:*

*[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn\\_garden/master\\_gardener/Reporting+Volunteer+Hours/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn_garden/master_gardener/Reporting+Volunteer+Hours/)*

*Happy New Year!*

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