

Cool Tips for Winter Gardens



An educational program of the LSU AgCenter

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The Fall Seminar committee is planning a great seminar to be held on Septmeber 12 at Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge. Committee members attending the July planning meeting are: Front row: Gail Hinkley, Deborah Nolan, Bart Loomis and Paulette Lee. Middle row: Donna Howland, Joanne Bassett, Susie Andres, Pam Peltier, June Taffaro and Judy Wood. Back row: David Lynd, Glenda Spano, Eileen Gremillion, Julie Deus, Susie Koepp and Linda Wendle. *See page 8 for more information.*

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www.lsuagcenter.com

President's Message

All this rain has my garden exploding with color (and weeds)! It is amazing how quickly they get so big that I'm questioning whether that's a weed or a plant? I'm trying to stay on top of it, but between the numerous showers and the grand-dog "helping" it seems impossible. Hope y'all are having more success with the maintenance than I am.



The Fall Seminar committee is busy planning the September 12th event at the Lacombe Wildlife Refuge. We have Nellie Neal, aka The Garden Mama, and Carl Motzenbocker talking to us about extending our growing season and overwintering our plants. There will be table clinics featuring growing in hay bales, overwintering herbs, decorating ideas using your own garden material, a resources table and others. The seminar is limited to 125 participants so make sure to get your registration form in early. The cost is \$15.00 and the seminar will run from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The flyer was e-mailed to everyone and there is also one further within the Gardengoer. Invite your neighbors and friends for this timely topic!

The Class of 2012 has been selected and is set to begin their training on August 2nd. I'd like to thank the Selection committee for finding 30 excellent candidates from all corners of the Parish. Rusty will send out a schedule of all the speakers and their topics so that you can attend either for a "refresher" course on a particular subject or to get those much needed education hours (for those in classes 2000-2010). Please contact the Ag Center office a week ahead of time if you plan to attend.

We have been enjoying a summer lull in our Master Gardener activities, but Fall is right around the corner. We have the Fall seminar, Wild Things, the Mizell Butterfly Festival and an Abita Library endeavor on the horizon. If you would like to join in the fun, please contact the chairman of these projects (Julie Deus-Fall Seminar, Susie Andres-Wild Things and Martha Gruning-Abita Library). And don't forget the wonderful presentations given by the talented Vegacators! They meet on Wednesday mornings at the Ag Center. Check for the dates on the calendar later within the Gardengoer.

The State Convention for Master Gardeners is to be held October 24-26, 2012 in Lake Charles. To register, go to the LSU Ag Center website, click on "Master Gardeners" and then "State Convention". Print up the registration form and mail it in. There are some wonderful speakers and tours that are being offered. We will be presenting "Our Story" about the St. Tammany Master Gardeners. If anyone would like to help put that presentation together, please contact me or Glenda Spano.

Julie Deus
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Lawn Care, a Hot Topic in August

By
Rusty Batty

Growing a lawn in St. Tammany can be an easy job during the dog days of August. Just sit back and let it grow, right? Not true, if you're looking for green ground cover for the months ahead.

Planning is better than planting during August for your lawn. Of course, you can plant sod or plugs but don't wait long. Every week of delay now is one less week of growing. Time would be better spent taking a soil sample to better prepare for next growing season.

Identifying weeds in August will also help in preparing for the battle on the war on weeds. Find out what your weeds are and begin your preemergence applications this fall. Make notes of where, when, and how much weed problems have occurred. Using herbicide for weed control is less effective on weeds and more injurious to the lawn, in August, following a long hot summer.

Fertilizing in early August is acceptable for St. Augustine, Bermuda or Zoysia, not Centipede. Make this your last application for the year. Apply a fertilizer with a high first number, low second number and third number in between, like 15-5-10. Broadcast it evenly and water it immediately.

Watering during August is important to critical. We have dry periods, wet periods, but always hot periods of August. Afternoon showers are not enough. A half inch rain doesn't offer what you lawn needs. Usually one inch or more over a two hour period is good. If you irrigate, water early, water deep and water at least every fifth day.

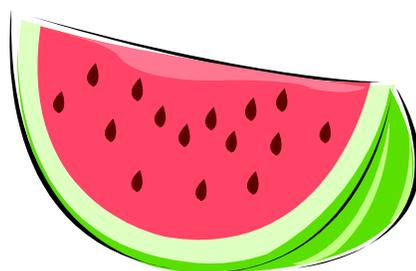
Diseases can be controlled not eliminated. If you had a consistent / continuing problem of brown patch, gray leaf spot or melting out use of a lawn fungicide early. Overuse of nitrogen across the summer is usually the cause many of diseases. Rake out dead patches, don't fertilize and proper fungicide can help manage most lawn disease problems.

Finally, mowing is the best management practice toward a healthy lawn. Cut your grass higher than normal in August. "Short shoots equal's short roots" is important to remember in our high temperature / high humidity month. Cut Bermuda at one inch, Centipede and Zoysia at two inches and St. Augustine at three inches.

A beautiful lawn takes commitment, consistency and continuity in lawn care. There is no cooling off in August. For more information see publication #2940, Louisiana Lawns Best Management Practices on the LSU AgCenter website: www.lsuacenter.com.



Hi everyone, As July ends, I find myself attached unwillingly to my armchair. A severe allergic reaction to ant bites has curtailed all outside gardening activities. The left hand is out of commission for the next 2-3 weeks. Unfortunately, I am left handed and the right hand just doesn't want to cooperate with my activities. The right hand enjoys turning pages. Thankfully I have a large stack of gardening magazines to peruse. The rain has ceased and the heat is back with a vengeance. Picking watermelons is a lot easier than blueberries. My first encounter was a 12 pound Jubilee located in the bed of a pickup truck. Very sweet and few seeds. The next melon was a monster, 1/2 of a 53 pounder and I had help bringing it home!!!! It too was delicious. The third melon was located in a garage line up of six melons. I didn't even break a sweat driving over to this friends house for the pickup. The latest was another huge melon located in the trunk of friend's car. It has been sliced and awaits chilling for breakfast tomorrow. The chickens have enjoyed the rinds and I have enjoyed harvesting watermelons. Water melon harvesting is a very civilized, clean, social activity. Now is also the time to start planting crops for the fair. Heat tolerant tomato transplants are readily available at this time also. Eggplant and okra are at their best. Pears and muscadines are the next challenges ready for August harvests. Waiting to be back in the garden, even if there are a lot of mosquitos. aj



STPMG Programs 2012

Month	Speaker	Topic	Hint	Problem	Share	Hours
January 18 Covington	Ed Goodwin Kim Walsdorf-Shockley	Caring for Garden Tools Gardening Exercises	No	Yes	Yes	1
February 15 Covington	Art Scott Bernard Ory	Irrigation Presentation of Awards	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
March 14 Covington	Henry Harrison	Growing Watermelons in the Home Garden	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
March 29 Thursday	Field Trip	St. Martinville Jefferson Island	No	No	No	3
April 18 Covington	No Speaker	Spring Plant Swap Lunch at Cheri Hall's	No	No	No	0
May 16 Covington	Sheila Stroup	Scholarship Award	No	No	No	0
June 20 Covington	Joan Gagliano Chairperson	Vegetable Festival	No	Yes	No	1
July 18 Covington	Derek Moore Dana Moore	Plants from KatKaw Landscapes & LA Ag Nursery Inspecting	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
August 15 Covington	Dianne Quinn	Aquatic Gardening	Yes	Yes	Yes	
September 19 Covington	Dr. Guihong Bi	Hydrangeas: the how, when, and where	Yes	Yes	Yes	
October 10 Wednesday	Field Trip	Bracy's Nursery Covey Rise Farms	No	No	No	
October 17 Covington	John Klipsch	Organic Plant Foods and Organic Controls Fall Plant Swap	No	Yes	Yes	
November 14 Covington	Art Scott	Growing Micro Greens	Yes	Yes	Yes	
December ? Location	No Speaker	Christmas Party	No	No	No	

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STPMG Fall 2012 Field Trip

Bracy's Nursery

Covey Rise Farms

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Bus Departs Covington Ag Center 8:30 AM

The Fall 2012 Field Trip will be to tour Bracy's Wholesale Nursery, Amite, LA and Covey Rise Farms, Husser, LA.

The bus will depart from the Ag Center parking lot in the Fair Grounds at 8:30 AM. We will tour Bracy's Nursery from 9:15 to 11:15 AM. There we will see their vast variety of plants and tour the grounds of the Bracy home.

After a short bus ride we will arrive at Covey Rise Farms for lunch, a presentation by the staff of Covey Rise, and tour of the fall vegetable gardens. Since May 2010 Covey Rise has supplied vegetables to the finer restaurants in New Orleans. More of the history of the Farm may be found at the site listed below.

The bus will leave Covey Rise at 3:00 PM returning to the Ag Center approximately 3:30 PM.

The cost of the tour for STPMG members is \$30. This includes the bus transportation and cost of lunch tax, and gratuity. **Reservations may be made by sending a check for \$30 made payable to STPMG to Judy Wood, 60589 Cypress Drive, Lacombe, LA 70445.** You will receive an email confirmation that your check was received. The tour will be limited to the first 50 members who reserve with a check. As of July 19, 2012 thirty reservations have been received.

Additional information and sites are available at

Bracy's Nursery <http://www.bracys.com>

Covey Rise Farms <http://www.coveyriselodge.com/history/>

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STPMG Programs

August 15, 2012

Creating an Aquatic Garden Easy Steps Dianne Quinn, Master Gardener

Dianne Quinn, Master Gardener Class of 2011, will talk to us about how to create an aquatic garden. She will provide easy steps for having a water garden in your yard.





Cool Tips for Winter Gardens



St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners Association
In conjunction with the
LSU AgCenter

Presents a workshop
Wednesday, September 12, 2012
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
(Check-In Begins at 8:00am)

Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters
Bayou LaCombe Centre'
61389 Hwy 434, Lacombe, LA 70445

Topics Include:

Fall Frenzy

By Nellie Neal aka "The Garden Mama"

Hoop Houses—Extending your Growing Season

By Carl E Metznerbocker, PHD

Propagation Passion

By Nellie Neal aka "The Garden Mama"

And

Expert Information from Master Gardeners at "Table-Top Clinics"

Registration Fee of \$15 per person due by 09/05/12

Space is Limited to 125 attendees. Registration will close when full

Registration deadline 09/05/12. Make checks payable to STMG
Mail to STMG, Cool Tips for Winter Gardens Seminar c/o LSU AgCenter, P.O. Box 5438 Covington, LA 70434
For Further Info: LSU AgCenter 983-875-2633

Name: _____ Number Attending _____

(Please Print)

Additional Attendees: _____ Amount Enclosed (\$15/person): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Amount enclosed: _____ Confirmed: _____

Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners Host 12th State Master Gardener Conference

Space is still available for the 2012 state master gardener conference October 24-26 at L'auberge Casino Resort in Lake Charles, LA. As space is limited, interested persons are encouraged to register as soon as possible. More detailed information about the conference is available at www.lsuagcenter.com/lmg2012.

The three day conference features prominent speakers in the field of horticulture. There will also be a variety of vendors and a location that cannot be beat.

“We wanted this event to highlight outstanding writers and speakers in gardening,” said Emily Shirley, chairperson of the event. “Examples of our outstanding speakers include Nellie Neal and Dr. Allan Armitage,” she said. Nellie Neal’s books include “Questions and Answers for Deep South Gardeners” and “Getting Started in Southern Gardening.” Dr. Armitage is a noted writer and horticulturist. He teaches at the University of Georgia where he runs the research gardens. His books include “Herbaceous Perennial Plants,” “Armitage’s Vines and Climbers” and “Native Plants.” The conference will also feature a gardening bookstore that will include books authored by some of the speakers.

On the final day of the conference Dr. Armitage will lead a tour of the gardens at Margaret Place where he will describe the history of some of the plants in the gardens at Margaret Place, believed to be the oldest subdivision in Calcasieu Parish.

Margaret Place tour is one of three offered at the conclusion of the conference; another is a high tea at the Nobless Tea House on Ryan Street in Lake Charles. A tour is also scheduled to the famed Creole Nature Trail in Cameron Parish, south of Lake Charles.

The conference is being sponsored by the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners and the LSU Ag Center. For more information contact the LSU website, telephone your local County Agent or Pam Langley at mplangley@hotmail.com.

Early registration ends on Sept. 15. Special rates have been arranged with L'auberge for the event. The early registration fee of \$150 covers all meals, attendance at all conference events. The tours are \$30 each. While space is limited there is still space on each tour but they are filling up quickly.

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn_garden/master_gardener/LMG+State+Conference/



TEXAS STAR HIBISCUS

I always consider it a good growing season when I am pleasantly surprised with a new plant.

This year I need to thank Pete Pericone for introducing me to the Texas Star Hibiscus (*Hibiscus coccineus*). Pete gave me some seeds and growing advice when we worked together at the Slidell Memorial Rehabilitation garden last fall. His enthusiasm was very obvious, but I didn't know if this was something special, or if that's just the way he is.

That may be the way he is, but this plant is something special!



I started these plants in several 3-gallon pots, just to see what I was working with. They were easy to grow and showed a beautiful, strong foliage, not unlike the infamous Cannabis sativa plant, or so I'm told...



Although Pete recommended growing the plants in full sun, I have mostly partial shade. When we compared notes, Pete told me his Texas Star's had been blooming for several weeks, while mine were just getting around to putting out flowers. A friend I had given a plant to told me her's are in full shade and are just now putting out buds.

The flower is the big surprise. It is big, almost the size of your hand, and bright red, like color of the hummingbird feeders. They only last for a day, but enough buds are produced to give flowers for some time.

An internet growing site gives the following information.

The Texas Star Hibiscus is a perennial plant adapted to zone 7. It prefers full sun or partial shade and has a medium water demand, preferring a well drained soil. It grows 4 to 6 feet in height and spreads about 3 feet. Pete Pericone reports that his plants get to 7 feet. The Texas Star Hibiscus display a bright red bloom from June to October which are highly attractive to butterflies. The native species is deciduous, but will come back except following a harsh winter freeze. The plant produces ample seeds.

The Texas Star is now one of my favorites, both for my own yard and for gifts to friends.

Enjoy!
Paul Andres
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Lacombe Butterfly Garden

The Lacombe butterfly garden is thriving this summer. In mid-June a group of Master Gardeners met at the garden for a session of general maintenance which included cutting back some of our overachieving plants, weeding, staking and dead-heading. Our sprinkler system and the recent rains have kept everything green and healthy with no signs of rot from too much rain.

Two new plants were added to the garden this spring - a cigar plant and a "bat face" - both members of the genus *Cuphea*. Both of these plants are healthy and in full bloom, enjoying their spaces in the sun near Bayou Lacombe.

The garden is located on the 110 acre headquarters of the Southeast LA National Wildlife Refuges complex off of Highway 434 in Lacombe. Wild Things, an annual family event hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the local Friends of Louisiana Wildlife Refuges, will be held on Saturday October 13. Last year our butterfly garden had at least 900 visitors between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM. (Wild Things had over 4000 visitors.) Again this year we will host an educational activity at the butterfly garden during Wild Things, and that event is in the planning stages. Those interested in being a part of this year's butterfly garden activity are invited to a planning session and brief work day on Wednesday, August 8 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at the butterfly garden. Please join us with your gardening tools and ideas so that we can plan an educational and fun activity for Wild Things.

Susie Andres

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985.502.8964



Planning to plant a winter garden?

I conducted a phone survey of 20 Master Gardeners to find out what vegetables they were going to plant this fall.

All 20 are planning to grow some vegetables and/or herbs this year. Some will be gardening in the cooler months for the first time.

PLANTING MONTH: August is still a hot month, so most will begin to plant in September and October.

COMPOST: Almost all have a compost pile that they incorporate into their garden soil. The few who don't compost, buy some bagged compost to loosen and enrich their garden.

CONTAINERS, LEVEL WITH THE GROUND OR RAISED BEDS: All methods are used.

However, containers pose a potential problem if potting soil is used in the self-watering tubs. A self-watering container has a reservoir in the bottom that is filled with water. Several soil columns extend from the bottom of the container into the top where the plants are growing. The water is wicked up and keeps the soil moist. But when potting soil is used, several MGs have found that the soil is too wet and soggy to support healthy growth.

Jay Rose experienced this and said since he switched to *Miracle Gro Garden Soil for Flowers and Vegetables* he has had great results. Last year, his containers produced more lettuce than he and Betty could eat.

A few used hanging baskets to grow their winter herbs.

PLANT SELECTION OF THE 20 SURVEYED

Vegetables: It is best to plant tomatoes in July. August is a little too late.

Kale, chard, spinach, arugula, mustard, collards, and micro greens

Root crops like beets, turnips, green onions and carrots

Broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprout and cabbage

Herbs: Cilantro, parsley, rosemary, oregano, dill, fennel and mint.

Gardening in the cooler months is fun and productive especially in light of the cooler weather not favoring as many pests as we see during the summer. If you've never grown cool weather vegetables, give them a try. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

There will be two seminars about cool season gardens coming soon:

1-Jerry Ballanco will give a talk at the library in early August.

2-*Cool Tips for Winter Gardens* is the title of our fall seminar on September 12th.

Art Scott

Vegetable Festival Survey - 2012

Only 3 members filled out the form. I didn't think it would be meaningful with such a minimal response, so I didn't tabulate the results.

Vegetable Festival Taste-Test Cards

Now when it comes to tasting and voting, us MGs have our priorities in order.

The 3 categories were LIKED A LOT -- JUST OK -- NO, THANK YOU.

The ones that got the most enthusiastic ratings, in order of preference:

Tomatoes - Sun Gold/ Sun Sugar – the most enthusiastic LIKED A LOT of all.

Sweet Pepper -Carmen – two MGs had samples – both cards had lots of LIKED A LOTs

Yard Long Beans

Kellogg Breakfast - tomato

Minn. - red potato

Celebrity - tomato

Fairy Tale - eggplant

Ichiban - eggplant

This group had several checks without a high number in any one category:

True Lemon – cucumber

Nippon Sanjaku Kiuri – cucumber

White Wonder – cucumber

Juliet – hybrid tomato

Azoyka – tomato

Casper – eggplant

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French Lemon Spinach – sorrel

Ravena – eggplant

These were the least liked varieties:

Cajun Belle – spicy pepper

Cherokee Purple – tomato heirloom

Delicious – tomato heirloom – samples from 2 MGs

Hope you find this useful with your selections for next year.

Art Scott

JULY ST TAMMANY MASTER GARDENERS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The July meeting was held at the National Guard Armory in Covington on 7/18/12. Forty-nine members were in attendance. President Julie led the group in the pledge of allegiance. Deborah Nolan led us in prayer.

Judy Wood gave the garden tip. She brought bright orange-colored stakes and explained how she uses them to mark the red ant piles on her property when she's out riding on her cart. She can later come back with the ant poison and spot them easily. Judy offered them on the sharing table for others to try.

Derek and Dana Moore (husband and wife team) from Kat Kaw Nursery and the Louisiana State Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, gave a great presentation. They said they found their niche in the nursery business by concentrating on unusual plants. They brought many unusual plants for us to enjoy and even gave some of them away as prizes. Nice hearing the story of how they met, too.

Julie reported on the upcoming conference in Lake Charles. Money must be mailed in and to get the best price must be received by September 15th. The room rate for two will only be \$99 and the conference will be held at L'Auberge Casino & Resort.

Julie introduced a new member to our group, Cindy Manger. Cindy is coming to us from the New Orleans Master Gardener group. Welcome aboard, Cindy.

Donna Dicharry made a motion that the June minutes be accepted as submitted. Lyn Monteleone seconded. Motion carried.

Judy Wood announced that next month Dianne Quinn will be speaking to us on "Aquatic Gardens". In November, Art Scott will teach us how to "Grow a salad in 30 days".

Judy also announced that she will be accepting money for the Bracey/Covey trip on 10/10. We will leave Covington at 8:30 a.m. and return no later than 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. Cost will be \$30.00 and will include lunch.

Money is also being accepted for the Fall Seminar to be held on 9/12/12. Cost will be \$15.00 and will be limited to 125 people. "Cool Tips for Winter Gardens" will be a half day seminar at Bayou LaCombe Centre with guest lecturers Carl Motsenbocker and the "Garden Mama" Nellie Neal.

Motion to accept the treasurer’s June report as given was made by Pam Rowe and seconded by Eileen Gremillion. Motion carried.

Gail Hinkley has accepted the chairmanship for the Slidell Senior Center project. She announced that the area for the gardens has been cleared and planters have been built. Bill Moser of “Keep Slidell Beautiful” has promised to put in cement walkways and maybe even a Gazebo. Contact Gail with your ideas or offers to help.

Jerry Ballanco spoke on the Vegucators project and the importance of both the environment and beneficial insects to the overall health of our garden plants. He will be giving talks at the Folsom, Covington and Slidell libraries in August. Topic will be “Fall Vegetable Gardening- an Easy Grow”.

Meeting was adjourned. Great refreshments were served, including cookies, cake and watermelon.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathleen Guidry, Secretary



Derek and Dana Moore from Kat Kaw Nursery and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, respectively, spoke at the July meeting. Be sure to visit their nursery if you are looking for beautiful and unusual plants.

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



AGENDA
STPMG Membership Meeting
August 16, 2012

- 1. Call to order and report quorum present**
 - 2. Opening Ceremonies**
 - 3. Garden Hint**
Garden Problem
Program: Dianne Quinn, MG Class of 2011: Aquatic Gardening
 - 4. Comments by Rusty Batty, County Agent and MG Advisor**
 - 5. Minutes from July, 2012 meeting**
 - 6. Officer's reports**
President: Julie Deus
Vice President: Judy Wood
Treasurer: Jay Rose
 - 7. Project Committee Reports**
Fall Seminar: Julie Deus
Lacombe Butterfly Garden: Susie Andres
 - 8. Committee Reports**
2013 Plant Show: Ty Guidroz
 - 9. Announcements**
Mizell Butterfly Festival:
 - 10. Adjourn**
- * Glenda Spano will bring one of her beautiful scrapbooks of MG activities to the meeting. Be sure to look for the scrapbook and see if you can find *your* photo.**

Calendar of Events

August, 2012	
1	Professional Development Day for the Legacy School Gardens Project. Jefferson East, Conference Room. 8:30-11:30. Speakers: Dr. Kiki Fontenot and Karen Walker, Nutritionist from the LSU AgCenter. Contact Christie Paulsell for more information j.christine.paulsell@stpsb.org .
1,2 or 4	“Growing Fall Vegetables: Cooler Temps and Extended Harvest” taught by Dr. Gerard Ballanco. Folsom Library, Aug. 1, 2-3:30pm, 796-9728; Covington Library, Aug. 2 from 6-7:30, 893-6280; Slidell Library, Aug. 4, 10:30-12, 646-6470. Free but registration is required. Call to register or register online at http://register.stpl.us/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp .
8	Vegucator seminars at the AgCenter. 9-12. David Lynd: Sustainable and Organic Gardening; Don Lefevre: Cover crops and green manure, Jerry Ballanco: Using crops and flowers to protect against pests. For more info contact Jerry Ballanco @ gballanco@bellsouth.net
8	Work/planning day at the Lacombe Butterfly Garden, 9-10. Some garden maintenance and planning for Wild Things activities. Contact Susie Andres at sandres@bellsouth.net . <i>See page 11.</i>
15	Monthly Meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 a.m. Speaker: Dianne Quinn on Aquatic Gardening.
22	Vegucator seminars at the AgCenter. 9-12. Linda Franzo: Kitchen Garden Design and Methods. Rodney Cross: Square foot and container gardening. Marlene Sabkowich: Compost and Vermiculture. Contact Jerry Ballanco at gballanco@bellsouth.net

September, 2012	
5	Slidell Library Herb Committee Herb Gathering at the Slidell Library Meeting room. 1 p.m. Kathleen Guidry will give a talk on ginger.
5	Vegucator seminars at the AgCenter. 9-12.
12	Fall Seminar at the SELA Nat'l Wildlife Refuge. 61389 Hwy 434, Lacombe. 9-1. Nellie Neal, <i>The Garden Mama</i> , and Dr. Carl Motsenbocker are the speakers. <i>See page 8.</i>
19	Monthly Meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Guihong Bi on Hydrangeas: the How, When & Where.
26	Vegucator seminars at the AgCenter. 9-12.

October, 2012	
10	Field trip to Covey Rise Farm and Bracy's Nursery. <i>See page 6</i>
17	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 a.m. Speaker: John Klipsch on Organic Plant Foods and Organic Controls.

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Notes From the Editor:

Hi MGs,

Our quiet, uneventful summer is about over and fall activities are heating up. Be sure to come to the Fall Seminar, “Cool Tips for Winter Gardens” on Sept. 12 at the USFWS Headquarters on 434, Lacombe. There will be great speakers in a great location.

Also be sure to check out at least one of the Vegucator seminars. The members put in a great deal of effort on their presentations. They are very informative and geared to our local growing conditions. You will earn education hours for attending.

Be sure to register ASAP for the Fall Field trip to Bracy’s and Covey Rise Farms. The bus will fill up fast!

Don’t forget to log in your hours for all of these activities. Here is the link to post your hours:

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

I’m looking forward to fall, cooler temperatures and the heating up of Master Gardener activities!

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