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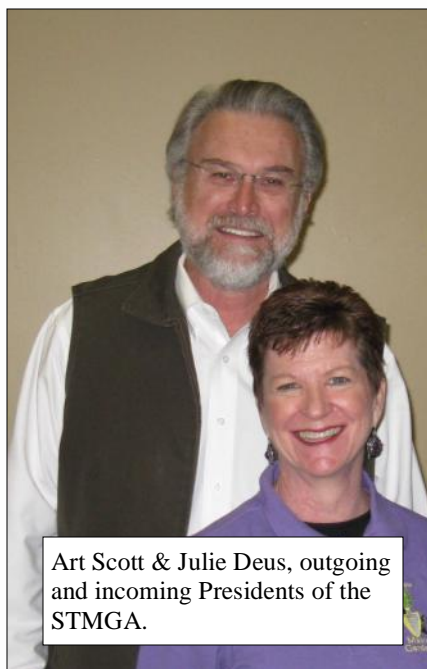
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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. TAMMANY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

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Great Scott!! Art's Last Month as President

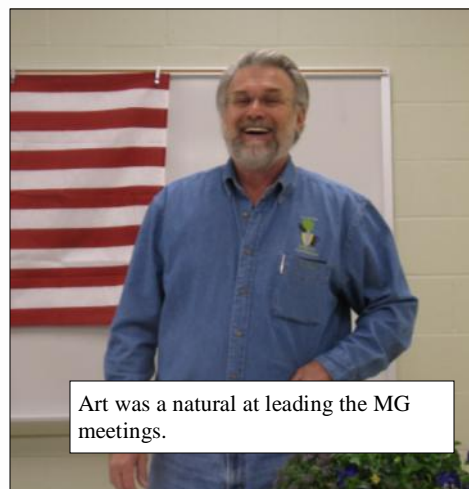


Art Scott & Julie Deus, outgoing and incoming Presidents of the STMGA.

Art took over as president last January, but the planning started way back in October '09. He was determined to make positive changes to the STMGA. He put in many hours of thought, preparation, and hard work to make our meetings and our association better. He is leaving us with a great foundation to build on, giving us needed structure and organization. He listened to the membership to incorporate improvements to make the meetings more interesting and educational and he worked to keep the members well informed and involved with association matters. He was a "hands on" president who worked in the mud to fix a drip irrigation system, helped put in a new butterfly garden from scratch and, among numerous other activities, he directed traffic at the plant show. Art's leadership will be missed, but he's leaving the office in the capable hands of Julie Deus, who will assume the office in January. Art will still be an active Master Gardener as well as the Chairman of the Projects Committee. Art, we thank you for your hard work, dedication and a great year!!



Art mastered the art of guiding Master Gardeners during his tenure. He refrained from telling some of us "where to go".



Art was a natural at leading the MG meetings.

President's Message

My year as president has come to an end. It has been filled with change and challenge.

If I listed all who made this year a success, I would have to copy the roster.

Here are a few of the many who helped.

A big thanks to my fellow officers who made my job easier and the meetings flow smoothly; Nancy Berulis (secretary), Glenda Nanz (VP and Program Chair) and the ever- accurate Dianne Ramirez (treasurer).

I had two advisors who were great sounding boards. They wouldn't always agree with me and that made their advice all the more valuable. I knew I could go to Debora Litzenberger and Judy Wood to talk about whatever concerns I had and know that our discussions would be held in confidence.

It has been great serving with an organization where so many are willing to volunteer.

Mary Ann Brannan stepped up and took over handling the Christmas Party with her Committee of Barbara Moore, Chris McNeely Stellingworth, Lonnie Hauphmann, Isabelle Moore and Camille Schwandt.

The drip irrigation team was always ready on short notice – Pete Pericone and Keith Knight.

When a bylaws committee needed to be formed, everyone I asked accepted. Thanks to Chere Curtail, Betty Rose, Debora Turton, Isabelle Moore, Mary Ann Brannan, Pam Keating, Pam Twardzik, Rodney Cross and Judy Wood (chair).

The nominating committee was another where all asked, stepped forward. Thank you Betty Rose, Debora Litzenberger and Dianne Ramirez (chair).

And thanks to all of the committees, subcommittees, our newsletter editor and everyone involved with the projects who worked so hard to make this another successful year.

It is largely through Rusty Batty's guidance and leadership that we are who we are. His humor, advice, involvement (especially with our annual plant show) and his goal of always providing us with a new group of enthusiastic MGs continually lays the groundwork for our success. Thanks, Rusty.

It has been an honor to work with so many dedicated, committed people. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president.

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Art & his lovely wife, Liz. Thanks to Liz for sharing so much of Art's time with us this year!

Gardening Gift Guide

Although I enjoy all seasons of the year one of my favorite months is now, December. Time to enjoy food, family, friends and favors. For the gardeners who have, need, or want favors (gifts) let me offer some suggestions.

Gardening books – *Southern Living Garden Book, Southern Plants, The Louisiana Fruit and Vegetable Book, The Southern Gardener Book of Lists, and Southern Lawns*. The list is long, but any book you consider for your garden should contain Southern, Southeastern or Louisiana in its title.

Gardening magazine subscriptions: *Southern Living, Louisiana Gardener, Southern Perennial Flower Gardening, Organic Gardening, and Horticulture*. These magazines not only provide general plant growing ideas, they include seasonal and hot topic issues.

Tools – Shovel, rakes and hoes are some staple tools now available with ergonomic, composite and specialty handles. These are fine for medium to large gardening. Also consider new pruning shears and saws, trowels, wheel barrow, and of course, gloves. The lists of gas or electric tools are endless. A review of the magazines and books above will add to your options.

If this is not enough to satisfy your garden gift list, browse through the internet at Buzzle.com, ehow.com, helpfulgardener.com, waytoocool.com, just to name a few. There are countless garden areas to search.

After all this, enjoy the next best seasonal activity, a cool winter's nap with a cup of hot chocolate. Merry Christmas to all and Happy Gardening!

For more information on caring for your landscape, contact a county agent in the St. Tammany parish office of the LSU AgCenter Extension office at (985)875-2635 or visit our website at www.lsuagcenter.com.

Rusty Batty



Hi everyone,

Happy Holidays are here again. Hurricane season is officially over for this year. I am still armchair gardening. I look outside to see cold, rain, windy and generally unpleasant weather and I reach for another seed catalog. Spring can't be too far away.

I look to the counter to see the green onions growing nicely in their jar of water. Seed packets lie on the table ready for sowing. I look out at the yard through humidity filled windows to see several birds perched on the porch looking for a handout and avoiding the weather. I step out grain in hand and my hair curls. Humidity! How can a place going through a drought have so much humidity? Humidity is the amount of wa-



ter vapor in the air. Relative humidity, not related to me most certainly, is the amount of water vapor actually in the air divided by the amount of water vapor the air can hold. Relative humidity is expressed as a percentage and can be computed in a variety of ways. Dew point is the temperature air would have to be cooled to in order for saturation to occur. The dew point temperature assumes there is no change in air pressure or moisture content of the air. Humidity can be dangerous when outside temperatures are high. Heat and humidity com-

bine to slow evaporation of sweat from the body. Therefore, outdoor gardening becomes dangerous even for those in good shape during the summer months. Humidity is necessary to our planet. While this is a small share of Earth's water, our planet would be very different without it. If Earth's air didn't contain as much humidity as it does, our weather would be like that of Mars. The US city with the lowest annual humidity is Las Vegas, averaging 39% for a high and 21% as a low. The lowest humidity in the world is found in Antarctica. I am starting to sweat just thinking about how hot it gets in Las Vegas so I will turn on the air conditioner and pretend I am on my way to the Antarctic.

Thanks to all who attended the plant show meeting and expressed an interest. This is truly a fun way to add to your volunteer hours.

We have new officers ready to fill their positions with enthusiasm. A Christmas party for all. Get involved! Master Gardeners are a wonderful group of people country wide.



Get out in that humidity and plant some spinach, greens, crucifers, and lettuces. Crimson clover make a beautiful cover crop for your garden spot.

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Southern Garden Symposium and Workshops

By Phyllis Morgan

This event is the best kept secret in the gardening arena. “Exploring Southern Gardens” was the theme for the 22nd annual Southern Garden Symposium held in St. Francisville during the weekend of October 15th and 16th. While many Master Gardeners made way north to Crystal Springs, three of us (Barbara Henry, Chere Currault and I) traveled to St. Francisville on a beautiful day to visit several historical plantations and homes as part of the venue for the symposium.

We were first welcomed to Ouida Plantation, the home of avid gardeners who showed us what they had done to make their estate more natural by planting native Louisiana trees. A tour of the formal garden next to the house made way to an age-old cemetery, kitchen garden and then woodland area enticed participants to consider the natural look to minimize upkeep and to maximize the variety of plantings in the landscape. Rick Webb, owner of Louisiana Naturals in Amite described his four-layer plan in helping the owners of Ouida Plantation restore the grounds. We enjoyed coffee, juice, pastries in the comfort of lawn chairs under a canopy of moss-laden oaks; took the tour; and enjoyed meeting other garden enthusiasts from all over the country. Participants we met hailed from Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The group then made their way to Afton Villa to a scene taken right out of “Gone With the Wind” as we enjoyed a salad lunch on the grounds with all 300 participants in the Symposium. Following lunch the group was divided among four workshops held in historic houses in downtown St. Francisville. We attended “Japanese Maples, Camellias, Azaleas, and More: Creating the Perfect Southern Shade Garden” conducted by Dr. David Creech, Director of The Gardens of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Dr. Creech showed pictures of all the varieties of Japanese maples that would survive well in our climate as well as new varieties of azaleas. He further described companion plants to add to the shade garden to enhance color in the landscape. Naturally, we went shopping in the many antique stores in downtown St. Francisville that afternoon.

The next morning found us at still another glorious plantation, Heminbrough. We enjoyed refreshments on the terrace, browsed the book, plant and garden tool sales and then visited the Arlin Dease’s beautiful garden and grounds at Heminbrough. It was a sight to behold due to its grandiose expanse and outbuildings. The entire group entered a large room to be welcomed by Dr. Neil Oldenwald who introduced the first speaker, Dr. David Creech. In his speech encouraging us to provide more opportunities for children to be outside and working in gardens he presented a comical chronology of what Stephen F. Foster Gardens are doing in conjunction with schools and on special events to encourage children in the garden. He claims that future generations will not enjoy the outdoors and carry on with gardening tradition since they are cooped up indoors in front of computers and the television.

The next workshop for the morning was “History, Preservation and The Rosedown Garden.” presented by Dr. William Seale. A lovely lunch was served and we enjoyed a time outside walking through the grounds. The afternoon session was presented by Dr. Mark Plotkin, a New Orleans native, who works in the Amazonian forests with ancient shamans (medicine men) to discover new plants sources for medicines to counteract new developing viruses which are becoming resistant to antibiotics. His plea to save the rainforest was very effective in convincing us how valuable the Amazon is to the world.

Finally, we were treated to afternoon tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joey Gammell in downtown St. Francisville. We enjoyed looking at the restored home and gardens as we visited with other participants. The weekend proved to be quite a treat as we enjoyed the beautiful plantations first hand. Be sure to ask Barbara, Chere or me about the bed bugs when you see us. Plan to attend the Southern Garden Symposium on October 21 and 22, 2011 next year.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH MASTER GARDENERS
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Scott at 10:10 AM. The meeting was held at the National Guard Armory in Covington. A quorum was present with 64 members attending. Rusty Batty led the prayer and Art Scott the Pledge of Allegiance.

The new Master Gardner Class of 2010 was introduced and welcomed. Judy Wood initiated the sign in sheets for the Plant Show.

Program: Todd Ellefion from Windmill Nursery and Kerry Jane from Banting Nursery were the guest speakers for the educational program.

County Agent: Rusty Batty announced the MG Annual Plant Show will be held on March 19 & 20, 2011. The planning meetings will be held at 9 am before the regular MG meetings in Jan. Feb and March. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Double volunteer hours are given for parking duty.

Chairpersons for the different areas are as follows:

Plant Corral - Phyllis Morgan
MG Plant Booth - Pam Keating
Publicity - Kathleen Guidry
Children's Booth -Debbie Schoen
Vendors - Jean Claire Cleveland & Betty LaGraize
Raffle Booth - Glenda Nanz & Chris McNeely
Evaluations - Cecelia Drennan
MG Table - Peggy Goertz & Barbara Moore
Parking - Rodney Cross
Refreshments - Karla Partridge
Food Vendors - Susie Koepp
Volunteers - Pam Twardzik
Rusty Batty and Art Scott - support systems

Rusty reminded the members that all volunteer hours must be in by Dec. 31st in order to maintain membership.

There is a workshop on Dec. 8th at 9 AM at the Fair Grounds to demonstrate how to make a rain barrel. You will need a barrel, which you

can get at a car wash, and a 3/4 “ spigot.

Minutes: The minutes from the Sept. and Oct. meetings were approved as circulated.

Officer's Reports: Art Scott noted that Glenda Spano has brought the scrapbooks today to share. She is looking for help with this task. Judy Wood has a grow light on the share table that she would like to give away. Diane Ramirez, treasurer, noted that dues are due. Forms are available today and can be mailed with \$12. The treasurer's reports for the last 2 months were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports: Diane Ramirez reviewed the financial planning for the Plant Show and MG Association. Mary Ann Brannan reported that plans for the Annual Christmas Party will be in the GardenGoer. The date is Dec. 15th at 11:30 am. at the Fire Department on Carr Drive in Slidell. Sign up sheet is being passed around.

Project Coordinator Reports: Nancy Berulis reported on the Fall Herb Festival success. Betty Rose explained that we have an opportunity to apply for the Search for Excellence Award for the maintenance of the Herb Garden at the Slidell Library. A motion was made and passed for the Master Gardeners to apply for this award. Judy Wood reviewed that a survey completed after the recent field trip will be used to help plan other events in the future. Janey Lively noted that 4,200 people attended the Wild Things event. The children's table was well attended. Keith Knight said that the Slidell Memorial Hospital Rehab. plant sale netted \$300. Volunteers are welcomed when they meet on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 12 pm. at the hospital.

Unfinished Business: Volunteer hours are still available both on line and in the community. Please note Pam Keating's email notices.

Door Prizes: Twelve door prizes were awarded thanks to the generosity of Windmill Nursery and Banting Nursery and our Association.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted: Nancy Berulis, Secretary



December Meeting Recap



Todd Ellefion, Windmill Nursery, was our guest speaker.



A very full house was in attendance with the addition of the "new class".



Windmill Nursery brought 10 plants that were given away as door prizes.



Kerry Jane, Manager of Banting Nursery in Bridge City. She spoke about colorful fall plants and made the bouquet below from plants blooming now.



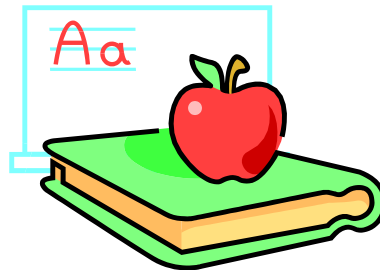
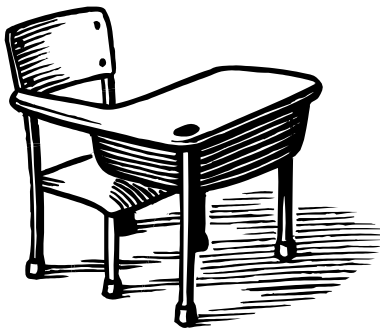
Mary Ann Brannan and Barbara Moore were 2 of the 12 people who won door prizes. O'Keefe's donated 2 prizes of pansies and foxglove; Windmill Nursery donated 10.



Todd Ellefion of Windmill Nursery spoke about the Southern Living Collection of plants he brought. Windmill Nursery bought Banting Nursery earlier this year as a retail outlet.. Kerry Jane, manager of Banting, is giving MGs a 10% discount when you show a MG ID. The "new" class showed up en masse and we had great attendance. If you attended the speaker presentation, you earned 1 CEU.

Master Gardeners and St. Tammany Parish Schools

Good News!...The door is opening for a St. Tammany Master Gardener's network to begin collaboration with our 52 areas public schools in St. Tammany Parish (www.stpsb.org). I have recently received verbal confirmation that since St Tammany Parish School Board has a working relation with LSU Ag Center that we, as Master Gardeners, could form a committee to coordinate offerings of educational programs within our schools. If you would like to be part of the planning/networking committee, please contact me at: J.Christine.Paulsell@stpsb.org .



Bring Your Own Barrel (BYOB)

A rain barrel workshop will be held Wednesday, December 8 at 9am at the parish fairgrounds barn. The workshop will be a hands-on demonstration offered by Bob Beter, MG 2010. Information on building, maintaining, and the benefits of rain barrels will be offered. This workshop will be offered for Master Gardeners only.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own plastic barrel and a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch faucet for the workshop. Plastic barrels may be found at local car-wash facilities. Please call the LSU Ag Center office at 875-2635, if you plan to attend.



You are cordially invited to the

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH MASTER GARDENER
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2010
11:30 AM
NORTHSHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
267 DEBBIE DR
SLIDELL, LA 70458**

**A SHORT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 11:30 WITH LUNCH
AND LOTS OF FUN TO FOLLOW**

PLEASE BRING A PLANT FOR A GIFT EXCHANGE

**THE ASSOCIATION WILL PROVIDE THE ENTRÉE
(SMOKED PORK LOIN), ROLLS AND SOFT DRINKS**

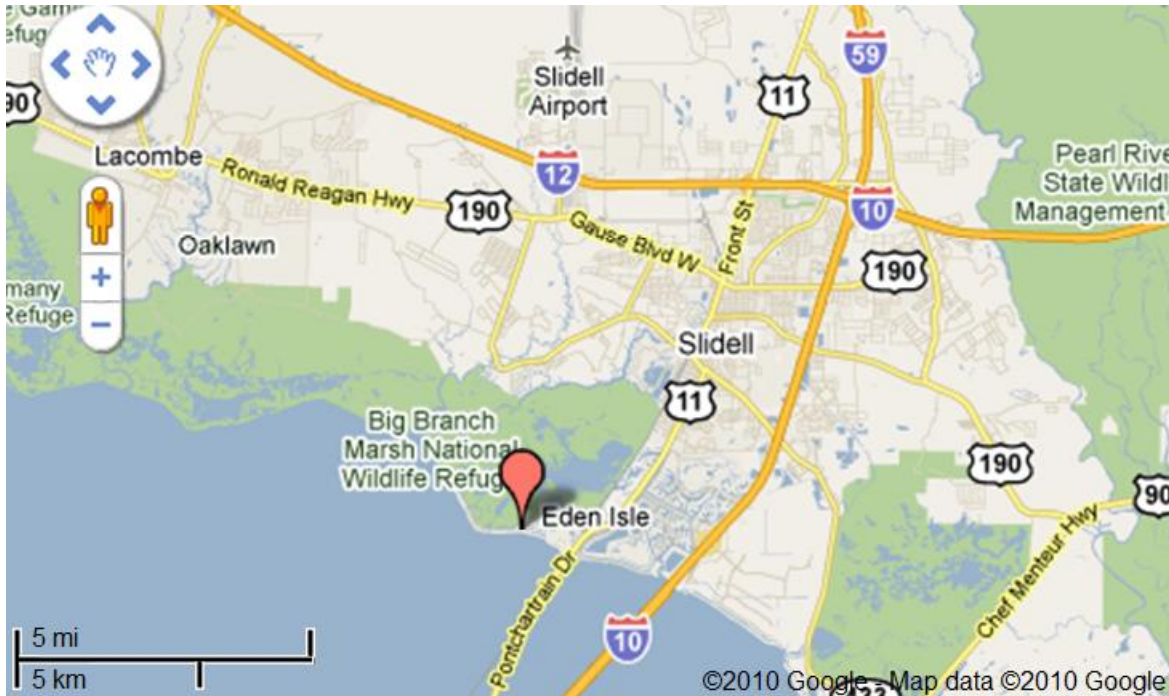
*Please register if you are attending the party. Master Gardeners only.
Please sign up to bring a side dish, salad or dessert or contribute \$10 to-
ward the cost of the main dish.*

*Sign up with Mary Ann Brannan at 985-626-7232, maedbran@bellsouth.net
or Barbara Moore at 985-674-2747, babsofil@gmail.com*

ADULT BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED—BYO

Map to Christmas Party

The address is 267 Debbie Drive, Slidell, LA 70458. From I-12, take the Hwy 11 exit south. Follow all the way through Slidell. (Hwy 11 is called Front Street, then turns into Pontchartrain Drive). Just past the entrance to Eden Isles on the left and before the Lake Pontchartrain bridge, you will turn right onto Carr Drive. Follow Carr Drive to Debbie Dr. and turn left. The Northshore Beach Community Center and Firehouse will be on your right. If you need assistance on the drive over call a member of the hospitality committee on their cell phone: Mary Ann Brannan @ 985-373-8459, Barbara Moore @985-264-6259, or Chris McNeely Stellingworth @ 504-237-1039. Mary Ann says to allow 45 minutes to get there from Covington.



Sign Up for STPMG Committees



It is time to make plans for 2011. You can help to guide the activities and direction of STPMG by participating on a committee. Listed below are committees for 2011, the scope of responsibility for each committee, the chair of each committee and his/her email address. To sign up for the committee or get more information, please email the chairman.

Finance Committee - Establish annual budget; provide annual report – Jay Rose - jay-rose@charter.net

Historical Committee - Maintain STPMG scrapbook; collect pictures, newspaper articles and other appropriate items – Glenda Spano - runmimirun@yahoo.com

Honors Committee - Provide some form of recognition for volunteering above and beyond the normal requirements - Sandy Arnoult - sarnoult@bellsouth.net

Hospitality Committee - Provide coffee and/or tea at our meetings; organize the food for May meeting; organize the Christmas party - Mary Ann Brannan - maedbran@bellsouth.net

Membership Committee - Maintains directory and distributes to membership; records attendance at meetings; distributes newsletter to membership; oversees the recording of members' volunteer hours - Pam Keating - tvkpam@bellsouth.net

Program Committee - Arrange program for monthly general meeting; plan for field trips; introduces speaker and makes arrangements for necessary equipment – Judy Wood – jazzwood@charter.net

Publicity Committee – Document STPMG activities and submits information to newspapers – Donna Brown - acddbrown@yahoo.com

Scholarship Committee - Establishes criteria, publicize, determine amount and select recipient (s) of the Bobby Fletcher, Sr. Memorial Scholarship - Brenda Caston - jbcaston@bellsouth.net

School Projects Committee - Coordinate offerings of educational programs within St. Tammany Parish Schools - Christy Paulsell - J.Christine.Paulsell@stpsb.org

Judy Wood
882-5353
jazzwood@charter.net

Membership Dues for 2011

This will be the last call for 2011 Master Gardener dues. All volunteer and education hours must be posted online at the LSU AgCenter website preferably by Dec. 15 and MG dues postmarked by Dec. 31. If you do not have hours and would like to continue with Master Gardeners, please call Rusty and talk to him. We are putting together the 2011 MG directory and need your updated contact information (we are adding cell phone numbers this year so everyone should submit a new contact form).



Please send your check made out to STMGA for \$12.00 to:

Dianne Ramirez
286 Laura Drive South
Mandeville, LA 70448.

Thanks,
Pam Keating



Master Gardener Dues for 2011

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell # _____

Email address _____

Please send a check for \$12.00 to: Dianne Ramirez
286 Laura Drive South
Mandeville, LA 70448

Date received _____ Check# _____ Cash _____

The Slidell Library Herb Garden Festivals and Herb Gathering Calendar for 2011

Spring Herb Festival - Tuesday, April 12

Fall Herb Festival - Tuesday, September 27

Festival time is 4 pm to 7 pm, Set up usually starts by 2 pm or sooner.

Herb Gathering meetings - all are Wednesdays from 1-3 PM at the Slidell Library meeting room:

January 12	Betty Rose	Curry
March 30	Donna Dicharry	Parsley
May 11	Debora Litzenberger	Rosemary
August 10	Cecelia Drennan	Mint
September 14	Patty McGinnis	Basil
November 9	(to be determined)	

We need a Chairperson for the Spring and Fall Festivals for 2011. Nancy Berulis and Denise Stearns did a great job in 2010. Judy Wood has done a great job in getting all the duties documented. It should be a very streamlined effort for the next Chairpersons. Do I have a volunteer?

A special thanks to Judy Wood for her presentation on lemon grass in August and Denise Stearns' talk on stevia in October. There will be no more herb group meetings in 2010.

Happy Holidays,

Betty Rose
Chairperson
Slidell Herb Garden

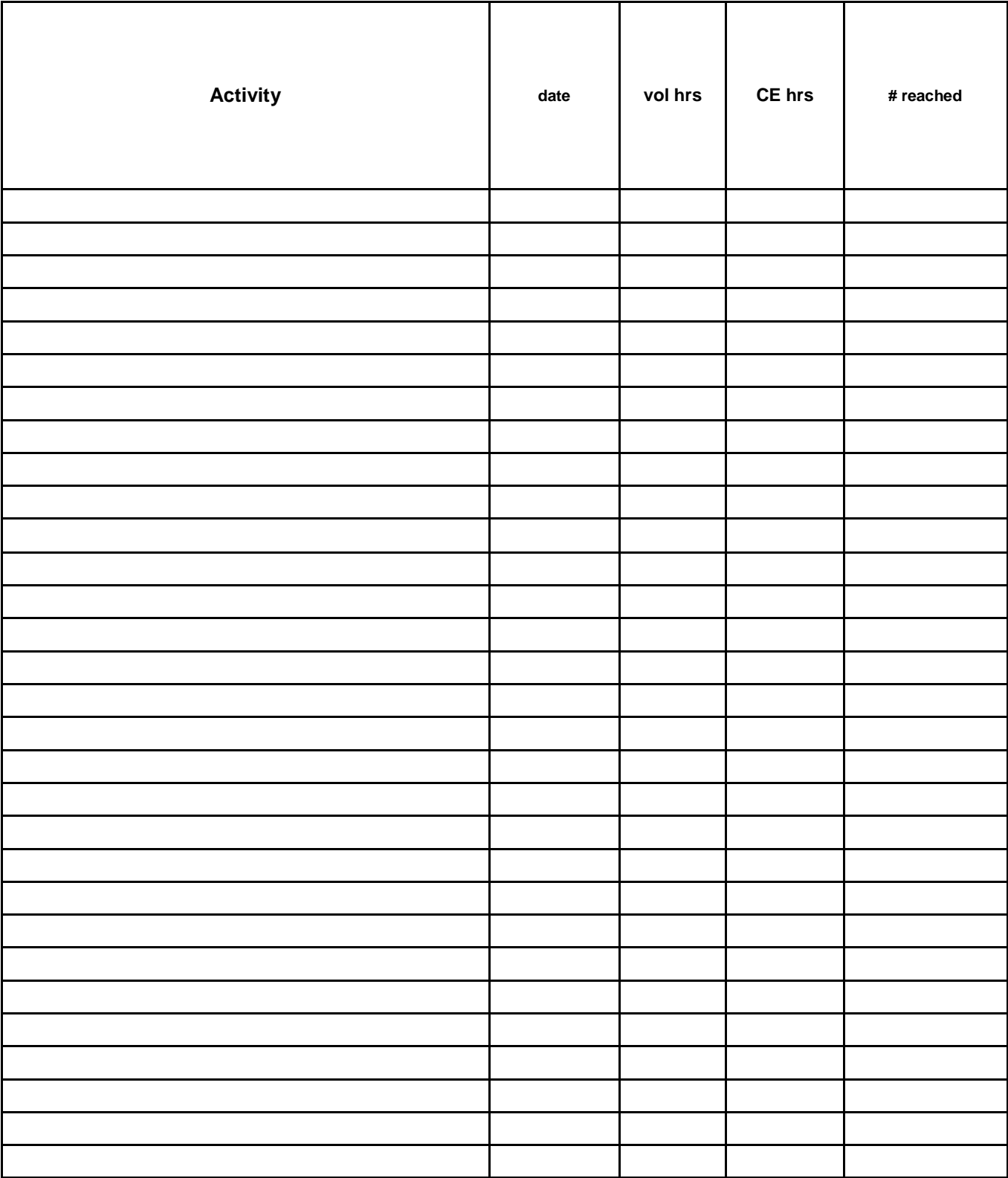


Agenda for Christmas Party/Meeting

Call to order

Hand off

Adjourn to the party



Calendar of Events

December, 2010	
3	8-noon, Poinsettia Open House, Burden Center, Baton Rouge. http://bhfletcher.wordpress.com/2010/11/18/lsu-agcenter-poinsettia-open-house-set-for-dec-3/
8	9:00 a.m. Rain Barrel Workshop at the Fairgrounds Barn by Bob Beter. <i>See page 10</i>
15	11:30 Christmas Party. Northshore Beach Subdivision Firehouse and Community Center in Slidell. <i>See pages 11-12</i>
15 & 31	Recommended last day to post your hours on the website is the 15th and membership dues must be postmarked by the 31st. Don't be left out of the fun next year!

January, 2011	
12	Herb Gathering at the Slidell Library meeting room. 1-3 pm. Betty Rose will give a presentation on curry.
19	9 a.m. Spring Plant Sale committee meeting at the National Guard Bldg.
19	10 a.m. Monthly meeting at the National Guard Bldg. Speaker: Dr. Gerard Ballanco

February, 2011	
12	Bayou Gardens Open House at Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge, 61389 Hwy 434, Lacombe. Come see the camellias in bloom. 882-2000 for more info.
16	9 a.m. Spring Plant Sale committee meeting. Location TBA.
16	10:00 a.m. Monthly meeting. Location TBA. Speaker: Bob Stroud, <i>Camellias</i> . A guided tour of Bob's garden follows the meeting.

March, 2011	
16	9 a.m. Spring Plant Sale committee meeting at the National Guard Bldg.
16	10:00 a.m. Monthly meeting at the National Guard Bldg. Speaker: Georgann Chaffee, a Baton Rouge Master Gardener, <i>Assessing the Mature Landscape</i> .
19-20	Spring Plant Show and Sale, Fairgrounds SAVE THE DATE!
30	Herb Gathering at the Slidell Library meeting room. 1-3 pm. Donna Dicharry will give a presentation on parsley.

April, 2011	
12	Spring Herb Festival at the Slidell Library on Robert Rd. Setup starts at 2 pm. The Festival runs from 4-7 pm. Contact Betty Rose if you would like to volunteer. bettyrose@charter.net .
20	10:00 a.m. Plant Swap at the Fairgrounds barn.

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Notes from the Editor:

I hope to see all of you at the Christmas party on the 15th. The Hospitality Committee has been working hard to ensure we have a great party. Please sign up to bring a dish or a contribution of \$10 for the entrée. Don't forget to bring a plant for the gift exchange. The location is beautiful...right on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain in a brand new facility.

Get in the habit of keeping up with your hours as you earn them. Use Art's form on page 17 or jot them on a calendar. Log into the website regularly to enter the data so it doesn't become a huge, daunting task.

For the new and seasoned members, here is the website for your convenience:

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

This is the last reminder to record your hours on the website and pay your dues for 2011. If you do not fulfill these requirements, you will not be listed in the Directory nor will you be an active member. Don't miss out on the fun of being a STMGA!

A personal thank you to the outgoing officers for a job well done. We had a great year filled with many interesting educational speakers, two workshops and two field trips! Each one of you left big shoes to fill.

See you at the Christmas party!

Debora Litzenberger
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THE GARDENGOER

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