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The outgoing and incoming Board members met recently at Judy Wood's home for a wonderful luncheon and the November Board meeting. It was a lovely way to pass the baton to the new members. Shown above are: Julie Deus, outgoing President; Kathleen Guidry, returning Secretary; Susie Andres, our new President for 2013; Jay Rose, outgoing Treasurer; Martha Gruning, incoming Vice President; Pam Rowe, incoming Treasurer; and Judy Wood, outgoing Vice President. Let's give our new Board members a big "Thank you" for taking on the job and a well-deserved "Thank you" to the outgoing Board members for the spectacular job they've done nurturing and growing our organization to be one of the premier Master Gardener organizations in the State. It's been a pleasure working with them all.

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President's Message

They say time flies when you're having fun. Well, I must agree because I can't believe two years have passed so quickly. And believe me, I've had some fun! The best part of being president of the St. Tammany Master Gardeners was working with all of you. I have met so many wonderful people and had the opportunity to learn from the best. As I end my time heading up this vibrant organization, I'd like to thank some of the people that have helped me along the way.



I was so fortunate to have had Judy Wood as my vice president. Not only did she plan the best programs and field trips, but her calm, honest opinions on all kinds of matters helped to shape this organization over the last two years. She was someone that I could turn to for advice who had the best interests of our group at heart and always looked at the big picture. We are so lucky to have her and I'm glad she will continue to be an integral part of the St. Tammany Master Gardeners for years to come.

Chere Currault and Kathleen Guidry were able to follow my ramblings and make them sound so succinct when they wrote the minutes. I honestly don't know how they did it. Jay Rose was always cool and collected when reporting our finances.

Debora Litzenberger creates a masterpiece each and every month with the Gardengoer. Her pictures serve as a reminder of all the great things we do for the community, not to mention the fun times we spend together. She has been so patient these past 24 months when I sent in the president's message and the agenda at absolutely the last minute. Thank you for all that you do for the Master Gardeners. I appreciate all that you do.

When I accepted the presidency, I sent out a frantic e-mail to my class, the Class of 2009, that said "please help me!". And, boy, did they come through. No matter how many times I asked, they always said "sure, what can I do?". Thank y'all so very much. You're the best! But the person that made this the easiest, most fun gig in the whole state was Rusty Batty. I know that we would not be the premier program in Louisiana without Rusty's steady guidance. No one can find speakers, promote the Master Gardeners and advocate for the LSU Ag Center like he can. I'd like to think the reason that we have 60-80 people apply for our new class each year is because of our organization, but, in truth, it's because Rusty provides the best horticultural education programs in the South! We couldn't ask for a better mentor.

I am so excited about the future of the St. Tammany Master Gardeners. The new board will build on what we did and inject just enough change to move us forward. Susie, Martha, Pam and Kathleen will make a wonderful team that will lead us into 2013. I can't wait to see what the future brings! Have fun with it ladies!

I'll say it one last time, please post your hours. We want you to be with us for all the fun next year. See you at the Christmas Party. Happy Holidays!

Julie Deus, President
jdcalla@aol.com

Backyard Blueberries

By
Rusty Batty

We often get complaints about our poor soils in most of St. Tammany. That may be true for some plants but our low pH soils are just right for blueberries. A soil pH is the measure of the acidity and alkaline of the soil. Soils in our area range from pH 4.0 – 5.5. Blueberries require a soil pH of 4.0 to 5.3. Without adding anything to our soil, blueberries are a great choice as a fruit.

For blueberries consider these guidelines.

- Plant in fall or winter. A 13-36 inch, 2 year old plant with transplant well. Plant about 6-8 feet apart, 8-10 feet between rows.
- Keep roots moist before and after planting. Blueberries root are fibrous and dry out quickly. Apply plenty of mulch at the planting. Pine straw about 4 inches deep works well
- No fertilize is needed at the planting. After new growth begins in the spring apply 1 ounce of 10-10-10 or 2 ounces of azalea fertilizer 4-8-8 per plant. If irrigation and rainfall is adequate repeat the same rate in May and July with 2 ounces of 10-10-10 or 4 ounces of 4-8-8 per plant.
- Very little pruning is required in the first 3 to 4 years. As the canes grow in diameter and height, cut back 3 to 4 canes from ground level to 24 inches. Overgrown canes can be severely cut back during winter months.
- Continue to resupply decayed pine bark or pine straw as mulch, 3 inches deep and 24 inches from side to side will be sufficient. Blueberries are shallow rooted and dry out quickly in drought conditions. The mulch not only insulates the roots, but helps retain moisture.
- Adequate water is essential but over watering can cause root rot infection. Generally, watering once every two days without rain is sufficient. Supplemental irrigation is a must during fruit bud formation in the fall

Growing Blueberries in our area should be one fruit planting for every landscape. For more blueberry information check out “Home Blueberry Production in Louisiana at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/NR/rdonlyres/D30270C0-F2DC-4B33-8AB7-036865AB6AAE/43116/pub1978HomeBlueberryProductionHIGHRES.pdf) or click <http://www.lsuagcenter.com/NR/rdonlyres/D30270C0-F2DC-4B33-8AB7-036865AB6AAE/43116/pub1978HomeBlueberryProductionHIGHRES.pdf>



A Message from Our New Vice-President

As the incoming Vice-President of the St. Tammany Master Gardeners Association, I would like to give you a quick preview of what is planned for the upcoming year. As all you know, most of our monthly meetings feature a speaker. The April meeting, usually the day of the plant swap, the scholarship award meeting in May and the December meeting do not normally include speakers.

For the first quarter of the year, I have found three gardeners willing to share their knowledge with us. On January 16th, Sue Maguire, a graduate of the most recent Master Gardener program and a rose enthusiast, will educate us about pruning roses. Our February speaker will be Jim Campbell of Riverside Camellias who is a treasure trove of information for anything related to camellias. At the March 20th meeting, I hope to feature one of the owners of Bamboo Gardens of Louisiana in Mount Hermon, LA.

Our two field trips in the spring and in the fall offer great opportunities for venturing out to discover some of the wonderful garden spots in our region. I am visiting various gardens searching for the perfect ones and am open to suggestions from the membership at large should any of you have ideas for the field trips.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party!

Martha Gruning

Incoming Vice-President



Hi Everyone, Happy Thanksgiving. This is a tale of two seeds and a cutting. It began last Thanksgiving online and the results are still in progress. Seedman had a 50 percent off seed sale. While most of America was emersed in football and stuffed full of turkey with dressing, I feverishly scanned the seed descriptions for new and exotic plants. **The Amazing Gac Plant (Momordica cochinchinensis) along with its alluring description quickly caught my eye.** Allegedly the gac fruit has high phytonutrient content. It is a Vietnamese delicacy that grows on a dioecious vine. Time passed, seeds arrived and were put on the shelf. The Christmas season arrived next and while visiting a friend he gave me a cutting of an evergreen passion vine. The gulf fritillary butterfly (one of my favorites) uses the passion vine as a host plant. In May, vines started to climb up the trellis and fences and the Passiflora incarnata was covered with caterpillars. The new vine was growing exponentially but it had no caterpillars. Patiently I awaited flowers. Once again I was startled to find a green pod with a five petaled daisy like flower. The final surprise occurred when the flower dropped and a spiny maypop like fruit began developing on the vines. This definitely was not a passion flower vine. Finally, I remembered the two seeds I stuck in flower pot by trellis. I Google image searched, **vine with prickly large seed pod** , and there was my strange passion vinelike fruit. I remembered the Seedman sale and laughed in spite of myself. The fruits are still growing. They are about 2 pounds each and still green. I hope they ripen before the freezes begin. I found the evergreen passionflower vine twisted in with the gac vine. It did not flower but it is growing quite nicely. Even experienced gardeners are surprised every now and then. Back in the veggie garden, 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	1
September 19 Covington	Dr. Guihong Bi	Hydrangeas: the how, when, and where	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
October 10 Wednesday	Field Trip	Bracy's Nursery Covey Rise Farms	No	No	No	6
October 17 Covington	John Klipsch	Organic Plant Foods and Organic Controls Fall Plant Swap	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
November 14 Covington	Art Scott	Growing Micro Greens	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
November 29 Lacombe	Gail Barton	Propagation Workshop	No	No	No	3
December 12 Location	No Speaker	Christmas Party	No	No	No	0



Judy Wood
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Membership Dues for 2013

STPMG Membership Dues for 2013 are payable beginning now and are delinquent after December 31, 2012. To pay your dues submit a **check made payable to STPMG for twelve dollars attached to the Membership Renewal Form**. (Membership Renewal Forms and a stapler will be available at the December Christmas Party) The completed Membership Renewal Form is necessary to verify the information to be printed in the Directory. Spelling names correctly and having the correct email addresses and phone numbers is vital to a well-functioning organization. Checks may be mailed to Judy Wood, 60589 Cypress Drive, Lacombe, LA 70445. Membership checks will be deposited only if the member has posted on the LSU AgCenter web site the required number of volunteer and education hours for 2012.

2013 STPMG Membership Renewal Form

Please **PRINT** all information so that it is clear and easy to read.

Name (as you wish it to appear in the directory.):

Mailing Address

Street or PO Box _____

City and ZIP Code _____

Home phone number _____

Cell phone number _____

Email address _____



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH
MASTER GARDENER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012
11:30 A.M.

PONTCHARTRAIN YACHT CLUB
140 JACKSON AVENUE
MANDEVILLE, LA 70448

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

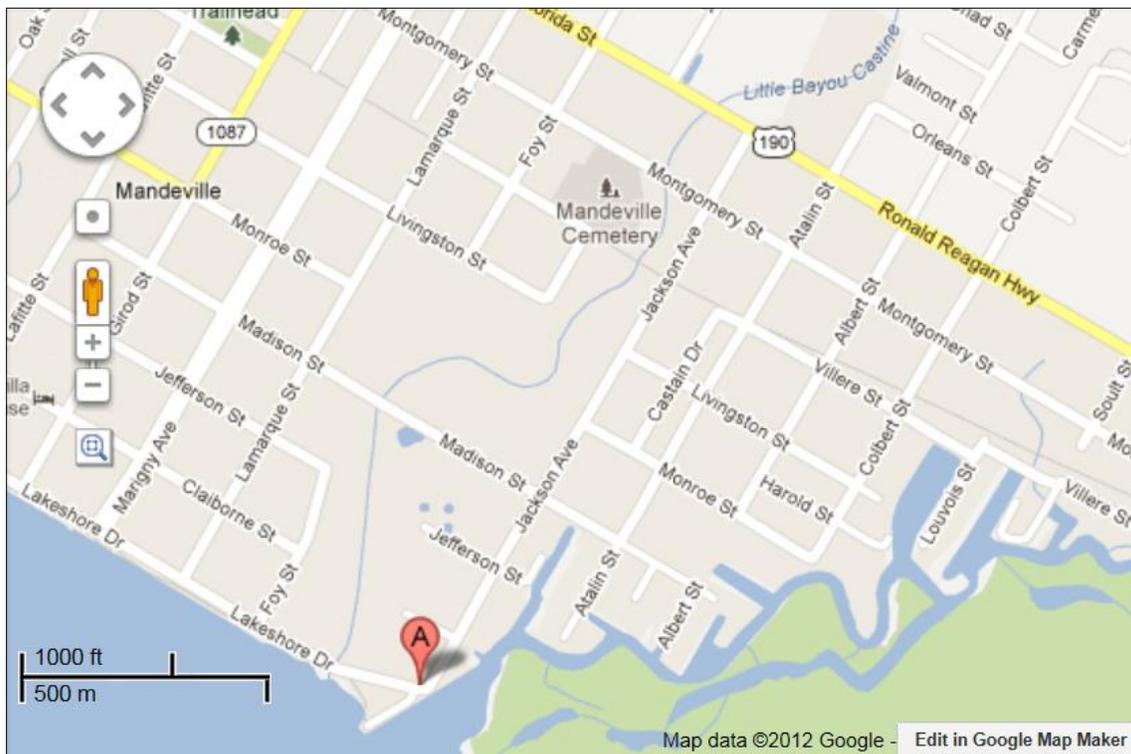
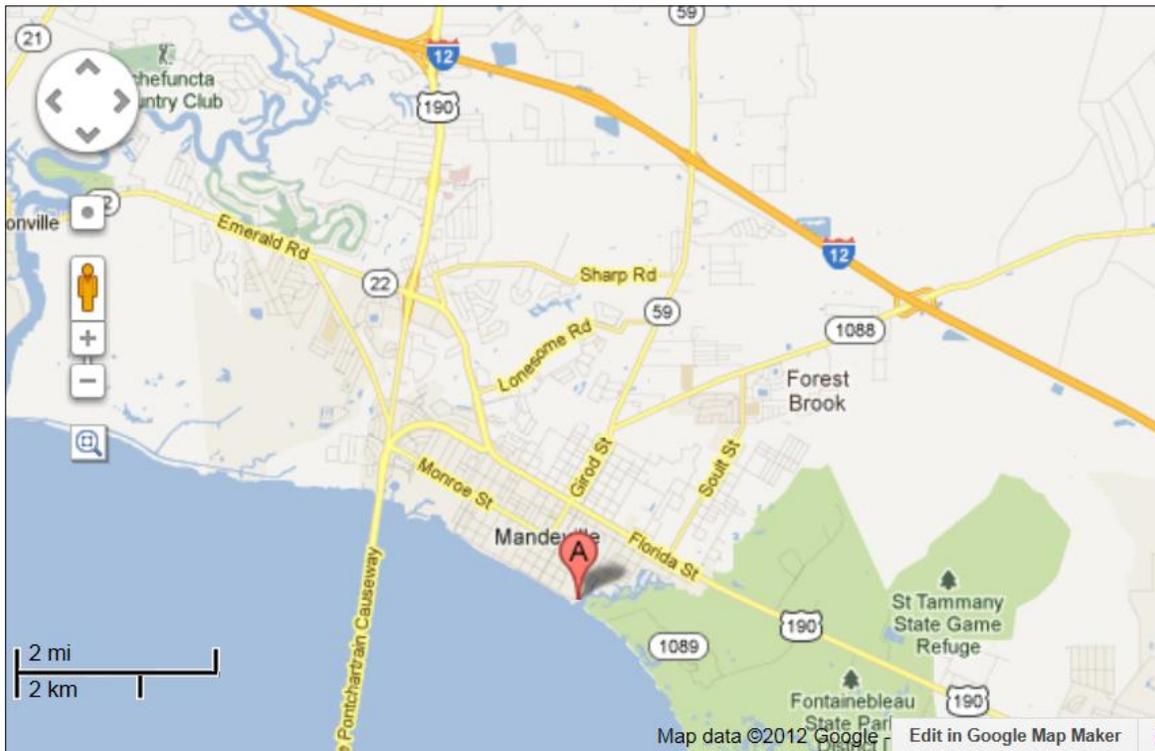
PLEASE BRING A PLANT FOR A GIFT EXCHANGE
\$10 MINIMUM

THE ASSOCIATION WILL PROVIDE THE ENTRÉE (SMOKED PORK LOIN)
AND ROLLS. DRINKS AND WINE WILL BE
PROVIDED BY THE YACHT CLUB

PLEASE REGISTER BY PHONE OR EMAIL IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE
PARTY. MASTER GARDENERS ONLY. PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING A SIDE
DISH, APPETIZER, SALAD, OR DESSERT OR CONTRIBUTE \$10 TOWARD
THE COST OF THE MAIN DISH.

PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA MOORE AT
Home: 674-2747 or Cell: 264-6259
OR BABSOFIL@GMAIL.COM

Directions to Christmas Party



The Pontchartrain Yacht Club is at the lake end of Jackson Ave. Follow Hwy. 190 (Florida Street) until you arrive at Jackson Ave. Turn toward the lake and follow the road to the lake. The Yacht Club is on the right.

Microgreens

By
Art Scott

Microgreens are salad greens harvested well before they reach normal maturity. Usually, this works out to 3 weeks or less.

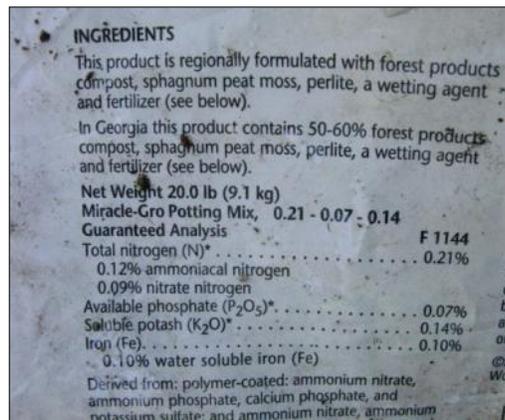


The crops can include plant leaves we don't usually associate with salads. A few examples are broccoli, kohlrabi, peas and radish, to name a few. And of course the more traditional greens like arugula, chard, collards, various lettuces, mustard and turnip. Herbs also work well, especially cilantro and basil.

If more than one variety is placed in a single tray, make sure that the germination time for the seeds are similar, so they will be ready to harvest at the same time. Start a new tray weekly for a continuous supply.

Steps:

- 1- Fill tray with soil. Miracle Gro Potting Mix works best for me. Fill to the very top for ease of harvesting.



- 2- Pack down the soil to even it with a piece of cardboard or wood.
- 3- Sprinkle the seeds on top; do not cover the seeds with any soil.
 - www.johnnyseeds.com -- 877-564-6697 – micro mix seeds (I use both mild and spicy in same tray) see page 66 in the 2012 catalog, ¼ lb. will seed many trays.
- 4- Tap down with cardboard or wood to insure good contact with soil
- 5- Cover with a single layer of paper towel (2 normal size sheets are a perfect fit.)

6- Moisten thoroughly – a good choice is item # AL815 – brass fogging nozzle -- \$7.95 in 2012 catalog

www.leevalley.com -- 800-871-8158



7- Cover with plastic or close clam shell. Be sure container has drain holes in the bottom.

8- Water daily – many water droplets will form on inside of the lid.

9- Remove paper towel in a few days once the germinating seeds have slightly raised the paper towel.

10- Leave the cover off and be sure to keep the soil moist. Usually watering daily in the morning is sufficient. Lift the edge of the tray to feel the weight to determine if soil is thoroughly moistened.

11- Harvest with a pair of scissors. (This is so you'll get minimal dirt in harvested greens.)

- The cotyledons (primitive leaves) can be harvested, but you won't get as much.
- Wait about 3 weeks to harvest for a larger crop
- Once the leaves have been clipped, they will not regrow.

12- Dump the soil in your compost. Do not reuse this soil for a 2nd crop.



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.

*******If anyone needs additional volunteer hours for 2012, please contact me for more information. Because of the tight schedule we all have in December we will NOT have a formal workshop.**

Happy Propagating,

Warm regards, Lisann Cheaney 985-951-9855

lisannsc@gmail.com



PROPAGATION WORKSHOP



A “get down and dirty” Propagation Workshop was held at the SELA Refuge Headquarters on November 29. The speaker was Gail Barton, a propagation expert from Mississippi. Everyone got their hands in the dirt and learned hand’s on how to propagate plants at different times of the year. It was a wonderful learning experience to actually do the cutting and planting as it was being taught. Many thanks to Judy Wood for making this workshop a reality! Shown above are Gail Barton, top left, Yvonne Reed and Diana Cammatte, top right, and 35 members of our “MG family”

ST TAMMANY PARISH MASTER GARDENERS NOV. 15, 2012

The November meeting was held at the National Guard Armory in Covington. Julie called the meeting to order and led us in the pledge of allegiance. Rusty said the prayer.

Judy Wood gave a garden hint that she said was a repeat from the past. She gave credit to Chris Stellingworth for the original idea. Keep a spray bottle with some lemon-scented ammonia handy when working in the yard. If bit by fire ants, bees, or whatever, immediately spray on bite. She said it will give instant relief.

Linda Franzo had a garden problem for Rusty. She has bees and flies congregating around her compost bin. Rusty said it is not uncommon for insects to nest in compost bins. They are looking for warmth. He recommends that we wet and turn the pile every 10 days. This will expose it to the weather and they will be unprotected and die out.

Julie Deus presented the slide show and talk she gave at the recent meeting in Lake Charles. The presentation highlighted our organization and our many community projects. The first MG class in St. Tammany Parish was completed in 1999. There are 16 MG associations in the parish, but St. Tammany has 1/8 of all members in the state.

Art Scott gave a great slide show and presentation on microgreens. He also brought sample gardens with the healthiest looking (and tasting) greens I have ever seen. Only five weeks completes the cycle from seed to harvest. You can plant some seeds each week so you always have fresh greens to enjoy. Art said he bought his seeds and book (called MICROGREENS) from Johnny Seeds.

Rusty welcomed the new class of Master Gardeners to the meeting. They are already busy planning their first seminar.

Sandy Arnoult motioned to approve the October minutes as presented. Lonnie Holbrook seconded. Motion carried.

Julie read a letter from Bill Mauser of KEEP SLIDELL BEAUTIFUL thanking us for our donation in Cecelia Drennan's name. He will use the money to buy a bird-bath for the senior citizen center to honor her memory.

We will also be filling the six planters in front of the Armory as a thank you gesture for the use of our meeting room.

Jay reported a balance in the treasury of \$21,000. Nancy Berulis motioned we accept the report. Barbara Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Julie welcomed the new 2012 class and called on each project chairman to report on any progress so the new class can volunteer for the ones that interest them.

Martha Gruning reported on the very successful event at the Abita Library Garden held there on 10/17 called “Eat Your Greens”.

Barbara Moore announced that the Christmas party will be from 11:30 to 2:30 at the Pontchartrain Yacht Club in Mandeville. Bring a plant to exchange and a dish for the buffet. Susie Andres motioned that we accept the increased rental fee of \$600. Debora Litzenberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nancy Thompson announced that work is proceeding on the spring seminar. It will be held on 2/22/13 and will be called “YOU NEED A GOOD VEGUCATION”.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully
submitted by
Kathleen Guidry,
Secretary



Julie Deus and the STPMG display (made by Nancie Munn) that was presented at the State Convention in St. Charles in October. Julie gave a wonderful slide show presentation about all of the STPMG activities at the convention and she presented it at the November meeting. Great job, Julie!

STPMG PLANT SHOW MEETING

11/15/12

The October plant show meeting was held at the Armory on 11/15/12. Ty called the meeting to order and asked each chairman to report on any new developments in their areas.

(VENDORS) Peggy Goertz said she will have room for twelve vendors in the new ART section and it will be called the "Market Place". SAVE THE DATE postcards will go out to all previous vendors on 12/1/12.

(CORRAL) Julie spoke for Phyllis who estimates she will need five tables in her area.

(PARKING) Don Lefevre said he has the radios but could still use more volunteers. (Double time is still being given.)

(BUDGET) Pam Rowe asked all chairmen to submit any changes to their section that might affect the budget.

(PUBLICITY) Ann Gilbert said some articles have already been submitted to area calendars and LOUISIANA GARDENER. She asked everyone to help pass out flyers and yard signs. She is looking for a sub chair to handle the yard signs.

(FLYERS) Julie said the flyers will be printed for free. There will be a second flyer with table directions passed out to customers as they drive in.

(MG TABLE) Information table-includes Master Gardeners, info from Rusty's office, and experts from LSU AgCenter. Linda Galatas (co-chair) is compiling a list to hand out to attendees showing what information can be found on-line.

(HOSPITALITY) Bob Doolittle said coffee and water will be available. He also brought one of the benches he made for the show. This came about because last year customers suggested needing a place to sit and rest. These benches are first class and look indestructible. Pam will stencil the lettering on them.

(MG PLANT BOOTH) Lisann Cheaney announced that the name of the booth might be BACKYARD PLANTS. She can use more volunteers for both donating plants and working the booth. Proceeds from this booth will be used to build on the library in Rusty's office- a great resource for all of us.

(RAFFLE) Chris Stellingworth said that each vendor donates an item for the raffle. She needs donations of plant pots to put the donated items in so they will look different from the vendors' plants.

(SPEAKERS) Rusty spoke for Donna. He is lining up speakers. Five are needed for Friday and five for Saturday. Dan Gill has agreed to come.

(EVALUATIONS) Susan L'Hoste said that each person who fills out an evaluation sheet will receive a free raffle ticket.

(SET UP.TAKE DOWN) Wes Goostrey said they are hard at work on the security, tents, trash, etc. – but will have to wait to see the final configuration of the barn after the end of the year before making final decisions.

(T-SHIRTS) /Susie Andres brought examples of t-shirts and vests for members to wear at show so they can be easily recognized. MG Logo could be added to the vest separately.

(VOLUNTEERS) Judy and Kappy will be keeping up with all the volunteers.

Ty reminded everyone that it was not too late for people to submit new ideas for the show. All suggestions will be carefully considered.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathleen Guidry, Secretary



Bob Doolittle made this sturdy bench and several others for the Plant Show. They will be painted and stenciled before the Show. Thanks for all of the hard work Bob!

STPMG NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING 11/16/12

The November board meeting was held on 11/16/12 in Lacombe at the home of Judy Wood. In attendance were Jay Rose, Susie Andres, Judy Wood, Julie Deus, Pam Rowe, Martha Gruning, Peggy Goertz, Debora Litzenberger and Kathleen Guidry.

Peggy Goertz presented a possible new project to the board for consideration. Camp Salmen Nature Park off Hwy #190 (the old Boy Scout camp) would like to have the Master Gardeners bring a butterfly/hummingbird garden on an area of ground called the ORDER OF THE ARROW. Tammany Trace will eventually hook up to this area. All cost will be paid by Camp Salmen. Motion carried to present to the membership at the January meeting.

A second new project presented to the board was having a table at the Covington Farmer's Market called ASK THE EXPERTS. This would have no cost to the membership and could answer general information or problems and also let the general public know where to find additional information. Martha Gruning made a motion that we present this idea to the membership. Pam Rowe seconded. Motion carried.

A preliminary proposal was also considered for a one day plant sale somewhere in Slidell.

The new board will hold their meetings in a new location more centrally located to the new board members. Susie will check on the Causeway Library in Mandeville as a possible location.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Guidry, Secretary



AGENDA
STPMG Membership Meeting
December 12, 2012

- 1. Call to order and report quorum present**
- 2. Opening Ceremonies**
- 3. Comments by Rusty Batty, County Agent and MG Advisor**
- 4. Minutes from November meeting**
- 5. Officer's reports**
President: Julie Deus
Vice President: Judy Wood
Treasurer: Jay Rose
- 6. New Business**
Brick Presentation for Officers and Retiring Committee
Chairman
- 7. Fun Business**
Eat
Drink
Steal
- 8. Adjourn**

MG LOGO MERCHANDISE ORDER

The following items with the Louisiana Master Gardener's Logo can be ordered as a group order from Dee Middleton, Merchandise Chairman. Orders must be received no later than **Friday, December 7**. To place an order email Dee Middleton at doloresmiddleton@ymail.com. Include the name of the item - i.e. "Devon & Jones Women's Y collar Polo Shirt" - color - quantity - size. Dee will email you the total amount due. Then mail a check for the total amount due to: Dee Middleton, 329 Highland Crest Dr., Covington, LA 70435. Please note a minimum order of 12 pieces from the group order are required for embroidery; ex. 12 hats and 12 visors, 12 shirts, etc. Your check will not be cashed until the minimum order is reached and the order is placed. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dee at doloresmiddleton@ymail.com. (Ymail is correct)



Harriton Fleece Vest
Colors available: Hunter
or Black.
\$24.95 each
2XL & 3XL add \$3.00



Port Authority Interlock Knit
Turtleneck. Colors Avail-
able: White or Black
\$24.95
2XL & 3XL add \$3.00



Harriton Men's Quarter Zip Fleece
Colors Available: Hunter or Black
\$28.95 each
2XL & 3XL add \$3.00



Harriton Women's Full Zip
Fleece
Colors Available: Hunter or
Black
\$28.95



Colorado Timberline
 Men's Moisture Wicking Microfiber Pique
 Polo Shirt Antiroll collar, tag less label,
 vented waist.
 Colors available: Moss/white trim or Black
 \$27.49
 2XL add \$2.00, 3XL add \$3.00



Colorado Timberline
 Women's Moisture Wicking Microfiber
 Pique Polo Shirt, Anti-roll collar, tag less
 label, princess seam for fitted look.
 Colors available: Moss/white trim or Black
 \$27.49
 2XL add \$2.00, 3XL add \$3.00



Port & Company Visor
 Colors Available: Khaki
 \$11.99



Big Accessories, 6 panel
 brushed twill unstructured
 cap, self fabric closure with
 d ring slider and tuck in
 strap.
 Colors available: Stone or
 Forrest
 \$12.99



Harriton, Men's Long Sleeve Denim Shirts, 100% Cotton Denim.
Colors available: Light Denim or Dark Denim
\$25.99
2XL add \$1.50
3XL add \$2.50



Harriton, Women's Long Sleeve Denim Shirts, 100% Cotton Denim
Colors available: Light Denim or Dark Denim
\$25.99
2XL add \$1.50



Medium Length Apron with Pouch Pockets
Colors available: Hunter Green or Stone
\$14.99



Devon & Jones. Ladies Pima Pique Short Sleeve Y Collar Polo 100% Peruvian Pima Cotton.
 Colors available: Stone or Forest
 \$25.99
 2XL-add \$2.00, 3XL-add \$3.00



Devon & Jones. Men's Pima Pique Short Sleeve Polo, 100% Peruvian Pima Cotton
 Colors available: Stone or Forest
 \$25.99
 2XL-add \$2.00, 3XL-add \$3.00



Crewneck Sweatshirt, 50% cotton/50% polyester heavy blend with air jet spun yarn for no pilling. Double needle stitching throughout, banded bottom, 1x1 rib knit cuffs, collar, waistband with spandex and set in sleeves. Larger sizes will involve additional costs. Not all colors are available in all sizes. *Price shown does not include logo.*
 Size: S; M; L; XL
 Blank sweatshirt: \$12.92
 Colors: Black; Dark Chocolate; Dark Heather; Forest Green; Heliconia; Light Blue; Light Pink; Maroon; Navy; orange; Purple; Red; Royal Blue

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

December, 2012

7	Last day to place a logo merchandise order with Dee Middleton. <i>See page 20-23.</i>
12	Christmas Party. Pontchartrain Yacht Club. 11:30. A short meeting will precede lunch. Bring a plant for the gift exchange. <i>See page 8-9</i> for details and to sign up. ** Please note the date is one week earlier than normal due to Christmas.
31	**Last day to pay your membership dues and to log in your volunteer hours on the LSU AgCenter website. If you do not log in your hours, you will not be able to add them later. Everyone, except the Class of 2012, needs 20 volunteer hours and 6 hours of education to remain in good standing as a Master Gardener. To qualify for exceptional service awards you will need 50 volunteer hours and 6 education hours.

January, 2013

3	Board meeting at the Causeway Branch Library in Mandeville. 10 am.
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.

February, 2013

22	Spring Seminar, "You Need a Good Vegucation". Presented by the Class of 2012. The Chairman is Nancy Thompson, nthomps25@bellsouth.net . Location and details will be in the January Gardengoer.
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.

March, 2013

15-16	**SAVE THE DATE** Northshore Plant Show and Sale at the Fairgrounds.
20	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 am.

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Notes From the Editor:

Hi MGs,

I've heard there are a few MGs who do not have the required 20 hours to maintain membership status. For those who need hours, I have a few suggestions for you:

- 1) Research and write an article for the January Gardengoer and have the article to me by Dec. 27.*
- 2) Contact Lisann Cheaney, lisannsc@gmail.com, to earn volunteer hours by propagating plants for the Spring Plant Show.*
- 3) Contact the AgCenter office to see if Mary Beth or Rusty can use some help.*
- 4) Contact any one of our garden project chairmen to see if you can earn some hours weeding, mulching, etc.*
- 5) Contact Barbara Moore, Hospitality Chairman, to see if she needs help with the Christmas party.*

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party! It is so much fun!

*Don't forget to log in your hours for all of your activities by **December 31**. Here is the link to post your hours:*

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

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