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# THE GARDENGOER



## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

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### The Hospitality Committee



The Hospitality Committee gave us a great Christmas Party this year. We had lots of delicious pork and numerous side dishes and desserts. Everyone brought plants for the "Plant Stealing", which was loads of fun. There were also several beautiful hanging baskets given away as door prizes. The members of the committee are Dianne Ramirez, Mary Ann Brannan (outgoing Chairman of 2011), Chris Stellingworth, Karla Partridge, Camille Schwandt, Barbara Moore (new Chairman for 2012) and Isabelle Moore. The party was held at the Northshore Beach Community Center and Firehouse on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain in Slidell. Many thanks to the Hospitality Committee for a job well done!

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## *President's Message*

Happy New Year, Master Gardeners! I hope this finds everyone recovering from a joyous Holiday Season and revving up for a year filled with planting, harvesting and enjoying the fruits of our labor.



The members of the STPMG Board of Directors for 2012 are Julie Deus, President, Judy Wood, Vice President, Jay Rose, Treasurer, Kathleen Guidry, Secretary and Art Scott, Past President. Board meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM at Slidell City Hall (2055 Second Street) in the first floor conference room. In January, we'll meet on Thursday, January 19, 2012. All meetings are open to any member of the organization. Whether you simply want to observe or if you'd like to bring up for consideration any new ideas or concerns, you're thoughts are welcome.

Thanks to Art Scott and Pam Twardzik for accepting the positions of Communication Specialists. They will ensure that any e-mail that needs to be shared with the entire organization will be sent through the new e-Merge system. Please contact them through the STPMG g-mail account which is [stpmg@gmail.com](mailto:stpmg@gmail.com).

During the January meeting you will have an opportunity to sign up for standing committees and project committees for 2012. Choose an area of interest, an area that is convenient to where you live or an area you want to learn more about. We have a variety of activities to satisfy every gardener's desire. For more information, please see the article on page 13 and the sign up sheet on page 14.

It is important that everyone sign in at each meeting so we can have a count of the members that attend. Susan L'Hoste is responsible for the sign-in sheets. She will have them on a clipboard at the back of the room before the meeting and also will pass them around during the meeting. Please take a moment to sign in.

The Class of 2011 is in the midst of planning the Spring Seminar that is scheduled in February. Jill Stoltz is chairman and Billie Stanga is registration chair. Billie will be sending out an e-mail soon for you to register for this upcoming event.

Julie Deus, President  
[jdcalla@aol.com](mailto:jdcalla@aol.com)

## Tool Time

By

Rusty Batty

It's cold, it's wet, and it's the post-holiday season. What's a gardener to do? You've read all your back issues of Louisiana Gardener, you've ordered seeds and plants for your spring planting and you've completed your soil sampling for any improvements needed. May I suggest you use some of this winter season as "tool time". Keeping your gardening tools sharp, clean, and well maintained will add to your outdoor pleasure in the coming months.

- Sharpen the shovels, hoes and hatchets to make your chores easier. Dull pruning shears and saws may require professional sharpening services. Loppers, hand pruners and hedge shears will also need special attention to be sharpened properly.
- Clean up the garden rake, pitch fork and garden forks to prevent rust and pit marks.
- Repair and/or replace any loose wooden handles. Coating wooden handles with a sealer, helps preserve handles for a very long time.
- Use an oil lubricant on any of the moving parts of your tools like shears, pruners, and heavy scissors.
- Check all electrical or battery operated tools for cracks, damaged wire and sticking triggers. Repair and replace as needed.
- Drain/change oil in your small engines. Use a gas stabilizer for any gas powered tool that will be stored 2 months or longer.

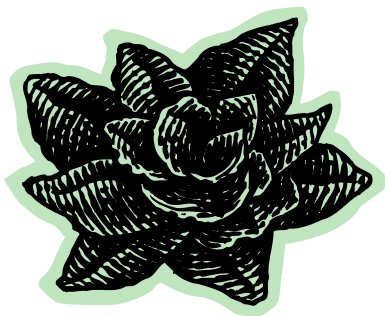
There's plenty to do before the planting season begins. Spending quality "tool time" will provide great dividends later.



Happy New Year,



Time to try out the new Christmas toys. Santa was abundant with garden related treasures this year. The Gardenopoly game board lies on the table waiting for unsuspecting guests to engage in a three hour battle with clay pots and greenhouses. Your hands never get dirty with this treat. Sunflower seed packages of all sizes and colors are spread out on the coffee table waiting in anticipation of spring planting. The totally tomatoes catalog ,rumped from handling, is on the nightstand accompanied by the Sandhill Nurseries completed order form. Last but not least are two new extendable handle garden tools. Later today I will glove up and get to know them better in the cabbage patch. One is a hoe/cultivator and the other is a small rake. I hope this will be a wonderful new friendship. The Brightlights Swiss chard, collards, beets, carrots, greens and celery have all prospered from our recent rains. Spinach is slowly reaching an edible size. Flea beetles have been enjoying the warm weather and greens as well. I see peas of many kinds in the future. Winter is here, back in the garden aj



# IT'S EASY BEING GREEN!



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

Invite you to attend a seminar

**Friday, February 10, 2012**

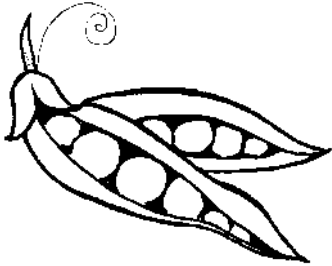
**9:00am to 3:00pm** (check in begins at 8:30)

**Journey Fellowship Church**

30042 N. Dixie Ranch Road  
Lacombe 70445

Topics will include:

**Beginning with Bees**



**Fire & Rain (environmental stress on vegetables)**

**Louisiana Super Plants for the Spring**

**Critter Control Around the Home**

**Growing Out of the Ordinary Vegetables (with Dan Gill)**

There will be several table top clinics with various gardening demonstrations as "lagniappe"  
**Registration Fee of \$15 per person is due by January 31, 2012. Lunch is included in the price.**

**Space is limited.**

**Registration deadline 01/31/12. Make check payable to STMG and mail to : STMG, It's Easy Being Green Seminar, c/o LSU AgCenter, P.O. Box 5438, Covington, LA 70434. For further information contact: LSU AgCenter at 985-875-2635.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please Print)**

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$15 per person, non-refundable)** \_\_\_\_\_



## Differentiating between Red Oaks and White Oaks

The oak tree belongs the family Fagaceae and includes beeches, chestnuts, chinkapins and oaks. *Quercus*, the oak genus, is made up of roughly 600 species, some evergreen and others deciduous. In North America, oak trees are divided into two subgroups, red oaks and white oaks. These two types of oaks may be distinguished through observation of their bark, leaves and acorns. Geographical location is also helpful in their identification. Here in Louisiana we see white oaks such as swamp chestnut, chestnut, post and chinkapin. Among the red oak family, Louisiana oaks include the Black, Nuttall, pin, live, Shumard and willow oaks.

White oak trees tend to be found in the eastern half of North America though white oaks such as the Gambel, the Oregon white and the California white oak grow in the Far West. Among the white oaks are the chestnut, the overcup, the swamp chestnut, the post and the Chapman oaks. The leaf of the white oak is perhaps the best identification tool. Its rounded lobes are usually five to eight and a half inches long and two and three quarters to four and a half inches wide and have a glossy green upper surface. The lobes are shallow and extend about halfway to the midrib. In the fall the leaves often turn red or brown and may remain on the tree throughout winter into early spring. The bark of the white oak is quite distinctive. The color is usually a shade of gray, light or dark and has a scaly appearance. You can run your hand vertically on some white oaks and peel the bark the bark away from the tree. The acorn of the white oak matures more rapidly than that of the red oak. It takes just one season to fully develop. The shell lacks any hair on the inside and the meat does not have the bitter taste that a red oak acorn has.

The red oak group includes such oaks as the live oak, the myrtle oak, the pin oak, the Northern red oak, and the Nuttall oak. The leaf of the red oak has a pointed lobe and the lobes are often tipped with bristles. Some red oaks will have spiny teeth on their margins. The leaves are alternate, seven to nine lobes five to ten inches long and four to six inches wide. When the leaves are fully-grown they are dark green and smooth. The bark of the red oak is quite different from that of the white oak. Red oaks have a much darker bark that may even look black. It has deep furrows and ridges which crisscross the trunk. The red oak acorns normally need two seasons to mature. Therefore you will often see acorns of differing size on one tree. The interior of the red oak acorn shell sprouts tiny hairs and the meat has a bitter taste due to the high level of tannic acid in the acorn.



White Oak (*Quercus alba*)



Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)

The wood from each of these tree groups has specific uses. Red oak provides material for furniture and cabinet making. It is also widely used for flooring and interior applications. It is much more porous than white oak. White oak is extremely water-resistant due to the fact that the pores of the white oak are usually plugged with a plastic-like material called tyloses. This material prevents the wood from absorbing moisture. White oak is quite dense and is often used for applications that require a wood that is airtight and moisture proof. White oak is used to make whiskey barrels as well as ship masts.

Both red oaks and white oaks provide beautiful landscaping possibilities. Their fall color can be striking with colors of deep red in the fall and pale pink in the spring as the new leaves emerge. Their acorns provide food for wildlife and their leaves provide wonderful fodder for compost piles. Both red and white oaks can attain great heights generating shade in our hot Louisiana summers. *Quercus alba* and *Quercus rubra* are both beautiful and practical trees given the appropriate setting.

Submitted by:  
Martha Gruning

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## STPMG Programs 2012

Month	Speaker	Topic	Hint	Problem	Share	Hours
January 18 Covington	Ed Goodwin Kim Walsdorf-Shockley	Caring for Garden Tools Gardening Exercises	Yes	Yes	Yes	
February 15 Covington	Art Scott Bernard Ory	Irrigation  Presentation of Awards	Yes	Yes	Yes	
March 14 Covington	Henry Harrison	Growing Watermelons in the Home Garden	Yes	Yes	Yes	
March 29	Field Trip	Jefferson Island				
April 18 Covington	No Speaker	Spring Plant Swap Lunch at Cheri Hall's	No	No	No	
May 16 Covington	Sheila Stroup	Scholarship Award	No	No	No	
June 20 Covington	Joan Gagliano Chairperson	Vegetable Festival	No	Yes	No	
July 18 Covington						
August 15 Covington						
September 19 Covington						
October ?	Field Trip	Bracy's Nursery Covey Rise Farms				
October 17 Covington		Speaker  Fall Plant Swap				
November 14 Covington						
December ? Location	No Speaker	Christmas Party				





# STPMG Programs

## Getting Ready to Garden

January 18, 2012

### Sharpening the Shovel and other Garden Tool Care Ed Goodwin

Our first speaker for the January 2012 meeting is Ed Goodwin who will demonstrate how to sharpen the garden shovel and other garden tool care. As we prepare to get back into the garden we need to have our tools ready to go. Ed Goodwin is retired from McDermott where he handled their risk management. His gardening connection is with his wife, Kappy, a STPMG Class of 2010.

### Exercises and Body Mechanics to Keep You Gardening Kim Walsdorf-Shockley

Kim Walsdorf-Shockley, a physical therapist who has practiced for the past 18, years will speak about keeping us moving well and safely in the garden. As a physical therapist her goal is to educate patients, caregivers, and the general public on how to keep their bodies healthy and avoid injury. Kim will provide some advice on pre and post gardening exercises, body mechanics, tools, and shoe wear.

### Sharing Table Garden Problems Garden Hints

At this meeting the **Sharing Table** will be available to pass on those gardening items you no longer need/want but may be helpful/useful to other MGs. There will be a brief time to learn about a current **Garden Problem** about which you may have a question. If you have a **Garden Hint** you are willing to share with us, please email Judy Wood, [jazzwood@charter.net](mailto:jazzwood@charter.net) to be placed on the schedule.

Submitted by:  
Judy Wood  
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## **Southern Region Master Gardener Conference**

### **May 1-4, 2012**

### **Natchez, MS**

The conference provides an opportunity to meet and interact with Master Gardeners from many southern states. There are excellent speakers and tours offered for your selection. Early bird registration is open through January 14 at a rate of \$105.

Additional information and registration is available at the web site.

[http://msucare.com/lawn/master\\_gardener/2012conference/index.html](http://msucare.com/lawn/master_gardener/2012conference/index.html)



## Get to Know Your New Secretary, Kathleen Guidry

I have lived most of my life in Southern Louisiana except for a short (5 year) stint in Auburn, AL and a shorter one (2 year) in the Spokane, WA area. I raised my three sons in Slidell then went to Auburn and earned a bachelor degree in Education, graduating in 1992 at the ripe old age of 52. I worked my way through college by serving as a housemother for one of the fraternities there. Talk about a sweet job. Definitely one of the best I have ever had.



My sons are all over the country now – one in New Orleans, one in Medical Lake, WA and one in Huntsville, AL. I also have ten grandchildren.

The last five or six years I worked was at Tulane School of Medicine and after Katrina, a few months at the financial aid office at Tulane University. Katrina wore me out and so I decided to retire.

That was when I realized how pathetic my yard looked and how much nicer it could look. My interest in gardening seems to be growing stronger each day. (So much to learn, so little time.) Right now I'm trying to learn all I can about veggies and herbs. They are so fascinating.

I am thrilled to be a member of the St. Tammany Master Gardeners. I am learning so many things about gardening through this group and I am meeting so many great people. I expect to learn a great deal more about the group by serving as your secretary this year. Let me know if I can help you in any way.

Kathleen Guidry  
Secretary

## **Earn Volunteer Hours at the Plant Sale!**

It's time to sign up to work at the upcoming plant sale on March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. There are many different possibilities – helping guide people to parking sites, assisting children with decorating a pot and planting seeds, answering questions at the Master Gardener table, helping with the raffle tickets for door prizes, marking and holding plants for customers in the plant corral – the list goes on and on. Think about the activities you've participated in before and sign up for your favorites, or try something new! If you are new, attend the January meeting to learn more about the options.

Come to the January meeting, ask any questions you might have of the various committee chairpersons and be prepared to sign up for a morning or afternoon, or both! Remember, if you work with parking, you get two for one hours! Four hours becomes eight hours – that is a big help towards your annual volunteer requirement.

Sign up for a four hour increment, or split a shift with a buddy. All are welcome, the more the merrier!

Thank you,

Pam Twardzik

[pammg09@yahoo.com](mailto:pammg09@yahoo.com)



## Tomato Focus Group Invitation

Dear Master Gardeners,

It is hard to believe that it is time to think about planting tomato seeds to be ready for March planting. Last year's tomato focus group was fun and we learned a good bit about eight varieties of heirloom tomatoes and how they behave and taste when grown in St Tammany Parish.

The tomato focus group is open to any St Tammany Master Gardener who grows, wants to grow, or thinks they want to grow heirloom tomatoes. What we do is divide into groups of five people who get together (email usually) and decide what two (or more) varieties of heirloom tomatoes they would like to grow. One person in the group gets the seeds, plants them, and distributes two plants of each variety to each member of the group in time for mid March planting. (That way the seed source and early care are consistent, so the plants are starting in the same shape). The people in the group grow the tomatoes as they usually grow tomatoes: ground, raised beds, containers, self watering containers, even topsy turvey with one expressing interest in hydroponics. There is an attempt to put geographic diversity in each group but group membership is not rigid. The individuals in the group keep in touch and bell weather events like the appearance of early blight, worms, thrips, etc. are shared among all of the groups. The very first year, 2010, the group found that just about any grape or cherry tomato will grow well and usually taste pretty good, so only mid size and beefsteak tomatoes are grown as study tomatoes. Last year's results were published in the July and November Gardengoer. The plan is to put a cumulative record of our results on the vegucator wiki.

It is not a contest to see who can grow the biggest or best tomatoes but to learn from each other how we might grow better tomatoes, deal with problems that come up, learn to identify diseases and pests, and develop a list of heirloom tomatoes that grow well in St Tammany parish in the hands of home gardeners. If you are interested in joining the tomato focus group for the spring of 2011, send me an email and we will start forming the groups to be ready for seeding in late January. As of 12/22/11 we have 27 MG's signed up. The groups will form in the first week of January but there is always room for more tomato enthusiasts.

Jerry

[gballanco@bellsouth.net](mailto:gballanco@bellsouth.net)



## VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

At the January meeting, we are going to sign up for the various committees and projects in a slightly different way than we've done before. In the past, clipboards have been passed around and everyone signed up during the meeting. I have heard from some of the members that either they didn't see a particular committee's sign-up sheet or they really weren't sure exactly what that committee was responsible for (and how much time was involved).

This year, everyone who attends the meeting will get a sheet with all of the committees and projects listed on it with the chairman's name included. There will be a place for you to put your name and e-mail address and a box to check if you would like to be included for that project or on that committee. Of course, you can sign up for as many opportunities as you feel you can participate in. During the break, the committee and project chairmen will be available to answer questions and give you information so that you can make a more informed decision as to where you'd like to help in 2012. Please complete a sheet even if you've been on a committee for a long time so that we can have a current list for each one.

We will collect the sheets after the meeting and give each chairman a list of those people that have offered to help them. They will in turn contact you when a meeting is scheduled.

If you cannot attend the meeting, I have included a copy of the sign-up sheet that you can fill out and e-mail to me with your choices and I will forward it on to the appropriate chairman. If you don't get the sheet completed or decide you'd like to help another committee or project later on in the year, you can contact the chairman at any time and volunteer. This is just a good time to get these committees kicked off for the New Year!

Julie Deus  
[jdcalla@aol.com](mailto:jdcalla@aol.com)

## ***COMMITTEES***

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|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Membership</b>   | <b>Susie Koepp</b>    |
|                          | <b>Subcommittees include:</b>                             |                       |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchandise-Dee Middleton        |                       |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Honors-Sandy Arnoult             |                       |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Records Attendance-Susan L'Hoste |                       |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter-Debora Litzenberger   |                       |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality-Barbara Moore        |                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Program</b>  | <b>Judy Wood</b>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Historical</b>   | <b>Glenda Spano</b>   |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity - Ann Gilbert          |                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Scholarship</b>  | <b>Lyn Monteleone</b> |

## ***PROJECTS***

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Slidell Herb Garden/Herb Fest</b> | <b>Betty Rose</b>       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>SMH Rehab Garden</b>              | <b>Leslie Landeche</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Slidell Senior Center</b>         | <b>Cecelia Drennan</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Lacombe Butterfly Garden</b>      | <b>Susie Andres</b>     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Otis House Butterfly Garden</b>   | <b>Ann Durel</b>        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>MG's Partner with Schools</b>     | <b>Christy Paulsell</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Speaker's Bureau</b>              | <b>Donna Dicharry</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Vegucators</b>                    | <b>Gerard Ballanco</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>MG's Partner with Food Bank</b>   | <b>Donna Howland</b>    |

**Plant Show**

**A.J. Heinsz-Bailey**

**Please contact Pam Twardzik, volunteer chairman of the Plant Show, to sign up to work in any of the many areas available during the weekend of 3/16 and 3/17/12. Her e-mail is [pammg09@yahoo.com](mailto:pammg09@yahoo.com).**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_



## 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](mailto: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



## **STPMG DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

The December STPMG meeting was held at the Fire department lodge on Carr Drive in Slidell. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 by President Julie Deus. Rusty Batty led the prayer and made a few short comments.

Nancy Berulis moved to accept the November minutes and Kappy Goodwin seconded. Nancy also motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by Donna Howland. The short business meeting included the deadline for 2012 dues and the deadline for the shirt order.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 so the membership could enjoy the festive Christmas luncheon and party. Plants were chosen and stolen to the joy of everyone attending.

Respectfully submitted for Chere Currault by Kathleen Guidry

**AGENDA**  
**STPMG Membership Meeting**  
**January 18, 2012**

- 1. Call to order and report quorum present**
- 2. Opening Ceremonies**
- 3. Garden Hint of the Month**  
**Garden Problem**  
**Program: Sharpening the Shovel and other Garden Tool Care:**  
**Ed Goodwin**  
**Exercises and Body Mechanics to Keep You Gardening:**  
**Kim Walsdorf-Shockley**

**Break-15 minutes (Chairmen will be available to answer questions about their project or committee)**

- 4. Comments by Rusty Batty, County Agent and MG Advisor**
- 5. Minutes from December meeting**
- 6. Officer's reports**  
**President: Julie Deus**  
**Vice President: Judy Wood**  
**Treasurer: Jay Rose**
- 7. Project Reports**  
**Plant Show-A.J. Heinsz-Bailey**  
**Spring Seminar-Jill Stoltz**
- 8. Adjourn**

# Calendar of Events

January, 2012	
11	<i>Herb Gathering</i> at the Slidell Library Meeting room. 1 PM. The speaker will be Susie Andres on the topic “Lavender”. All are welcome to attend. A meeting of the Herb Committee will follow the speaker. For more info contact Betty Rose at <a href="mailto:bettyrose@charter.net">bettyrose@charter.net</a> .
18	Plant Sale meeting at 9am at the National Guard Armory before the regular monthly meeting.
18	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10am. Speakers: Ed Goodwin, “Sharpening Shovels” and Kim Walsdorf-Shockley, “Exercises and Body Mechanics to Keep You Gardening”.
18	<b>“Growing Spring Vegetables From Seed”</b> , a presentation by our own Dr. Gerard Bal-lanco will be held at 2 locations and times: Folsom Library Branch at 82393 Railroad Ave. from 2-3:30 pm and Covington Library Branch at 310 W. 21st Ave. from 6-7:30 pm. Call to register or stop by a branch. Folsom—796-9728, Covington—893-6280. Information: <a href="http://www.sttammany.lib.la.us">www.sttammany.lib.la.us</a> . Space is limited.
21	<b>“Walk in the Woods”</b> . 9 am, Northlake Nature Center. Master Gardener, Rod Downie, leads a hike through the woods teaching tree identification (bark features, thorns, twig features and persistent leaves). This is the winter session of a 4 season program. Space is limited. Members free/ non-members \$5. 985-626-1238 or <a href="mailto:info@northlakenature.org">info@northlakenature.org</a> .
February, 2012	
10	<b>“IT”S EASY BEING GREEN</b> , a seminar by the Class of 2011. 9-3 at the Journey Fellowship Church, 30042 N. Dixie Ranch Road, Lacombe, LA. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch. For more information: Jill Stoltz, Chairman, <a href="mailto:business_works@bellsouth.net">business_works@bellsouth.net</a> or Billie Stanga, Registration Chairman, at <a href="mailto:billie.stanga@gmail.com">billie.stanga@gmail.com</a> . See flier on page 5.
15	Plant Sale meeting at the National Guard Armory at 9 am before the monthly meeting.
15	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10am. Speakers: Art Scott and Bernard Ory, “Drip Irrigation”
March, 2012	
16 & 17	<b>Northshore Garden Show and Plant Sale</b> at the Fairgrounds. The event will be on Friday and Saturday this year. Mark your calendars and sign up to volunteer. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Email our Plant Sale Chairman, A.J. Heinsz-Bailey at <a href="mailto:ajjim@hotmail.com">ajjim@hotmail.com</a> with any questions. Sign up to volunteer with Pam Twardzik at <a href="mailto:pammg09@yahoo.com">pammg09@yahoo.com</a> .
21	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10am. Speaker: Henry Harrison, “Growing Watermelons in the Home Garden”.
29	Field Trip to Jefferson Island.

# STPMG Directory

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*Notes from the Editor,*

*Hi MGs,*

*Happy New Year everyone! Let's get 2012 off to a good start. Contact Pam Twardzik to volunteer for the Plant Show in March. Come to the meetings! Learn more about all of the committees then sign up to volunteer for the committee (s) that interests you at the January meeting. Judy schedules great speakers and you can earn all of your educational hours plus extra just by coming to the meetings. Just imagine how wonderful it would feel to get in all of your requirements early this year and not having to worry with the end of the year scramble for hours.*

*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/)*

*Thanks again to the Hospitality Committee for a great job on the Christmas party. They went above and beyond to give us a memorable party.*

*Thanks to everyone for your patience this month with the newsletter. I enjoyed the holidays with my family without the "January 1 deadline" looming over me. Publication will revert back to the 1st of the month in February.*

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