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The St. Tammany Master Gardener Class of 2012



For the 12th time, St. Tammany residents and novice gardeners have fulfilled the requirements to become Master Gardeners by participating in garden tours, show and tell, lectures, and a final exam.

The 12 weeks of training have covered topics such as weed control and disease and insect identification as well as presentations on botany, vegetables and ornamentals. All 28 trainees have committed to volunteering 40 hours of providing horticulture education to parish groups such as schools, garden clubs and libraries.

This year's 2012 Master Gardener graduates are:

Front row: Urbain Breaud, Grace Huffman, Suzanne Krieger, Jenny Graffeo, Nancy Thompson, Carolyn Rault, Dianne Bellas, Sue McGuire, Paula Ramagos (inset).

Middle row: Diana Cammatte, Yvonne Reed, Stacey Dehmer, Lynda Willems, Sue Stoltz, Stacey Scott, Nancy Hodgins, Susan Clites, Rebecca Buras.

Back row: Marilyn Bingham, Stanley Gremillion, Linda Figueroa, Hank Johnson, Jr., Dianne Labourdette, Nick Gibbs, Richard Gremillion, Ed Collier, Pete Hanson, Kathy Haase.

Rusty Batty, County Agent, LSU AgCenter



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Class of 2012

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President's Message

I'm on my way home from the 2012 Master Gardener State Meeting as I write this. The car is filled to the brim with plants Judy, Kappy, Pam and I won or bought. There were two plant vendors on the patio of the L' Auberge Resort, our friends Derek and Dana with baby Bailey from Kat Kaw and Almost Eden, a nursery from the Lake Charles area. It was hard to limit our purchases with all the interesting fall blooming plants to choose from, but those pesky suitcases had to come back with us! After hearing all the entertaining keynote speakers and attending the informative break-out sessions, I have been reinvigorated to get my Fall/Winter garden in shape. We heard about projects that the Lafayette and New Orleans Master Gardeners are doing and got the early scoop from the Northwest Louisiana Group about next year's State Meeting in Shreveport. The accommodations were first class, the food was excellent and I think all the St. Tammany Master Gardeners had a great time and learned a lot. Many thanks to everyone for their friendly smiles and unwavering support as I gave the report about our organization.



What a turnout we had at the Abita Library on Wednesday, October 17! Thanks to the timely article in the newspaper sent in by Ann Gilbert, there were nearly 40 people getting the message to "Eat Your Greens!". Martha Gruning and her committee did an outstanding job planning and executing this seminar. The lettuces and other greens planted in shoe bags and colanders were innovative, the collard dip and kale chips were a huge hit and Donna Howland explained soil mixtures so eloquently. What fun!

As the year begins to draw to a close, I will remind you once again the record your volunteer hours at the LSU website. If you are having any trouble whatsoever, please contact Sandy Arnoult. To remain a "member in good standing" within our organization you must not only fulfill your volunteer and educational hours, but also pay your \$12.00 dues all by December 31, 2012. As a reminder, anyone who graduated in the class of 2011 needs 40 volunteer hours, but no education hours (although record them if you would), all other master gardeners need 20 volunteer hours and 6 education hours and if you have your heart set on a brick or subscription to LA Gardener magazine this year, you must log 50 volunteer hours along with the 6 education hours. If you are a few hours short, there are volunteer opportunities to work in the Ag Center office or you could write an article for the Gardengoer.

Speaking of the dues, we are asking everyone to fill out the form with your name, address, phone numbers and e-mail address that is on page 17 of this newsletter. We want to clean up the directory and make sure we have all the correct e-mail addresses in the g-mail account, so please take a moment to fill this out before you send your check or give your money to Jay Rose, Pam Rowe or Judy Wood. We will have extra forms at the November 14, 2012 and December 12, 2012 membership meetings.

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Hi Everyone, August heat and humidity inspired a break from the garden and an opportunity to go on a vacation to Italy. A cool, humidity free, rest filled flight ended abruptly at Malpensa Airport. August weather in Louisiana is the same in Milan. However, the whole city takes the month off to hide from the weather. A way of life I wish we could adopt. The shutters on all windows are closed and most of the businesses bear elaborate Buone vacanze (happy vacation) signs. Most of the museums have free admission and discounts abound so it is the perfect time to visit if you are used to Louisiana weather. The Milanese park people have an overabundance of parched plants, no irrigation, and tractors with tanks to water the flower beds. "Per favore mi acqua delle vostre piante." Please may I water your plants is a phrase you won't find in a guide book, but it helps to make Italian friends easily in August. Soil profiles in other countries is something I have never considered before. Milan seemed to be the perfect place to start. Armed with plastic cutlery for probing and collecting, whenever Jim and I visited a park I discreetly found a bench and scratched the ground. Jim is very understanding about my eccentric ideas, thankfully. Gelato spoons broke easily in the compacted, pulverized, granite filled walkways. These soils that the Roman soldiers once walked are tough but drain readily. The McDonald's spoons also failed to penetrate the Milanese scree. I searched the backpack and found a Wendy's utensil pack. It solved the amateur pedology dilemma and was stylish too! I sampled randomly as we toured Milan. The planters contain a midweight mix with peat and compost similar to what we use in the states. The park flower beds use compost and are shovel turned after each planting is removed. Fashion, gelato, architecture and gardening all in one vacation was refreshing. I am almost ready for fall planting and the St Tammany Parish Fair. Please, before you depart to go to Wendy's to procure a frosty and travel soil testing tools, remember, "The grass may be greener on the other side of the fence, but the soil still has to be amended before planting." Almost back in the garden, aj



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Editor's note:

This article was supposed to run in the October issue. Due to the mysteries of the internet, the article didn't reach me before publication.



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	
December 12 Location	No Speaker	Christmas Party	No	No	No	

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STPMG Programs

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Growing Micro Greens

Art Scott

Art Scott, a Master Gardener from the Class of 2008, will tell us how to grow a salad in as little time as three weeks, what is the best soil to use and what seeds to plant.





Propagation Workshop

Thursday, November 29, 2012
Southeast Louisiana Wildlife Refuge, Lacombe
9 AM to Noon
Gail Barton, Instructor

Gail Barton is a retired Horticulture teacher, certified ISA Arborist and certifiable plant fool. She currently works as a Landscape Consultant and gardens on six acres in Meridian, Mississippi. She taught Plant Propagation for over 25 years and propagated plants at her own nursery (Flowerplace Plant Farm). Since retiring from teaching she has maintained a small backyard nursery where she grows plants of interest. She also contract grows prairie plant plugs and is propagating plants and harvesting seed that will be used to establish a Prairie Garden at The University of West Alabama in Livingston.

The cost is \$20

This is a hands-on workshop where you will make cuttings and “plant the stick” to begin future plants. The focus will be on hardwood cuttings – those plants that have gone dormant and are ready for propagation.

Each participant needs to make a commitment to provide propagated plants for the STPMG Plant Sale in March 2013. In addition, participants will be asked to share their knowledge with others.

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

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

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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 IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE PARTY. MASTER GAR-
DENERS ONLY. PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING A SIDE DISH, APPETIZER, SAL-
AD, OR DESSERT OR CONTRIBUTE \$10 TOWARD THE COST OF THE MAIN
DISH. THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

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

"FALL COLOR"

It's the end of October and the garden colors have remained green...as in Go Garden Go! I know we are ready for a cold snap, but our gardens will still be thriving and become brilliant. I've been traveling in New England this past week and experienced brilliant colors of yellow, tan, burnt orange, red-orange to ultimate red foliage. These colors are magnified as the cool sunshine reflects the color spectrum. But this kaleidoscope is short lived and beyond the brilliance and beauty, signs of dry, dying plants emerge. Soon this region will have naked trees and a haunted landscape. So Rejoice! We may have our hot summers, but we can sprint and be comfortable in our fall foliage.



Our greens will exalt
AHHHH! Relief to grow all winter long. This season, I'm going to try to journal my garden activities more regularly. Maybe you can do the same. I will record the plants for this season,

how many times I fertilize, and any other garden practices. I will also record how many meals I use my veggies and herbs in my recipes. Let's see how the parsnip, sorrel, artichoke and edamame perform this season. Colorful plants will color my plates. Have a colorful Fall season in your gardens!

Linda Franzo
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Lacombe Butterfly Garden

Thanks to bright sunshine and warm temperatures both butterflies and visitors were in abundance at this year's WILD THINGS event. The October 13, 2012 event was held to celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week. The butterfly garden has been a project of St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners since 2010.

Over 1200 adults and children stopped by the garden on the grounds of the National Wildlife Refuges Complex in Lacombe, and were able to tour the garden which featured lots of blooming flowers. Lantana, penta, Turk's cap, fall asters, sedum, bat face, cigar plant were in full bloom and attracted scores of butterflies. Master Gardener volunteers were present in the garden to answer questions about our plants and winged visitors. Posters with information on butterflies common in this area were on display to enable visitors to identify the many butterflies feeding on blooms. Children stopping at a tent staffed by Master Gardeners were given information on butterfly anatomy and provided with materials to make butterfly-themed crafts. Numerous Painted Lady butterflies on display in a mesh habitat were released during the day.

This year WILD THINGS attracted over 5000 visitors to the day-long refuge event, and the Butterfly Garden was one of many popular and fun educational activities. Mark your calendars for next year's WILD THINGS, which will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013.

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Abita Springs Library Project

On Wednesday, October 17th, at 4 p.m. the Abita Library project Master Gardeners hosted the second adult education event of 2012. “Eat Your Greens” was a great success drawing more than 40 attendees - almost double the number of our spring event last April.

Greens in the fall garden, collards, cabbage, lettuces, turnips, mustards, kale, spinach and chard, were the focal point of the program. We divided the presentation into three parts – soil preparation and pH, alternative methods of planting greens and cooking with greens. Donna Howland and Martha Gruning manned the soil table covering the elements needed as nutrients for vegetables, mixing and amending soil, proper irrigation methods and fertilization during the growing season. Sandra Pecoraro and Susan L’Hoste did a wonderful job presenting a variety of methods for planting greens, lettuces in particular, in a hanging shoe bag, in a colander, in shoes and in a milk crate lined with newspaper. Cindy Manger and Deborah Nolan were cooks for the day offering samples of scrumptious kale chips and a creamy turnip greens dip with crackers. They also had an excellent selection of recipes to hand out all of which used greens as the primary ingredient. Julie Deus and Cheri Hall helped set up and directed traffic helping move the groups from table to table. Ann Gilbert’s publicity enhanced attendance greatly.

The head librarian at the Abita Branch, Kay Redd, and her two colleagues, Amy and Sarah, are completely supportive of our educational efforts. They regularly water the garden that now boasts a beautiful selection of “Georgia” and “Top Bunch” collards, “Red Sail”, “Butter Crunch” and “Gourmet Greens” lettuce and Siberian kale along with Swiss chard. Amy created a colorful flyer for the program and they all encourage library patrons to register for the Master Gardener events.

The next event at the library will be in the spring. We are looking forward to another collaborative educational gardening effort and are open to all ideas and suggestions.



Sandra Pecoraro, Cheri Hall, Deborah Nolan, Kay Redd, Head Librarian, Cindy Manger, Julie Deus, Donna Howland, Martha Gruning and Susan L’Hoste.

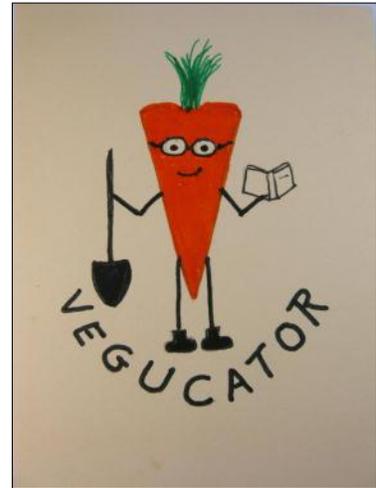
Martha Gruning
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VEGUCATORS

On October 24th, Rusty awarded the first graduates of the Vegucator program their pins for successful completion. Janice Roussel crafted the cartoon and the original drawing was given to Rusty for his help in designing and implementing the program.

The final exam for the 2012 Vegucator class is December 5th.

Invitations will be extended to all Master Gardeners for the 2013 class at the January meeting.



Janice Roussel receives her Vegucator pin from Rusty Batty.



Vegucator Class of 2011: Gerard Ballanco, Karla Partridge, A.J. Heinsz-Bailey, Rodney Cross, County Agent, Rusty Batty, and Janice Roussel.

New MG in Action

A new graduate of the MG Class of 2012, Nancy Thompson, wasted no time in getting in some of those required 40 volunteer hours. Nancy and Pam Perret assisted a Brownie troop plant pansies at St. Peter's.

The Brownies are in the front row holding their blue and yellow pansies as they wait their turn to plant. In the back row, left to right, Don Teece, prepared the planting area and purchased the flowers, Nancy Thompson, Master Gardener, and Jane Teece, Girl Scout Leader. The troop is working on a Community Badge that includes creating a garden to plant and maintain in their community.



Slidell Library Herb Garden

Since late September, visitors at the Slidell Library gardens are enjoying watching the butterflies and bees fluttering around the many plants in bloom at this time of year. In late spring, several Master Gardeners contributed plants from their own gardens to fill the extra beds near the herb garden. We call this our pass-along garden. It is filled with various colors of lantana, batface cuphea, Texas fire bush, hot lip sage, fire cracker, garlic chives, cigar bush, ruby hibiscus, cassia candelabra, gingers, bromeliads and more. Early in October we cleaned the gardens and planted fall herbs. An olive tree and lemon eucalyptus tree were planted in the pass-along garden beds. Nancy Berulis crafted plant identification tags from wire coat hangers and canning jar lid seals.

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2012 Louisiana State Master Gardener Conference Lake Charles, LA

Ten St. Tammany Master Gardeners attended the 2012 State of Louisiana Master Gardener Conference in Lake Charles from October 24 to October 26. They heard many excellent speakers on a plethora of subjects including: unusual and new plants, landscaping and creating spaces in the garden, a visual tour of Dan Gill's own yard, and a discussion as to whether it is a garden or a yard.

Rene Schmit, interim LA MG Coordinator, reported that MGs recorded over 76,000 volunteer hours in 2011. STPMG is 13% of that reported total.

Julie Deus spoke on the activities of STPMG. It was very well received. (She will share the presentation at the November 14 STPMG meeting.) Nancie Munn created a lovely display of scrapbooks, bricks, and other STPMG items.

Many vendors including Derrick and Dana Moore of St. Tammany's KatKaw Nursery sold plants, books, garden tools, garden art, fertilizers, and so much more. The cars of the attendees returned to St. Tammany well stocked with merchandise.

Mark your calendar for the 2013 LA MG Conference "Bloomin' on the Red" to be held in Shreveport on October 8-11, 2013.



Front row: Rusty Batty, Camille Schwandt, Peggy Goertz, Marilyn Bingham
Second Row: June Taffaro, Nancy Munn, Kappy Goodwin
Third Row: Donna Dicharry, Judy Wood, Pam Peltier
Back Row: Julie Deus, Susie Andres

Tour of St. Tammany MG Projects



Members of the Class of 2012 and other MGs toured the projects of our association on October 4. The tour stopped by the Lacombe Butterfly Garden, above, and the Senior Center, below. They also toured the Abita Springs Library Project , the Slidell Herb Garden, and were given information on other projects, such as the Otis House Butterfly Garden and the St. Tammany MGs in Schools project . This tour was designed to familiarize new members with our many MG projects.



MG Plant Booth



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

It's time to start planning what you'd like to donate to the Spring Show plant sale booth! 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!

More info to come! Thanks and have a great Thanksgiving.

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Any ???s call me! 985-951-9855



Membership Dues for 2013

STPMG Membership Dues for 2013 are payable beginning October 1, 2012 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 November and December meetings.) 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 should be submitted to Judy Wood.

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 _____

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 Availa-
ble: 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



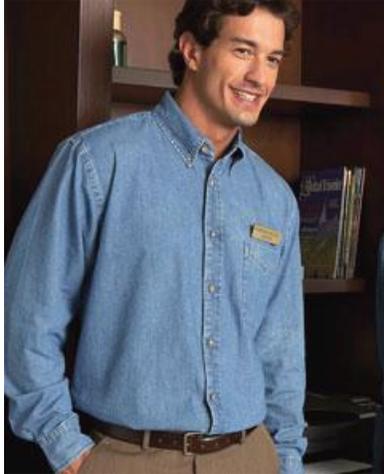
Colorado Timberline
 Women's Moisture Wicking Microfiber
 Pique Polo Shirt, Anti-roll collar, tag less
 label, princess seam for fitted look.
 Colors available: Moss/white trim or Black
 \$27.49
 2XL add \$2.00, 3XL add \$3.00



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

IN MEMORIUM

As most of you know, we lost two wonderful friends and magnificent gardeners this past year in Cecelia Drennan and Amber Klekamp. The Membership voted to send a donation in their memories to two gardens that were near and dear to their hearts.

A \$100.00 donation in Cecelia's name was sent to Keep Slidell Beautiful who in turn will build a meditation garden at the Slidell Senior Center in her honor. My request was that our donation be put towards a bench or fountain for that area. I will let you know when this area has been finished.

We also sent a \$100.00 donation in Amber's name to the New Orleans Opera Guild to go towards the purchase of a tree in her honor. Amber worked diligently in this garden for years before she took the Master Gardener class in 2011. Her friends say she found such contentment when she was there.

Julie Deus, President
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Cecelia Drennan



Amber Klekamp

2013 PLANT SHOW MEETING

10/17/12

Ty Guidroz, plant show chairman, began the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Rusty spoke about the recent changes to the barn area (poles and cement removed) which would shift the flow of foot traffic for the plant show if permanent. Klein Baptist and Bruce Krauss (oversees the barn) will be contacted later but Ty will first check the Arts and Craft show in December to see how the stalls are set up then.

Peggy Goeretz, plant vendor chairman, announced that the application to the vendors will be mailed in December and a reminder card sent the first of February. Vendors can choose their booths this year on a first come, first serve basis. There will also be a tent area outside this year for plant ART vendors and the food vendors will be out in the corrals.

Rodney Cross, set-up chairman, announced that mid-day on Thursday set-up would begin and at 4:00 Saturday take-down would start. He will meet with Rusty and A.J. to go over everything and set up a binder with the information. Parking may have to be changed because of the additional vendors and the recent changes to the barn.

Don Lefevre, parking chairman, said that this year there will be radios for the volunteers to use to stay in touch. Rusty suggested that each chairman invite two people from the new Master Gardener class to help on their particular project.

Julie announced for Ann Gilbert, publicity chairman, that the flyer this year will have the vendors names included. That list should be completed by 3/1. This year's flyer will also have a map.

Barbara Moore, MG Table chairman, said this year she was going to work on a flyer or card for visitors on how to use the AgCenter's Web Site to research information on plants/plant problems, etc. She also agreed to be outside with the art section if necessary.

Glenda Nanz, donation chairman, will contact local businesses and each vendor for donations. Julie suggested we also ask members who are crafty if they would like to donate something. Speaker chairman, Donna Dicharry, is pricing hand fans to use when attending the various talks since the area is usually uncomfortable.

Judy Wood suggested we form a finance committee for the show. She also announced there will be a hand-washing area set up outside of the port-o-lets (set up is \$50.00) so that it can also be used for washing hands before eating.

Also, we are looking into T-shirts for workers to wear so that we will be more noticeable. Susie Andres will price.

STPMG OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING 10/17/12

The October general membership meeting was held on 10/17/12 at the National Guard Armory in Covington. Forty-six members were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Julie Deus, president who also led in the pledge of allegiance. Rusty led the group in the prayer.

Rusty spoke on the use of horticultural oil for the outbreak of white flies this year. He also suggested hand pulling the over abundant Virginia button weed now before it sets seeds.

Judy Wood's hint for the meeting was saving your cardboard (particularly plain brown cardboard boxes) for use in your garden. She flattens all the cardboard she collects and lays it down now, before winter, wherever she intends to start a garden in the spring. She lays pine straw on top of that and by spring she can easily poke through the pine straw and cardboard to place the new plants. Plus, no weeding necessary.

Guest speaker was John Klipsch from Miracle Gro who spoke about their line of organic plant foods and other organic controls for diseases and insects. Their line of organic products is called Whitney Farmer.

After a short break Rusty reminded us when recording hours to guard against just working for someone for free. All hours should be related to education.

Rusty is still working some of the time at Washington parish until a replacement can be found. After meeting with the Chancellor he found that even more cuts are set to hit the AgCenter.

Art Scott made a motion that we accept the September minutes as they appeared in the Gardengoer. Barbara Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Julie noted that the tour of the MG projects with the new MG class was a great success. She also noted that we will have a good showing at the state meeting in Lake Charles and we have a poster display for the event. Julie will also present a twenty minute talk on our own very busy chapter.

Art Scott made a motion that we accept the treasurer's report as presented. Donna Dicharry seconded. Motion carried.

Susie Andres reported on the very successful Wild Things program at the Lacombe Wildlife Center. Over 5000 people attended and the Butterfly Garden had 1206 visitors. She said all the flowers were blooming and the butterflies hatched for everyone's enjoyment.

Ty reported on the plant show meeting and the new arrival of the garden accessories section. This year will also have an ATM machine set up. See additional details of the show in this newsletter under Plant Show Meeting.

Barbara Moore asked for a vote on having the Christmas party at the Pontchatrain Yacht Club in Mandeville this year. Chris motioned to accept the plan. Betty Rose seconded. Motion carried.

Sandy Arnoult asked everyone to keep recording their hours even after they reach fifty so we will have a better record of our active chapter.

Dee Middleton will collect orders for MG merchandise at the November meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathleen Guidry, Secretary



ST TAMMANY PARISH MASTER GARDENERS
10/18/12

The October board meeting was held at City Hall in Slidell on 10/18/12 at 10:00 a.m. All incoming 2013 officers attended the meeting. Julie called the meeting to order and Jay presented the treasurer' report. The \$5,000 in savings is to cover the scholarships already committed to and already in progress.

Susie Andres, Martha Gruning and Pam Twardzik were welcomed to the meeting and were filled in on some of their upcoming duties by each outgoing officer. Julie will send a letter to E merge to cancel our e mail contract. Judy will send thank you note to City of Slidell thanking them for use of our meeting room.

New business included the possibility of a new project at Camp Salmen. Peggy Goertz said they are interested in having a butterfly and hummingbird garden in a somewhat rustic section of the property. The area proposed is five times larger than the Lacombe Butterfly Garden.

Membership dues checks should go to Judy or Pam and should be submitted along with the form containing the members' information. Judy will check to make sure hours are correct before depositing the checks.

It was suggested we have an electronic roster on the computer in addition to the printed booklet for each member.

A check for \$100 will be sent to the New Orleans Opera in the memory of Amber Klekamp.

A check for \$100 will be sent to 'Keep Slidell Beautiful in memory of Cecelia Drennan.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathleen Guidry, Secretary

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
November 14, 2012

**THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE ARMORY CLASSROOM, AS
USUAL**

- 1. Call to order and report quorum present**
- 2. Opening Ceremonies**
- 3. Garden Hint**
Garden Problem
Program: STPMGA Report given at the State Meeting: Julie Deus
Growing Microgreens: Dr. Art Scott

Break: 10 minutes

Comments by Rusty Batty, County Agent and MG Advisor

- 4. Minutes from October, 2012 meeting**
- 5. Officer's reports**
President: Julie Deus
Vice President: Judy Wood
Treasurer: Jay Rose
- 6. New Business**
Welcome New Class of 2012
Introduce Mentors
- 7. Project Committee Reports**
Abita Library Seminar: Martha Gruning
State Meeting Report: Judy Wood
- 8. Committee Reports**
Hospitality: Christmas Party: Barbara Moore
Merchandise: Dee Middleton
Membership Report: Judy Wood
- 9. Adjourn**

Calendar of Events

November, 2012

14	Plant sale meeting at the National Guard Armory. 9 am. preceding the monthly meeting. Ty Guidroz is the Plant Show Chairman. tyguidroz@charter.net .
14	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 am. following the Plant Sale meeting. Speaker: Art Scott, "Growing Micro Greens". <i>See page 5.</i> ** Please note the date is one week earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving.
29	Propagation Seminar at Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge, Hwy 434, Lacombe. 9-noon. Seminar by Gail Barton, a retired horticulture teacher. Registration is limited to the first 30 people to send in their registration. <i>See page 6.</i>

December, 2012

7	Last day to place a logo merchandise order with Dee Middleton. <i>See page 18-21.</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 7</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.

January, 2013

16	Plant sale meeting at the National Guard Armory. 9 am.
16	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 am.

February, 2013

20	Plant sale meeting at the National Guard Armory. 9 am.
20	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 am.

March, 2013

15-16	**SAVE THE DATE** Northshore Plant Show and Sale at the Fairgrounds.
20	Plant sale meeting at the National Guard Armory. 9 am.
20	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 am.

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Notes From the Editor:

Hi MGs,

First, I'd like to thank Art Scott for filling in for me as photographer at graduation. He is a wonderful photographer and true friend. THANK YOU!

Second, the new graduating class will be joining us at the November meeting. They will be overwhelmed by so many new faces. Be sure to wear your name badge and make our new members feel welcome. We should always wear our name badges at every MG function, even if you know everyone there.

Lastly, it is the end of the year with very few opportunities to earn volunteer hours. If anyone needs a few extra hours, remember you can write an article for this newsletter and count the time it takes to research and write the article. December/January are slow months and are the perfect opportunity to try your hand at writing about your favorite gardening topic.

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

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

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