



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. TAMMANY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

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Officers-Elect for 2011

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The Nominating Committee, consisting of Dianne Ramirez, Betty Rose and Debora Litzenberger, presented the slate of officers for 2011 at the September meeting. No further nominations came from the floor, so the officers were elected by acclamation. The new officers are: Chere Cur-rault, Secretary, Jay Rose, Treasurer, Julie Deus, President and Judy Wood, Vice President. They will assume their new duties in January.

President's Message

New Officers

Congratulations to our new officers; Julie Deus, Judy Wood, Chere Currault and Jay Rose. Since there were no additional nominations from the floor, the candidates were elected by acclamation at our September meeting. They will take over on January 1st.

Christmas Party

Our group is getting so large that it will be difficult to squeeze us all into someone's home. The decision was made at last month's meeting to rent the newly renovated Northshore Beach Subdivision Firehouse and Community Center in Slidell for \$100. A price that can't be beat. Camille and her husband Mo, were very instrumental in the rebuilding of the community center. She used her influence and we got a family-in-law price. It has seating for over 100, a kitchen and a great view of the lake.

The hospitality committee is planning the Christmas pot luck lunch scheduled for Wednesday, December 15 (our regularly scheduled meeting day). If you would like to help, contact Mary Ann Brannan (chair), Barbara Moore or Chris McNeely.

Edible Flowers for Your Fall Garden

The time to begin to plan our fall garden is upon us. Have you thought about experimenting with some edible flowers? These are the ones we can enjoy in our gardens and on our plates.

I have found that most of the flowers that are proclaimed edible are not especially tasty. They mostly just add some color to salads, vinegars and other dishes.

A few of my favorite cool weather edibles are dianthus, pansy, AND nasturtium. (Nasturtiums are one of the exceptions in that the flowers, stems and leaves add a spicy, peppery flavor, along with their bright colors. Nasturtiums also need protection if the temp gets below 30.)

And don't forget the flowers of the herbs are also edible.

Keep in mind that some flowers are poisonous, so unless you are sure they are edible, they are best avoided.

Dues now due October 1st, volunteer hours due Dec 31st

Our bylaws were amended last month to reflect these new changes. You may pay your dues even if you haven't yet finished your volunteer/education hours. Dianne Ramirez will hold the check of any member who hasn't yet completed their requirements. Once completed, the check will be deposited and you will be a member in good standing for 2011.

If you haven't completed and recorded your hours by December 31, your check will be returned to you.

If you need help recording your hours, contact Judy Wood (jazzwood@charter.net). Judy is our volunteer web administrator.

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Evidence of Insects in Lawns

By

Rusty Batty

Dieback, dead areas, half eaten grass blades and generally a” limp, lifeless lawn” is how many homeowners describe their turf recently. Is it a disease, is it drought, and is it the burn out from a UFO? Most injury I’ve seen in lawns are from insects. This year seems to be extraordinary. Look for these signs:

- The damage looks unusual and appears to happen in a very short period of time. Large spaces, sometimes circular, can appear overnight.
- Look at the grass blades closely. Insect larvae and adults chew edges and in some cases completely strip the grass blades.
- Occasionally you may spot webs in the morning dew. Sod worms leave a silky trail as they crawl.
- Watch for birds feeding

For definitive insect detection use soapy water. Put 2 tablespoons of lemon-scented liquid soap in a gallon of water. Pour it on a transition- area (damaged turf to good turf). Sod webworms, chinch bugs, mole crickets and armyworms will come to the surface, running, wiggling and generally irritated. The lemon soap does not kill the insect but temporally smothers them. If you see these insects, the good news is they can be easily controlled. Insecticides with bifenthrin or carbaryl are readily available in most stores, to manage these insects. Recovery for lawns that were in good shape prior to the insect most likely.

Keep a close eye for these insects through October. Watch for these insects and any other UFO’s (Ugly, Foreign, Occupants) before it’s too late.

Tropical sod webworm



<http://turfgrass.com/images/pic39.jpg>

Army Worm



Mole cricket



Hi Everyone, I am sitting here in the air conditioning wondering about a topic. There are so many options in our world today. Cash or credit? Hybrid or self pollinated? Locally grown or imported? Fresh or canned? Dried or frozen? Chemicals or natural products? Dwarf or tall? Vining or bush? Even the colors are optional. The soil can be optional. Spring or fall crop? Determinate or Indeterminate? When did gardening get so complicated? I remember when my loving husband, Jim, came home and asked what are the options for dinner? I replied, You have two options: 1 yes and 2 no. Simpler times weren't so bad!!! Do we really need phones that tell us the weather in Tai Pei?

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at Jim Mizell's Butterfly Festival. It was a gorgeous day even though it was very hot. You guys were wonderful. Jim wanted me to relay his thanks, also.

Remember the plant swap is coming up this month, also. If the weather cooperates transplanting time is here. It is also the time to plant garlic for a late spring harvest. Green onions, greens, crucifers, turnips, and spinach can be planted as soon as the weather cools down. Fall gardens were generally unsuccessful this year. Insects and drought being the major culprits. Choose your option.

Preparations for next years plant sale will soon be underway. Options abound for this project.

They are all fun.

I think I 'll check the weather in Scotland on my new phone. (option and applications section) What the heck! Really needing some time back in the garden with no options, aj



Program Committee 2011

The emphasis is on **Committee**.

It is time to begin to think about the Programs for the meetings in 2011. I would like to have a committee work on this. The collective thought will help us to have some very interesting programs. The membership survey in July provided many good suggestions.

Don Lefevre had agreed to coordinate the **Gardening Hints** portion. Five minutes of each program will be devoted to sharing ideas and hints we all use in the garden. If you would like to help Don with this let me know.

Also, five minutes of each program will be devoted to the **Garden Problem** of the month. If this interests you, let me know.

There will be at least one meeting held in Slidell. It will most likely be in February as Bob Stroud has invited us to tour his camellia garden following the meeting.

We want to have speakers who are knowledgeable on topics that are of interest to the membership. Let me know what piques your interest. What would you like to know more about? Where would you like to go on field trips? When would you like to have these field trips?

I am hoping that we can have one or two meetings of the Program Committee and handle the rest of the business via email. (Remember time spent with the Program Committee is reportable volunteer hours.)

I would love to hear from you with your ideas for programs, field trips, speakers, and your offer to be a member of the **Program Committee**.

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**St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners
General Membership Meeting
Sept. 15, 2010**

The meeting was held at the National Guard Armory and called to order by President, Art Scott at 10:05 AM. Forty one members attended and a quorum was present.

Rusty Batty, County Agent, lead the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a prayer.

Quest speaker, Suzanne Sloan, spoke on Bromeliads and announced that a tour of her garden will be scheduled in the spring.

Door prizes of Bromeliads went to Barbara Henry and Art Scott.

County Agent: Rusty Batty announced that 30 members of the new Master Gardeners will be joining in November. Educational hours can still be obtained during their course with a reservation one week ahead of time.

Coffee mugs are available for sale at the office. The Crystal Springs tour is on October 15th, and reservations are taken at the Ag Office. The LSU AgCenter has appointed Mr. Schmidt as the new head of the Master Gardeners in Louisiana. As of October 4th, J B Anderson will be transferred due to budget cuts. Rusty will now be the only agent for St. Tammany Parish. Rusty reminded us to log in our volunteer hours.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted as submitted from the previous meeting.

Officer's Reports: Glenda Nanz announced that the Oct. meeting will be a plant swap. November will be a speaker from Windmill Nursery.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Dianne Ramirez was unable to attend. The treasurer's report was accepted as submitted by email and the Finance Committee will report at the next meeting.

Nominating Committee: The nominees for the 2011 slate of officers are:

Treasurer - Jay Rose, class of 2004, Pearl River

Secretary- Chere Currault, class of 2004, Folsom

Vice President: Judy Wood, class of 2007, Lacombe

President: Julie Deus, class of 2009, Mandeville

No new Nominations were made and the officers were elected by acclamation.

Hospitality Committee: Camille Schwandt proposed that this year's Christmas Party could be held at the Volunteer Fire Department Hall off of Carr Drive in Slidell. The price would be \$100 for the clean up. A motion was made and seconded to hold the party at that location on Dec. 15th. More information to follow.

Project Coordinators Report:

Herb Festival: Nancy Berulis reminded the members that the Fall Herb Festival on Sept. 28th will be held at the Slidell Library. They are still in need of help and a sign in sheet was passed around.

Fall Seminar: Julie Deus reviewed the seminar components of the seminar "Fall into Gardening". Seats are still available for the Wed. October 6th seminar.

Field Trip: Merle Mulkey announced that the field trip to Crystal Springs will leave the Fair Grounds, promptly at 6 am.

Lacombe Butterfly Garden: Janey Lively reviewed the Wild Things event. Volunteers are still needed for the Oct. 16th event. A motion was made and accepted to donate \$100 towards the support of the MG table.

Slidell Rehab Garden: Pete Pericone reviewed the Oct. 22nd Plant Sale to benefit the Garden renovations. Plant donation would be gladly accepted.

Unfinished Business:

Voting on the following proposed by-laws was held:

Article III - Membership

Sec. 1. Graduates of Master Gardener Programs administered by the Extension Services other than the State of Louisiana may seek membership in the STPMG by contacting the local county agent. The County Agent shall determine if that training (from another state) is equivalent to the Louisiana Program and take appropriate action.

Sec. 2. The classes of membership are: New Master Gardener (most recent graduate of the STPMG training), Established Master Gardener (MG who has completed one year as a New Master Gardener) and Inactive Master Gardener (MG in good standing who desires to suspend their volunteer commitment for one year).

Sec. 3 - C. All volunteer and education hours must be documented in the LSU Ag Center Master Gardener web site between Jan. and Dec. 31 of the current year. Members who have not fulfilled their volunteer and education hours as stated under C, are not considered to be in good standing and will be removed from the membership role.

Sec. 4 Requirements for re-certification will be established by the Membership Committee under the guidance of the County Agent and shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors and the general membership.

Article V Sec. 2. Dues are payable October 1 and are delinquent Dec.31.

Article VI Sec. 1. A. Business conducted by the Board includes, but is not exclusive to:

A. Monthly review of budget and financial report by the Treasurer.

B. Review of monthly reports from committee chairpersons.

C. Approval of recurring expenditures of those previously approved by the membership that are equal or less than \$500 as long as the budget is not exceeded.

D. Approval of new expenditures up to \$250

E. Emergency decisions that cannot wait until a membership business meeting.

F. Providing written monthly updates of Board business decisions in the Gardengoer.

G. Providing verbal updates of Board business at each planned general membership meeting.

Sec. 2. The Board does not have the authority to approve any new activities.

Sec. 4. The general membership shall be given notice of the time and place of Board meeting by publication in the Gardengoer.

Article VII Sec. 3. C. Provide minutes of general and Board of Director meetings to the membership through the Gardengoer.

Article VIII. Sec. 3. E. Arrange, coordinate, and publicize STPMG field trips.

Sec. 8. The Projects/Seminar Committee shall:

A. Consist of a member for each project voted on and accepted by the general membership.

This member will be the project's sponsor or appointed by the President if the sponsor is unable or unwilling to assume the role.

B. Assist members in preparation of proposed projects/seminars by providing guidance for educational requirements, funding, volunteer requirements, and anticipated ongoing efforts to keep the project active

C. Publicize new projects/seminars, related volunteer opportunities, and project updates for ongoing projects in the Gardengoer.

Sec. 9. Committee Chairs will provide monthly updates to the membership in The Gardengoer. Updates and time for discussion will be presented to the membership at regular business meetings.

These Bylaws were adopted at the general meeting of the St. Tammany Parish Master Gardener Association on June 23, 1999 and amended February 18, 2009 and September 15, 2010. Amendments to the bylaws were approved and carried. A copy of the newly revised bylaws will be emailed to all members. Motion to adjourn was passed at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted:
Nancy Berulis
Secretary

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

Suzanne Sloan talked about the different types of bromeliads and their care. She also brought bromeliads for sale. She donated several as door prizes.



Debora Litzenberger, Rodney Cross, Donna Brown, Judy Wood, Julie Deus, Dennis Koepp, members of the Fall Into Gardening Workshop, urge everyone to come out to the workshop on Wednesday, October 6. Seating is still available and the deadline has been extended to Oct. 5.



Art Scott won a bromeliad from Suzanne Sloan.



Terry and Pam Keating demonstrated some useful tools they have found. The saw-tooth shovel looked particularly interesting for digging daylilies and irises.

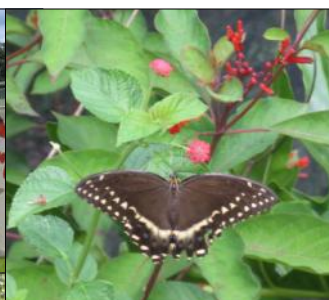


There was quite a crowd at the bromeliad table at our break. Lots of bromeliads found new homes that day.

Barbara Henry and Kathy Connelly also won bromeliads from Suzanne Sloan.



Mizell's Butterfly & Hummingbird Festival



Gaynell Molinet and Barbara Griggs work the information table.



Janice Roussel and Terri Weisheit work the entrance



Lynne Barlow guards the door of the butterfly house.



A.J. Heinsz-Bailey helps attendees and Master Gardeners identify plants.



Bob Doolittle and Don Lefevre assist festival goers identify plants.

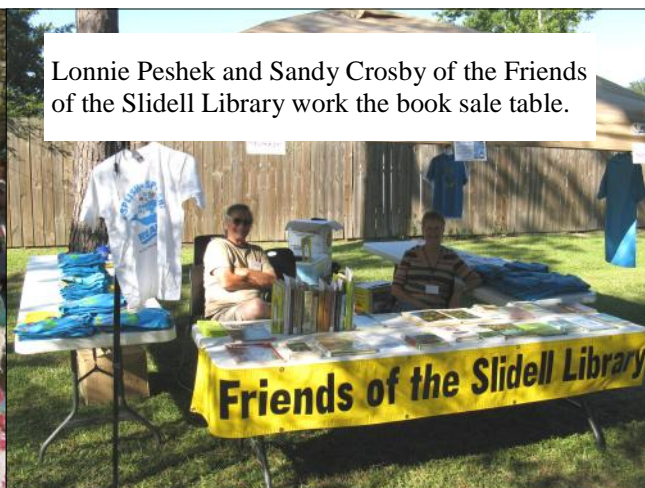


Linda Beall, Hummingbird Researcher, bands a hummingbird.

Fall Herb Festival at the Slidell Library



Linda Franzo of Passionate Platter was our featured speaker. She educated all of us on the many uses of herbs.



Lonnie Peshek and Sandy Crosby of the Friends of the Slidell Library work the book sale table.



Donna Dicharry and Ann Durel discuss the herbal teas available for tasting.



Denise Stearns, the chairman of the Fall Herb Festival, gave a talk on making herbal vinegars and storing herbs during the winter.



Betty Rose was the docent for the herb garden. She stayed busy answering many questions about herbs.



Pat Hedges, Julie Deus and Cecelia Drennan worked the registration table. Over 200 people attended the festival.



Judy Wood worked behind the scenes to make this a great event.

Hammond Research Station

Garden Stroll

Open to the Public – Free Admission

**Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010
9 a.m. – noon**

400 varieties of blooming plants!

Largest herbaceous ornamental
plant trial in Louisiana!

See what's new in the plant world
in one location!



Hammond Research Station
21549 Old Covington Highway (Hwy. 1067)
(next to LynHaven)

www.lsuagcenter.com/Hammond



Seating is still available. The deadline has been extended.
Call the AgCenter office for info.



“FALL INTO GARDENING”

A Fall Gardening Workshop

St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners Assn.

in conjunction with the

LSU AgCenter

Invite you to attend a workshop

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

9:00am to 12:30pm

(Check-In Begins at 8:00am)

Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters

Bayou Lacombe Centre`

61389 Hwy 434, Lacombe, LA 70445

Topics include:

Fun & Fabulous Fall Plants

Vegetable insects that might “bug” you

Many ways to Productive Mini-Gardening

and

Expert information from Master Gardeners at 6 “Table-Top Clinics”

Registration fee of \$15 per person due by 09/30/10

Space is Limited. Registration will close when full.

Registration deadline 09/30/10. Make checks payable to STMG

Mail to STMG, Fall Vegetable Seminar c/o LSU AgCenter, P. O. Box 5438, Covington, LA 70434

For Further Info: LSU AgCenter 985/875-2635

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

(Please Print)

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

(Please Print)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail address: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: Amount enclosed: _____ Confirmed: _____
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LSU AgCenter

Rose Research Morning

Green Industry, Rosarians and Home Gardeners Invited!!!

**Wednesday
October 20, 2010
9 a.m. – 11:30 am
No admission charged!!!**

*'Griffith Buck' Roses – 86 varieties
All varieties 'Knock Out' Roses
National 'Earth Kind' Trial Roses
'Drift' Series – Ground Cover Roses
and Much More*



**Burden Center
Ornamental and Turfgrass Research Facility
4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA
Contact Allen Owings at
aowings@agcenter.lsu.edu or 225.603.8096**

The LSU AgCenter has a Rose Research Morning scheduled for Wednesday October 20th at the Ornamental and Turfgrass Research Facility at Burden Center in Baton Rouge. 9 am until 11:30 am. Home gardeners, rosarians, master gardeners and green industry professionals are invited. No pre-registration required. No registration fee. Information is attached. Hope to see you there

Master Gardener Dues for 2011

Dues for 2011 are \$12.00 must be paid by Dec. 31, 2010. Changes in the bylaws state that all education and volunteer hours must be submitted online to the LSU AgCenter web site. If hours and dues are not submitted by Dec. 31, 2010, the Master Gardener will be taken off the roster. Dues will be returned if the volunteer hour requirement is not met and submitted online.

The information on the form will be published in the Master Gardener Directory. If you do not want your cell phone # published, leave the line blank.

Thanks,
Pam Keating



Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell # _____

Email address _____

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

Date received _____ Check# _____ Cash _____

Upcoming Events

Work/Play Day at Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge

On Saturday, Oct 2, 9 a.m. until noon, volunteers are needed to help clean up the grounds for the upcoming Wild Things on Oct. 16. Master Gardeners are hosting a children's table at Wild Things next to our MG Butterfly Garden. The Butterfly Garden needs a spruce up before this event. Master Gardeners are encouraged to come out and help. A light lunch and a canoe ride will follow for the "play" portion. 61389 Hwy 434, Lacombe, LA.



Fall Into Gardening, our second fall workshop, will be held on Wednesday, October 6 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 at the Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Seats are still available for \$15, checks made out to STMGA. The deadline has been extended, so call the AgCenter for more information. There will be 3 speakers and 6 table clinics. The refuge visitor's center will be open after the workshop for your enjoyment. See *flier on page 13*.



An Herb Gathering featuring Stevia

On Wednesday, October 13 at 1 p.m. the Herb Committee is presenting an herb talk at the Slidell Library. Denise Stearns will give a presentation on the popular herb, stevia. Come and learn all about the sweetest herb around!



Fall Flower and Garden Fest Field Trip

Our first annual fall field trip will be on Friday, October 15. The bus will leave from the AgCenter at 6 a.m. sharp. The bus will NOT be making a stop in Slidell as the bus will travel west to I-55. A light continental breakfast will be available on board. The cost is \$10 per person sent to the AgCenter office. Checks should be made payable to STPMG. Reservations by fees paid only, no phone calls. No refunds. The bus will return around 5 p.m. The deadline is Oct 8th to register. For more information on the festival, go to the website: <http://msucares.com/fallfest/index.html>.

Questions about reporting your volunteer and education hours

These are taken from the LSU Ag site answering frequently asked questions.

What does “Mileage” mean?

Mileage is the number of miles driven as an LMG while performing LSU AgCenter approved activities. Reporting is optional but encouraged, for two reasons. The value is important to the overall LMG Program and as a volunteer, the IRS allows you to deduct this expense. Check the IRS website for updated information.

What does “Unreimbursed Expenses” mean?

This is money you’ve spent (out-of-pocket) as an LMG Extension Volunteer for LSU AgCenter approved activities that you’ve not been reimbursed for. Examples: cash, check, credit card purchases; long distance telephone calls, demonstration materials, postage, office supplies, etc.

Judy Wood

Volunteer Web Administrator

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Abbreviated Agenda for October 20 (under the barn on the Fairgrounds)

This agenda reflects a meeting where no (or very minimal) business will be handled. Approval of last month's minutes and treasurer's report will be postponed until our November meeting. The only business will be in the form of announcements about activities that will occur before our next regularly scheduled meeting.

- 1- Call to order
- 2- Opening ceremonies
- 3- Report from Rusty
- 4- Announcements
 - Slidell Rehab Garden plant sale is set for Friday October 22.
 - Keith Knight and Pete Pericone will collect any donations of leftover plants for the sale.
- 5- Adjournment
- 6- Plant Swap (The plant swap will be after the meeting is adjourned so that we can leave at our leisure.)

October, 2010

- 2 **Work/Play Day** 9:00—noon, volunteers needed to work on our MG butterfly garden at Southeast LA National Wildlife Refuge. After work, lunch will be provided and canoe tours of Lacombe Bayou will be available. 61389 Hwy 434, Lacombe.
- 2 Hammond Research Station, **GARDEN STROLL**, free admission. 9 am - noon.
See flier page 12.
- 6 **“Fall Into Gardening”**, a fall gardening workshop. Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge, Hwy 434, Lacombe. Pre-registration required. \$15 fee. *See flier on pg. 13*
- 8 **Southeast Louisiana Nursery Assoc. Trade Show** 8:30 am - 3:15 pm, Castine Center, Mandeville. 5 speakers. www.selna.net or aowings@agcenter.lsu.edu or 225.603.8096
- 13 **Herb Gathering** at the Slidell Library. 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Denise Stearns will talk about stevia.
- 15 Field trip to MSU Fall Fest at Crystal Springs, MS. Pre-register by sending a \$10 check made out to STMGA to the AgCenter. The bus will leave at 6am from the AgCenter and will return around 5pm. Deadline is Oct. 8. <http://msucares.com/fallfest/index.html>
- 16 **“Wild Things”** at Southeast LA Wildlife Refuge Headquarters in Lacombe, Hwy 434. The butterfly garden needs MG volunteers. There will be a gardening activity for children at the butterfly garden. Lots of other activities for families. Music. All free. For info: www.fws.gov/southeastlouisiana/calendar.html. To volunteer: Denise Stearns at 2stearns2@charter.net or Janey Lively at jgLively14@yahoo.com.
- 20 **Plant Swap** 10:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds Barn in lieu of the regular meeting. Come out and share your bounty and bring home something new.
- 20 **Rose Research Morning**, LSU AgCenter, Burden Center, 9 am - 11:30 am
See flier page 14.
- 22-24 **Branching out Beyond Basic Herbs**, Mobile Botanical Garden. Registration fee. For more info: Linda Franzo at Linda@Passionateplatter.com.

November, 2010

- 17 10:00 a.m. Monthly meeting at the National Guard Bldg. Todd Ellefion of Windmill Nursery will be the speaker.

December, 2010

- 15 Christmas Party. In lieu of regular meeting. We have a great location at the North-shore Beach Subdivision Firehouse and Community Center and a committee is working hard so that we will have a fun, memorable party. Details to follow.
- 31 Last day to record your volunteer hours for the year and pay dues. You will not be on the active roster if you fail to meet these requirements.

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Notes from the Editor:

Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2011! We look forward to a great year ahead with our new leaders. The Fall Herb Festival at the Slidell Library on the 28th was a great success. Over 200 people attended. The public is obviously hungry for the gardening information we have to share. Congratulations to all involved for putting on a great event!

Be sure to attend the fall workshop, "Fall Into Gardening". It's going to be filled with lots of useful information and will be held in a beautiful location. That cool, crisp fall weather is finally here. It's a great time to get those last few volunteer hours you may need and not even break a sweat! Check out the calendar for several volunteer opportunities.

For those who know how to log their hours and just don't remember to do it, consider this your official reminder. Here is the website for you convenience:

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/
lawn_garden/master_gardener/
Reporting+Volunteer+Hours/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn_garden/master_gardener/Reporting+Volunteer+Hours/)

Remember, there will be consequences this year for not fulfilling your membership requirements.

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THE GARDENGOER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. TAMMANY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

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Fax: 985-875-2639

Website: [www.lsuagcenter.com/
mastergardener/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/mastergardener/)