

# Cool Tips for Winter Gardens

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The Fall Seminar committee has a great seminar planned for September 12, 9am-1pm, at the Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters in Lacombe on Hwy 434. Committee members for the seminar are: Front row: Linda Wendle, Julie Deus, Glenda Spano, Eileen Gremillion and Susie Koepp. Middle row: June Taffaro, Joann Bassett, Deborah Nolan and Judy Wood. Back row: Susie Andres, David Lynd, Pam Peltier, Donna Howland, Gail Hinkley, Paulette Lee and Bart Loomis. Registration closes on Sept. 5 and seats are filling up fast, so get those checks in now.

# President's Message

As I write this, the winds have started to pick up and Isaac is looming off the coast. I have put away all potential missiles and looked carefully at the garden that will be water logged in a few days. My hope is that everyone is safe with as little clean-up as possible.



If you haven't already signed up for the Fall Seminar, please do so soon. We had 108 registered as of last Thursday with a maximum participation of 125. The date of the program is Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at the Lacombe Wildlife Refuge. Registration begins at 8:00 AM and we will finish by 1:00 PM. The cost is \$15.00. We have three timely topics about getting the garden ready for winter and six wonderful table clinics with a similar theme. There is a flyer located in the Gardengoer or contact the Ag Center for registration information.

On Saturday, September 8, 2012 we will have a resource and "ask the experts" table at the Butterfly Festival at Mizell's Nursery on Highway 25 in Folsom, LA. Jim Mizell always has very interesting speakers which is perfect if you need some education hours and, of course, there are loads of plants to buy! They tag hummingbirds throughout the day, release butterflies in the afternoon and you can tour Jim's extensive butterfly garden. It's loads of fun.

A week later, on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM, the Kiwanis Club from Metairie will hold a barbeque for the kids at the Methodist Home on the campus of Southeast Hospital. You may remember that we have a vegetable and butterfly garden there. Ty Guidroz and Fran Thigpen would like to invite all the Master Gardeners to come out to see the garden and feast on some BBQ! Please let Ty know if you plan to be there so they'll have a burger with your name on it!

We are getting closer to the end of the year and the time that you need to have all those hours done and recorded. For those in the Class of 2011, that means 40 volunteer hours. For everyone else, you need at least 20 hours to remain an active member (also with 6 hours of education) and if you want a brick or a subscription to LA Gardener magazine, you must get 50 volunteer hours. Penelope Gilles sent out a mass e-mail this past week listing many days that the Ag Center needs some additional help to answer phones and help Rusty and Mary Beth. Each shift is four hours long and will get you those last few hours you need to receive your brick! Let Penelope know when you can be there.

On Thursday, October 4, 2012, Judy Wood and I will be leading a Tour of the St. Tammany MG Projects. This is planned for the Class of 2012, but any MG can join us. This is a great opportunity for anyone who's recently joined our ranks or even if you're just curious about a project that you've not been able to see. I will send out an e-mail to everyone in the next few weeks with the schedule and addresses of the venues. Hope you can join us.

Stay dry and safe!

Julie Deus

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# Beware of the Tropical Sod Webworm

By  
Rusty Batty

Sightings of hundreds of moths over lawns have been a concern for area homeowners recently. These moths, although not a danger themselves, are laying eggs that will develop caterpillar offspring. The caterpillars are Tropical Sod Webworm. These caterpillars can ravage a lawn in short order.

Moths lay their eggs August through October. The moths are typically one half inch to three quarters of an inch long as adults and have snout like projections on their heads. The moth will lay eggs that hatch in seven to ten days. The larvae (caterpillar) can get to one inch long and are light green with dark spots on their body. The damage can be destructive and early detection is a big advantage.

To inspect for sod webworms look closely at the lawn for heavy chewing damage on the leaf blade of the grass. Evidence of caterpillar's activity include chewing on the leaf edge, stripping grass clipping, and possibly green excrement pellets. Additionally, the worms leave trails of silky web, best spotted when dew is on the ground. Bird feeding in worm infested area can also be a sign.

Another way to see whether or not you have caterpillar is to use lemon scented soapy water. Mix, one ounce of lemon scented liquid soap per gallon of water. Pour the soapy water over the green grass right at the edge of the dying grass. The tropical web worm is easier to spot wiggling from the irritating lemon scented soap.

Lawns damaged can recover, however, the later in the season the damage happens, the less recovery you will see before winter dormancy. If the lawn was healthy before the larvae damage, the more likely it will recover.

If the sod webworm is detected consider using any of the listed insecticides.

Spinosad – an organic insecticide.

Bifenthrin – sold as Talstar, Ortho Home Defense and other brands.

Acephate – a systemic material, also Orthene and other brands.

Carbaryl – sold as Sevin.

All are effective and readily available. Follow the label directions on all pesticides.

The tropical webworm can be severe blow to our summer lawns. Early awareness and action can limit their activity.



## 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	
October 10 Wednesday	Field Trip	Bracy's Nursery Covey Rise Farms	No	No	No	
October 17 Covington	John Klipsch	Organic Plant Foods and Organic Controls  Fall Plant Swap	No	Yes	Yes	
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 Fall 2012 Field Trip

**Bracy's Nursery**

**Covey Rise Farms**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2012**

**Bus Departs Covington Ag Center 8:30 AM**

**The Bus is filled.**

**You may be placed on the waiting list, if you wish. (See below).**

The Fall 2012 Field Trip will be to tour Bracy's Wholesale Nursery, Amite, LA and Covey Rise Farms, Husser, LA.

The bus will depart from the Ag Center parking lot in the Fair Grounds at 8:30 AM. We will tour Bracy's Nursery from 9:15 to 11:15 AM. There we will see their vast variety of plants and tour the grounds of the Bracy home.

After a short bus ride we will arrive at Covey Rise Farms for lunch, a presentation by the staff of Covey Rise, and tour of the fall vegetable gardens. Since May 2010 Covey Rise has supplied vegetables to the finer restaurants in New Orleans. More of the history of the Farm may be found at the site listed below.

The bus will leave Covey Rise at 3:00 PM returning to the Ag Center approximately 3:30 PM.

The cost of the tour for STPMG members is \$30. This includes the bus transportation and cost of lunch tax, and gratuity. **WAITING LIST reservations may be made by sending a check for \$30 made payable to STPMG to Judy Wood, 60589 Cypress Drive, Lacombe, LA 70445.** You will receive an email confirmation that your check was received. The tour will be limited to the first 50 members who reserve with a check. As of August 17, 2012 fifty reservations have been received. **To be placed upon the waiting list follow the procedure above and you will be notified of availability.**

Additional information and sites are available at

Bracy's Nursery <http://www.bracys.com>

Covey Rise Farms <http://www.coveyriselodge.com/history/>

Judy Wood [jazzwood@charter.net](mailto:jazzwood@charter.net)

# **STPMG Programs**

September 19, 2012

## **Hydrangeas: The How, When, and Where Guihong Bi, PhD.**

Dr. Bi is Associate Research Professor specializing in ornamental horticulture at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at Crystal Springs, MS. She will speak to us about Hydrangeas.





# Cool Tips for Winter Gardens



**St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners Association**

In conjunction with the

**LSU AgCenter**

**Presents a workshop**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2012**

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

(Check-In Begins at 8:00am)

**Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters**

**Bayou LaCombe Centre'**

**61389 Hwy 434, LaCombe, LA 70445**

**Topics Include:**

## **Fall Frenzy**

*By Nellie Neal aka "The Garden Mama"*

## **Hoop Houses—Extending your Growing Season**

*By Dr. Wayne Porter*

## **Propagation Passion**

*By Nellie Neal aka "The Garden Mama"*

*And*

*Expert Information from Master Gardeners at "Table-Top Clinics"*

**Registration Fee of \$15 per person due by 09/05/12**

**Space is Limited to 125 attendees. Registration will close when full**

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Registration deadline 09/05/12. Make checks payable to STMG

Mail to STMG, Cool Tips for Winter Gardens Seminar c/o LSU AgCenter, P.O. Box 5438 Covington, LA 70434

For Further Info: LSU AgCenter 983-875-2633

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Additional Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed (\$15/person): \_\_\_\_\_

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# Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners Host 12<sup>th</sup> State Master Gardener Conference

Space is still available for the 2012 state master gardener conference October 24-26 at L'auberge Casino Resort in Lake Charles, LA. As space is limited, interested persons are encouraged to register as soon as possible. More detailed information about the conference is available at [www.lsuagcenter.com/lmg2012](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/lmg2012).

The three day conference features prominent speakers in the field of horticulture. There will also be a variety of vendors and a location that cannot be beat.

"We wanted this event to highlight outstanding writers and speakers in gardening," said Emily Shirley, chairperson of the event. "Examples of our outstanding speakers include Nellie Neal and Dr. Allan Armitage," she said. Nellie Neal's books include "Questions and Answers for Deep South Gardeners" and "Getting Started in Southern Gardening." Dr. Armitage is a noted writer and horticulturist. He teaches at the University of Georgia where he runs the research gardens. His books include "Herbaceous Perennial Plants," "Armitage's Vines and Climbers" and "Native Plants." The conference will also feature a gardening bookstore that will include books authored by some of the speakers.

On the final day of the conference Dr. Armitage will lead a tour of the gardens at Margaret Place where he will describe the history of some of the plants in the gardens at Margaret Place, believed to be the oldest subdivision in Calcasieu Parish.

Margaret Place tour is one of three offered at the conclusion of the conference; another is a high tea at the Nobless Tea House on Ryan Street in Lake Charles. A tour is also scheduled to the famed Creole Nature Trail in Cameron Parish, south of Lake Charles.

The conference is being sponsored by the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners and the LSU Ag Center. For more information contact the LSU website, telephone your local County Agent or Pam Langley at [mplangley@hotmail.com](mailto:mplangley@hotmail.com).

**Early registration ends on Sept. 15.** Special rates have been arranged with L'auberge for the event. The early registration fee of \$150 covers all meals, attendance at all conference events. The tours are \$30 each. While space is limited there is still space on each tour but they are filling up quickly.

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn\\_garden/master\\_gardener/LMG+State+Conference/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn_garden/master_gardener/LMG+State+Conference/)





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## Urban Farming

### MGGNO Fall Symposium

Hosted by Master Gardeners of Greater New Orleans and LSU AgCenter

**September 15, 2012**

**9:30 AM – 1:00 PM (Registration opens at 9:00 AM)**

**Dominion Auditorium at Audubon Zoo - 6500 Magazine Street - New Orleans, LA**

#### Topics:

*How to Build and Maintain a Fall Edible Garden*

By Dr. Carl Motsenbocker, LSU AgCenter

*Bee Keeping in an Urban Area*

By Russell Harris, LSU AgCenter

*Raising Chickens in an Urban Area*

By Terry Herrick

*Nutritious Meals from Your Fall Garden*

By Jodi Brown, The Ultimate Kitchen Commando

**MGGNO Container Garden Contest and Raffle**

#### Exhibits

Amps Hydroponic Systems

Common Ground

Laughing Buddha Nursery and Soil

LSU AgCenter Publications

St. Tammany Beekeeping Society

Teche St. and Magellan St. Urban Farms

#### Gardening Items for Sale:

Plants, Aprons, Gloves, Mugs, and more

**Registration fee is \$15 per person (includes lunch)**

Mail your check made payable to MGGNO to:

**MGGNO - Urban Farming Symposium - P.O. Box 55126 - Metairie, LA 70055-5126**

**Registration deadline is September 7, 2012**

**Contact us : [info@mggno.com](mailto:info@mggno.com) or (504) 909-9927**

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### *Urban Farming*

#### **Program**

- 9:00 AM**      **Registration**
- 9:30 AM**      **Welcome, Amber Parker, MGGNO Vice President, and  
J.B. Anders, Jr., LSU AgCenter County Agent, Jefferson Parish**
- 9:35 AM**      ***How to Build and Maintain a Fall Edible Garden*  
Dr. Carl Motsenbocker, LSU AgCenter**
- 10:15 AM**      **Break**
- 10:20 AM**      ***Bee Keeping in an Urban Area*  
Russell Harris, LSU AgCenter**
- 11:00 AM**      ***Raising Chickens in an Urban Area*  
Terry Herrick**
- 11:30 AM**      **Lunch (included)**
- 12:00 Noon**      ***Nutritious Meals from Your Fall Garden*  
Jodi Brown, The Ultimate Kitchen Commando**
- 12:45 PM**      **MGGNO Container Garden Contest and Raffle**



#### **Exhibits**

**Amps Hydroponic Systems**  
**Common Ground**  
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**LSU AgCenter Publications**  
**Master Gardeners Container Gardens**  
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# Registration Form

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Registration deadline is September 7, 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Contact us at [info@mggno.com](mailto:info@mggno.com)



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## HANGING GARDENS

Here are a couple of photos of my newest “creation.” It’s a hanging shoe bag filled with herbs and lettuces. It was very easy to make. The hard part was finding a shoe bag like this one. Most shoe bags are the kind where shoes go in horizontally and of course, that won’t work. You also wouldn’t want one made of clear plastic as that might absorb too much heat. I found this canvas one online at Wal-Mart and it works perfectly. I decided to put a grommet in the bottom of each slot, so water could drain easily. I filled each slot with a mixture of Miracle Grow Potting Soil and soil polymers to keep it moist.

This is perfect for someone who lives in an apartment or condo and has very little space for a garden. Mine is conveniently located near my kitchen and barbecue grill. You may notice I’ve attached a pair of scissors, so I have easy access to snipping a few herbs whenever I need them. I’ve also left a few slots open for more lettuces when the weather cools.

Bon Appetit,  
Kappy Goodwin



## EX FIVE SPORTS DRINK

If you're reading this, chances are you are an avid gardener. I love working outside in my yard even if it's pulling weeds. But I have a bad habit of going out in the noonday sun and in the summer months, I don't perspire or glisten, I SWEAT!! In the past I have suffered with leg cramps because I'm losing valuable electrolytes when I sweat. But I have found a new product and it really helps.

It's called EX5 and it's similar to Powerade and Gatorade except it has fewer calories and less sugar. It was developed by a Covington man, Brian Brothers, in conjunction with the LSUAg people. It turns out that Brian became interested in developing this product while watching a Saints game. He noticed that a player was suffering from dehydration when he had been drinking Gatorade throughout the game. Even though the player had been rehydrating, it wasn't enough to keep him going.

While Brian was trying to come up with something better, a professor of Food Science at LSU, John Finley, was working on a formula to mask the bitterness in foods. His research discovered a chemical compound from the monk fruit which blocks bitter tastes.

It turns out that potassium, magnesium and calcium are essential elements that the body loses in sweat, but try to replace them in an energy drink and they taste bitter. Gatorade and PowerAde leave these minerals out of their drinks or mask the taste with lots of sugar.

Soon Brian and Finley were working together to develop a sports drink that would include essential electrolytes, taste good, and not be loaded with sugar. And voila, EX Five was created. Right now there are only 2 flavors – lemon/lime and fruit punch – but they're working on creating others.

So if you're having trouble maintaining those valuable electrolytes, I strongly recommend this product. Not only is it local, but the LSU AgCenter department will receive royalties from the sale of it. A Win-Win for everybody!

Oh, and it's available at Rouse's Supermarket.

Kappy Goodwin





## Legacy School Garden Professional Development Summer Institute

Below are photos of St. Tammany Parish School System Professional Development (PD) Summer Institute workshop with St. Tammany Master Gardeners; Nancy McDonald (aka “The Worm Whisperers”) and Karla Partridge while working with STPS teachers to build worm bins for their classrooms.

Legacy School Garden PD training and networking brings teachers, interested in hosting a vegetable garden on their campus, LSU AgCenter-Master Gardeners, that provided the horticultural expertise on the school site, and the Northshore Community Foundation, our donor, through a collaborative agreement to bring gardening opportunities for our children. Our goal is to enable elementary school teachers to use the vegetable garden as an outdoor classroom/horticultural lab to teach Sciences, Math, Language Arts, Social studies. Research studies have shown that school gardens: Enhance academic achievement, promote healthy living, instill environmental stewardship, encourage community and social development and instill a sense of place.

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Elementary Curriculum Specialist  
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## September 2012 Butterfly Garden Update

The Lacombe butterfly garden really starts coming alive as fall approaches. Lots of our plants are in bloom including sedum, Turk's cap, "bat face" cuphea, cigar plant, and the very colorful penta. In addition we usually start seeing some color on our fall asters. We also see more butterfly activity, and several have been seen fluttering around our blooming passion vine, milkweed and lantana. Generous rains this summer have contributed to healthy and happy plants.

As October approaches the Butterfly Garden Committee has made plans for the 2012 WILD THINGS, an annual family event hosted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and The Friends of Louisiana Wildlife Refuges, Inc. This action-packed day will be held at the 110-acre Bayou Lacombe Centre in Lacombe, LA from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, October 13. Master Gardeners will be on site at our garden throughout the day to provide an insight into butterflies and their habitats. We will focus on butterfly anatomy this year, and plans include a day-long release of Painted Lady butterflies and educational activities for our visitors. Last year over 900 adults and children stopped by our garden, and were one of the most popular activities at WILD THINGS.

In preparation for the event we will get together at 9:00 AM on Thursday, October 4 so that we can spruce up the garden and add some fall bedding plants. If you would like to join us please feel free to come; we will probably work about two hours. Bring your hand tools and water bottles.

We will be in need of volunteers to help at our garden on the day of WILD THINGS. Volunteers will work in two-hour shifts beginning at 9:15 and ending by 5:15, and will assist children with hands-on educational activities and lead tours of the garden for visitors. This is a great opportunity to get some volunteer hours at a very fun and interesting event. A sign-up sheet will be available at the September Master Gardener meeting, but if you would like to grab a volunteer spot now please send me an email ([sandres@bellsouth.net](mailto:sandres@bellsouth.net)).



Susie Andres



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# 15th Annual Wild Things

*Saturday, October 13, 2012  
National Wildlife Refuge Week*

**Admission, parking, tours, music are all FREE!!!!**



*photos by © Donna Bush*

**Youth Wildlife Art Show-**  
Over 300 entries on display!

**Friends Photo Club**  
**Photography Show**

**Canoe Tours, Pontoon**  
**Boat Tours, Van Tours**

**Wildflower Walk**

**Over 30 wildlife and conservation**  
**exhibitors with live animals!**

**Archery**

**Hayride**

**Casting Pond**

**Pellet Gun Target Range**

**Kid's Activity Tent**

**Refuges Visitor Center**  
**and Wildlife Dioramas**

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**Great food from**  
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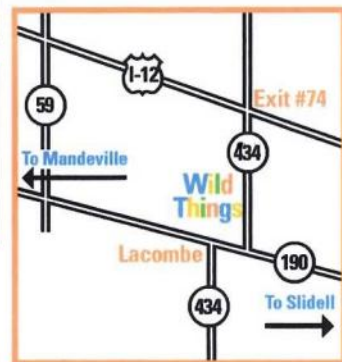


**Music by Chuck Cavet**  
**and the Allstars and**  
**by the Casino Imperials**

**10 am - 5 pm**

**Bayou Lacombe Centre**  
**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
**61389 Highway 434**  
**Lacombe, LA**

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## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES CHANGED**

For the months of November and December, the dates of our membership meetings have been changed so as not to conflict with the holidays. We will be meeting one week earlier both months.

Our meeting in November will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 10:00 AM. There will be a Plant Sale meeting immediately before the membership meeting at 9:00 AM.

In December, the Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. The Hospitality committee will provide the details for the party at the next membership meeting.

Julie Deus  
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## **AUGUST GENERAL MEETING 2012**

### **ST TAMMANY PARISH MASTER GARDENERS**

The August general membership meeting of the STPMG was held on 8/15/12 at the National Guard Armory in Covington. Sixty members were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Julie Deus at 10:02 a.m. Julie led in the pledge of allegiance and Rusty gave the opening prayer.

Judy Wood gave the garden hint of saving the plastic bag from the Times-Picayune paper. You can wear it as a long glove for grabbing poison ivy then turning it inside out, tying it up, and discarding it without ever touching with your hands or even your good gloves. Kathleen had a hint to spread a line of children's colored sand down the row of recently planted tiny seeds so that the wind doesn't blow them away or birds eat them. They will sprout right through the sand and you won't have to remember where you planted them in the meantime.

Rusty discussed the garden problem for this month—air-born Cercospora on your Hydrangeas. He said a fungicide would correct it but it could also clear up on its own as the seasons change. Water getting on the bottom leaves usually causes the disease to spread. He stressed the importance of keeping the garden clear of fallen leaves and debris.

Diane Quinn gave a wonderful presentation on aquatic gardens. She showed slides of beautiful gardens and explained how we could have one of our own. Diane explained how we could build one in a sugar kettle, as she did, or use one of the preformed liners available, or design your own using sheets of plastic liners. The four things you must have for a great aquatic garden are a pump, a filter, an aerator, and a UV sterilizer. She suggested numerous plants to use and what type and how many fish to buy. We ended up all wanting to go home and build an aquatic garden.

Rusty spoke on his recent travels including the National County agent meeting in North Carolina. While there he took a tour of a mushroom "farm" operated by monks. He said although the methods seemed primitive, the results were spectacular. He also mentioned problems people were having with their lawns, including Spurge (weed) and Sod Webworm.

Nancy Berulis motioned we accept the July minutes as presented. Eileen Gremillion seconded. Motion carried.

Ty Guidroz motioned we accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Susie Koepp seconded. Motion carried.



Ty reported on the March Plant show plans. He said there are a lot of new ideas to discuss and some new chairs have been set-up. Mark Flynn will be in charge of recycling and Rodney cross in charge of 'set up & take down'. Also this year there will be an ATM machine on site. The first meeting will be in October to organize.

Jerry Ballanco reported on the Vegucator Seminars on Wednesdays at the AgCenter at 9:00 a.m. Martha Gruning reported on the Abita Library. The first planning meeting for the new gardens there will be the end of August. Betty Rose announced a Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Slidell Library, 1:00 p.m. with a topic of edible ginger.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kathleen Guidry



Dianne Quinn gave a great talk on Water Gardens at the August meeting. Thanks, Dianne, for a very informative and interesting presentation.

## **AUGUST BOARD MEETING 2012**

### **ST TAMMANY PARISH MASTER GARDENERS**

The August STPMG meeting was held on 8/16/12 at City Hall, Slidell, LA. Ten members were in attendance including Barbara Moore, Nancy Munn, Peggy Goertz, Susie Koepp, Susie Andres, Debora Litzenberger, Jay Rose, Kathleen Guidry, Judy Wood and Julie Deus.

Barbara Moore gave the progress report for the Christmas Party. A number of sites have been investigated for this year's party and several look promising including Beau Chene, Fleur de Lis and Lynn House near the Hammond Research Center. More information will be available at the September general meeting.

Nancy Munn reported the nominating committee's search results. The proposed slate of officers for 2013 will be as follows:

President	Susie Andres	Class of 2010	Slidell
V. President	Martha Gruning	Class of 2007	Abita
Treasurer	Pam (Twardzik) Rowe	Class of 2009	Mandeville/Cov
Secretary	Kathleen Guidry	Class of 2010	Slidell

Jay presented the treasurer's report which shows a total club balance of \$23,490.04. Of this amount over \$8,000 is kept on hand for expenses for the March plant show and five thousand is in a savings account.

Judy announced that the October 13<sup>th</sup> bus trip to Bracey/Covey is sold out.

Peggy Goertz reported that the profit for the gardening gloves is \$452.30. Over 300 pairs of gloves have been sold so far.

Susie Andres gave a report for the Lacombe Butterfly Garden. New plants have been added and the garden has been weeded and mulched. Ken Litzenberger, project manager at USFWS Refuge offered to purchase plant markers for the butterfly garden. Susie requested \$100.00 from the STPMG to cover expenses for the upcoming October Wild Things event. This includes \$50 for the popular caterpillars. Judy Wood motioned to approve the \$100. Kathleen Guidry seconded. Motion carried.

Judy explained that we were having some recent problems with eMerge. She will check on it and also on using g Mail instead.

Judy also suggested that we 1) consider donating something to the National Guard Armory in appreciation for the use of their building, 2) consider a new level of Master Gardeners possibly "Gold Level" for reaching 1000 hours or more and 3) purchasing business cards for the officers each year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kathleen Guidry

## 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



**AGENDA**  
**STPMG Membership Meeting**  
**September 19, 2012**

- 1. Call to order and report quorum present**
- 2. Opening Ceremonies**
- 3. Garden Hint**  
**Garden Problem**  
**Program: Hydrangeas: The How, When and Where**  
**Dr. Guihong Bi, MSU Ag Center-Crystal Springs**  
**Comments by Rusty Batty, County Agent and MG Advisor**
- 4. Minutes from August, 2012 meeting**
- 5. Officer's reports**  
**President: Julie Deus**  
**Vice President: Judy Wood**  
**Treasurer: Jay Rose**
- 6. New Business**  
**Nominating Committee: Nancie Munn, Chris Stellingworth,**  
**Kappy Goodwin**
- 7. Project Committee Reports**  
**Fall Seminar: Julie Deus**  
**Lacombe Butterfly Garden/Wild Things: Susie Andres**
- 8. Committee Reports**  
**Hospitality: Barbara Moore**  
**Honors: Sandy Arnoult**
- 9. Adjourn**

# Calendar of Events

September, 2012	
5	Slidell Library Herb Gathering at the Slidell Library Meeting room. 1 p.m. Kathleen Guidry will give a talk on ginger. Contact Betty Rose at <a href="mailto:bettyrose@charter.net">bettyrose@charter.net</a> for more info.
5	Vegucator seminars at the AgCenter. 9-12. Contact Jerry Ballanco at <a href="mailto:gballan-co@bellsouth.net">gballan-co@bellsouth.net</a> for more info.
8	Butterfly Festival at Mizell's Nursery on Hwy 25 in Folsom. MGs will host a resource table. Contact AJ Heinsz-Bailey at <a href="mailto:ajjim@hotmail.com">ajjim@hotmail.com</a> if you would like to volunteer.
12	Fall Seminar at the SELA Nat'l Wildlife Refuge. 61389 Hwy 434, Lacombe. 9-1. Nellie Neal, <i>The Garden Mama</i> , and Dr. Wayne Porter are the speakers. <i>See page 7.</i>
15	<i>BBQ</i> at the Methodist Children's Home at Southeast Hospital in Mandeville across from Fountainbleu State Park. One of our garden projects is located at the Children's Home. Contact Ty Guidroz is you'd like to attend: <a href="mailto:tyguidroz@charter.net">tyguidroz@charter.net</a>
15	<i>Urban Farming</i> , a Master Gardener of Greater New Orleans Fall Symposium. 9:30 am -1 pm. Dominion Auditorium at Audubon Zoo. <i>See pages 9-11.</i>
19	Monthly Meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Guihong Bi on <i>Hydrangeas: the How, When &amp; Where.</i>
26	Vegucator seminars at the AgCenter. 9-12.

October, 2012	
4	<i>Tour of St. Tammany MG Projects.</i> Designed for the Class of 2012 but open to any MG who would like to visit our many projects around the parish. Contact Julie Deus if you'd like to join the tour. <a href="mailto:jdcalla@aol.com">jdcalla@aol.com</a>
4	Work day at the Lacombe Butterfly Garden. 9am-11:00ish. The Tour of St. Tammany MG Projects will stop by for a visit while MGs are sprucing up the garden for <i>Wild Things</i> which will be held on Sat. Oct. 13 from 10-5. Bring your gloves, tools and water. Contact Susie Andres at <a href="mailto:sandres@bellsouth.net">sandres@bellsouth.net</a> . <i>See page 15.</i>
10	Field trip to Covey Rise Farm and Bracy's Nursery. The bus is full! You can get on a waiting list. <i>See page 5.</i>
13	<i>15th Annual Wild Things</i> in celebration of National Wildlife Refuge Week. 10-5 on the grounds of Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge on Hwy 434 in Lacombe. <i>See flier on page 16.</i>
17	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 a.m. Speaker: John Klipsch on Organic Plant Foods and Organic Controls.

November, 2012	
14	Monthly meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 am. Speaker: Art Scott, "Growing Micro Greens". <b>Please note the date is one week earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving.</b>

December, 2012	
12	Christmas Party. Details to follow. <b>Please note the date change due to Christmas.</b>



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## *Notes From the Editor:*

*Hi MGs,*

*Isaac has finally past. There were many trees and power lines down and lots of water in Lacombe. Fortunately, we came out ok with only lots of limbs and tree debris and the loss of electricity, going on 3 days as of this time. I'm putting the newsletter together on battery power and generator power, whenever we can find gas to run it and I'm using a borrowed laptop! It has been a challenge to get the Gardengoer out, but I was determined not to let my MGs down! If you find mistakes, please excuse them! Now I have to find someone with an internet connection....*

*Let's hope the power comes back on sooner rather than later! I'm hoping that everyone fared well from the storm.*

*Once we get past Isaac, we have a talk on ginger at the Slidell Library on the 5th and we have the Fall Seminar on the 12th to look forward to. The deadline is in a few days for the seminar, so get those checks in the mail. It is going to be a fantastic seminar.*

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

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