LPMGA GENERAL MEETING

6PM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

EMMA DEBENPORT, LA STATE ARBORETUM INTERPRETIVE RANGER
The November meeting will be held at the Southside Library at 6pm. The speaker, Emma Debenport, an Arboretum Interpretive Ranger, will present "Seasonal Flora of the Arboretum". Please note that active LPMGA members will vote for the 2013 LPMGA Board, including Member-At-Large, at the November meeting. Contact Babette Werner babsvwerner@aol.com for details

LPMGA BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
1PM AT LEDA 211 E DEVALCOURT ST.
All members are welcome to attend the LPMGA Board meetings. Contact LPMGA President Linda Broussard for more information.

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Please remember, we vote in November

You are cordially invited to attend the

2012 LPMGA WINTER SOCIAL

Featuring the 2012 Master Gardener Class Graduation and Reception

Please save the date, and join your fellow Master Gardeners at the Cajun Dome at 6pm, on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 to celebrate the holiday season and welcome our newest members from the Master Gardener Class of 2012.

From 6pm to 7pm, we will join together in Mardi Gras Ballroom A to celebrate the Class of 2012 Graduation and honor class members. The Outstanding Master Gardener of the Year Award recipient will be announced, and the 2013 Board will be installed.

At 7pm, the group will move to the Mardi Gras Ball Room Part B to enjoy a delicious meal, music, and time to socialize with old friends and new.

Reservations are required and will be available at the November General Meeting. Reservation prices - $15.00 for members/ $35.00 for Guests
Reservations for 2012 MG Class Graduates and 2012 Transfer Members are complimentary.

Holiday Dress is suggested

THE EVENING'S MENU

FRUIT DISPLAY/BRIE EN CREUSE
FRIED CATFISH ASSORTED SAUCES
MINI CRAB REMOULADE SALAD
CHICKEN AND SAUSAGE GUMBO
MEDITERRANEAN DISPLAY
GARLIC BREAD
STUFFED CHICKEN BALLOTINE WITH RED WINE SAUCE
CARVING STATION: PORK LOIN ROASTED TURKEY BREAST
PASTA STATION: PENNE PASTA W CHOICE OF ALDREDO OR MARINARA SAUCE
SEARED GULF SHRIMPS
GRILLED CHICKEN TENDER BITES
ASSORTED BREADS AND CONDIMENTS
DESSERT STATION: ASSORTED DESSERTS FROM OUR PASTRY CHEF DECORATED GINGER BREAD HOUSE WATER/SOFT DRINKS CASH BAR

You are cordially invited to attend the
2013 LPMGA Board Nominees

**NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT**
**MARC WILEY MG 2004**

MG VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO DATE:
Since reinstating membership in June of this year, has logged 41 volunteer hours.
2004 LPMGA Board President
2005 LPMGA Board President
2007 Chairman of the LSU AgCenter Citizens Advisory Council
2007 Chairman of Sponsorship Committee for LPMGA State Conference hosted by LPMGA
2010 Co-Chair of Logistics Committee for PlantFest

FAVORITE ASPECTS OF MG MEMBERSHIP
My favorite aspect is to gain more horticultural knowledge through fellowship with other gardening enthusiasts. Also by sharing my horticultural knowledge with the community to enrich other people's lives, thus promoting the Master Gardener Mission Statement.

**NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT**
**SHERILYN LARRISON MG 2011**

MG VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO DATE:
Organized the rebuilding of the Wildlife Demo Bed
Co-organizer of the monthly Garden Talks in Youngsville area
Assisting with Sugar Mill Pond's issues with damaged trees
Supervised implementation of Memorial Garden at Green T. Lindon Elementary School
LPMGA Mentor Committee Member
Secretary of School Garden Initiative Committee
Perennial Demo Bed Committee Member
MG Committee Chair Wildlife Demo Garden
MG Committee Chair Food and Drink-PlantFest

FAVORITE ASPECTS OF MG MEMBERSHIP
I thoroughly enjoy being part of this amazingly diverse group of gardeners, whose combined talents have resulted in a stellar service organization. I love the kindness and generosity of each MG that I have been so fortunate to work with.

**NOMINEE FOR TREASURER**
**MARY MILLER MG 2011**

MG VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO DATE:
Member of Propagation Team
Wildlife Demo Bed assistant
In charge of Vines at Propagation

FAVORITE ASPECTS OF MG MEMBERSHIP
Learning new things, and the wonderful, friendly people! I am a "recovering" CPA. I practiced public accounting with Broussard, Poche & Breaux for 21 years, before retiring in January 2012. Even though I am no longer a partner in the firm, I still help them out occasionally. I have also served as Treasurer of the Junior League and Treasurer for Faith House. Even though I have never served in a LPMGA Board position, I believe that I have the skill set and am qualified to do so. I would be proud to serve as your Treasurer.

**NOMINEE FOR RECORDING SECRETARY**
**JEAN HERNANDEZ MG 2010**

MG VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO DATE:
LPMGA Recording Secretary 2012
PlantFest and previous Plant Sales volunteer
2011 MG Class Mentor
Vermilionville Medicinal Garden Committee member
Wildlife Demo Bed Chair 2011
Propagation Committee member

FAVORITE ASPECTS OF MG MEMBERSHIP
Working with creative, intelligent, and energetic people who are interested in learning and giving back to the community. I have always loved gardening, and have broadened that interest to think beyond my property to how gardens impact those around us.

**NOMINEE FOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**
**BABETTE WERNER MG 2010**

MG VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO DATE:
2012 LPMGA Vice President
Vermilionville Medicinal Garden Research and Garden Maintenance
Mentor 2011 MG Class
2011 and 2012 LPMGA Historian
Plant Sale volunteer
2011-2012 School Garden Initiative at St Thomas Moore High School
Hospitality Chair 2012 PlantFest

FAVORITE ASPECTS OF MG MEMBERSHIP
I have enjoyed forming friendships with MGs from every zip code in Lafayette, and from 20 outlying communities. We have built relationships as we have built gardens and created bridges of information-first with our fellow MGs, then with partners within our projects, establishing relationships that we hope will engage the entire community in our work. This makes a lasting impact as we increase consumer gardening literacy. I consider it an honor to serve as a Master Gardener.

**NOMINEE FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE**
**GAIL WAKEFIELD MG 2006**

MG VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO DATE:
LPMGA Member-At-Large 2012
Demo Bed Chair 2011 & 2012
Propagation Team member
Handbook Revision Committee Member
Children’s Garden Tour Guide-Demo Beds
MGIT Tour Guide for Demo Beds
Plant Sales and PlantFest assistant

FAVORITE ASPECTS OF MG MEMBERSHIP
I love working with a group of people who all share a love of plants and a desire to continue learning and sharing in a fun-filled atmosphere.
TIPS FOR CHOOSING AND CARING FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE

Hello Master Gardeners,

As I began to ponder a topic for the November Master Gardener newsletter, it suddenly dawned on me that we’re just a little over a month away from what many of us here in south Louisiana consider the beginning of the holiday season – THANKSGIVING.

As part of celebrating the start of the holiday season, many people put up Christmas trees immediately following Thanksgiving. Many parents and grandparents, especially those that remember the custom of selecting and decorating a live tree, are rekindling that tradition by allowing their children or grandchildren to enjoy that experience. However, there are some tips provided by Don Reed of the LSU AgCenter, that will enhance the experience of selecting and maintaining a fresh live tree, which will add to the fun surrounding the holidays.

Many people who choose to select and decorate a live tree may not be aware of the care and maintenance of the tree required in order to lessen the chances of it becoming a fire hazard, which could dampen an otherwise joyous time of the year. If you are planning to choose a fresh Christmas tree there are a few things Don suggests you consider.

First, it is important to measure the area where the tree is to be placed so that you don’t select a tree that is too large. Second, choosing the freshest tree possible is very important. To select the freshest tree possible, consider getting the tree from a “choose and cut” Christmas tree farm. The other option is to select precut trees from retail outlets such as garden centers. When selecting precut trees, it is hard to determine how long the tree has been cut, where it came from, and under what conditions it was shipped to this area.

For customers that choose precut trees, there is a “freshness test” you can perform to give you an idea of just how fresh the tree is. Don Reed says to gently grasp a branch and pull toward you. If the tree is fresh, you won’t pull off many needles. You can also shake the tree. Again, if a lot of needles fall off, that could be an indication that the tree is not fresh or has been cut for some time.

Leyland cypress has long been considered the best tree for this area because it generally lasts longer and is allergy free. Other trees grown in this area that are suitable for Christmas trees are Cedar and Virginia pine. Some people prefer a popular tree called a Frasier Fir, but remember that those trees are shipped in from more northern areas of the country because they don’t grow well under our climatic conditions.

Once you make your selection and bring the tree home, you should make a new cut about ¼ inch above the original cut and get it in water as soon as possible. Be aware that depending on it’s size, your tree could absorb 2 to 3 gallons of water during the first 2 to 3 days. Monitor the water level frequently. The key to keeping a live tree fresh, and reducing the chances of it becoming a fire hazard, is to keep it WELL WATERED. Always remember to monitor the water level frequently, and keep adding fresh water as needed. It is not necessary to add anything else to the water, though there are preservatives that can be added to the water if you choose.

Finally, make sure that the tree is placed away from heat sources such as heater vents, furnaces, space heaters, or fire places since these will cause the tree to dry out more quickly. Inspect wires and connections on all lights before placing them on the tree. Keep gifts, flammable materials, or electrical toys from making direct contact with the tree. Only plug in your lights if responsible individuals are at home to keep an eye on the tree. Just as important as keeping the tree well water is to NEVER leave the lights turned on on a live tree when the family goes to bed. Live trees that are neglected and allowed to dry out can become a fire hazard, which if ignited can become totally engulfed in flames within a matter of minutes, creating a tragic situation!!

For information on where to find a “choose and cut” Christmas tree farm, visit the Southern Christmas Tree Association website at www.southernchristmastrees.org.

Here’s hoping that each of you have had a very productive year so far, and wishing you and your loved ones only the very best during this upcoming holiday season!!

Gerald’s Corner

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Message from the President – November, 2012

“How to tell if you garden is haunted”

1. Spend the night. Ghost, ghouls and spirits prefer the darkness of night for their activities. If at all possible, spend the night in the garden.

2. Listen for strange noises. Howls, footsteps, creaks you dang well are not from the activities. If at all possible, spend the night in the garden.

3. Note if your garden tools are moved around. Some ghosts like to play games, like hiding your trowel, mess around with your hoe or moving your lawn chair. They can do pretty much anything they want. Keep an eye out for items they have moved that you know for sure were not touched by you.

4. Be aware of a sudden cold chill in the garden. If you simply standing or sitting around and are hit with an icy, sudden chill that leaves as suddenly as it arrives, a ghost may have just walked through you and your garden.

5. Be aware if you are seeing things. Seeing as actual ghost, of course, would kind of be a dead giveaway, pun intended, that the garden is haunted. Ghosts don’t always take the shape of humans. You may note a ghost by seeing misty, cloudy apparition or swirls of smoke.

6. Bring a pet in to your garden. Animals have a very acute sense and many are convinced dogs can actually see ghosts that are invisible to us. Take your dog (Miss Teaux is in camouflage in my garden) for a stroll in your garden and gauge their reaction.

7. Find out your garden’s history. Reading up on the area and talking to locals are grand ways to weed out and glorious ghost stories. Maybe your garden used to be a grave yard!
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2012 LPMGA BOARD MEETINGS
MONDAY NOVEMBER 19TH, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETINGS WILL EACH BEGIN AT 1PM AT LEDA 211 EAST DEVALCOURT ST.
ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

THE DECEMBER 17TH MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11:30AM AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE CONVENTION CENTER. THE 2012 BOARD WILL TURN OVER INFORMATION AND RECORDS TO THE 2013 BOARD AT THIS MEETING. THE 2013 BOARD TAKES OFFICE JANUARY 1ST. CONTACT LINDA BROUSSARD FOR DETAILS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

4H SWEET POTATO SALE
The perfect holiday gift, or great for home baking, these delicious, cured “Bearegard” variety Sweet Potatoes come straight from Iota, Louisiana.

A ten pound box is $10.00, a forty pound box is $20.00
The deadline to place your order is Thursday, November 8, 2012.

Pre-orders are required and checks should be made out to the Lafayette 4-H Foundation. Payment can either be mailed or dropped off to Lafayette 4-H Foundation, 1010 Lafayette Street, Ste. 325, Lafayette, LA 70501.
Pick-up is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 1 – 5 p.m. at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center. If your place of business purchases orders ten (10) or more orders we will set up a delivery. If any of you are interested in volunteering to assist us with the pick-up, please contact Charles Hebert or Linda Alesi. We encourage you to forward this email to friends and family members that may support our “Buy Local, Buy Fresh Louisiana Produce Sale.” We appreciate your continued support to support Lafayette LSU AgCenter Programs. Contact Charles Hebert for more information.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE ELECTION TIME LINE

The At-Large member serves as ombudsman and liaison between the Board and the general member. This person is selected independently by the general membership by ballot vote following the nomination from the floor. Prior approval by candidates is required before names can be submitted for nomination.

October Meeting: Nominations from the general membership for At-Large member are made and members decide on the method of voting. Since only active members can vote, the recommendation is made that ballots with space for additional nominees would guarantee that only active members are voting.

November Meeting: Election of the At-Large member is held at the same time as election of the other Board members.

December Meeting: Installation of Officers, including Member-At-Large.

All Officers, including Member-At-Large take office January 1st.

PLEASE NOTE:
During the November, 2012 meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor and an election will be held for the position of “Member –at- Large”. Gail Wakefield, 2012 “ Member At Large” is running for the position for 2013.

Linda V. Broussard, EdD LPMGA President

Helpful Hints

Willow water as a root stimulator
Place chopped willow twigs in a jar, cover with water and let it stand overnight.
Soak rose cuttings in willow water for several hours (or overnight) before planting them in pots of soilless mix to root. Saturate the soilless mix with willow water.
Can Be used to stimulate root growth on other plant cuttings also.

Lois Manuel
The beautiful L’auergbe Casino Resort was the setting for the 2012 Louisiana Master Gardener State Conference, October 24th-26th. LPMGA was well represented by an enthusiastic group of 23 members.

The careful planning that our hosts, the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners, put into this year’s conference resulted in an event that was not only educational and informative, but also fun and entertaining.

Master Gardeners from around the state enjoyed a wide variety of speakers including the Mayor of Lake Charles, Randy Roach; Dr. Bobby Fletcher and Rene Schmit of the LSU AgCenter; Dr Neil Odenwald, and author and radio host Nellie Neal aka the “Garden Mama”.

Tours and Breakout sessions were thoughtfully planned to offer something for every gardener. Twelve different class options included topics such as diverse as “Heirloom Gardening”, “Landscape Design”, and “Hone Your Computer Skills”. Vendors offered an interesting variety of plants, artwork, books, and other garden related products. The SWLMG silent auction, quilt raffle, and “Country Store” offered an amazing array of goods made by the members as fundraisers for the organization.

The LPMGA conference display, (created by Jan Wyatt, Jeanell Menard, and Louann Long), featured photos of our MG 2012 class, our programs and projects, our scrap book from Historian Babette Werner, a PowerPoint featuring PlantFest and our other 2012 events, brochures for our Demo beds and programs, and a “pocket bookmark” with a QR code linked to our website. Jeanell Menard provided an array of beautiful flowers to decorate the table.

President Linda Broussard and Demo Bed Chair/Member-At-Large Gail Wakefield presented the LPMGA Report to the conference attendees, providing an overview of our accomplishments in 2012, and our plans for the future.

A very special thank you to the volunteers of the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners and their associates, a great time was had by all. We look forward to seeing you again at the 2013 LMG Conference in Shreveport.

Thanks to Cindy Wiley and Tina Jumonville for the photographs
Volunteer Hours
For OCTOBER

Hours recorded from October 1st to October 29th:

36 Members logged a total of 112
Continuing Education hours
32 Members logged a total of 247
Volunteer Service Hours

IT’S ALMOST TOO LATE!!
Before it is too late, please log in and get your volunteer service and
continuing education hours up to date. If you are recording your
hours on paper, please give me those hours at the upcoming Novem-
ber 7th General Meeting.

Please feel free to call with any questions.
-Anita Petitjean, Volunteer Coordinator

BETWEEN THE ROWS
VEGETABLE GARDENING WITH MARY ANN

Well, most things have been platted. I put the beets and carrots where the tomatoes had been. The chard and lettuce were tucked into the woodland perennial garden in front where the chard will take the place of the ginger as it goes dormant for the winter. It has about the same profile with large, colorful leaves standing about 2 feet high to give me a little privacy from the road. (Yes, you can mix veggies in with flowers and with perennials. I’ve had two eggplants in the front garden all summer.

Their large leaves, purple-tinted stems, and lavender flowers are lovely. The shiny deep purple fruits are beautiful, too.) Garlic, onions, and peas were planted in a new raised bed created by sheet mulching my compost, or lasagna gardening, as it is otherwise known. It’s basically a simple method of composting in place that transfers all the heavy work of composting, like turning, to Mother Nature. My back sure appreciates that. I used kitchen and garden wastes, cardboard and old pine straw mulch in layers. After a few days I transplant right into the straw on top adding a handful of finished compost immediately around the plant. If you’re interested in sheet composting or permaculture, a good book to start is “Gaia’s Garden, A Guide to Home-Scale Permaculture” by Toby Hemenway. Mine is the second edition, and I am finding it a wealth of knowledge.

I planted garlic for the first time this fall. A lot of reading gave me the following information: Garlic can tolerate some shade but prefers full sun; raised beds are ideal. According to the LSU Ag Center garlic is an excellent crop for plastic mulch and drip irrigation. Buy seed garlic locally if at all possible. Italian varieties store well, Creole types not as well according to Ag Center literature. I used an Italian variety bought on-line.

Separate the ‘mother bulb’ into cloves, being careful not to damage the papery coating. Plant cloves with the flat edge down, about 3 inches deep and 8-12 inches apart. Cover the cloves with soil, side dress and water well. Loosely top the bed with 6-8 inches of straw or pine straw mulch. Keep the soil evenly moist, and you should see sprouts peeking through the mulch in 4-8 weeks. Keep the mulch in place through the winter to suppress weeds. We’ll side dress a couple of times; I’ll let you know when.

I’ve also had trouble with stink bugs and leaf-footed bugs on my late tomatoes, eggplants and peppers. To protect the fruit from these pests I’ve coated them with a clay product (Surround At Home). It is touted as an organic product that ‘masks’ the plant, making it less likely to be found by pests. It also protects fruit from sunscald. It’s a very fine clay that can be mixed with water and applied using a sprayer for larger plants already in place, or seedlings can be dipped into the mixture; it dries white. So far I’ve seen reduced number of insects on the sprayed plants, of course the temperatures have fallen, too. We’ll see if it actually decreases the number of fruit affected by their feeding. Until next month,

Good Gardening.

Mary Ann Armbruster graduated from the Maricopa County Master Gardeners Class of 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona before transferring to Lafayette Parish in 2010. She is interested in vegetables, permaculture, and native plants and habitat. A very welcome addition to LPMGA, we are very happy to announce that Mary Ann will be writing a monthly column on vegetable gardening.

MaryAnn Armbruster, PhD, MG
WHAT PLANT AM I?

**ANSWER**

I’m Campsis radicans: Trumpet Vine

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**2013 International Master Gardener Conference**

*Flowers, Fjords, and Friends*

Registration is open for the 2013 International Master Gardener Conference. The University of Arkansas will host a 7-day cruise on the Holland America ship Westerdam, Seattle to Alaska, returning to Seattle, September 7th to September 14th, 2013. Ports of call include Juneau, Sitka, and glorious Glacier Bay.

For more information go to www.uaex.edu/imge2013/ Or check out the 2013 International Master Gardener Conference Facebook Page

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**UNIQUE GARDEN TREASURES**

What’s in a name?

No matter if you call it Whitfieldia elongata, Whitfieldia longiflora, by it’s former name Ruellia elongata, or even by it’s common name “White Candles”, this plant is a beauty to behold and a unique addition to any part shade bed or patio container.

White Candles is an easily grown tropical that rewards it’s owner with a profusion of pure white multi-spires with groupings of 2" flowers that “pop” against dark green foliage nearly year round.

A native of tropical Africa, this fast growing, evergreen, shrub-like perennial likes well drained slightly acidic to neutral soil, and part to bright shade. It’s a great match for our area with it’s love of humidity, and warm conditions. Take indoors over winter near a window; or shelter, cover, or mulch outside if temperatures drop below 50 degrees for extended periods. If plants are frozen back, they will usually come back when temperatures warm up in the Spring.

White Candles has an upright growth pattern up to 6’ or more. It can be trimmed to keep it neat and compact, in fact, pruning back spent flowering shoots will encourage new growth and additional flowers. White Candles grows readily from cuttings (of non-flowering shoots) and is a great plant to pass-along to friends.

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**OCTOBER 20 GARDEN TALK—YOU’VE GOT COMPOST**

Dr. Bill Carney, head of the LSU AgCenter’s W.A. Callegari Center in Baton Rouge, presented an informative and interesting Garden Talk on the what, how, and why of composting.

Wide spread interest in composting started in the late eighties when people became concerned about disposable diapers in landfills. Proctor and Gamble created a composting lab to check the “compostability” of all their products. In 1994, the first composting program at LSU was started and began attracting visitors from all over the world who came to learn the process of large scale composting.

Dr. Carney reminded the crowd that “compost is what is left over from what Mother Nature breaks down” and to keep an eye on moisture. Most failed piles are because of too much, or too little moisture.

A sample of trays with wood shavings from the LSU Veterinary School, illustrated the breakdown of composted material under optimum conditions. Fact sheets provided advice to novice and experienced composters.

Dr. Carney welcomed questions from the audience:

**ADDING BONE MEAL** Probably not necessary, though a 13-13-13 can be added in small amounts

**SUN OR SHADE?** Shade. The heat comes from the pile, not the sun. The sun will tend to dry out the pile, but be sure to check site drainage before beginning your compost pile.

“CHEATING” WITH VISQUEEN Not a good idea, rain can’t get to the pile and it may end up too dry. If the covering is too closed in, air cannot circulate into the pile.

**PINE NEEDLES** Try to avoid. Grass clippings—YES! They are high in nitrogen and moisture.

**WAXY OR LARGE LEAVES** It’s a good idea to mulch them before adding to the pile. The thicker or denser the material, the longer it takes to break down.

**EARTHWORMS AND ANTS** They’re a sign that the pile’s temperature has lowered, meaning that the microbes are done working and the pile is finished, or that the temperature has gone down for another reason such as not enough nitrogen or too much high carbon material.

**ARE WEED SEEDS KILLED BY HEAT?** Every 18 degree rise in temperature doubles the amount of microbes. Weed seeds are killed at 160 degrees. If you can’t raise the temperature that high, don’t use weeds.

**ODOR** Caused by phytotoxins, usually a sign of too much moisture or using inappropriate materials such as meat.

**DOMESTIC MANURE** Domestic—no, Barnyard—yes.

**COFFEE GROUNDS AND RICE HULLS** Coffee grounds are a good source of carbon. Rice chaff is good, takes a while to break down, but it does hold moisture.

**Static Pile Backyard Composting and Troubleshooting Your Compost Pile** are two of Dr. Carney’s fact sheets available at the LSU AgCenter website www.agcenter.lsu.com

*Master Gardeners, remember that the Garden Talks qualify as Continuing Education.*
MEET THE CLASS OF 2012

INTRODUCING GROUP THREE
AND THEIR MENTORS DANIELLE COLVIN, LOUANN MCCLELLAND-LONG, AND JAN WYATT

DENISE CHAPMAN
Is a native of Lafayette and a retired Librarian and classroom teacher. Denise wants to be a Master Gardener because she wants to “learn more about gardening”. Her interests are propagation, perennials, annuals, and Habitat for Humanity. If Denise looks familiar, it may be because two of her sisters (Yvette Nevitt MG 2007 and Nannette Reagor MG 2007) are already Master Gardeners.

JODY WEBB
A native of Texas, Jody came to Lafayette for her husband’s work. Currently she is taking care of 21 acres of lawn, flower, and vegetable beds. Her favorite plants are herbs, and she is interested in Children’s and School Gardens, vines, roses, tropicals, perennials, and annuals.

SANDY SCHEURMANN
Is from Houma, LA and came to Lafayette because of work. Sandy is married with 2 children. She is a retired professor and wants to become a Master Gardener because she loves gardening and wanted to know more about solving garden problems. Sandy lists hibiscus as her favorite plant.

MAUREEN DOERLE
Is a native of Rayne who came to Lafayette because it’s the center of Acadiana. A retired teacher and medical esthetician, she has 2 children and 5 grandchildren. Maureen’s favorite plant is the camellia and she is interested in propagation, vegetable and medicinal gardening, vines, roses, perennials and annuals. Maureen would like to be come a Master Gardener because she “wanted to learn and share good gardening practices”.

JACK HARRISON
Jack is from Chalmette in Saint Bernard Parish who came to Lafayette to be close to his wife’s family. He is retired after having served as a State Trooper, Safety Director at a DHH Mental Hospital, and as Chief of Security at the ULL Art Museum. Jack would like to be a Master Gardener because he “has always enjoyed gardening and would like to learn more about plants and trees. If my neighbors need help, I would like to be able to assist them.” As for a favorite plant, Jack likes them all.
He is interested in the Speaker’s Bureau, Publicity, Children’s and School Gardens, roses, perennials, annuals, and trees and shrubs.

ESTHER PERKINS
Esther is a native of Orange County, California who came to the area because of her spouse’s job. She has worked as an Early Childhood Sensory and Perceptual Development Educator and wants to be a MG because “It was a Master Gardener who piqued my interest when I started working at a school in 1996”. Her favorite plant is Sweet Violet.
Esther is interested in propagation, Children’s and School Gardens, creating videos and TV shows, vegetable and medicinal gardening—especially fruits, fragrant plants, and formal knot gardens.

Boy Scout Eagle Candidate Mark Andries and TreesAcadiana Need Your Help

Saturday, Nov. 3 @ 8:00 A.M. Volunteers will assemble at the site of the former UL Horse Farm to participate in a complete Canopy/Tree Count on the Horse Farm Property

Bring: Soft Tape Measure · Pens to write with · Bring refillable water bottles
Wear long pants and long sleeves (poison ivy in area)

For more information, contact Sarah Schoeffler by phone or at cadistyle@aol.com
CINDY JENSEN
Cindy came to Lafayette after Katrina to be near her grandchildren. She is a retired Surgery Coordinator who is married with 4 grandkids and 5 step-grandkids. Cindy loves cooking and traveling, and wants an airboat ride Troy Landry! Cindy lists bromeliads, tropica, and roses as her favorite plants and wants to become a Master Gardener “to learn more about vegetable gardening, rose care, and propagation”. Cindy is interested in Habitat for Humanity, propagation, Children’s and School Gardens, vegetable gardening, vines, trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals.

COLETTE ANZALONE
A native of Broussard, who lists hydrangea as her favorite plant. Colette is a former UL employee who is now working at Sacred Heart Church in Broussard. A first time grandmother of a 3 month-old boy, Colette is expecting the arrival of her second grandchild in February. Colette would like to be a Master Gardener because “I love plants, cut flowers, meeting more plant people, new plants and watching them grow”. Her interests include: Publicity, Speaker’s Bureau, publications, Facebook and Web pages, propagation, vines, tropicals, perennials, and annuals.

GABRIELLE WELLS
Gabrielle is a native of Fallbrook, California who came to Lafayette for her family. She works at a local nursery and lists shrimp plants as her favorite. She spends a lot of time on the computer, enjoys running, and has birds. Gabrielle wants to become a Master Gardener because she would “like to know more about plants so I can help others”. She is interested in publications, Facebook and Web pages, propagation, Children’s and School Gardens, vines, tropicals, perennials, annuals, trees, and shrubs.

SCOTT REED
Scott travels to the MG class from his hometown of Pine Prairie, LA. He is a nurse who is married with an 11 year-old daughter. Scott lists ginger, palms, and Pride of Barbados as some of his favorite plants and wants to become a Master Gardener to “increase knowledge of proper gardening, the love for it, and pass it on to our future generations”. Scott’s interests are Habitat for Humanity, publications, Facebook and Web pages, propagation, Children’s and School Gardens, vines, tropicals, perennials, and annuals.

GARY TRAHAN
This Lafayette native wants to be a Master Gardener because “I spent time helping Marie Jones in the Children’s Garden and shared the experience of her class”. Gary was in the military and was in the oil field before becoming a Pharmacy Technician. He has two wonderful children, and enjoys running, martial arts, and is a comedian. Gary is interested in Habitat for Humanity, Children’s and School Gardens, Vegetable and Medicinal gardening, vines, trees, and shrubs. His favorite plants are jasmine and figs.
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