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

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### Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West (HFHSTW) Partnering with St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners



St. Tammany Parish  
Master Gardeners

On Saturday, June 13th, HFHSTW and the St. Tammany Master Gardeners joined together for a morning of family volunteering. Homebuyer's brought their families, friends and children to dig in the dirt and learn as they planted.

Parish Agent William Afton was on site giving an educational speech on how to grow vegetables in a hay bale and the St. Tammany Master Gardeners were there as crew leaders and to help answer gardening questions. All four home sites were completed with installed gardens and trees. Two weeks later the home buyers were presented the keys to their new homes. A special thanks for the donated plants from our NorthShore Plant Show in March!

Thanks so much,  
Nancy Thompson

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information on  
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[www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com)

## Habitat for Humanity Partnering with St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners *Continued*

Homes are ready  
Dirt is ready  
!!!



Family  
Homeowners  
Are ready  
!!!



St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners  
Were there to guide and teach

Pictured during opening instructions:  
Julie Deus, Kappy Goodwin, David  
Lynd, Donna Howland

Pictured:  
Press photographer (lady with camera), Nancie Munn, Chair Nancy Thompson, Julie Deus, Kappy Goodwin, and Habitat Coordinator Lara Batchelder. David Lynd (seated) behind Lara.



## Habitat for Humanity Partnering with St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners *Continued*



Will Afton, Extension Agent, instructed the Kid Homeowners on planting in a hay bale.

The overnight rain storms filled the potential gardens with a foot of water. The homeowners formed bucket barricades, and completed their landscaping as planned.



Will Afton formed a human property line to guide the tree planting locations

## *President's Message*

Hello Master Gardeners I am very excited to embark on my summer vacation to Mexico. Hopefully I will find some interesting plants while exploring the wild life park called Xplor. I will try and take some good photos, however, full disclosure I am no photographer.

Due to the fact that I will be gone for the first Tuesday in July we will not be having a board meeting. We will have an August board meeting and I hope we will be back at the Agcenter. Our general membership meeting this month will be held at the Castine Center Wednesday July 15. We will be honoring our new scholarship recipients and will have a speaker and abbreviated business meeting with a reception to follow. Please contact Barbara Moore if you plan to bring a dish for the reception. I plan to announce the members of the nominating committee as well as the Chair for the 2017 Plant sale. If anyone would like to be added to the agenda please email me.

I know its summer time and many of us have vacations planned, but I am asking each of you to please make a special effort to attend this meeting. Pam and the scholarship committee have worked very hard to find exceptional continuing students for our new awards. This is the first time we are awarding the Master Gardener scholarship and I am excited that we are growing and helping more St. Tammany students achieve a college education. Your hard work is paying off. Help us honor these efforts at the July meeting.

Thank you for all of your service to our parish!

Ty



## STPMG Programming



Our month of July guest speaker is **Mr. Wally Barr** to talk to us about Hibiscus. Mr. Barr has been the Vice President of the hibiscus society for twenty years and sits on the judging panel. Under his leadership he has created a great organization with categories and varieties that have grown into different groups, and subgroups. His shows bring in people from all over.

His talk will teach us how to care and maintain hibiscus throughout the growing season including how to propagate and graft your beautiful plant. Most importantly he will teach how to overwinter our most beloved summer flower the Hibiscus.

A.K.A. the Hibiscus Doctor



### Tip for July

Linda Deslatte will show us how to properly put cut roses into a vase of water so they will last much longer. This really works. I use this method for all my cut flowers now.

Anyone with a idea or something to share or inform the group please let me know, you can have 10 to 15 minutes of fame. We would love to hear from you!



Happy Growing to all!  
Vice President  
Linda Rowe

## Beau Provence Work Session

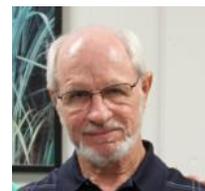


Master Gardeners instruct and assist the residents of Beau Provence in planting.  
Master Gardeners attending this session:  
(Left to right around the table) Paula Ramagos, Chair Harold Ryan, Pam Rowe, and Dianah  
Keyes-back to camera.

Each month, Master Gardeners meet with residents of Beau Provence, afflicted with Alzheimer's/dementia, instructing and assisting them in some aspect of gardening. Sessions have included repotting African Violets, making terrariums, and planting spring herbs, veges, and annuals in the therapeutic gardens. July will feature propagating ivy and starting sweet potato vine.

Many residents enjoyed their own gardens before their affliction and appreciate the Master Gardeners participating with them in their lost hobby.

Harold Ryan chairs the project, scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at Beau Provence, and invites your participation and/or your ideas for future sessions.



## Beau Provence Work Session *Continued*



Raised boxes for planting outdoors

Including ornamentals



Residents enjoy the activity and the memories of their gardens in the past

## Vegucator Field Trip



### Vegucators and Sprouts:

Front Row Left to right: Linda Rowe, Theresa Wilfert, Theresa Rheams, Joe Lapine

Back Row Left to Right: Diana Cammatte, Eileen Gremillion, Deb Nolan, Wes, Goostrey, Rob Wahl, Rodney Cross, Barry Pierce, David Lynd

The Vegucator group spends a lot of time indoors researching topics to present at our meetings held twice a month at the Ag Center. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, our teachers were Rodney Cross in Mandeville, Eileen Gremillion in Covington and Leslie Boucher in Bush. Our classroom was the gardens these Master Gardeners.

Rodney's specialty is square foot gardening and he feeds his family and a lot of neighbors very well. What a treat to see the different varieties of tomatoes as well as herbs that like to grow everywhere! He showed us examples of vertical growing for tomatoes as well as cucumbers.

Eileen uses rows to grow her veggies and gave good hints to keep rabbits and deer out of your garden. (It was electrifying!) Eileen usually has a bountiful harvest and is expert in canning tomatoes for her family to enjoy long after the crop is picked.

## Vegucator Field Trip

Leslie and her husband, Al, were very hospitable to the group as we walked around the vegetable garden which looked great with a nice assortment of legumes and tomatoes. As an extra bonus we were able to visit her chicken house and ask a lot of questions regarding the caring of these beautiful birds.

Attendees all agreed that it is interesting to hear current research on important topics around growing veggies (and berries and citrus), but it is so rewarding to talk with other growers to see what varieties performed best, what insects were a nuisance and what sort of fertilizers were used. Another challenge is rain; either there is too much or not enough and we discussed this concern to gardeners.

The June 24th class was held in Bush while the Ag Center is being remodeled and Barry Pierce gave a wonderful talk on gardening in small places. His talk generated a lot of discussion with the class regarding the presence of salt when growing plants in ceramic pottery and dealing with this issue. After the lecture, we were treated to a visit to Rusty Batty's property. Rusty owns a little piece of heaven in Bush and we all were attentive as he pointed out his various trees and bushes. His method of collecting rainwater was very interesting and innovative. Rusty got very large plastic containers and repurposed them to collect water from his gutters. Having the plastic containers on a raised bench allows the water to be gravity fed to hoses.

The Master Gardeners in the Vegucators group has a myriad of knowledge and experience. It is a wonderful experience to be around this group of intelligent, curious and friendly people.

Deborah Nolan

Rodney Cross—gardens in the middle of Beau Chene



# Vegucator Field Trip

Eileen Gremillon  
Room to grow



Leslie Boucher and husband Al.  
Thanks for the tour!



## AgCenter Super Plant Garden

The AgCenter Super Plant Garden has new plants and is growing! If you would like to help with care and maintenance of these gardens, contact Chair Jan Gardner.



## Magic Wings Butterfly Garden Parenting Center



On Tuesday, June 30th the Master Gardeners presented a program at the Parenting Center combined with a followup planning meeting. The Master Gardeners participating were Mary Ann Brannan, Betty Cronin, Karin L. Crosby, Sue McGuire, Marie Porche and Janet Ronquillo.

Janet Ronquillo brought ladybugs that we released before the program started. She has been evaluating and caring for the butterfly garden this month. Janet thought another batch of ladybugs would help with the aphid population.

Karin Crosby gave an excellent presentation on: "Container Worms" and provided handouts for the parents....all of the children came up to see the worms as the presentation was winding down.

Janet Ronquillo and Betty Cronin provided "Oscar the Grouch's Workout Song with Exercising Worms". The children loved watching this.

Betty Cronin read "Yucky Worms" by Vivian French while using a Richard Scarry worm puppet. After the reading, a delicious "Dirt Cake", made by Betty Cronin was enjoyed by all.

The follow-up evaluations gave the program a "5", loved by all!

Review and planning followed the presentations. Mary Ann Brannan has come up with the idea of using a tri-fold to display the different areas we have covered (butterfly life cycle, ladybugs, worms, etc). We will be working on this project this summer. Theresa Rheams and others will be contributing.

Everyone made suggestions for our next presentations on Tuesday, September 15 - "Bees" and Tuesday, November 10 - "Monarch Butterfly". Sue McGuire, a new member of our project, contributed very useful ideas to our discussion. We are striving to improve with each presentation.

Thank you, Marie Porche



Master Gardener Appreciation Day  
Hammond Research Station



Thank You!  
To all St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners  
Attending the Louisiana Master Gardener Appreciation Day at Hammond Research  
Station on May 8th, 2015



STPMG Unidentified, Janice Wells, AJ Heinz-Bailey, Melanie Singh, Karla Partridge

## Master Gardener Appreciation Day Hammond Research Station



Master Gardeners participating in the Name that Weed competition at the Master Gardener Appreciation Day at the LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station on May 8. The event included tours, presentations, prizes and food to show how important Master Gardeners are to the AgCenter mission. (Photo by Johnny Morgan)

TPMG Linda Rowe, Yvonne Reed, Diana Cammatte, Unidentified



LSU AgCenter horticulturist Dan Gill, left, answers questions for Master Gardeners following his presentation on Louisiana wildflowers during the Master Gardener Appreciation Day at the Hammond Research Station on May 8. (Photo by Johnny Morgan)

STPMG Linda Rowe

Master Gardener Appreciation Day  
Hammond Research Station



Left to right: Peggy Geortz, Marilyn Bingham, Yvonne Reed, Diana Cammatte

Photos by: Janice Wells, Kathleen Guidry and Hammond  
Research Station  
Website

## Slidell Memorial Hospital Rehab Garden

The STMG project at Slidell Memorial Hospital has been growing over the past years and it is looking green and healthy these days. The Master Gardeners have been meeting at the Rehab Garden on Tuesday morning around 9:30 AM to do clean-up, general maintenance and plant care. We have several plants that are blooming at various times through the year, and right now the crinum, esperanza, day lilies and hidden ginger are looking very good.

We tried to plant some vegetables in one of the raised beds, but lack of people needed to water these on a regular basis proved to be their failing. We have since switched back to ornamentals that require less care. We may try herbs and vegetables again if we have more help to maintain them.

For any Master Gardener who is interested in working the SMH Rehab Garden but finds Tuesday mornings inconvenient, anyone is welcome to work the garden at a more convenient time. We are especially in need of people to help water the plants during these hot, dry summer days.

Lastly, we are working with SMH involving different employee events. Our next event is scheduled for Thursday, July 30 from 4 to 7 PM. We plan on providing plastic pots, starter plants and potting soil and show employees and clients how to work with new plants. We also will provide folks to handle questions. This event is still coming together, so there may be more opportunities available.

For more information or to become involved, contact Leslie Landeche at 985 290 0462 , or Paul Andres at 985 643 3310.



Photos by: Paul Andres



Day Lily

Crinum



Hidden Ginger



Esperanza

# Planning Days and Work Days

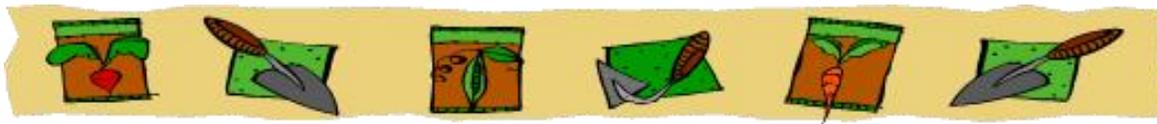
## Slidell Library Herb Committee

June 22nd Planning Meeting

Next meeting is in August—see MoM for upcoming details



Pictured: Camille Schwandt, Dianah Keyes, Cindy Jackson, Chair Betty Rose, Hazel Harrold, Ruthanne Johnson— also in attendance Jay Rose and Susie Andres (photographer)



## Otis House

If you would like to help with ongoing maintenance of the newly replanted Otis House gardens, contact Chair Ann Durel to get on the schedule. You can sign up with a partner or alone. Bring gloves, small clippers for deadheading, a small rake, a couple of garbage bags, and water.

Ann Durel



## Night Blooming Cactus



Night-blooming cereus (*Epiphyllum oxypetalum*) is a cactus variety that only blooms its white fragrant flowers at night.

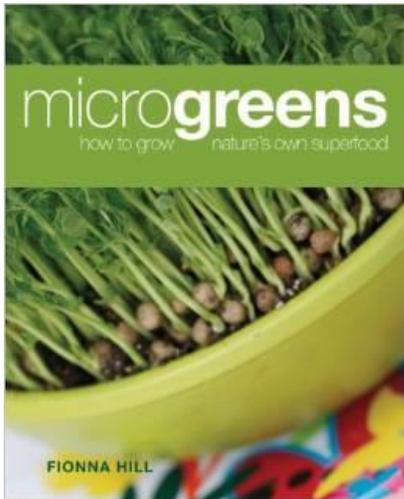


**Proud Parent and Photo provided by Linda Rowe**

**On another subject, can you identify  
this critter?  
Friend or Foe?**



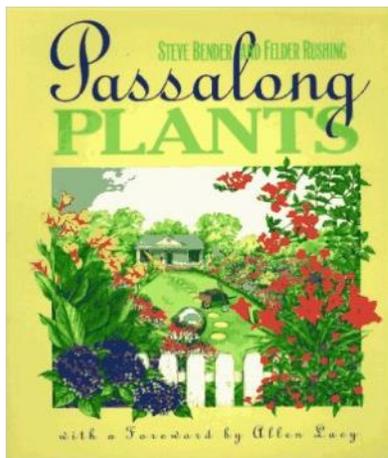
**\*\*\* New Gardengoer Section\*\*\***  
**Books of the Month**



Microgreens: How to Grow Nature's Own Superfood by Fiona Hill

*Microgreens* is a practical guide to growing arugula and other popular mini-greens that offer a multitude of colors, textures and distinct flavors, as well as high levels of concentrated active compounds. Microgreens pack a powerful nutritional punch, are easily grown in containers as small as a bowl and can be ready to harvest in a week, giving quick rewards for the effort.

Recommended by : Theresa Rheams



Passalong Plants by Steve Bender & Felder Rushing -

plants that have survived in gardens for decades by being handed from one person to another. In this lively and sometimes irreverent book (don't miss the chapter on yard art), Steve Bender and Felder Rushing describe 117 such plants, giving particulars on hardiness, size, uses in the garden, and horticultural requirements. They present this information in the informal, chatty, and sometimes humorous manner that your next-door neighbor might use when giving you a cutting of her treasured Confederate rose.

Recommended by: Robin Phillips

(Book descriptions borrowed from Amazon)

**What are you reading? Send recommendations on garden related fiction and nonfiction to the Gardengoer [jpsesses@charter.net](mailto:jpsesses@charter.net)**

# GARDENGOER WORD OF THE MONTH



## NATIVE BEES

We are lucky to have some great beekeepers within the members of our Master Gardener Association. I remember Art Scott giving a fantastic presentation on honeybees at one of our monthly meetings. He even brought in some of the trays to show us how the honey was stored within the hives. I also remember Suzanne Krieger showing a group of us the spot she had all set up for her bees and the ‘space suit’ for beekeepers that had just arrived in the mail—in preparation for the honeybees that would arrive later. I applaud their commitment. It’s an immense amount of effort. Most of us however won’t be able to commit to that. Either time or space or money or sheer energy required might make us think twice about such an endeavor. All is not lost though. If you want to help stop the pollinator decline, have more fruits, berries and flowers on your trees and shrubs, and help the environment, you can embrace the native bees in our area. (The honeybee was actually native to Europe and was imported to the United States.) Most of the native bees in the U.S. don’t make honey and don’t live in communal hives. They are solitary and quietly go about their business of gathering nectar and pollen and depositing it within holes they find in the landscape. When enough is collected they place an egg with it and seal it up with mud. They keep repeating that process until the hole is completely filled, then start another.

There are many different species of native/mason bees in the U.S. and each species arrives on the scene just as the blooms appear on whatever happens to be their favorite nectar (although in a pinch almost any nectar will do). Their life as an adult is short and coincides with the particular flower of that particular plant and then they die. A different species may then appear just as its favorite plant bursts into bloom, and dies off again as the flowers fade. Mason (native) bees are particularly fond of fruit trees but don’t do well in large orchards because they don’t like to travel too far from the hole they call home. Native bees here in the U S appear to be hardier and healthier than the honeybees and resistant to the diseases and parasites that plague the honeybees. They are somewhat gentle and are willing to put up with having people nearby. Most don’t even sting. You can recognize them because they are generally smaller than the honeybee (about 2/3 the size). Some are barely larger than a house fly and they usually have some traces of metallic color (usually blue or black) on their bodies.

If you are interested, a short search on the internet will give you dozens of options to invest in buying or building your own. The normal bee house will contain a number of long tubes of wood, paper or reeds placed together in something that looks like a traditional house or in a type of sling arrangement.

## GARDENGOER WORD OF THE MONTH *Continued*

These are called nesting boxes.



If setting one up, try to place the openings to face the morning sun and somewhat protected from the afternoon sun so as not to cook them. Really. And, if you place the house near a spot where you have already noticed native bees and have buds ready to burst open somewhere in your yard, you are almost guaranteed a full, happy (bee) house.

**Kathleen Guidry**



**St. Tammany Master Gardeners Membership Meeting**  
**Castine Center at Pelican Park in Mandeville**  
**June 17, 2015 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Ty Guidroz at 10:10 a.m. The invocation was given by Sandy Arnoult and Ty led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: 67

**Garden Hint of the Month:** Eileen Gremillion spoke about flatworms and how destructive they are to our gardens.

**Program:** Linda Rowe introduced our speaker, Dale Westmoreland of Westfarms in Folsom. He presented a slideshow of the daylilies that they propagate at their nursery. It was a very informative program. Mr. Westmoreland had a daylily for everyone in attendance.

**AgCenter Extension Agent Will Afton:** Will informed the membership that the remodeling of the AgCenter started last Monday. He also thanked Nancy Thompson and her committee for the great program with Habitat for Humanity. Right now he's not getting a lot of calls at the AgCenter mainly because it is hot outside. Tomatoes with disease—get rid of them so as not to affect next year's crop. Applications are ready to be mailed for the 2015 class which will start in September. The class will be open to maybe 35.

**Officers' Reports:**

The May 2015 Minutes is approved as they appeared in the June Gardengoer.

**Treasurer** – Jimmy Dejean indicated that the treasurer's report was posted in MoM. The report will be filled for audit.

**President** – Ty thanked the Hospitality committee and the Muscle crews for their great jobs. Ty recognized that Rusty Batty joined us today. Ty also recognized the 12 members of the 2014 class who have completed their 40 hours. Ty mention how nice last month meeting was with the scholarship presentation. Barbara Moore and her committee did a nice job. Next month we will present the St. Tammany Master Gardeners Scholarship. He is looking for members to serve on the nominating committee. The position of secretary is up for election. Contact Ty if you are interested.

**Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship** – Pam Peltier announced that the St. Tammany Parish Master Gardener Scholarship will be presented next month. The committee has received two applications.

**Project Reports:**

**Susie Andres – Project Chair - Fingers in the Dirt**

*Slidell Library Herb Garden:* The Fall Herb Fest is scheduled for September 22. Betty Rose is the chairperson. First planning meeting will be next Monday at Betty's house. Info in MoM.

*Parenting Center:* Marie Porche, chairman and committee presented Will with a thank you poster from the Parenting Center.

**St. Tammany Master Gardeners Membership Meeting  
Castine Center at Pelican Park in Mandeville  
May 20, 2015 Minutes**

*Lacombe Butterfly Garden:* Barbara Moore said the garden is looking good.

*Super Plants AgCenter:* Jan Gardner information everyone that they now have signs to identify the super plants.

**Julie Deus – Project Chair - Education**

*Covington Library* - Jan Pesses planning talks at the library end of August more info in MoM.

*Fall Seminar* – Suzanne Krieger and Jan Gardner Chairpersons reminded committee of meeting today after the general meeting. Lunch will be served.

**Unfinished Business:**

The deadline for submitting your name for the 2017 Plant Show chairman is the end of this month. Please contact Ty if you are interested.

**New Business:**

Motion was made by Julie Deus and second by Deborah Nolan for the master gardeners to make a \$500 donation to Dr. Allen Owings for the Hammond Research Station. Motion passed. Motion was made by Paul Andres and second by Kathleen Guidry to purchase three tablecloths with the LSU logo, cost \$741.12. Out of 67 members attending meeting 9 members were against. Motion passed.

**Announcements:**

No Board meeting in July.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Peggy Goertz, Secretary



## St. Tammany Master Gardeners Membership Meeting Castine Center at Pelican Park in Mandeville



MG Presented Will Afton with a "thank you" from the kids at the Parenting Center. Left to right: Janet Ronquillo, Marie Porche, Will Afton, Theresa Rheams, Betty Cronin, Melanie Juul, Ann Durel, Mary Ann Brannan (hidden behind Ann).



Every member present was presented with a Day Lily!



Guest speaker, Dale Westmoreland of Westfarms in Folsom.

**St. Tammany Master Gardeners Board Meeting**  
**AgCenter**  
**June 2, 2015 Minutes**

President Ty Guidroz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Ty Guidroz, Linda Rowe, Jimmy DeJean, Julie Deus, Susie Andres, Sue Stoltz, Pam Peltier, Jan Pesses, Kay Hanson, Pete Hanson, and Peggy Goertz.

The May board minutes were approved as they appeared in the Gardengoer.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership** – Sue Stoltz sent thank you flowers to the lady who puts together our membership booklet. Sue brought up the question of members reinstated without hours. Ty will meet with Will on this subject.

**Finance** – Jimmy DeJean presented the board the finance report before it is to be published in MoM.

**Program** – Linda Rowe announced this month speaker is Dale Westmoreland from Westfarm.

**Fall Seminar**- The first committee meeting will be after the June general membership meeting.

**Newsletter (Gardengoer)/MoM** – Jan Pesses (Gardengoer) will be out of town first of July. The July issue will be mailed out around July 10th.

**Scholarship** – Pam Peltier announced that the St. Tammany Master Gardeners scholarship will be given out in July. Motion made by Julie Deus and second by Susie Andres to give up to four \$1,000 scholarships. Board approved.

**Plant Sale** – Kay and Pete Hanson plan to have first 2016 meeting in August.

**Project Reports:**

Susie Andres – Project Chair - **Fingers in the Dirt**

Susie mentions that it's a slow time. Betty Rose will chair the Fall Herb Fest. There is a conflict with the date. PVC pipes used for signs need to be refurbished. Jan will put an article in the July Gardengoer asking for help with this project.

Julie Deus – Project Chair – **Education**

Habitat for Humanity committee is planting at four or five houses. All plants have been donated.

**New Business:**

Ty announced that once a chair has been selected for the 2017 Plant Show. They will shadow Kay and Pete next year. Not until 2017 will they select their co-chair.

Need to appoint nominating committee to select a new secretary.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**Announcements:**

No July Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Goertz



# STPMG DIRECTORY 2015

## St. Tammany Parish Master Gardeners 2015 Board of Directors/Committee Chairpersons

**President:** Ty Guidroz (first term)  
**V-President:** Linda Rowe (first term)  
**Secretary:** Peggy Goertz (second term)  
**Treasurer:** Jimmy DeJean (first term)  
**Past President:** Susie Andres

### **Board Appointments:**

**Parliamentarian:** Art Scott  
**Gardengoer Ed:** Jan Pesses

### **Committee Chairs** (appointed by the board of directors; two year term)

**Membership:** Sue Stoltz (first term)

#### **Sub Committees:** (no term limit for subcommittee chairs)

- **MoM** Art Scott
- **Honors:** Sandy Arnoult; co – Sandra Pecoraro
- **Merchandise:** Dee Middleton
- **Gloves:** Peggy Goertz; co –Marilyn Bingham
- **Hospitality:** Barbara Moore

**Finance:** Jimmy DeJean (first term, STPMG Treasurer)  
**Program:** Linda Rowe (first term, committee chaired by VP)  
**Publicity:** Jim Dougherty, (first term); co-chair Suzanne Krieger  
**Historical:** Linda Rowe, Kathleen Guidry, Gail Hinkley (all first term)  
**Scholarship:** Pam Peltier (second term)  
**Nominating:** 2015 not yet appointed  
**Spring Garden Show:** Pete and Kay Hanson  
**Projects “ Fingers in the Dirt”:** Susie Andres (past president)  
**Projects “Education”:** Julie Deus

### **Project Chairs** (appointed, no term limit)

**Abita Library Garden:** Martha Gruning  
**Beau Provence Therapeutic Gardens:** Harold Ryan  
**CCC:** Paul Andres  
**Covington Farmers’ Market:** Billie Stanga  
**Lacombe Butterfly Garden:** Barbara Moore  
**LSU AgC Volunteer Coordinator:** Cindy Manger  
**Otis House:** Ann Durel  
**Parenting Center Garden :** Marie Porche  
**School Partnership:** Christy Paulsell (Rooting the Future))  
**Slidell Farmers’ Market:** Sue Clites  
**Slidell Hospital Rehab Garden:** Leslie Landeche  
**Slidell Library Herb Garden:** June Taffaro and Camille Schwandt  
**Slidell Senior Citizen Center:** PROJECT ON HOLD; NO CURRENT CHAIR  
**Speakers’ Bureau:** Geri Sommers  
**Super Plant AgCenter** Jan Gardner  
**Vegucators:** Deborah Nolan  
**W. St. Tammany Habitat:** Nancy Thompson

# Calendar of Events

July 2015	
11	Slidell Market 8 AM to noon <a href="mailto:suethem@yahoo.com">suethem@yahoo.com</a>
14	Beau Provence Therapeutic Gardens 9:30 AM <a href="mailto:hryan41@bellsouth.net">hryan41@bellsouth.net</a>
15	STPMG Monthly Meeting Castine Center 10 AM
15	Fall Seminar Committee Planning Meeting Castine Center following Membership meeting <a href="mailto:ofckrieger@aol.com">ofckrieger@aol.com</a> or <a href="mailto:choirbuyer@hotmail.com">choirbuyer@hotmail.com</a>
18	Covington Market 8 AM—noon <a href="mailto:billie.stanga@gmail.com">billie.stanga@gmail.com</a>
25	Gardengoer Deadline <a href="mailto:pessesgardengoer@gmail.com">pessesgardengoer@gmail.com</a>
25	Slidell Farmer's Market — 8 AM—noon <a href="mailto:suethem@yahoo.com">suethem@yahoo.com</a>
29	Vegucator Class 9 AM AgCenter <a href="mailto:mamere09@gmail.com">mamere09@gmail.com</a>
30	Slidell Memorial Hospital Rehab Employee Event 4:00-7:00 <a href="mailto:rocknlou@bellsouth.net">rocknlou@bellsouth.net</a>
31	Deadline to submit application for MG Class 2015
August 2015	
4	STPMG Board Meeting AgCenter 3:00-4:30 PM <a href="mailto:tyguidrozmg@gmail.com">tyguidrozmg@gmail.com</a>
5	Vegucator Class 9 AM AgCenter <a href="mailto:mamere09@gmail.com">mamere09@gmail.com</a>
8	Slidell Market 8 AM to noon <a href="mailto:suethem@yahoo.com">suethem@yahoo.com</a>
15	Covington Market 8 AM—noon <a href="mailto:billie.stanga@gmail.com">billie.stanga@gmail.com</a>
19	STPMG Monthly Meeting Castine Center 10 AM
22	Slidell Farmer's Market — 8 AM—noon <a href="mailto:suethem@yahoo.com">suethem@yahoo.com</a>
25	Gardengoer Deadline <a href="mailto:pessesgardengoer@gmail.com">pessesgardengoer@gmail.com</a>
26	Vegucator Class 9 AM AgCenter <a href="mailto:mamere09@gmail.com">mamere09@gmail.com</a>
28	Slidell Library Program 10:00-11:30 AM <a href="mailto:jpesses@charter.net">jpesses@charter.net</a>
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1	STPMG Board Meeting AgCenter 3:00-4:30 PM <a href="mailto:tyguidrozmg@gmail.com">tyguidrozmg@gmail.com</a>
2	Vegucator Class 9 AM AgCenter <a href="mailto:mamere09@gmail.com">mamere09@gmail.com</a>
12	Slidell Market 8 AM to noon <a href="mailto:suethem@yahoo.com">suethem@yahoo.com</a>
16	STPMG Monthly Meeting Castine Center 10 AM
19	Covington Market 8 AM—noon <a href="mailto:billie.stanga@gmail.com">billie.stanga@gmail.com</a>
22	Slidell Library Fall Herb Fest <a href="mailto:bettyrose@charter.net">bettyrose@charter.net</a>
25	Gardengoer Deadline <a href="mailto:pessesgardengoer@gmail.com">pessesgardengoer@gmail.com</a>
26	Slidell Market 8 AM to noon <a href="mailto:suethem@yahoo.com">suethem@yahoo.com</a>
26	Folsom Garden Festival 28 <a href="mailto:WAfton@agcenter.lsu.edu">WAfton@agcenter.lsu.edu</a>
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### **Notes From the Editor:**

*It pains my heart to publish photos without identifying the names of our Master Gardeners. I apologize in advance when this happens. You can help me by sending me an email identifying any master gardener unidentified in an issue. I can build a better photo gallery of all our members, and do a better job next time..*

*Keep those pictures and articles coming to the Gardengoer. We do not want to miss a thing!*

*Please send articles, comments or suggestions for our newsletter to [jpesses@charter.net](mailto:jpesses@charter.net), to help us represent you.*



*Master Gardener Photo Link:  
2014/2015 Pictures (press Ctrl and left click)  
(or cut and paste the link into your browser)*

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*We are having issues with posting some of our back issues, but we are working to solve the problems.*

*Here is the link to the LSU AgCenter site to log your hours. Keep posting those hours on a regular basis.*

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