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Spring Seminar 2015 Spring Into Gardening



Class of 2015 Spring Seminar Committee:

Front Row: Will Afton, Melanie Juul, Ann Satterlee, Karen Firmin, Hilda Bickham, Dawn Lavoie, Jan Gardner

Back: Rob Wahl, Tassie Wahl, Dana Easley, Mimi Padgett, Cathy McFarland, Carol Wilkinson, Theresa Rheams, Monica Pierce, Barry Pierce

Not pictured: Victoria Key, Kathleen Erny, Bill Boyce, Mike O'Brien, Jim Dougherty

On February 3, 2015, the Master Gardener Class of 2014 proudly hosted the Spring Seminar at the beautiful First Baptist Church in Covington. We were blessed with clear skies, and happily welcomed 244 guests to learn from Dr. Christine Coker (Associate Professor at Mississippi State University), our own County Agent Will Afton, and Mr. Horticulturist Extraordinaire, Dan Gill. Martha Gruning, Gerry Ballanco and Will Afton, our expert Panel, answered audience questions collected by Paul Andres, Wes Goostrey and Theresa Wilfert. This proved to be an audience favorite because individual questions were answered concisely and lively discussions ensued. The Class of 2014 is so grateful for these knowledgeable speakers who disseminated information with humor and grace. We could not have asked for better speakers.

Throughout the day, extraordinary work by the various Committees resulted in a smooth-flowing, truly enjoyable experience for all.

The Table Talks, headed by Karen Firmin, were informative and included topics about Composting (Joe James, Johnny Despeaux and Paul Andres), LSU Super Plants (Karen Firmin and Mona Russell), Square-Foot Gardening (Barry Pierce and Rodney Cross), Staghorn

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Fern Cultivation (Victoria Key), and Key-Hole Gardening (Dana Easley). We also helped folks learn about How to Become a Master Gardener, with Monica Pierce chairing that table with the help of Melanie Juul, Mary Jenks and Jan Pesses. Peggy Goertz and Marilyn Bingham graciously sold gloves and books.

The Food Committee, headed by Ann Satterlee and including Carol Wilkinson, Hilda Bickham, Cathy McFarland and Kathleen Erny, deserve huge kudos for presenting so many of us with tasty snacks and lunches and for keeping the serving area so neat and tidy. I think this Committee gets the Gold Medal!

Our Registration Committee was headed by Theresa Rheams, with help from Dawn Lavoie, Mimi Padgett, and Melanie Juul. Hats off to all of you, because everyone was registered and seated so that we could begin the Seminar promptly at 9.

All of us helped collect Door Prizes, but Monica Pierce spearheaded the job of coordinating, sorting and labeling them, while Monica and Melanie Juul assisted me in distributing them all. Monica and Tassie Wahl were also responsible for decorating the Hall, and we all witnessed how beautiful the decorations were. (By the way, Tassie also agreed to design and print the fliers, agenda and evaluation forms, and we appreciate her professionalism and eye for detail.)

And we cannot forget about Rob Wahl's Parking Committee, which ran smoothly with help from Harold Ryan, Jimmy DeJean and Pierre Bouchee. Well-done, guys!

Thanks to all of you Master Gardeners who mentored us, which helped immensely, and to the many volunteers who came to assist. My apologies if I over-looked acknowledging anyone. (I think Susie Andres and Julie Deus deserve special recognition because they were always available for my phone calls and attended many of our meetings!)

And to my fellow classmates, thank you: because of your hard work and dedication, you made my job simple.

Jan Gardner



Spring Seminar 2015

Spring Into Gardening *Continued*

Set Up

Mimi Padgett, Tassie Wahl, Dana Easley,
Theresa Rheams

Jan Gardner, Hilda Bickham, Carol Wilkinson



Table Talks and Merchandise

Paul Andres

Marilyn Bingham , Peggy Goertz



Barry Pierce

Dana Easley



Spring Seminar 2015 Spring Into Gardening *Continued*

Table Talks and Merchandise

Karen Firmin



Victoria Key



Registration
Dawn Lavoie, Gerri Sommers, Theresa Rheams,



Food



Cathy McFarland
Kathleen Erny
Ann Satterlee

Spring Seminar 2015

Spring Into Gardening *Continued*

Speakers

Dr. Christine Coker



Our own Will Afton, County Agent



MG Panel: Dr. Gerry Ballanco, Martha Gruning, Will Afton



Kay Hanson with Speaker Dan Gill



President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners!

If it takes a village to raise a child, then it takes a Parish to run an organization like ours. So I would like to take a moment to thank YOU! All of you who spend your time volunteering for the programs our association promotes to enhance St. Tammany Parish. As our association continues to grow each year we need everyone's participation, suggestions and ideas to keep us moving progressively forward toward our goals.

March is a very busy month as we wrap up one of the most successful Spring Seminars we've ever produced and roll up our sleeves to provide the best plant sale in the area. I believe Pete, Kay and the plant show committee have a game plan in place to "knock it out of the park." They can't do it alone! Julie tells me we still have a couple of areas with opportunities to volunteer. So if you haven't had a chance to sign up, email Julie Dues and she will find a place for you.

Again thank you for all of your hard work. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the plant sale!

Ty Guidroz



Sign up for your volunteer slot for the Plant Show NOW !

STPMG Programming



March

Gail Hinkley and Kathleen Guidry will present the e-Scrapbook

And

We will have some of our oldest hardcopy Scrapbooks available for viewing.

April

Tom Cuccia will do a hands on building bird houses



Spring Tour – Friday, March 27

Festival of Flowers “Southern Roots” Mobile, Alabama

The STMGA Spring Tour will be to The Festival of Flowers in Mobile Alabama on Friday, March 27, 2015. This is the 22nd Annual Festival. This year’s Festival features landscaped gardens, a floral design showcase, seminars, displays, café for lunch, and a host of retailers of plants and garden related items. More detailed information is available <http://www.festivalofflowers.com/>.

The bus will leave the AgCenter in Covington at 7:00 AM stopping at the Northshore Mall in Slidell at 7:30 AM to board MGs from east St. Tammany, we will be arriving in Mobile at 9:30 AM for the opening of the Festival. The bus will leave the Festival promptly at 3:00 PM returning to St. Tammany Parish.

The fee of \$35 includes transportation, your ticket to the Festival, and refreshments on the bus. Lunch will be on your own at the Garden Café located on the Festival Grounds. (If you prefer, you may pack your own lunch.) If you plan to purchase items you may wish to bring a bag in order to store your items in the baggage compartment of the bus on the way home.

MGs may sign up for the field trip at the February 25 meeting by bringing a check made payable to STMGA in the amount of \$35. Members unable to attend the February 25 meeting may mail a check made **payable to STMGA** in the amount of \$35 to Linda Rowe, 14290 Riverlake Drive, Covington, LA 70435. Please indicate if you will board the bus in Covington or Slidell.

Space is limited. Registration will remain open until the bus is filled. Following the STMGA meeting on **Wednesday, March 18**, if there are any remaining seats the trip will be open to guests at the full cost. When we held this same trip in 2011 the bus filled and there was a waiting list.

Proposed Speaker Schedule for Friday, March 27

10 AM — Benny Campbell - Attalla Florist (Attalla, AL) - “More Flowers for the Southern Soiree”

11 AM — Margot Shaw - Editor-in-Chief *flower* magazine - “A Midlife Bloom”

12 noon — H. Don Bowden FASID, AIA – Bowden Architecture - “The Outdoor Room”

1 PM — Melissa Phillips – Elizabeth’s Garden (Mobile, AL) - “Growing Orchids”

2 PM — Alice Marty – Master Gardener (Mobile, AL) - “Butterfly Gardening”

(The cost of the bus is \$1450; group tickets for the event are \$11.50 each.)

Linda Rowe



Northshore Garden Show and Plant Sale

Friday, March 20 from 8am - 4pm

Saturday, March 21 from 8am - 4pm



St Tammany Fairgrounds, Covington
Adults—\$5.00/Under 12—FREE



No Rain Outs—Free Parking —ATM onsite
50+ Exhibitor Booths—Food Concessions
LSU Experts—"Plant Doctor" Table
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PLANT SHOW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PLANT SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone who signed up to help with the Garden Show and Plant Sale at the February meeting. We have lots of areas completely covered! However, we still need help in the following areas:

FRIDAY MORNING SHIFT:

Plant holding Area
Speaker's Area
Muscle Crew
Children's Area and Children's School Activity
Raffle
Parking

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SHIFT:

Evaluations
Backyard Plants
Muscle Crew
Information Table
Children's School Activity

SATURDAY MORNING SHIFT:

Plant Holding Area
Evaluations
Muscle Crew
Children's Area
Raffle
Parking

SATURDAY AFTERNOON-

Plant Holding Area
Evaluations
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Speaker's Area
Muscle Crew
Children's Area
Raffle
Parking

We also need help with clean up on Saturday after 4:00 Pm. Remember, you get double hours for parking and clean up.

Kappy will be at the next membership meeting for you to sign up or you can e-mail either Kappy or me to let us know where you would like to volunteer. You must have a volunteer badge to enter the Plant Show for free. We will have the badges for you to pick up at the next membership meeting or at set up on Thursday before the show.

Julie Deus juliedeus6@gmail.com

Kappy Goodwin kappygoodwin@bellsouth.net



**Garden Show and Plant Sale
Backyard Plants**

Backyard Plants

Master Gardener Grown Plants 4 Sale

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

It's time to start propagating what you'd like to donate to the M.G. plant sale booth! Thanks so much for the great job you did last year, especially LABELING your plants!

Please keep in mind these parameters:

- 1) Plant must be **labeled** (common name ok/ scientific name, great!)
- 2) Plant must have a **viable root system** – we would like to up the quality of donations to ensure our “customers” have a good chance of success!
- 3) Remember – the hours you spend propagating your donations DO count toward your annual requirement.
- 4) You can bring your plants to the barn anytime from Thursday afternoon setup) until close of show on Friday.
- 5) Any questions, please feel free to call.

Happy Propagating,

Warm regards, Lisann 985-951-9855 (lisannsc@gmail.com)



Parenting Center Garden Work Day

Work Day at the Magic Wings Butterfly Garden at the Parenting Center
St. Tammany Parish Hospital

Marie Porche



GARDENGOER WORD OF THE MONTH



Myristica fragrans – the Nutmeg tree

While not a local tree, the nutmeg tree is certainly an interesting one. Nutmeg is one of those spices that people were willing to fight wars in order to control. (Sounds similar to the oil trade today, huh?) When first brought to Europe, Nutmeg was only found on the Banda Islands (North of Australia, near Indonesia) also known as the Spice Islands. The Arabs were the first to trade it to the Europeans, but they were smart enough to keep the location a secret. Eventually though control passed from the local natives (not peacefully) to the Portuguese and then the Dutch. The price skyrocketed which made it even more desirable. The French were the first to smuggle nutmeg seeds and start growing them on tropical lands they controlled. Additionally of interest, the British signed a treaty with the Dutch (in 1667) giving up the Banda Island they owned in exchange for an island in the new western world called New Amsterdam. Today we call it Manhattan. That's a good bit of history, but that's enough of that.

There are two important spices on the Nutmeg tree. Nutmeg is the hard seed within the tree's fruit and wrapped around that seed is another spice called mace. Mace is the red, stringy, leathery tissue found between the stone (the seed) and the edible pulp of the fruit. The fruit supposedly taste similar to a peach or an apricot.



Mace covering on Nutmeg seed



Nutmeg fruit

Nutmeg is a beautiful evergreen tree. They are dioecious plants which means the male and female reproductive organs are found on different plants. Each seed is either one or the other and the male trees will not produce fruit. This presents a problem if you are trying to enter the spice trade because there is no reliable way to determine the sex until the tree flowers somewhere around the ninth to the twelfth year of growth. That's a long time to wait and then find out the tree is male. This is why today producers always choose grafting to propagate the trees. Nutmeg and Mace are now used throughout the world for their warm

GARDENGOER WORD OF THE MONTH ***Continued***

aromatic flavor. Here in the U.S. we consider it mostly a culinary spice. Many other parts of the world also consider it a medicinal spice and find it helpful for gas and bloating, digestion, anxiety and to ease the pain of colds and flu. It is also used to help get a good night's sleep. When the tree finally flowers and fruits it will bare fruit two or three times a year with around 2000 fruits total per year. The tree usually lives about 75 years.

The Europeans first started using nutmeg and mace mainly to flavor beer. Later, it became so popular on so many dishes people would carry one around with them along with a little silver grater. (It probably caught on because both spices were considered mildly hallucinogenic.) Today, in addition to our pumpkin pie and eggnog, these two spices are also used in Béchamel sauce, cheese dishes, BBQ sauce, fruits and veggies and any of the greens like spinach. I have never used mace but its' properties are similar to nutmeg. I do like to use nutmeg though and this weekend I grated nutmeg over a pan of spinach, onions and sweet potatoes. If using nutmeg always buy the whole nut. The powered spice loses potency and flavor swiftly, and the micro plane easily makes quick work of the nut. Also, be very careful not to use large amounts of either spice because they can have some nasty side effects. (Unlikely, if you just season with it.)

So-o-o, next time you grate some nutmeg think about the wealth that was amassed and the blood that was shed for this one silly-looking seed. Oh, and hold on tight to the nut when grating so it doesn't drop into your simmering cooking pot. That happens to me a lot.

Kathleen Guidry



**St. Tammany Master Gardeners Membership Meeting
Castine Center at Pelican Park in Mandeville
February 25, 2015 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Ty Guidroz at 10:15 a.m. The invocation was by Nancy Munn and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda Rowe.

Attendance: 92

Program: Linda Rowe introduced our speaker, Michael Norman from Abita Grows Initiative. He gave a presentation on Abita Grows purpose which is to foster and enhance a sense of community by nurturing and promoting an affordable, healthy, locally sourced food supply through their programs.

Linda introduced our second speaker, Bri Steilberg of Kinder Haus Montessori School in Mandeville. She spoke about the garden at the school and the need for advice and speakers from the master gardeners.

The January 2015 Minutes is approved as they appeared in the February Gardengoer.

Officers' Reports:

Vice President - Linda Rowe mentioned that the information for the Spring Field Trip is in MoM. She is accepting the first 50 paid members. The bus will leave the AgCenter at 6:30 a.m. and stop in Slidell at 7 a.m. You can bring your lunch or purchase it there. Upcoming programs will be Gail Hinkley and Kathleen Guidry on the scrapbook and Tom Cuccia on building birdhouses.

Treasurer – Jimmy Dejean reported that the Treasurer's report was in MoM. Motion made by Julie Deus and second by Pam Peltier to accept the 2015 Budget as it appeared in MoM. Motion approved. Planning to have a financial audit completed by the end of March.

President – Ty mentioned that volunteers for the plant show must have a badge to get into the show. The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 3 at the AgCenter. Anyone is invited to attend. Please email Ty if you want to be on the agenda. Next month's meeting is on the third Wednesday, March 18. The deadline to register for the Advance Master Garden Program is March 31. Ty also thanked everyone for their help and support.

Committee Reports:

2015 Spring Seminar – Jan Gardener stated that the spring seminar was great and that she has an article in the March Gardengoer about it.

2015 Garden Show and Plant Sale – Pete and Kay Hansen appreciates everyone's hard work. This year's food vendor is from Slidell, Sunrise Bistro. We will not have the Community Coffee trolley this year. Julie Deus, Volunteer Coordinator is looking for volunteers for the table talks please sign up for one shift. Help is also need in the Children Area. Please email Julie if you are interested. And remember parking earns two for one hours. This year we have a new committee, the Muscle Crew headed by Wes Goostrey. They will be taking care of the bathrooms, trash, and whatever else is needed along those lines.

St. Tammany Master Gardeners Membership Meeting
Castine Center at Pelican Park in Mandeville
February 25, 2015 Minutes *Continued*

Scholarship – Pam Peltier announced that there are two scholarships this year. Applications are at the AgCenter if you know of anyone interested.

County Agent Will Afton mentioned that the Advance Master Gardener Program information is in MoM. The deadline is March 31 to register. But first, you have to take the Private Pesticide Applicator exam and pass it. Call Will to set up time to take the test. This is a two year program and you have to be a Master Gardener for a year to participate. Susie Andres will order more Pesticide Books please email her by Friday if you are interested.

Project Reports:

Julie Deus – Project Chair - Education

Habitat for Humanity – Nancy Thompson wanted Julie to announce that this Saturday, February 28; 9 a.m. there will be a meeting at the Habitat building on Hwy. 59.

Susie Andres – Project Chair - Fingers in the Dirt

Abita Library: Martha Gruning, chairman, announced that their next program will be April 29 from 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Slidell Library Herb Garden: Workday and meeting has been rescheduled for March 9.

Lacombe Butterfly Garden: Barbara Moore is planning a workday in April.

Super Plants AgCenter: Jan Gardner information in MoM.

Otis House: Ann Durel, the Otis House committee met. They are planning a program on May 2 from 10 – 12 noon, with table tops “All about Roses.” Suzanne Krieger made a motion to give the committee \$200 to help with the gardens, Barbara Moore seconded. Motion passed.

Parenting Center: Marie Porche, chairman. Pam Rowe made a motion to give the Parenting Center committee \$200 to help with the gardens, Julie Deus seconded. Motion passed.

Beau Provence Assisted Living Center: Harold Ryan spoke on the role of the master gardeners at the Center. Their plan is to replant gardens and have monthly presentations for the residents. The Center is a private group but what we do is geared to the residents. Suzanne Krieger made a motion to approve the Beau Provence Assisted Living Center as a new master gardener project, Christy Paulsell seconded. One vote against, 91 for, motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Motion was made by Julie Deus and seconded by Lyn Monteleone for the master gardeners to participate in the Madisonville Garden Show. Motion passed. Julie will chair.

Announcements:

Linda Franzo announced that the Herb Society will have a talk at the Longue Vue Gardens in New Orleans. The event is free; please email Linda for more info.

**St. Tammany Master Gardeners Membership Meeting
Castine Center at Pelican Park in Mandeville
February 25, 2015 Minutes *Continued***

Betty Cronin informed us that the master gardener Facebook page has over 1,000 views. Please email Betty pictures and she will add to the site.

Ty thanked Barbara Moore and the hospitality committee for today

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted by

Peggy Goertz, Secretary



**St. Tammany Master Gardeners Board Meeting
Causeway branch of the St. Tammany Library in Mandeville
February 2, 2015 Minutes**

President Ty Guidroz called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Attendance: Ty Guidroz, Jimmy Dejean, Linda Rowe, , Julie Deus, Susie Andres, , Art Scott, Sue Stoltz, Jan Pesses, Pam Peltier, Pete Hansen, Kay Hansen, Harold Ryan, and Peggy Goertz.

Correction to the minutes, Denise Schoen is chairman of table tops. With no further correction the minutes are approved as they appeared in the February Gardengoer.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Sue Stoltz stated that there are 161 members, 19 did not renew.

Finance –Jimmy Dejean handed out the proposed budget. He will present it to the member in MoM before the general membership meeting.

Program – Linda Rowe announced that the program for the February meeting will be Michael Norman from Abita Grows Initiative, the March program, Kathleen Guidry and Gail Hinkley will present the Master Gardener's "e" scrapbook, and in April, Tom Cuccia how to build bird-houses. The Spring Field Trip will be on March 27 to the Festival of Flowers in Mobile.

Spring Garden Show/Plant Sale – Pete and Kay Hansen working on upgrading signs, planning to have three table talks at all times, and working on having a chef demo.

Spring Seminar – Susie Andres as of today 250 registers, 275 max. Set up is this afternoon, chairs only that is why we can have so many. New class is doing a good job. Wrap up meeting scheduled for next Monday.

Newsletter (Gardengoer)/MoM – Jan Pesses, problems putting back issues of the Gardengoer to the website, LSU now has a committee to help. Art Scott, only two rejections this month.

Scholarship – Pam Peltier applications mailed out to schools. Just waiting.

Project Reports:

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

Susie announced that she touched base with all project chairs. Reminding them to send info to Art for MoM, Jim Dougherty for publicity, take pictures and send to Jan, and number of attendees to Marilyn Bingham for hours.

Beau Provence Assisted Living Center: Harold Ryan stated that there should be no problem with for profit organization because we are benefiting the residents. Harold is working with the residents' activity director now who will work with the master gardeners. The program will be funded by Beau Provence. Suggestion for a name for the project was "Beau Provence Therapeutic Gardens." Ty called for approval of the project, the board was all in favor.

St. Tammany Master Gardeners Board Meeting
Causeway branch of the St. Tammany Library in Mandeville
February 2, 2015 Minutes *Continued*

Susie mentioned that the Otis House committee and the Parenting Center are asking for approval of monies for their projects. Susie will contact both chairmen for more information and/or a plan as to where the monies are to be used.

Julie Deus – Project Chair – Education

Julie touched base with her project chairs last Friday. Covington Farmer Market is thinking about two Saturdays.

New Business:

Susie stated that there are only three master gardener mugs left and that we should order more. She will contact Rusty for more information.

Unfinished Business: None

Announcements:

Next board meeting first Tuesday in March.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.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 Dues

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

March 2015	
3	STPMG Board Meeting AgCenter 9:30 AM
4	Vegucator Class 9 AM
7	Madisonville Garden Show 9 AM—3 PM
9	Slidell Library Herb Garden Workday 9 AM and Meeting 10:15 AM
14	Slidell Market 8 AM to noon
18	STPMG Monthly Meeting Castine Center 10 AM
19	Spring Garden Show and Plant Sale set-up 8 AM until
20-21	Spring Garden Show and Plant Sale Fairgrounds Covington 8AM—4 PM
21	Covington Market 8 AM—noon
25	Vegucator Class 9 AM
25	Gardengoer Deadline
27	Spring Tour (Field Trip)
28	Slidell Farmer's Market — 8 AM—noon
31	Advanced Master Gardener enrollment deadline
April 2015	
1	Vegucator Class 9 AM
7	STPMG Board Meeting Location TBD 9:30 AM
11	Slidell Market 8 AM to noon
15	STPMG Monthly Meeting Castine Center 10 AM
18	Covington Market 8 AM—noon
25	Gardengoer Deadline
25	Slidell Farmer's Market — 8 AM—noon
29	Vegucator Class 9 AM
29	Abita Springs Library Event 4 PM—5:30 PM
MAY 2015	
2	Otis House Event 10 AM—Noon
5	STPMG Board Meeting Location TBD 9:30 AM
6	Vegucator Class 9 AM
9	Slidell Market 8 AM to noon
15	STPMG Monthly Meeting Castine Center 10 AM
16	Covington Market 8 AM—noon
23	Slidell Farmer's Market — 8 AM—noon
25	Gardengoer Deadline
27	Vegucator Class 9 AM

Notes From the Editor:

We are stretching the calendar to add more and more events. Having new and exciting events is the sign of a green and growing organization! Keep those pictures and articles coming to the Gardengoer. We do not want to miss a thing!

We are still looking for pictures of gardeners from classes prior to 2008, and gardeners transferring in (not part of one of our classes). Stop me or anyone with a camera at our meetings!

Please send articles, comments or suggestions for our newsletter to jpesses@charter.net, to help us represent you.



Master Gardener Photo Link:

2014/2015 Pictures (press Ctrl click)

https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B_pGgpE3CheTUFdDbGRGczIwR0U&usp=sharing

Past issues of the Gardengoer can be found on the LSU AgCenter, St. Tammany webpage. All issues since January 2010 are listed.. Below is a link to the issues online. http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/St.+Tammany/Features/Newsletters/Gardengoer/index.htm

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.

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

Jan Pesses

THE GARDENGOER

**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
ST. TAMMANY MASTER
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