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This Year's Wine & Roses at Burden Event a Success

Marilyn Root will always be remembered by those at the Burden Horticulture Society (BHS) as a FUN-raiser, and when she passed away on March 19, 2013, BHS, LSU, LSU AgCenter and Baton Rouge lost one of its most avid fans and supporters. That's why she was honored October 16, 2013, at the annual BHS Wine & Roses at Burden dinner and fundraiser held at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens.

Celebrated at the Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie and under an elegant white tent in the Rose Garden at Burden, the event included nearly 200 family members, friends and VIPS paying tribute to Root and her many contributions to BHS and the Botanic Gardens.

Marilyn Root, who was married to Wesley Root, was one of the first master gardeners who served the Botanic Gardens at Burden and was a co-founder with Ginnie Bolin of BHS. The Roots were supporters of the creation of The Cook Hotel and Conference Center at LSU and established the Barry Root Memorial Endowed Scholarship, a Top 100 Scholarship, in honor of their son.

Proceeds from the dinner are being used to fund the Botanic Gardens' master plan projects and educational programs. Kitty Hessburg of BHS chaired the event, and entertainment was provided by the John Gray Jazz Trio.

Those in attendance included organizers and volunteers like BHS Wine & Roses

Committee Chair Hessburg, Arrangements Chair Jeanie LeBlanc and event co-chairs Cornelia Weldon and Leslie Bardwell. Committee members: Ginnie Bolin, Mary Douglas, Judy Foil, Jack Hightower, Barbara Hughes, Barbara Laudun, Kay Martin, Penny Miller, Barbara Quirk (BHS chair), Susan Severance and Margo Spielman.



Attendees included members of the Root family (left to right): (first row) Melissa Martin, Peppy Root, Paula Root Dupuy, Lorraine Pol, (second row) Andy Martin, Bill Root, Jennifer Seeger, Paul Dupuy, Sharon Pol, Brian Root and Rene Nevils. Photo by Linda M. Medine

Reflections from the Chair

By Barbara Quirk

Change Is in the Air this Fall at the Botanic Gardens

Autumn — what a great time of the year. Change is in the air. Leaves turn to bright hues and are very pretty. They are pleasing, even restful and hopeful — falling to the ground and turning the drab earth to a colorful carpet. The LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden are vibrant with colorful fall foliage of the trees celebrating the season.

Just like the changing of the seasons we can witness it now and will see it in the future — in the not so far future — in the growth of the Botanic Gardens noted by children who are now exploring the wonders of the Burden Woods as they hike the Trees & Trails for fun and as part of the Project Learning Tree field trips. As the Perry Como “Turnaround” song goes, turn around and they have grown to host the wonders of the woods with kids of their own.

Change in nature is an ever-evolving response to the changing environment. It means growth, progress, continuity — even beauty. Without change, the trees would soon wither and die. And so it is for the Botanic Gardens. Maybe it is not always as easy as it appears in nature, but it is as inevitable. Growing pains usually accompany the growth, but they are only as painful as we make them.

The Botanic Gardens is growing along with the Burden Horticulture Society, and both are changing with the gardens as it becomes a unique destination in our community.

Goals are being met, events are increasingly successful and more people are discovering the gardens and the wonderful opportunities available to the community to enjoy nature in urban environs. All of us associated with the Botanic Gardens, in whatever capacity, share the common goal of helping it reach its full potential as a destination for generations.

As we continue this journey, we invite you to join in supporting the evolution of the Botanic Gardens. This can be as fun and productive as we choose to make it. Every task is made lighter when we join hands. I always choose fun and light work. Join me, won't you? The rewards are great.



Barbara Quirk



Ron Dunham

BHS Welcomes Ron Dunham to the Board

Ron Dunham, a senior environmental coordinator for 32 years at ExxonMobil, is the newest member to join the Burden Horticulture Society Board. The Southeastern Louisiana University alumnus loves to dig in the dirt professionally, with a bachelor of science degree in Animal Science (minor in Plant Science) and a master's in Biology, and as an active gardener at home with his wife, Terri. They have two sons, Ryan and Brett.

When not working or volunteering for environmental programs, Dunham has a sharp eye for targets and game as a sharpshooter and hunter. He's also a spokes-man who

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Wine & Roses: Thanks to Volunteers and Sponsors

The LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden and the Burden Horticulture Society wish to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers for giving generously of time, support and funding in making Wine & Roses a success.

At the October 16, 2013, event held in the Rose Garden in honor of Marilyn Root, generous support was provided by these sponsors and donors: Charles E. Schwing, East Baton Rouge Parish Master Gardeners, Len and Lynn

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Photos Courtesy Linda M. Medine



Supporters (left to right) Chef Bergeron and Pat Alford of Benny's B-Q Stores

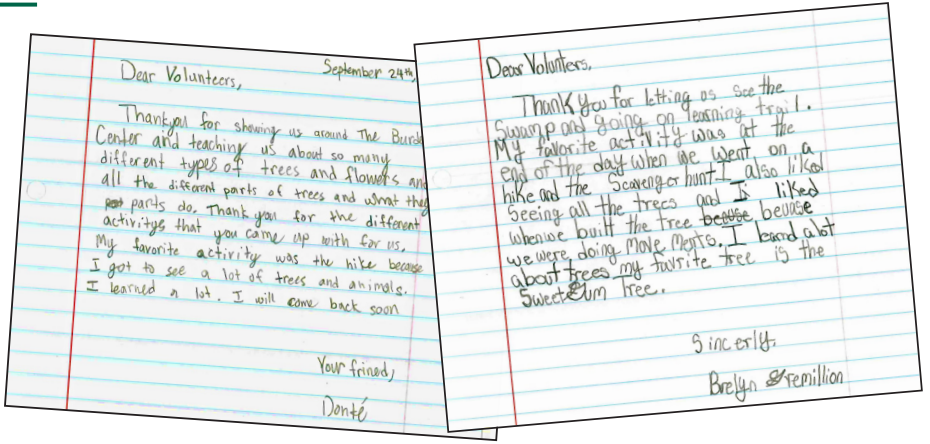


Friends in attendance included (left to right) Ira Babin, Sue Turner and Judy Foil (immediate past chair of BHS).



Tending bar (left to right): Billy Weldon, Jack Hightower, Bobby McCall, Frank Foil and Stan Bardwell

Thousands of children each year learn about nature and environmentalism through hands-on activities and school field trips along the Botanic Gardens' Trees & Trails. Project Learning Tree is a central part of the program, and many students write "thank you" letters after their learning experiences in Burden Woods (to sign up for a school field trip, email sgordon@agcenter.lsu.edu or call (225) 763-3990). Here are two examples of children's letters.



Pave the way for a future of learning Donate a brick Botanic Gardens Pavilion at Burden

Don't miss this limited time opportunity to build the Botanic Gardens Pavilion at Burden.

Your brick donation will help:

- Educate current and future generations about Louisiana's ecosystem and preservation of urban forests.
- Instill an appreciation for nature and conservation of natural resources.
- Promote active, healthy lifestyles and interactive learning opportunities.
- Develop environmentally conscious leaders.



To donate a brick, please visit: LSUAgCenter.com/Burden

Your brick will be engraved with a personalized inscription.

4-inch x 8-inch brick	8-inch x 8-inch brick
2 lines - 28 characters/spaces	4 lines - 56 characters/spaces
\$100	\$250

Red, Red Everywhere

Even volunteers like “Santa Claus” (Ric Bassett) need poinsettias. He and the littler helpers for the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens were quite busy just before Christmas with the annual Poinsettia Sale in the Burden greenhouse. The room was a sea of red – and white, off-white and pink – as people turned out for the sale to decorate their homes and offices.

Every year, research associate Wanda Ellis conducts a trial of poinsettias for the horticulture industry to gauge the public’s interest in new varieties of the traditional holiday plant. Multiple varieties are grown and then put on display side by side for the public to evaluate. Surveys are distributed to those who attend the annual sale and ask for ratings from most to least favorable impressions and are then collated and provided to growers to help determine marketability of the varieties. The sale of the plants funds both the research and the many educational programs offered by the Botanic Gardens at Burden.



Volunteer Ric Bassett at the Poinsettia Sale and Show



Gigi Gauthier, development director, with the Corn Maze sponsorship sign – Thank you to all our sponsors for their support! Special thanks to Britton & Koontz Bank for loaning us the use of the bank’s popcorn machine.

Meet Sonya Gordon: Publicity and Events Coordinator

When Sonya T. Gordon was growing up on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, she spent all her time running and playing barefoot in the woods and along the banks of rivers and creeks. So coming to the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden feels like coming home to her.

As the new public relations and events coordinator for the site, Gordon served five years previously as the Public Information Officer for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. Her responsibilities there, much as at the Botanic Gardens, included: press releases, media relations, public affairs counseling, branding, marketing and strategic planning, copywriting and editing, graphics design, photography and photo editing, social media and website updates, public service announcements, special events, community projects, newsletters, special publications, advertising and more.

A former communications professional for school districts and community colleges in Nevada and North Carolina, as well as for corporations and ad agencies, Gordon holds national Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) certification from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), of which she is a member. Originally employed as a print and radio journalist and community



Sonya T. Gordon, APR

college Journalism instructor, she also has worked in communications and marketing in six states. She has been designated a Senior Public Relations Practitioner by the Southern Public Relations Foundation and served on the boards of the Public Relations Association of Louisiana (State PRAL Chapter -- Vice President; Baton Rouge PRAL Chapter -- Secretary and Chair of the Newsletter and Publicity Committee).

Gordon also has been recognized individually and/or as a member of a team for her communications work by PRSA, SPRF, the National School Public Relations Association (Gold Medallion, Gold Achievement awards), the American Marketing Association and several journalism organizations. In 2012, she won the Baton Rouge Women in Media's Public Relations Excellence Award. In her spare time, she is a member of the Junior League of Baton Rouge, First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge and the Baton Rouge Zoo Advisory Committee.

A native of Gautier, Miss., Gordon earned a degree in Journalism from the University of Southern Mississippi. She and her husband, WRKF-FM 89.3 President David Gordon, have a daughter Tessa enrolled in Westdale Heights Academic Magnet School. Gordon can be reached at sgordon@agcenter.lsu.edu or (225) 763-3990.

Eye Spy



Do you recognize this "red bloom" from the LSU AgCenter's Botanic Gardens? It appears every December in the entry garden. What is it?
(The answer is on page 9 of the newsletter.)

How to Support Burden Horticulture Society

Send a **check made payable to LSU Foundation/BHS** to Burden Horticulture Society, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, La. 70809

Charge your Visa Mastercard AmEx Discover

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Donate online at www.lsufoundation.org/contribute and follow the directions:

- Click the "Give Now" button
- Select "LSU AgCenter" to access the form
- Choose "Designations" to select the desired fund name
- Complete the form

Brush With Burden Paints Picture of Local Art

Don't miss out on viewing the most exciting depictions of Louisiana nature by local and out-of-state artists during the Burden Horticulture Society's Brush With Burden Art Show. The art exhibit, including winners of its contest, will be held March 22-30 (10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays, at the Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie at LSU AgCenter's Botanic Gardens at Burden, 4560 Essen Lane. A formal reception for the annual show is scheduled 3-6 p.m. March 22 at the Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie. Original work by more than 100 artists will be featured in the exhibit.

Sponsored by the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden and the Burden Horticulture Society, there will be awards and ribbons for winning art based on the nature and culture of Louisiana. This year, photography has a separate exhibit and its own prizes and jurors: C. C. Lockwood, an internationally known environmental photographer; David Humphreys, a commercial, food and fashion expert with work appearing in national magazines; and Beverly Coates, a fine arts photographer. Photos will be on display in the Conference Center. There are 90 photo entries alone.

More room also will be made this year for the artwork on display in the Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie with an expanded three-dimensional art section. Billy Solitario, an artist and art teacher from New Orleans, is the juror. There are 165 entries in this category.

All the art and photos exhibited will be on sale to the public. A percentage of sale proceeds will benefit BHS and support its mission to raise awareness for the Botanic Gardens. The ribbon winners of art and photos will be on display later for a month at the Shaw Center and others hung at the Beauregard Gallery for a month. A raffle for various prizes will be held at the Burden event, too.

In addition, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 22, Solitario will present a lecture and demonstration at the Ione Burden Conference Center on creating artistic land-

scapes and will demonstrate his unique approach to clouds and skylines. The registration is \$20 if received before March 20 and \$25 at the door (mail in advance to Margaret Blades, 6125 Wildflower Road, Baton Rouge, La. 70817 with checks made out to the Burden Horticulture Society, check memo "Solitario Workshop").

Come celebrate Louisiana's talented artists as a sponsor of the fourth annual Brush with Burden art exhibition. A juried multi-media exhibition, Brush with Burden features all types of art inspired by Louisiana's natural beauty, flora and fauna. For more information, call (225) 763-3990 or log on to www.discoverburden.com.



Last year's Judge's Choice artwork by Paulo Dufour

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enjoys cycling whenever possible.

A Boy Scout leader for 20 years (both sons are Eagle Scouts), Dunham also has served as ExxonMobil's Wildlife Habitat coordinator for available Baton Rouge area properties. His efforts have been recognized by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, as well as by the

Keep Louisiana Beautiful campaign, in which his focus in 2014 is on local Monarch butterfly habitats.

"My interest in the Burden Horticulture Society is two-fold," Dunham said. "I want to help publicize and promote habitat restoration, and I'm excited about developing and enhancing youth programs and opportunities for student learning at the Botanic Gardens."

Add a New Experience to Your 'Family Tree': Arbor Day Celebration Set for January 18 at Burden

Join Smokey Bear at the fourth annual Arbor Day at Burden celebration, which is scheduled 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2014, in honor of Arbor Day in Baton Rouge. Arbor Day at Burden is presented by the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the Burden Horticulture Society, which welcomes participants of all ages to this family friendly event held at the Botanic Gardens.

"Visitors are invited to plant a tree in the Burden woods and participate in a 5-K Fun Hike and scavenger hunt through the Trees & Trails system," said Dr. Jeff Kuehny, director of the Botanic Gardens.

"Family members participating in the tree planting will be given a card with the tree name and GPS coordinates so they can monitor the growth of trees they plant," he said.

In addition to planting a tree in the Burden woods, each family will receive a tree seedling to plant at home. The seedlings are being provided by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

A new attraction this year will be lumberjack demonstrations in the Barton Arboretum at Burden. In addition, students from the LSU School of Renewable and Natural Resources will demonstrate their expertise at archery, tree climbing, "toe chop" ax styles and more. To add to the excitement, children will be able to do "tree climbing" with Arborist Glen Wilson. Refreshments also will be on sale.

Attendees can warm up at one of two bonfires, and hayrides will run from the bonfire at the Arboretum to the bonfire at the Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie for those who are not up to hiking the Black Swamp

Trail, the trail segment leading to the Barton Arboretum.

Children also will have the opportunity to make decorations that wildlife can eat and learn more about trees and leaves with a leaf stamp activity during StoryTime book reading beginning at 9 a.m. at the Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie. There will be readings and activities every 30 minutes with the last reading begin-

ning at 10:30 a.m. and the StoryTime program ending at 11 a.m.

Admission is \$5 for individuals, except for those age 3 and under who are admitted free. The proceeds will be used to support the Trees & Trails program for children conducted by the Burden Horticulture Society. For more information, visit www.lsuagcenter.com/botanicgardens or call (225) 763-3990.



Add a New Experience to Your 'Family Tree'

Celebrate Arbor Day and learn more about trees and their uses at this family-friendly event during the LSU AgCenter's Arbor Day celebration at Burden.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens

Just \$5 per person. Free for children age 3 and under.
Refreshments available for sale

- Family Tree Plantings
- A Scavenger Hunt in the Burden Woods
- StoryTime in the Orangerie
- Lumber Jack Demonstrations
- Children's Tree Climbing
- A Visit by Smokey Bear
- A Bonfire
- Hayrides
- And Much, Much More

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New Training, Sign-Up System for Gardens Volunteers

New to LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens is the online volunteer program (VicNet) that allows individuals to schedule themselves for activities and events and to report their volunteer efforts. Scheduling and reporting online will simplify volunteer management and provide necessary documentation for grant writing and capital campaign efforts.

VicNet requires no typing because entries are made using pull-down menus online. All that is required is an email address and a computer. There is a dedicated computer in the Volunteer Office for volunteer use and registration. Please plan to attend one of the scheduled orientation meetings to learn more about VicNet by contacting Bob Souvestre at bsouvestre@agcenter.lsu.edu or (225) 763-3990.



Baton Rouge Master Gardener David Lorfing did volunteer work in the Rose Garden in the fall of 2013.



EYE SPY ANSWER: This "bloom" is really the red nose of the annual *Christmas coccinella* on a wooden reindeer, which is part of the annual Christmas decorations at the entrance of the Botanic Gardens.



Gourmet in the Gardens Dining, Music Among the Blooms

If you enjoy the scent of fragrant flowers while enjoying an outdoor fine dining experience unique to the Red Stick area, you'll love Gourmet in the Gardens: A Progressive Dinner in the Gardens. This gourmand's delight will be held 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, throughout the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden.

Featuring local chefs preparing gastronomic delights at three locations in the Botanic Gardens, the event benefits the gardens' educational outreach and related programs as well as the Louisiana Culinary Institute. Tickets

are just \$60 per person and include local beverages and live music. Hors d'oeuvres will be served in the Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie Garden with entrees in the Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie and dessert and dancing in the soon-to-be-completed Pavilion.

Come enjoy local food by local restaurants and their chefs created with local vegetables, meats, herbs and more. For more information, log on to www.lsuagcenter/botanicgardens or call (225) 763-3990.



Some Like It Hot: Cocktails in the Gardens this Summer

The Cocktails in the Gardens is scheduled Friday evening, July 25, at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden with an early VIP entry to the Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie's open bar. The cost is \$50 per VIP, and general admission a little later is \$40 per person. Local mixologists will shake up exotic and traditional cocktails for tastings. In addition, you can enjoy tastes of Louisiana from local restaurant's various menu samplings.

This year's theme is "Some Like It Hot", playing off the glamorous Hollywood stars and films of the Golden Age at sites throughout the gardens with "star" appearances and paparazzi on a red carpet under searchlights.

For more information, email sgordon@agcenter.lsu.edu, visit www.lsuagcenter/botanicgardens or call (225) 763-3990. The event benefits the gardens and its educational programs.

Volunteers Wanted

Want to join a great group? We'd love to hear from you. Mail the below form to 4560 Essen Lane (70809) or use the entry form on the 'Join Us' page of BHS website (www.BurdenHorticultureSociety.com) or call or email our volunteer coordinator, Simone Kramer (225-235-8896, SKramer@agcenter.lsu.edu), or our cooperative extension agent, Bob Souvestre (225-763-3990, bsouvestre@agcenter.lsu.edu).

Volunteers Opportunities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reflections in the Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Database | Trees and Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wine & Roses Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance and Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Docents |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Your name and phone number:

Weyerhaeuser Makes Generous Donation for Trees & Trails Educational Pavilion

The Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund has presented the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden with a generous gift: a \$20,000 donation towards construction of the Botanic Gardens' Trees & Trails Educational Pavilion.

This kind gift is part of Weyerhaeuser's ongoing mission to support education and community outreach as good stewards of nature and business. "The Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund's investment and partnership in this project will enable us to expand the capacity of the Trees & Trails Project Learning Tree program and educate a broader base of future generations about the importance of environmental stewardship and forestry," said Dr. Jeff Kuehny, director of the Botanic Gardens.

"Currently, we have limited space for our education program, but the new facility will help remedy that with a capacity for up to 120 people. The pavilion will feature a standing seam metal roof trimmed with beaded board decking, scissor trusses, ceiling fans, Old New Orleans brick columns and an open-hearth brick fireplace for cooking demonstrations and an expansion on lessons in nutrition."

A groundbreaking was held for the pavilion's construction on April 25, 2013, at the building site, which abuts the Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie and work should be completed this winter. The 1,872-square-foot open-air facility and classroom space is conveniently located at the

trailhead of the 5-mile Trees and Trails hiking network in Burden Woods.

The nationally-acclaimed Project Learning Tree program provides students a fun learning experience in an environmental context. Lesson plans correlate to national and state standards in science, social studies, language arts, math and other subjects. Lessons emphasize strengthening critical thinking, team building and problem solving skills – often with students from urban areas who might never be exposed to such a natural learning environment without the program.

According to Dr. Kuehny, last year, more than 1,400 children from 17 schools participated in the program. "Topics range from forests, wildlife and water to community planning, waste management and energy," he said. "The pavilion will re-emphasize our lessons with a system to harvest rainwater from the roof and feed the wetlands area of the new trailhead – another example of responsible, environmental stewardship. Also, a new restroom facility will be a model for sustainable building practices and include green features, such as solar-powered lighting, low-water-use toilets and a rainwater collection system that will feed a cistern."



Weyerhaeuser

Dow, Botanic Gardens Create Partnership ‘Chemistry’ Thanks to Generous Grant for Trees & Trails Program

Hands-on learning is crucial to urban students learning about environmental issues in the classroom, especially since they have little exposure to natural resources on a daily basis in their lives. That’s why the recently awarded funds from the Dow Gives Louisiana Community Grant Program is so appreciated by the Botanic Gardens.

The \$10,000 grant is from The Dow Chemical Company and its annual competitive grant program designed to support projects which impact Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) national curriculum, economic development or sustainability. The grant will enable the Botanic Gardens to construct a Children’s Garden outdoor classroom space to serve as a teaching shelter and sound barrier. It’s part of the Trees & Trails’ Project Learning Tree Program.

The new teaching shelter will offer classroom capacity and shade not currently available to Children’s Garden visitors. Wooden tables and benches will be built specifically for activities and small group exercises. A small storage area will provide space for gardening tools, children’s watering cans and educational supplies.

The Children’s Garden has two main purposes: first, to show teachers, individuals and parents how to raise plants and how to build raised beds; and second, to show teachers how to incorporate a garden into their curriculum so the children not only learn gardening but also math, science, social studies and other topics.

The Children’s Garden offers a two-part learning process for students. Teachers may start the garden part of their lesson at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden by measuring the plants or looking for butterflies. Then, they may use the proposed teaching shelter or return to their school classrooms to finish their lessons. Math

and science skills can be strengthened by measuring distance between plants, length, area, volume of garden beds and percent germination of plants. Geography skills can be honed by focusing on vegetables’ countries of origin and having students locate those areas on world maps.

Fourth-grade teachers also can explore the model school garden with students thanks to a set of 20 backpacks that include materials needed to complete three hour-long, hands-on activities in the garden. Students can borrow the backpacks to complete activities focused on butterfly life cycles, world geography and math.

Also, the Botanic Gardens has a new K-2nd grade educational program that utilizes the Children’s Garden. Launched as a pilot program in the fall of 2013, the pre-planned grades K-2 programs included three activities, a lunch break and a shorter hike than that used for the fuller programs generally scheduled for grades 3-7. Teachers can choose either cafeteria-style of selecting specific activities or a pre-planned packaged educational program from Project Learning Tree now for grades K-7 this spring.



Planting with Bob: Winter Honeysuckle

By Bob Souvestre, LSU AgCenter Extension Agent

Winter honeysuckle (*Lonicera fragrantissima*) is a wonderful evergreen addition to landscapes. It is a problem-free plant that produces small, white flowers during February. The flowers provide a fresh lemon scent that fills the cold wintery air at a time when little else is flowering.

Woody stems arise from the ground growing 6 to 8 feet tall. The overall plant spreads as wide as it grows tall as it develops its arching growth habit.

Birds love to build nests in its densely branched canopy.

Planters can propagate the plant by digging rooted suckers from the base of the plant or where a branch touches the soil and produces roots. It roots readily from softwood cuttings.

To do this, first the planter needs to cut stems placed in water and brought indoors, which will fill the room with the intoxicating lemon fragrance as flower buds begin to expand and open.



Winter Honeysuckle



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Upcoming Events at Burden Museum & Gardens

January 6, noon-1p.m. Reflections in the Garden: Right Tree, Right Place: Effects of Tree Placement; Scott Courtright . Ione Burden Conference Center
 January 18, 9-11 a.m. StoryTime at Burden, Every 30 minutes Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie
 January 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Arbor Day at Burden (*see page 8*) Burden Woods, Trees & Trails, Arboretum, Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie
 February 3, noon-1 p.m. Reflections in the Garden: Ikebana: History and Demonstration; Judy Nelson and Diane Saye . . . Ione Burden Conference Center
 February 8, 9-11 a.m. StoryTime at Burden, every 30 minutes Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie
 February 15, 2-4 p.m. Tea and Fashion Show LSU Rural Life Museum
 March 3, noon-1 p.m. Reflections in the Garden: New Super Plants for 2014; Daniel Wells Ione Burden Conference Center
 March 8, All Day Ione E. Burden Symposium LSU Rural Life Museum
 March 15, 9-11 a.m. StoryTime at Burden, every 30 minutes Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie
 March 22-29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. . Brush With Burden Art Show: Exhibit Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie
 March 22, 9 a.m.-noon . . Brush With Burden Art show: Workshop, 3-6 p.m.: Opening Reception. Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie
 March 30, 1-4 p.m. Brush With Burden Art Show: Exhibit Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie
 March 29, 3:30-6 p.m. Zapp's International Beerfest LSU Rural Life Museum
 April 7, noon-1 p.m. Reflections in the Garden: Bocage Bee – All about Honey, Milou Barry & Elizabeth Holloway . . Ione Burden Conference Center
 April 12 Art League Show LSU Rural Life Museum
 April 12, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. EBR Master Gardeners Plant Sale LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens
 April 12, 9-11 a.m. StoryTime at Burden, every 30 minutes Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie
 April 13, 1-4 p.m. EBR Master Gardeners Plant Sale LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens
 April 25, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Gourmet in the Gardens: A Progressive Dinner in the Gardens (*see page 9*) LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens
 May 3, 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Photography Workshop focusing on plant photography Ione Burden Conference Center

What's Happening with our Friends

Baton Rouge Camellia Society

February 8-9 Baton Rouge Camellia Society Show, 1-5 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. LSU Rural Life Museum

Baton Rouge Green

January 16, Noon Arbor Day Luncheon LSU Lod Cook Alumni Center

Baton Rouge Herb Society

January 23, 7 p.m. Society Meeting, Herbs for Health and Wellness by Dr Frank Greenway Ione Burden Conference Center

February 27, 7 p.m. Society Meeting, Olive Oil by Red Stick Spice Ione Burden Conference Center

March 27, 7 p.m. Society Meeting, All About Burden by Dr. Jeff Kuehny Ione Burden Conference Center

EBR Master Gardeners Association

January 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Basic Gardening Series, Micro Irrigation & Color in Spring Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

January 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Basic Gardening Series, Backyard Fruit & Landscaping for Birds/Critters Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

January 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Basic Gardening Series, Managing those Pesky Weeds & Garden Pests Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

LSU Hilltop Arboretum

January 25, 8:30 a.m. Annual Symposium: Magnolias, Azaleas, Sou. Native Plants: Bartram's Trail of Discovery. LSU Design Auditorium

Feb. 13, 20, 27, 9 a.m.-noon Garden Design Secrets, Ideas, Inspiration Program. LSU Hilltop Arboretum

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