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Pat Newman, and
Mrs. Luther Gill
(Left, L to R)



Ag Commissioner
Mike Strain and
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(Bottom left, L to R)



Vivian and Larry Brasseaux,
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Roxanne and Albert Durio
and Rob Barry, (Right, L to R)

LNLFSR Holds Second Annual Fund Raising Gala

The second annual fund raising gala for the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Foundation for Scholarship and Research was held June 16th at the Bayless Conference Center at Rip Van Winkle Gardens in Jefferson Island. We had another great evening of socializing and visiting with our green industry friends and colleagues. Thanks to Dr. Mike Strain, Commissioner of the LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and Dr. Neil Odenwald, Professor and Former Head of the LSU School of Landscape Architecture, for the great presentations. Thanks is extended to all sponsors, supporters and contributions. Another \$28,000-30,000 was raised for the foundation. We are off to a great start!

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THANK YOU'S



August 18, 2011

Dear Mr. Doughty,

On behalf of the LSU AgCenter and Burden Horticulture Society (BHS), I want to thank you and the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association for helping sponsor "An Evening of Wine and Roses". Through your generous \$250.00 sponsorship, you are contributing greatly to the success of one event and helping BHS raise awareness of beautiful Burden Center.

Thank you for helping us preserve and enhance this magnificent green space that makes our community such a nice place to live and work.

With appreciation,
Gigi, Gaithier

A Word from our President

As the summer heat seems to get longer and hotter, I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer. Now is the time we try to get recharged for the fall and again begin the anticipation for spring (which feels like it will never get here). The business models we used to follow appear to be rewritten annually now and business is getting even more challenging to nail down and figure out, but we keep grinding.

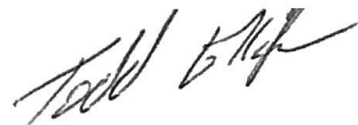
The 2nd LNLSFR Gala was held in May at Rip Van Winkle Gardens in Jefferson Island. I would like to thank Mike Richard for his graciousness in hosting the event. We had a wonderful evening and once again were able to generate a profit over \$34,000.00. The special guests were Commissioner Mike Strain, along with a very informative presentation given by Dr. Neil Odenwald. This evening could not have been as wonderful without the leadership of Allen Owings, Severn Doughty, and the LNLSFR gala committee. Thank you all.

We had an unexpected change to the membership drive in New Orleans and it has been rescheduled for this fall. We have also begun to plan a membership drive in Baton Rouge, as well, for this fall. We will keep you updated on an exact time and location for these events as we solidify them. Please continue to educate non-members of the benefits that being a member of LNLA presents.

Also, be looking for continued improvement on our website, www.lnla.org. You may see the "under construction" notice on the front page. We are making changes that will make it a more valuable tool for our members. One of which will make it a friendlier site to visit, as well as, new features that will make the website an asset for our association. Upon its completion, please give the board your feedback or any recommendations you may have.

Thank you! And, as always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the board. We are here to serve you.

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REGIONAL REPORT FROM GREEN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

► NOWLNLA UPDATE:

A meeting of the Northwest Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association was held on September 1, 2011 at Keeling Company in Shreveport, LA. The meeting began at 6:30 P.M. and those in attendance were: John Harris, Crystal Pirtle, Donna Paterson, Pam Simons, Rick McAnn, Gary Knippers, Iris Renee Young, John Caniglia, John and Mary Cash, Aaron Cash, Kevin Marsh, Christian Someno, Jon Shows, Jeff Shows, Bernard Rivera, George Peters, Tim White, Rosemary Dewett, Vicki and Homer Thomas, Dr. Ron Sheffield, Dr. Joe White, Connie Shepherd, Jackson Davis, Jerome Lewis and Severn C. Doughty, Sr. In all there were 30 people in attendance.

Mary and John Cash, owners of ArkLaTex Water Gardens, prepared some fabulous Mexican food made from scratch—pinto beans, beef and chicken enchiladas, Mexican rice, chips, salad, guacamole, ice cream and cake. A big thank you to Donnie Ward who allowed us to meet at Keeling Company for the evening.

Our education program was presented by Dr. Ron Strahan, weed scientist with the LSU AgCenter titled, 'Weeds Plaguing Land-

scape Beds This Time of Year'. Ron brought live weeds in containers, discussed each one and provided best management practices for controlling them. There were lots of questions and everyone really enjoyed his presentation.

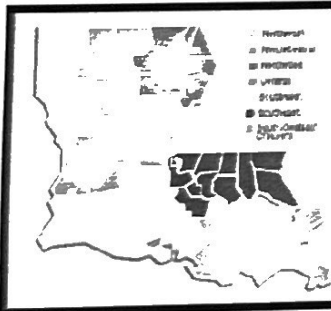


The last meeting for the year will be held at the American Rose Center, 8877 Jefferson Paige Rd., Shreveport, LA on November 17, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. Hosting the supper will be Mike Hoogland and Debby Morris of Hoogland's Landscape, LLC.

► SELNA UPDATE:

The 9th annual SELNA Trade Show was held Friday, September 9, 2011, in Folsom, La., and was successful with about 175 people attending. Speaker sessions were well attended, and landscap-

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DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS: PART II - AGAVE HIGHLIGHT

Even though some portions of Louisiana have received some rain, using drought tolerant plants will be important in the future. I have been studying agaves, yuccas, nolinias and other xerophytic plants for about 12 years in anticipation of hotter, drier weather in northwest Louisiana. Back in 2006 I attended the Texas Nursery & Landscape Expo in San Antonio, TX. While there, I visited the Mountain States Nursery booth and picked up a beautiful plant, the *Agave ovatifolia* whale's tongue agave. It is a recently described species and prized for its stunning, silver blue foliage color and perfect symmetry. It is a native to Mexico at elevations ranging from 3,700 to 7,000 feet and it is non-suckering. Mine is close to maturity, standing 3 feet tall by 5 feet wide. Since it won't provide pups, once it flowers and sets seeds the plant will die. Propagation is primarily by seeds but, according to David Scott owner of Joss Growers Wholesale Growers, it will provide plantlets (bulbils) on the flower scape. Be sure to provide well drained soils or create raised sandy beds or dig French drains under the root system. I have not experienced any cold damage to this plant as temperatures last year and the year before were in the mid to lower teens.



'Whale's Tongue Agave' *Agave ovatifolia* (pictured above)

Article submitted by Severn C. Doughty, Sr.

LNLA Extends a warm WELCOME to the following NEW Members...

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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY



Hello to all my good Friends,

I just arrived home from the Texas Nursery and Landscape Expo and IT WAS HOT IN DALLAS!! The show was as nice as ever but the traffic seemed slow. Most of the exhibitors I spoke with said they too felt it was slow. Friday seemed to be the busiest day followed by a burst of traffic between 11:00 A.M. till around 2:00 P.M. on Saturday. Sunday was completely dead.

After reviewing my records of the Texas Nursery and Landscape Expo for the past few years, I realized I gave some folks some wrong information and I apologize for that. So, let me set the record straight. In 2009 the Texas Expo was held in Dallas, TX. There were a total of 622 exhibitors listed in the show catalogue. Louisiana had 27 in-state member businesses exhibiting, 13 out-of-state members exhibiting for a total of 40 LNLA members exhibiting and 8 Louisiana non-LNLA member businesses exhibiting.

In 2010 the Texas Expo was held in San Antonio, TX and there were a total of 589 exhibitors listed in the show catalogue. Louisiana had 20 in-state LNLA member businesses exhibiting, 8 out-of-state LNLA members exhibiting for a total of 28 LNLA member businesses exhibiting and 7 Louisiana non-LNLA member businesses exhibiting. This year the show was held back in Dallas, TX and there were a total of 592 exhibitors listed in the show catalogue. Louisiana had 25 in-state LNLA member businesses exhibiting plus 10 out-of-state members for a total of 35 LNLA member businesses exhibiting. There were 6 Louisiana non-LNLA member businesses exhibiting. (picture page 10)

Since we're on the subject of statistics, our membership numbers are holding up very well thanks to all of you! By comparison in 2009, according to my records, we had a total membership of 448 members – 104 growers, 52 retailers, 136 landscapers, 31 Associate members (\$100.00) 24 Affiliate Members (\$25.00), 53 government/educators (\$15.00), 16 student (free) 2 interiorscapers, 4 sod producers, 23 honorary members (free) and 3 foresters/arborist.

In 2010 we had a total of 415 members – 99 growers, 44 retailers, 108 landscapers, 29 Associates, 23 Affiliates, 37 gov/ed, 33 students, 2 sod producers one arborist, 21 honorary and 16 landscape architects.

This year at the end of August we had 434 total members – 94 growers, 41 retailers, 98 landscapers, 25 Associates, 18 Affiliates, 48 gov/ed, 63 students, 2 sod producers, 7 foresters/arborists, 21 honorary, and 17 landscape architects. So far, as a result of the Texas Expo, I've received 3 additional memberships and promises from about 10 more who will send in their membership dues. We'll see.

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NATIVE PLANT SUPPLY

To design with native plants requires a green industry that understands the importance of native plants to naturalistic landscape design. The nursery industry must offer a range of species and produce them in appropriate sizes, in large enough quantities, to satisfy market demand by landscape architects, landscape horticulturists, and home gardeners.

Louisiana Growers operated by Rick Webb near Amite, Louisiana is one such nursery. This small family owned business located in a longleaf pine grove near Amite, Louisiana, supplies the needs of landscape architects who follow sustainable design principles. Webb grows a range of native plants that can be used to reestablish native landscapes or complement contemporary designs.

In addition, Rick is very knowledgeable of the working of ecology and the full range of native plant species that are adaptable to Louisiana landscape design.

Among his offerings are native maples, magnolias, sugarberry, red cedar, black gum, oaks, cypress, winged elm and pine. Of these, the swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*), southern sugar maple (*Acer barbatum*) and bigleaf magnolia (*Magnolia macrophylla*) and longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*) ought to be noted.

Acer barbatum, whose native range is the Florida parishes and hilly country in Northwest Louisiana, is soon to be listed as a **Louisiana Super Plant**. This is the Louisiana Horticulture marketing program designed by the LSU AgCenter to promote "tough and beautiful plants that perform well in Louisiana landscapes." Webb has been teaching about the use of this native tree in Louisiana landscapes for many years.

Of the smaller understory trees several good species are provided at Louisiana Growers that will naturalize effectively in Louisiana gardens. These include such notable plants as fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*), hawthorn (*Crataegus* sp), persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*), Pink Buckwheat Tree (*Cliftonia monophylla* 'Chipola Pink) and several species of native holly (*Ilex* sp). Of this group, *Ilex vomitoria* 'Anna's Choice' are exceptional plants.

But, perhaps of most interest to native garden designers, are the

flowering and fruiting shrubs such as leucothoe (*Agarista populifolia*), winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*), beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*), and several *Viburnum* species including Walter's smooth withe-rod and possumhaw.

They also include such wonderful colonizing plants as the paw-paw (*Asimina triloba*), summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*), star-bush (*Illicium floridanum*), titi (*Cyrilla racemiflora*), witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), sweetspire (*Itea virginica*), winged sumac (*Rhus glabra*), arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*) and fetterbush (*Lyonia lucida*). Colonizing plants are highly sought by those producing naturalistic designs. *Clethra*, *Cyrilla*, *Itea* and *Rhus* can be stars of any native plant garden in which fall color is wanted in the South.

STORMWATER PLANT PRODUCTION

In addition, Louisiana Growers have moved into the testing and production of a new market crop. They are making available an assortment of wetland and pond marginal plants that can be used in the design of on-site storm water management systems. Common natives being grown include *Canna flaccideia*, *Carex joorii*, *Crinum americanum*, *Helianthus angustifolia*, *Juncus effusus*, *Pontederia cordata* and *Sagittaria lancifolia*, *Saururus cernuus* and several native *Iris*.

Having these freshwater wetland plants available within the state is an asset to horticulture. They will help landscape architects and engineers meet storm water requirements in Baton Rouge and St. Tammany Parish where new EPA rules are in effect.

It is wonderful to have a nursery in the state that specializes in native plants and works hard to educate others on new trends in plant production.

Native plants bring such charming effects to a naturalistic garden. Each season of the year there is color, texture and form to be enjoyed. Wild flowers, fruiting bodies, fall color and winter plant architecture delights any visitor to a garden designed with native plants.

Should readers like to contact Abbey, get in touch at lsugreenlaws@aol.com. You may call at the Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture at 225.578.1434.

Federal Court Rules New H-2B Wage Rule, Effective October 1, 2011

Proposed rule seeks to enhance access to jobs, benefits and protections for us workers

On June 15, 2011, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania issued a ruling that invalidated the January 1, 2012, effective date of the Wage Rule and ordered the Department of Labor (DOL) to announce a new effective date for the rule within 45 days from June 15. The basis for the court's ruling was twofold: (1) that the almost one-year delay in the effective date was not a "logical out-growth" of the proposed rule, and therefore was in violation; and (2) that the DOL was wrong in considering hardship to employers when deciding to delay the effective date.

The DOL proposes that the Wage Rule take effect 60 days from the date of publication of a final rule resulting from this rulemaking. It anticipates the date of publication of the final rule to be on or about August 1, 2011; thus, the effective date of the Wage Rule would be on or about October 1, 2011. The Wage Rule will be effective for wages paid to H-2B workers and U.S. workers recruited in connection with an H-2B labor certification for all work performed on or after the new effective date. A 60-day delayed effective date also would provide the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) within the DOL with the time it needs to implement the wage rule, as the OFLC must issue new prevailing wages for approved work performed on or after the new effective date.

In order to accomplish this, the OFLC must identify all certified H-2B applications that contain dates of work to be performed on and after the new effective date of the Wage Rule. This universe of certifications must then be issued new prevailing wage determinations in accordance with the Wage Rule's methodology. This is a labor-intensive activity, as the OFLC will have to determine and issue the new determinations before the new effective date proposed in this rulemaking for each of these employers. OFLC has determined the universe of applications to be large, and therefore will require the 60-day delayed effective date in order to complete this task.

PLANET recently sent more than 3,500 postcards to all users of the H-2B program, asking them to contact their members of Congress through the PLANET Web site. We were very disappointed with the response. The simple fact is that if you do not contact your representative and senators, they will not do anything to help.

PLANET continues to work with other associations representing industries that rely on the program. However, our industry is the biggest user of the program and must therefore take the major part of the grassroots action. If PLANET members do not use PLANET's Legislative Action Center to send letters to the Hill, this program may be rendered completely useless for the foreseeable future. We also encourage you to attend Legislative Day on the Hill and go with other members of your state to the Hill with request for help.

Tom Delaney

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Louisiana Exhibitors at the Texas Expo included: 25 in-state, plus 10 out-of-state LNLA member businesses, and 6 non-member Louisiana businesses. Pictured above is the George Peters Wholesale Pottery and George Johnson Nursery booths.



LSU AgCenter Ornamental Update “MSGIC Presentation Highlights”

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This article contains the highlights from our main LSU AgCenter presentation at the recent Mid South Green Industry Conference held in Raymond, Miss. A few additional notes have been added. All of these plants are being evaluated at the LSU AgCenter's Hammond Research Station. Join us for our field day in October.

The Celebration series *Pennisetums* are great improvements over what we used to call purple fountain grass. 'Fireworks' was introduced two years ago and is being widely used and accepted in the industry. The new fountain grass in the series for 2011 is 'Sky Rocket' and the new cultivar in the series for 2012 release is 'Cherry Sparkler'; plug source- Emerald Coast Growers. 'Cherry Sparkler' is available February.

Thanks to Brad Mayfield at Acadiana Organic Gardens for turning me on to the new Buzz series Buddleia. These are from Pacific Plug and Liners. We have obtained some for evaluations via Adam Clapp at McHutchinson. Cultivars in this new dwarf group are 'Ivory', 'Lavender', 'Magenta Improved', 'Sky Blue' and 'Purple'. We also have the Flutterbys from Ball Horticulture (the petite types are very nice) and Blue Chip (from the Lo and Behold series) from Proven Winners.

Wow! is what some of us are saying about the series of new lantanas from Plant Introductions in Georgia. The first of the group were 'Chapel Hill Gold' and 'Chapel Hill Yellow'. They have been joined by 'Sunny Side Up', 'Miss Tara', 'Vanilla Ice', 'Apricot Sunrise' and 'Sunset Orange'; nice, vigorous, mounding habits and unique flower colors. They are nicer plants than our traditional 'New Gold' and 'Silver Mound' cultivars. Griffith Propagation Nursery, Watkinsville, GA is a wholesale liner source.

'Wasabi' is the newest, most impressive coleus from Ball FloraPlant. It was developed at the University of Florida. 'Sultana' is another new one. These cultivars join the list of other recent great releases from Ball FloraPlant – 'Trusty Rusty', 'Red Head', 'Indian Summer', 'Henna' and 'Mint Mocha'. They are very late to flower and great coleus for full sun.

The new Echinaceas are impressive. The PowWow series consists of 'PowWow Wild Berry' and 'PowWow White'. There may be a new experimental color addition to this series coming this fall. The PowWow group is seed propagated! Other new purple coneflowers, via Darwin Perennials, are the Sombrero, Double Scoop and Mistical series. All are being evaluated for perennial potential, flowering and habit.

'Hefner's Red Select' is the new Japanese maple with wide potential in the southeastern United States. The LSU AgCenter's Hammond Research Station will be planting 80 Japanese maple cultivars this fall.

The best verbenas within series trials this spring were 'Lanai Bright Pink' and 'Magdalena White Improved'. The new Southern Living perennial verbenas, 'Princess Dark Lavender' and 'Princess Blush', have also been impressive performers the past two years.

Growers and landscapers need to take a closer look at tropical kinds of flowering and foliage plants. These include copper plants, alternanthera, cassias, tricolor hibiscus, tibouchinas, duranta, tecomas, tapioca/cassava, sweet almond verbena (*Aloysia*), Texas star hibiscus, pride of Barbados and more.

The Vista Supertunias, from Proven Winners, continue to be good landscape performers. They finish in June landscapes about 10-14 days before Tidal Wave Silver petunias; the cultivars are 'Bubblegum', 'Silverberry' and 'Fuschia'.

Easy Elegance roses are in their first year of landscape evaluations at the LSU AgCenter. 'All the Rage' and 'My Girl' are holding up the best so far. Blackspot seems to be more of an issue on 'Super Hero', 'Sunrise Sunset', 'Centennial', 'Sweet Fragrance' and 'Macy's Pride'.

The Akila osteospermums are the new seed propagated series from PanAmerican Seed. They performed well February – June. Colors are 'Lavender', 'White' and 'Purple'. We will be attempting a fall planting this year. Typically, osteospermums are planted in mid to late winter for color through the late spring/early summer.

All-America Selection winners in the flower and bedding plant categories for 2011 are 'Arizona Apricot' gaillardia, 'Glamour Red' ornamental kale, 'Shangri-La Marina' viola and 'Summer Red Jewel' salvia. The gaillardia and salvia have performed well. The 'Summer Red Jewel' is a *Salvia coccinea* and an improvement over long-time favorite 'Lady in Red'. A review of All-America Selection winners in the flower and bedding plant categories for 2010 – 'Double Zahara Cherry' zinnia, 'Zahara Starlite Rose' zinnia, 'Double Zahara Fire' zinnia, 'Moonsong Deep Orange' marigold, 'PowWow Wild Berry' Echinacea, 'Twinny Peach' snapdragon, 'Mesa Yellow' Gaillardia, and 'Eudurio Sky Blue

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The Bug Doctor

CHILI THRIPS

Thrips are members of the order Thysanoptera meaning fringe wing. This is because these insects have a fringe of long hairs on the wings. Interestingly, the word thrips is both singular and plural. Thrips are small insects ranging from 0.5 to 5 mm in length. Most thrips are from 1 to 2 mm long. This makes them easy to overlook. Some thrips may not have wings. However, the wings of thrips are straplike, narrow, have few or no veins, and as mentioned above fringed with long hairs. The mouthparts of thrips are rasping sucking. They rasp the surface of plant parts and suck the juices. Thrips feed on foliage, flowers, and young tissues in shoot apices where the leaves are expanding. They puncture the plant cells with their rasping sucking mouthparts and withdraw cell sap. This produces bleached, silvered or deformed leaves and necrotic spots or blotches on flower petals. Eventually the damaged foliage becomes papery, wilts and drops prematurely. Thrips produce a varnishlike excrement that collects on leaves and is unsightly.

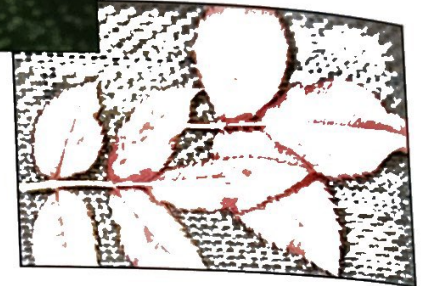
To aid in detecting thrips, place a sheet of white typing paper beneath the leaves or flowers and shake the plant. The thrips will fall onto the paper and can be more easily observed and identified than when on the plant. Also look for the small spots of varnishlike excrement on the leaves. Use a 10X to 15X hand lens. Blue sticky traps for monitoring thrips, appear somewhat more effective than yellow traps.

Most thrips are plant feeders, but some feed on other arthropods or spores of fungi. There are over 700 species of thrips in North America, and the Chili thrips is one of the plant feeding thrips.

The Chili thrips, *Scirtothrips dorsalis* (Hood), was first detected in the United States in 2005 on roses in Florida. In 2007 the thrips was discovered on roses in Houston. They feed on over 150 species of plants belonging to more than 40 plant families. The life cycle from egg to adult is completed in 12 to 22 days depending on the plant species attacked and the temperature. Eggs are laid in the tissue of plants near floral structures, leaf veins, and terminal plant parts. Larvae (nymphs) emerge from eggs in 6-8 days



Chili thrips (left),
Lower thrips (right)



Comparison of a damaged
(left) and healthy leaf
(right)

when temperatures are optimal. The duration of the two larval instars is 2-4 days and 3-6 days, respectively. They feed on tender young plant parts. The next stage is the prepupal stage and it lasts up to 1 day. The thrips then pupates on the plant or in the soil near the base of the plant. This stage lasts 2-3 days. Females oviposit from 60 to 200 eggs during their life. Adults are pale and have dark wings. Young chili thrips are pale. These thrips feed on several plant tissues. Feeding cause bronzing, curled leaves, distorted leaves, leaf drop, dwarfed and stunted plants, and bud shed. Examine plants closely for thrips. IPM program for this insect are in the process of being developed. Foliar applications of acephate, imidacloprid, or spinosad have been effective. Pyrethroids have been less effective.

Knockout roses have few pests attacking them. However, Chili thrips may cause severe injury to these roses. Thus, sampling for the Chili thrips on knockout roses is needed. Older rose varieties require frequent applications of insecticides and this spraying will manage the Chili thrips.



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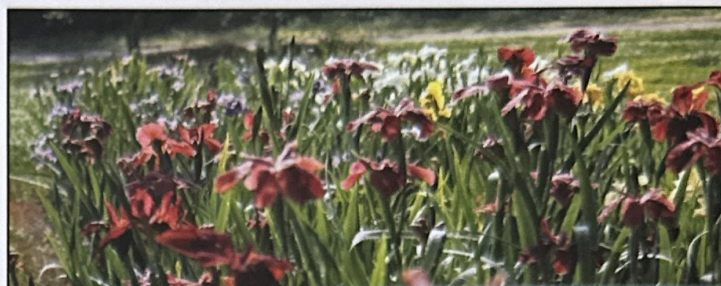
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PLANTS...A PATHOLOGISTS'S PERSPECTIVE

Focus on Fungicides: The DMI Fungicides

The DMI fungicides (or demethylation inhibitors) are the largest of the four classes of fungicides that work by inhibiting sterol biosynthesis in fungi. Although sterols are essential to almost of all plants and animals, the sterol ergosterol is unique to some of the fungi and is an essential component of the plasma membrane of their cells. Without it, these membranes do not function properly and the fungus is unable to grow.

Within the DMI fungicides there are five distinct chemical groups (see Table 1) that all inhibit the activity of the same enzyme (C14-demethylase) and all belong to Group 3 of the Fungicide Resistance Action Committee (FRAC). Of these five chemical groups, the largest and most familiar is the triazoles, which contains many of the more familiar and widely used fungicides, such as metconazole, myclobutanil, propiconazole, tebuconazole, triadimefon, and triticonazole.

These fungicides are active against a broad range of fungal pathogens. They give good to excellent control of powdery mildews, rusts, a variety of leaf spots, especially those caused by *Cercospora* and *Alternaria*, and various other diseases when applied as foliar sprays. Triflumizole (Terraguard®) is the only DMI fungicide labeled for application to soil for control of root diseases caused by soilborne fungi, such as *Fusa-*

rium, *Cylindrocladium*, *Thielaviopsis*, and *Rhizoctonia*.

Part of the appeal of the DMI fungicides is that they are penetrant fungicides that move into the plant following their application, where they are then protected from washing-off and environmental degradation. Once inside the plant they may also be redistributed to parts of the plant that may not have been treated. However, movement of the fungicide within the plant is restricted to acropetal movement, so these fungicides only move through the xylem and intercellular spaces from the base of the plant (or leaf) to the tip. As with other fungicides, good coverage is essential for effective disease control.

These fungicides are generally considered to be at medium risk for the development of resistance by fungal plant pathogens. This risk is greatest when the pathogen population is exposed to them repeatedly over several years. The development of resistance to the DMI fungicides occurs by "continuous selection" or "shifting" as the pathogen population adapts to them. This process is controlled by many genes rather than by a single gene, and the ability of the pathogen to tolerate the fungicide develops in a series of steps rather than all at once. So, if you notice that it now takes a higher rate of the fungicide to achieve the same level of control, resistance may be developing. Once a pathogen develops resistance to one of these fungicides, it will be cross-resistant to all the other DMI fungicides in Group 3.

Chemical Group	Common Name	Trade Name(s)	Signal Word
piperazines	triforine ^y	Ortho RosePride Disease Control Concentrate	Danger
pyridines	-	-	-
pyrimidines	fenarimol	Rubigan	Caution
imidazoles	imazalil	Fungaflor	Caution
	triflumizole	Terraguard	Caution
triazoles	metconazole	Tourney	Caution
	myclobutanil	Eagle, Hoist, Myclobutanil, Systhane	Caution or Warning ^z
	propiconazole	Banner, Dorado, Fathom, Honor Guard, Propensity, Propiconazole, Propimax, Savvi, Spectator	Caution or Warning
	tebuconazole	Clearscape Turf & Ornamental, Monsoon Turf, Tebuconazole, Torque	Caution
	triadimefon	Bayleton, Strike	Caution
	triticonazole	Trinity, Triton	Caution

Table 1. DMI fungicides for use on turf and/or ornamentals. ^y Triforine is available only as a consumer fungicide. ^z Depends on the formulation or concentration of the active ingredient.



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THE WEED DOCTOR'S CORNER

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FLORIDA BETONY SEASON IN FLOWERBEDS

It is late summer and Florida betony is beginning to reappear in Louisiana landscapes. Florida betony (*Stachys floridana*) is a square stemmed perennial mint, native to Florida, that is a serious problem in flowerbeds during the fall and spring. I get several calls and e-mails every year on this weed. Betony populations seem to be on the increase. In fact, we rank this plant in the top 5 most invasive weeds of landscapes in the state. What makes this weed one of the worst problems is its ability to overtake flowerbeds in a short time and the lack of good control options. There may be more common weed problems in flowerbeds but, Florida betony is incredibly invasive and can be nearly impossible to remove once established.

Although the plant does produce seed and rhizomes, the weed mainly reproduces by tubers. The tubers resemble the rattle on a rattlesnake's tail, hence the nickname 'rattlesnake weed'. Betony is easily spread from flowerbed to flowerbed when landscape plants are shared or purchased from commercial growers that grow their plants in areas where the weed infests. We see this weed most often in the fall and spring. It goes dormant during hot weather and is not noticed as much in the landscape during the summer. I am flooded with calls from landscape maintenance companies and homeowners concerned with controlling Florida betony in March and April.

There are no pre-emergence herbicide options for Florida betony and weed barrier fabrics have not been effective. Glyphosate (Roundup) provides good foliar control of the weed but, it is difficult to spray this product in landscape situations without some risk of injury to desirable plants.

Most of us have goofed up and sprayed glyphosate in landscape beds. I tried it once or twice and I ended up replacing my azaleas. Wiping glyphosate can be an effective alternative to spraying for weeds like woodsorrel and torpedograss. It is faster and a lot more effective than hand weeding. When it comes to betony control in a flowerbed, I am going to tell you to wipe the weed with glyphosate because it has worked well in our test plots.

Florida Betony Control

A few years ago we conducted research trials to determine the best way to control betony in flowerbeds. The area that we tested had an extremely high natural population that had been allowed to establish for several years.

In the study, we evaluated a granular herbicide, dichlobenil (Casoron) and herbicide sprays of glufosinate (Finale) and glyphosate. We also evaluated wiping a glyphosate solution onto the betony as an alternative to spraying. There are commercial type hand wipers on the market but, I simply used a chemical resistant rubber glove inside of a cotton glove and gently wiped the betony foliage and stems in the experiment.

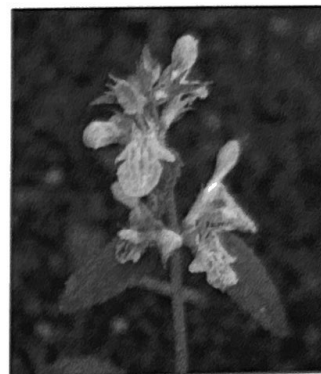
Which Herbicide Worked Best on Florida Betony?

Whether sprayed or wiped, glyphosate was the best herbicide on the Florida betony. Glyphosate translocates into underground portions of the plant and significantly reduced tuber production in the trial. But, wiping glyphosate was better than spraying it.

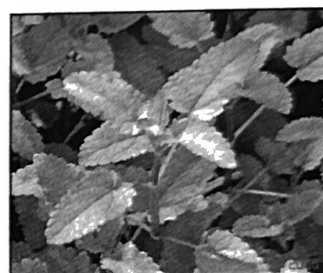
Glyphosate spray treated plots averaged 11 tubers per 4 ft². Betony wiped with glyphosate only averaged 4 tubers per 4 ft². Finale was better than the Casoron but, still allowed an average of 21 tubers produced/plot. Casoron did not significantly reduce tuber production compared to untreated plots.

Effects of non-selective herbicides on Florida betony tuber production.

Even though the wiping method was very successful, it is not a 'once and done' cure for Florida betony. However, feedback from several landscape maintenance professionals has been very encouraging. Over time, they have gotten a handle on severe infestations of Florida betony without completely renovating landscape beds. Be persistent with your applications and expect Florida betony populations to reduce over time to the satisfaction of your clientele.



Florida Betony flower



Florida Betony is very common in cool season landscapes



Florida Betony tubers

In the News

IN MEMORIUM

The LNLA Association extends condolences to the following green industry families:

In memory of **Charles G. Garrison**, 86 and founder of Garrison Greenwood Garden, retail garden center in a suburb of Shreveport, LA.



Charles was born on August 4, 1924 in Dierks, AR to the late James and Nira Garrison. He passed away on July 19, 2011 in Shreveport. He grew up in Fordyce, AR where he graduated from High School in 1941 and was a member of the National Honor Society. He moved to Shreveport in 1941 where he worked for the Cotton Belt Railroad until 1960, when he founded Garrison Greenwood Garden. He established the "Olde Covered Bridge Garden" in 1966. He was a member of the American Nursery News, Louisiana Association of Nurserymen (LNLA), he helped organize and was an honorary member of the Shreveport Rose Society, member of the American Rose Society and the West Shreveport Rotary Club. He received the Roseshare Patron Award in 1975 for development and advancement of Roses of the American Rose Center. On October 30, 1991 the mayor of Shreveport proclaimed that date as Mr. Shreveport Charles Garrison Day. He also was the Grand Marshal of Pioneer Days of Greenwood, LA in 2000. In 2009 Charles was named as Honorary Life Member of the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association.

Charles attended the University of Arkansas. While in the Army he was sent to the University of Oklahoma where he finished 1st in his class in Meteorology. He attended Centenary College in Shreveport and also attended LSU in Baton Rouge majoring in Landscape Design and Horticulture.

Charles and his wife Kate enjoyed traveling on garden tours, not only in the United States, Alaska and Hawaii but also in Mexico, Canada, Europe, Great Britain, Asia and Japan. He was owner of Garrison Greenwood Garden for 50 years. Charles left these thoughts, "It has been a most enjoyable profession. I would like to thank all my managers and employees for their loyal support for the nursery and for their personal care and friendship through the years."

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Kate Pauline Garrison; parents, 'Cap and Nira Garrison; brothers, James and Albert Garrison; sister, Mary McMan. Friends and relatives may contribute to their favorite charity in his memory.

To the family of **Ken Harris**, salesman for Great Western Bag, then Cherokee. Danny LaFluer wrote: "Ken sold us nursery supplies for years, as did his boss to my dad. He died last night (August 23rd) and we will miss him. He came to the nursery tradeshow last week in severe pain, but wanted to come and meet with his friends and customers, and even took some out to eat Friday night. He told them that this would probably be the last time they would be doing this together. I sat with him in the bus from the hotel to the convention center and it took a while for him to climb in and out of the bus, but he was determined to be there. He had plans to come and visit all his friends and custom-

ers in a week or so. I told him he better take care of himself first. I'm sure he knew he was full of cancer and was not telling us. He just wanted to do what he loved most before succumbing to it. I will miss him. Rest In Peace my friend, Ken Harris!"

Tommy Henegar, retired EVP of SNA, who passed away on July 26, 2011. Tommy led SNA for 16 years (1972-1988). His father, Porter Henegar, held the position for 13 years (1959-1972). Tommy was a constant supporter of the industry in the south and through his years of service did great work in bringing the industry together. Tommy is survived by his wife, Mary. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made as your heart leads.

To **John R. Kavanaugh** in the death of his mother Sigal Marie Burdine Bond Kavanaugh Ory. She was born September 14, 1922 in Spring Hill, LA and died on June 6, 2011 at age 88 in Ruston, LA.

Sigal operated the general store she and Newt owned in Clay, LA until she learned the florist trade under the tutelage of Louis Carter. She worked at the flower shop in Monroe, LA and at Bessies in Ruston, LA until she purchased that shop. Later she moved to the Baton Rouge, LA area and worked for the LA Tourist Commission. There she made contacts that led her to Meadwood, Laura and finally Oak Alley Plantations where she worked as a hostess/assistant and met Paul Ory, retired farm manager. She also worked for the LA Dept. of Corrections in St. Gabriel where she supervised trustee inmates in landscaping the grounds. When she returned to Ruston, she worked for the city in landscaping/green thumb areas and may be remembered for "digging in the dirt".

Memorials may be made to LA Tech University Horticulture Division, P.O. Box 3183 Ruston, LA 71272. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.kilpatrickfuneralhomes.com.

KUDO'S

LNLA member **Jeff Carbo**, Landscape Architect and founder of Jeffery Carbo Landscape Architects in Alexandria, LA, was honored as one of seven of the LSU Alumni Association's 2011 Hall of Distinction. "Since its inception, 216 individuals have been inducted into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction, a prestigious group of individuals who have made outstanding contribution to our University, our state, and our nation," said Charlie Roberts, Association president and CEO. Congratulations, Jeff, on this prestigious recognition.

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pers got to meet and chat with 26 exhibitors, as well as enjoy a BBQ lunch. We thank everyone who attended.

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E-VERIFY DEBATE THREATENS TO SEND AGRICULTURE PACKING

As described in the most recent edition of Washington Impact, the debate has begun in Congress over whether America should simply enforce her way out of the “illegal immigration problem,” or take a broader and more balanced approach. On June 15, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on H.R.2164, the “Legal Workforce Act.” The bill would require each and every U.S. employer to use E-Verify, the government’s electronic system for determining if a new hire is actually eligible to work in the U.S., within three years.

As the bill was being drafted by Judiciary chairman Lamar Smith, most business groups have been negotiating details like federal preemption, “safe harbors” for employers who are using the system as intended, and terms and conditions for phasing in mandatory E-Verify. While these details are important, the one sector focused on the actual demographics of the workforce is agriculture. The reason is simple: an estimated 70% of the hired farm, nursery, and greenhouse labor force across the country is believed to be unauthorized. Most employers are meeting the letter of the law, and reviewing documents at the time of hiring that look good but are not good. Most of these workers are on the books, having the standard payroll deductions go toward Social Security and Medicare.

If E-Verify works as intended, it will screen out most of the agricultural workforce (and many seasonal employees as well) with little prospect of their being replaced by Americans looking for full-time and non-farm work. Of course, there could be unintended consequences as well. For one, a requirement to use E-Verify could force more employers and workers off the books, off the tax rolls, and into the underground economy. For another, it might stimulate identity theft on a large scale, for the simple reason that E-Verify does not routinely detect improper use of fraudulent documents that contain a legitimate name and number combination.

It is going to be a long, hot summer in Washington. How the E-Verify debate ends will have lasting consequences for the green industry. It is time for industry members to get up to speed on the issue, educate their elected leaders, and to plug into the upcoming series of “fly-outs and fly-ins” that are part of ANLA’s outreach and advocacy strategy.

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Pictured above: The Mid-South Green Industry Conference was held in June at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond. This is an annual multi-state event sponsored by LNLA and the state nursery associations in Mississippi and Alabama. Attendees also toured the bedding plant trial garden at the MAFES Truck Crops Experiment Station in Crystal Springs.

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Martien' viola.

More petunias performing well this spring were the new 'Suncatcher Pink Lemonade', the 'Whisper' series (6 colors) from Syngenta, 'Sun Spun Blue' (new color in the series from Ball FloraPlant), 'Sanguinas' (10 colors) from Syngenta, and the 'Whisper' series from Syngenta. 'Suncatcher Pink Lemonade' has high consumer appeal but, did not last nearly as long in the landscape. The 'Sanguinas' finished peak bloom about 7-10 days before the 'Supertunia Vistas'.

Observations of the new 'Serena Blue' angelonias are ongoing. This is the new color in the series (Louisiana Super Plants) for 2012. The vegetatively propagated new series ('Archangel'), from Ball FloraPlant, have larger flowers than other angelonias.

The Intensia series phlox best performers from 2011 trials are: 'Lavender Glow' and 'Pink'.

The Illusion series of ornamental sweet potatoes debuted a few years ago with 'Illusion Lace' and 'Midnight Lace'. The new cultivar in the series is 'Garnet Lace'. These have dissected foliage and a tighter foliage than what we know in ornamental sweet potatoes; proven Winner plants.

Folks need to get on-board with the BabyWing begonias; these include 'BabyWing White' and 'BabyWing Pink'.

So now you have it, the **Louisiana Super Plants** line up for Spring 2012.

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Rob Barry

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Jeff Kuehny
Jenkins Farm & Nursery
Jim Lastrape - Lastrapes Garden Center
Larry & Viv Brasseaux - Brasseaux's Nursery
Mark Murrell - Murrell Trading
Pat Newman
Poole Brothers Nursery
Rob Barry - Barry's Landscaping
Severn Doughty, Sr.
Walter Imahara
Yan Chen



MINUTES LNLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011
RALPH AND KACOO'S RESTAURANT
BATON ROUGE, LA

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President, Todd Ellefson. Regular voting Members present were: Gerritt Monk, Brian Bridges, Rick Cicero, Pete Newton, Todd Ellefson, Renee Vanlangendonck, Margie Ann Jenkins, Buddy Perino, Nick Simoneaux, John R. Kavanaugh and Severn C. Doughty, Sr. Non-voting Board members present were Walter Imahara and Allen Owings. Guest present was Dr. Nick Singh. Seven regular Members and Officers of the Board constitute a quorum and 12 were present.

Todd welcomed everyone and asked them to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterwards he asked each Board member to review the minutes of the last meeting and if acceptable, move that they be accepted. Rick Cicero moved, seconded by Pete Newton, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Todd asked Pat Newman to present the financial report. Pat indicated that total revenues ytd were \$79,325, interest income was \$412, and total expenses were \$52,041, leaving \$27,696.00 in revenues over expenses. Cash in the bank was \$55,869, petty cash was \$500, Capital One savings was \$102,077, accumulated depreciation was \$938 and office equipment was \$2,334 leaving total assets of \$159,842. After some discussion Buddy Perino moved, seconded by John R. Kavanaugh, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Todd asked Allen Owings to present the website/marketing/advertising committee report. Allen stated that he had a proposal from our webmaster, Sophie Tolliver for a redesign/update on the LNLA website. Allen stated that Sophie was doing a great job of maintaining the site and items were placed on the site very rapidly. He indicated that the site currently was not that user friendly and Sophie had proposed that the update would make the site much more navigable. Allen handed out a copy of the proposed redesign/update and indicated that he recommended that we have it done. Severn stated that the estimated cost would be around \$750.00.

Severn stated that he had some statistics on the number of page views the site had received since January. They were: January 2011, 18,301; February, 15,776; March, 26,671; April, 17,022; May, 14,483; and June 15,619. After some discussion John R. Kavanaugh moved, seconded by Pat Newman to accept the proposal by Sophie Tolliver and presented by Allen Owings but not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried. Pat Newman requested that Sophie provide a monthly, itemized invoice and Severn stated that he would convey that to Sophie.

Todd then gave the GSHE report. He indicated that James Harwell told the GSHE Board that to date there was a reduction in the number of exhibitors making their 50% deposit on their exhibit space for the 2012 show. That could result in fewer exhibitors next year. Todd stated that he and Pat would indicate to the GSHE Board that Louisiana would like to see more plant related topics at the educational program – perhaps Mississippi Medallion Program and Louisiana Super Plant Program presentations. Allen stated that we might even try to have an On-Show Educational Lounge whereby educational programs could be presented during show hours much like the Texas Expo does. Walter Imahara stated that exhibitors might be offended if the educational programs drew potential buyers from the sales floor. Severn stated that the programs could be held during hours when there were fewer potential buyers on the sales floor and James Harwell would know when those hours were. Pat and Todd indicated that they would bring these recommendations to the GSHE Board.

Todd asked Severn to give the membership report. Severn passed around a draft of the new directory and asked everyone to review it and make any necessary corrections to it. Severn indicated that he obtained the copy from Laura Crnko and she planned to go to the printer with it later in the week. Laura also provided Severn with the latest membership figures. The year to date numbers were as follows: Regular, \$50.00 membership, 96; Regular \$75.00, 70; Regular \$150.00, 105; Associate \$100.00, 23; Affiliate \$25.00, 22; Gov./educator \$15.00, 61; other 5 for a total 439 as of July 19, 2011. We have received 83 new memberships this year as well.

Todd asked Allen Owings to give the LSU AgCenter update. Allen stated that the Super Plant Program was funded for another two years through the Specialty Crop Grant funding through LDAF and 2013 plants will be selected at the end of July. The Mid South Green Industry conference held in Raymond, MS, June 22, 23, 2011 was up slightly in attendance from last year.

The LNLA Board Meeting will be held at the Hammond Research Station, October 12, 2011 from 1:00 P.M. till 5:00 P.M. at which time Commissioner Mike Strain will visit the Board and we will have supper together. Allen indicated that if any Board Members would like to tour the gardens before the Board Meeting, he would conduct the tour from 9:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M., at which time he would treat us to lunch. The Landscape Horticulture Field Day will be held October 18, 2011 in the morning. According to Allen the LSU AgCenter budget was not good and several experiment stations will be closing.

Next, Todd asked Allen to report on the LNLFSR Gala held at Jefferson Island, June 16, 2011. Allen indicated that not all revenues or expenses have been tabulated but as of this Board Meeting expenses totaled around \$4,000.00 and it may be that we will not have to pay for the bar expenses as too little was consumed to justify billing. \$20,248.00 had been collected and deposited in the bank. Additional moneys received but not deposited as of yet, \$2,869.00 and additional moneys still owed was \$10,945.00. The Foundation received

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\$2,338.00, from the silent auction held at GSHE, January 20, 2011 and letters have been sent to donors thanking them for their donations.

Todd moved on to Committee Reports by asking Peter Perino to report on the Funding Committee. Peter indicated that the committee would not recommend a donation to 4-H, FFA, etc., this year as it really did not pertain too much to horticulture. However, there was a funding request from the Burden Horticulture Society for their Evening of Wine and Roses event. Consequently, the committee recommended a donation of \$250.00. Peter asked that if anyone on the Board received a funding request, to please send a copy of the request to the entire Funding Committee – Robert 'Buddy' Lee, Chair, Buddy Perino and Pete Newton.

Todd asked Gerritt to report on the Membership Committee. Gerritt indicated that there was going to be a membership drive in the New Orleans area at Perino's Garden Center, and one at the SELNA Trade Show in Folsom, LA on September 9, 2011. Todd asked if there was one planned for the Baton Rouge area and it was decided that perhaps Tom Fennell could host one at one of the Clegg's Garden Center locations. Tom would be contacted to see if it were feasible. Severn indicated that he would be glad to take care of the drive at the SELNA Trade Show.

The procedure for notifying potential new members in Baton Rouge and New Orleans would be to acquire a list of licensed landscape contractors/landscape architects/growers, etc. from LDAF and cross reference it with licensed LNLA members and invite both non-members and members to the membership drives at Perino's Garden Center and in Baton Rouge. Definite dates and locations would have to be determined and food & drink budgets would have to be planned. Severn stated that once the list of invited people had been determined, he would be glad to send out the letters of invitation. Finally, one or two days prior to the membership drive, someone would have to call each one invited to hopefully get a better response.

Todd asked Pete Newton to report on the Nominating Committee. Pete handed out a list of potential award nominations for 2012 and asked the Board to contact him if they had other suggestions. Severn gave Pete a list of potential Board and award nominations for their consideration. Pete indicated that he hoped that the Nominating Committee would have a recommendation by the October Board Meeting.

Todd asked Pete to report on the Newsletter Committee. Pete indicated that he felt that we were a little over budget on the Newsletter. However, according to the financial statement, budgeted newsletter ad revenues were \$6,000 and actual ad revenues collected to date were \$5,565. Budgeted newsletter expenses (printing and postage) were \$10,000, actual year to date was \$2,663 not including the 2nd Quarter News expenses. Given that the newsletter expenses would be about $\$2,663 \times 4 = \$10,652$ for the year less \$5,565 in ad revenues, that would equal \$5,087.

Todd asked Dr. Nick Singh to provide the educational program titled LSU AgCenter Plant Diagnostic Center. Dr. Singh provided each Board member with two, tri-fold brochures. One explained what the center was, the benefits of the center, how to collect and submit samples, a fee schedule for diagnostic services and contact information. The other brochure – Rapid Trufgrass Diagnosis – described what was included in the diagnosis, how to collect samples, how to pack samples, how to submit samples and the cost was \$75.00 per sample. Dr. Singh also indicated there was an online website, www.lsuagcenter.com/plantdiagnostics that contained fact sheets, a disease image gallery and the Louisiana Plant Disease Management Guide plus links to other websites.

Todd asked Pat Newman to present the Organizational Committee report. Pat handed each Board Member a six page document that contained a description of the LNLA Executive Board - President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Directors, Executive Secretary, Standing Directors and staff - with specific duties of each office/position. She asked each Board Member to review the document, add to it, delete some and there will be a discussion at the next Board Meeting to accept the changes and adopt the document.

Todd asked Severn to provide the Meadowbrook Insurance update. Severn passed around a new Meadowbrook flyer to be used at the upcoming trade shows and mentioned the Meadowbrook was paying 5% interest to policy holders.

Todd informed the Board that he, Pete Newton, Pat Newman and Severn met with Commissioner Mike Strain, Todd Parker, Craig Roussel and Ansel Rankins on June 14, 2011 at the State Capital Building in Baton Rouge, LA. Todd then reviewed the agenda with the Board which consisted of: complemented the Commissioner for hiring four new inspectors, LNLA appreciated the close working relationship with Craig Roussel and Ansel Rankins, we appreciated Mike Strain for the job he has done, asked if there was a law whereby a certain percentage of plants had to be grown in Louisiana for a landscape contractor to install them, thanked the Commissioner for providing a Specialty Crop Grant for the Super Plant Program administered by the Hammond Research Station, encouraged the Commissioner to have a display at the GSHE show and send Craig Roussel and/or Ansel Rankins to represent LDAF at the Show, LNLA mentioned that we had received many comments about non-licensed contractors doing work in Louisiana and LDAF inspectors were unable to investigate or enforce complaints, and lastly, we asked about E-Verify and where the Commissioner thought Louisiana was headed with migrant workers.

The scheduled 15 minute meeting lasted almost 2 hours and Mike was very interested in hearing what we had to say. He appreciated the kind words about him and his staff and indicated that the House Appropriations Committee took action to reduce base operating ser-

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vices of LDAF by \$2.8 million. He asked if we could contact the Senate Finance Committee members and ask them to support restoring some of the funding. Our primary interest was to not lose any more inspectors. We made some contacts with Senators, LaFleur, Michot, Broome, Claitor, Alario and Check.

Concerning a law about a certain percentage of plants used must be grown in Louisiana did not exist. However, there was a law passed whereby the Office of State Purchasing would give preference for state contracts for all types of products grown in Louisiana. It did not specifically indicate nursery crops. He was pleased that the Hammond Research Station received the Super Plant Program and we asked the Commissioner to come to the October Board Meeting, tour the Hammond Research Station and have supper with the Board. That meeting was scheduled for the afternoon of October 12, 2011.

The Commissioner indicated that if per chance funding were available that they would create an exhibit at the GSHE Show and send someone to man it. It was mentioned that perhaps LNLA could help defray LDAF expenses. After some discussion Nick Simoneaux moved, seconded by Pat Newman, to offer \$600.00 travel expenses for Craig Roussel and/or Ansel Rankins to attend and set up a display at the GSHE Show from Wednesday, January 18, through Friday, January 20, 2012. Motion carried and Severn stated that he would write a letter to Craig and Ansel with the offer and copy Commissioner Mike Strain.

Mike indicated that LDAF took a proactive approach and sent a press release to all media in the state titled, Homeowners Should Employ Licensed Horticulture Professionals. It was placed on the LNLA website and it was suggested that perhaps Dan Gill could run it in his Times Picayune column. Severn sent a copy to Dan requesting it. The Commissioner indicated that he hoped that in the future he would be able to hire more inspectors and therefore better investigate and enforce complaints of non-licensed people doing work in Louisiana. Lastly, he stated that concerning E-Verify he felt the federal government was going to mandate it and that it was only a matter of time.

Todd then led a discussion on Walter Imahara's financial report recommendations. The Board favored the suggestions of, 1) having a budget history up to 5 years previous to the current year; 2) better explanation of monies transferred to the Foundation and explanation of awards, plaques, etc., that came out of the LNLA treasury; 3) in addition to line item revenues/expenses presented, percentages should be included too; 4) the treasury books should be reviewed every 3 years; 5) place a Reserve category in the budget; and 6) highlight the financial report with alternating light- dark spaces so one could read it easier.

Todd asked Severn to report on the CENLA Work Ready Network – CNLP Review & Exam for high school teachers in and around Alexandria, LA. Severn indicated that he had spoken with Dan Gill and asked him if he would be willing to teach a special CNLP class and administer the exam to high school teachers in Alexandria, LA to where they could teach the CNLP class to their students. Dan said he would be glad to do it. However, either he or Severn would administer the exams to the high school students, not the teachers. Severn asked Gerritt and Brian to get back in touch with the CENLA Work Ready Network and tell them we would support the training and for them to contact Severn.

Todd moved on to New Business and asked Severn to discuss the Annual Conflict of Interest Policy and get Board Member's signatures. Severn indicated that IRS requests yearly for the Board to read the Conflict of Interest Policy, understand it and comply with it by signing the policy statement. Severn reviewed the Policy with the Board and each Member signed the Policy Statement. The yearly signed Policy Statements are to be maintained in a permanent file.

Todd discussed with the Board the need for the Electronic vote on a letter of support for the Hammond Research Station Specialty Crop Grant proposal. Todd indicated that on May 1, 2011, Regina Bracy had emailed Severn and requested a letter of support for two Specialty Crop Grant Proposals, one concerning the extension of the Super Plant Program. Regina stated that she needed the letters by COB the next day. Severn suggested to Todd that since time was of the essence and since LNLA provided a letter of support for the original Super Plant Program proposal that we poll the Executive Committee electronically and if they approve, send the letters. All Executive Committee Members voted favorably for sending the letters and Severn forwarded them on to Regina. As a result they got additional monies for the Super Plant Program for an extended two years.

Todd asked Severn to report on the H-2B Workforce Coalition sign-on letter. Severn had indicated that through ANLA, LNLA was asked to sign on a letter to Acting Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Labor requesting their consideration to improve a number of topics that makes the H-2B regulations cumbersome, unrealistic, burdensome and expensive for employers. Practically all of the nursery associations and many other associations across the nation including LNLA signed the letter.

There being no more business, Rick Cicero moved, seconded by Margie Ann Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting concluded at 2:00 P.M.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2011 - November 2012

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- Oct 5 Ornamental & Turfgrass Comm. Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification**, Location TBA, Lafayette, LA
Contact: Karen Nix, (E) knix@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Oct 5 LA Irrigation Assoc. Annual Meeting & Re-Certification**
Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant, Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA
Contact: Severn Doughty, Sr., (P) 318.872.4677,
(E) scd357@cmaaccess.com
- Oct 5 Ornamental & Turfgrass Commercial Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification**, Location TBA, Lafayette, LA
Contact: Karen Nix, (E) knix@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Oct 6 Ornamental Horticulture Field Day**, MSU-CREC
South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station, Poplarville, MS
Contact: Gene Blythe, (P) 601.403.8774, (F) 601.795.0653
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- Oct 12 LNLA Board of Directors & Officers Meeting**
Hammond Research Station, Hammond, LA
Contact: Severn Doughty, Sr., (P) 318.872.4677,
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- Oct 14-15 Southern Garden Symposium**
St. Francisville, LA
Contact: www.southerngardensymposium.org
- Oct 17 Invasive Plants Workshop**
Burden Center, Baton Rouge, La.
Contact: Bob Souvestre, (E) bsouvestre@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Oct 18 Landscape Horticulture Field Day**
Hammond Research Station, Hammond, LA
Contact: Regina Bracy, (E) rbracy@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Oct 21-22 Fall Flower & Garden Festival**
MSU Truck Crops Station, Crystal Springs, MS
Contact: (P) 601-892-3731, (W) www.msucares.com
- Oct 21 Arborist Workshop**
Burden Center, Baton Rouge, LA
Contact : Hale Dozier, (E) hdozier@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Oct 25 Southeast LA Nursery Association Meeting**
Z Grill, 82371 Hwy 25, Folsom, LA 70437
Contact: Annie Coco, (E) acoco@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Nov 9-10 LIA Irrigation Basics Certification & Re-Certification**
Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant, Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA
Contact: Severn Doughty, Sr., (P) 318.872.4677,
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- Nov 14-16 MS Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference & Trade Show**
Vicksburg Convention Center, Vicksburg, MS
Contact: www.msfruitandveg.org

- Nov 15 Ball Horticulture University**
Hammond Research Station, Hammond, La.
Contact: Michele Andre at (E) mandre@ballhort.com,
or Regina Bracy at (E) rbracy@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Nov 16 Ornamental & Turfgrass Commercial Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification**, Location TBA, Kenner, LA
Contact: Karen Nix, (E) knix@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Nov 17 Northwest LA Nursery Meeting**
American Rose Center, Shreveport, LA
Contact: Severn Doughty, Sr., (P) 318.872.4677,
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- Dec 7 LNLA Board of Directors & Officers Meeting**
Pat's Restaurant, Henderson, LA
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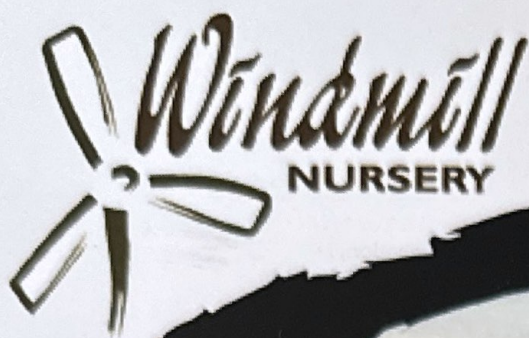
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- Jan 18-20 Gulf States Horticultural Expo**
Arthur R. Outlaw Convention Center, Mobile, AL
Contact: www.gshe.org, (P) 334-502-7777
- Jan 20 Arborist Workshop**
Lamar Dixon Expo Center, Gonzales, LA
Contact : Hale Dozier, (E) hdozier@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Feb 26 Camellia Garden Stroll**
Hammond Research Station, Hammond, La.
Contact: Sandra Benjamin, (E) sbenjamin@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Mar 10 Spring Garden Day**
Hammond Research Station, Hammond, LA
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- Mar 14-15 LIA Irrigation Basics Certification and Re-Certification**
Ralph and Kacoo's, Baton Rouge, La.
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- Jun 6-7 LIA Irrigation Basics Certification & Re-Certification**
Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant, Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA
Contact: Severn Doughty, Sr., (P) 318.872.4677,
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- Nov 7-8 LIA Irrigation Basics Certification & Re-Certification**
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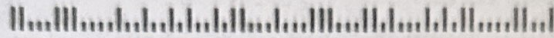
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