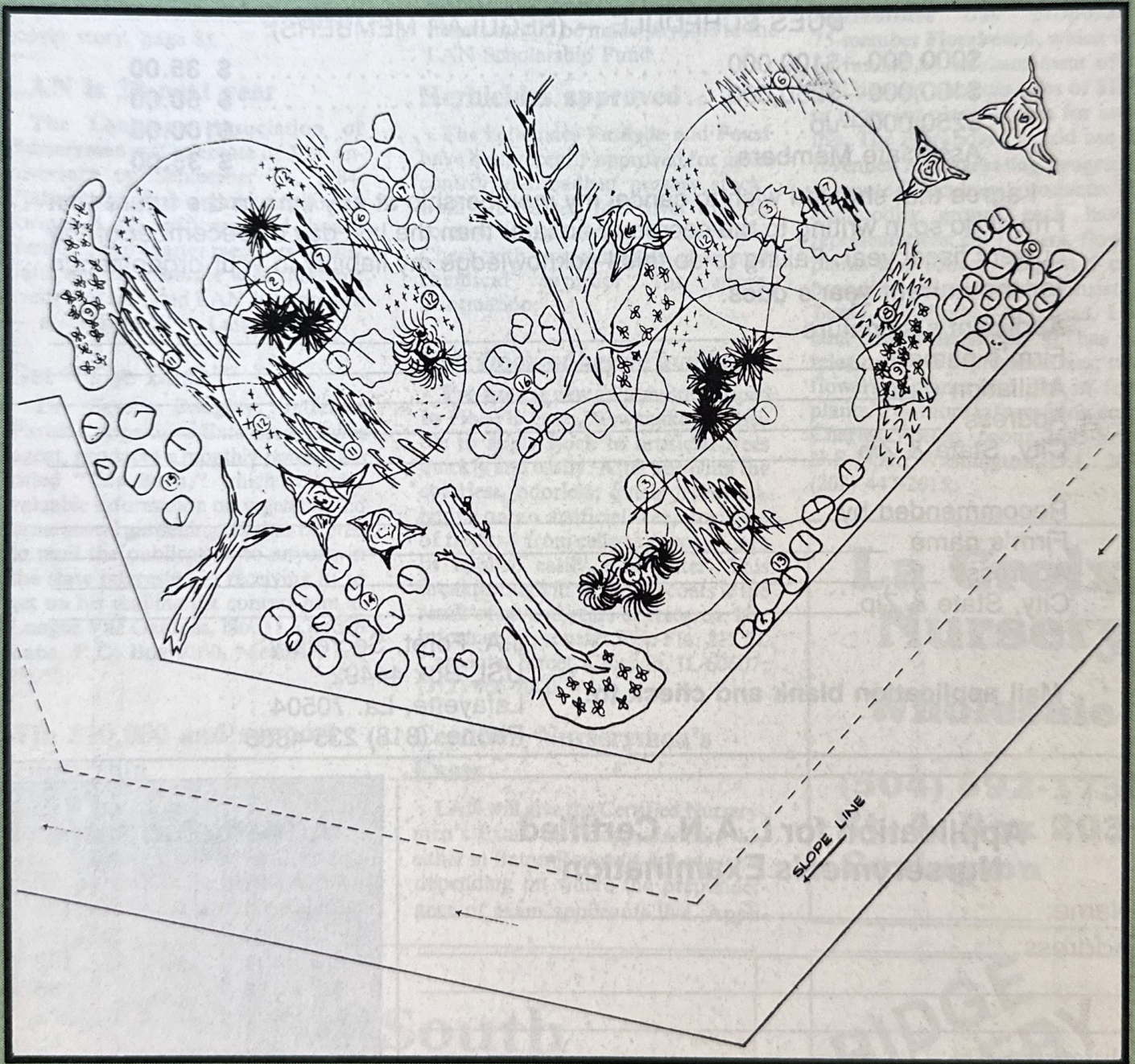


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Scions of the times

Hello, Texas

This issue of Louisiana's Nurserymen goes to members of the Texas Association of Nurserymen, to return the favor of TAN's sending its TAN-MISSLARK issue to Louisiana. We also hope to alert Lone Star nurserymen to the January seminar in Jackson, and to the 1984 Louisiana World Expo and its horticultural displays (cover story, page 8).

LAN is 30 next year

The Louisiana Association of Nurserymen will celebrate its 30th anniversary on September 17, 1984. Plans are to have a gathering for all former LAN officers and board members and charter members on that date, and to celebrate with the same event that initiated LAN 30 years ago — a shrimp boil in Lafayette.

Get "The Bush"

Dr. Severn Doughty, Jefferson Parish Cooperative Extension Service agent, produces a monthly publication titled "The Bush," which contains valuable information on vegetable and ornamental gardening. He has offered to mail the publication to anyone in the state interested in receiving it; to get on his mailing list contact him at Longue Vue Gardens, No. 11, Garden Lane, P.O. Box 9160, Metairie, LA 70055.

Win \$10,000 and support scholarship

LAN Board members are selling tickets — 200 of them — and one will mean \$10,000 to a lucky winner at a drawing to be held during the Jackson short course and conference. Ten

other tickets will be drawn for cash prizes of \$100; the 11th ticket to be drawn will be for the grand prize. Tickets cost \$100 and are available from any LAN Board member. Proceeds from this drawing will go to the LAN Scholarship Fund, and will be invested as a permanent endowment whose annual interest will go to a scholarship winner. Checks for the tickets should be made payable to the LAN Scholarship Fund.

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The herbicides Fusilade and Poast have been recently approved for grass control in broadleaf nursery stock. Both are cleared for "over the top control" of grasses in ornamentals. Check with your extension agent and chemical supplier for more information.

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LAN will give the Certified Nurserymen's Exam on Friday, January 13, either in Baton Rouge or in Lafayette, depending on where the preponderance of exam applicants live. Appli-

cants should indicate their telephone number on the exam form (page 2), so they can be apprised of the exam site. The exam will begin at 1:00 p.m., and is preceded by a morning review session.

Floraboard

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has proposed a 75-member Floraboard, which would be funded by an assessment of 1/10 of 1 percent on gross sales of \$100,000 or more for plants grown for interior use. The Floraboard would use these revenues for marketing programs to promote floricultural products. Three commodity groups each have 25 representatives: cut flowers, flowering plants and foliage. Region 5 of the proposed Floraboard consists of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. It has been relegated four representatives; two in flowering plants and two in foliage plants. For more information contact Charles Porter, room 2545-SAMS, U.S.D.A., Washington, D.C. 20250; (202) 447-2615.

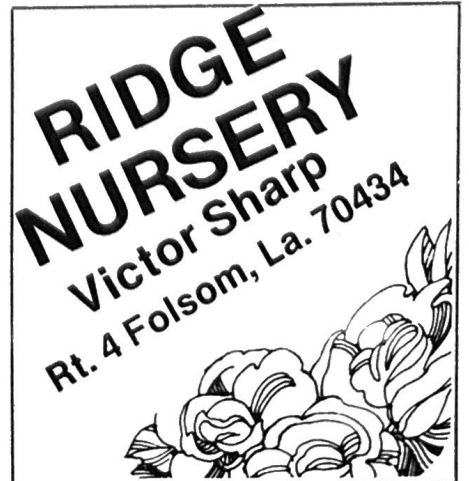
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Attorney General rules on garden centers

Garden centers can legally remain open on Sunday, according to a recent opinion from the State Attorney General's office.

In opinion #83-431 of July 21, 1983, Assistant Attorney General Rene Salomon responds to a request for clarification by Calcasieu Parish Assistant District Attorney Ronnie Rossito. Rossito's question was:

In light of the Louisiana Supreme Court's decision in **Harry's Hardware v. James C. Parsons**, 410 So.2d 735 (1982), is it still the Attorney General's opinion that garden centers which sell shrubbery, plants, poison, and fertilizers and no other merchandise, may legally remain open on Sunday as stated earlier in Opinion No. 77-203?

Salomon's opinion read as follows:

LSA R.S. 51:192 refers to "public and private markets," the definition of which has not been altered since the writing of Opinion No. 77-203. While Louisiana courts have stated that the term "market" refers primarily to sale of products for human consumption, it remains the opinion of this office that this definition is illustrative. "Market" is broad, covering many meanings and multiple forms and is not limited strictly to foodstuffs. **Harry's Hardware** at p. 737 does refer to the public market exemption as allowing for the sale of medicine and food on Sunday. However, in the absence of any further legislative clarification or further exemptions, the **Penniman** rationale remains ap-

plicable. **State v. Penniman**, 224 La. 95, 68 So2d 770 (1954).

Further, **Harry's Hardware** emphasizes the distinction made between the **types of items** not permitted to conduct business on Sunday. The decision states that exempted business establishments "...may sell any item of their inventory not expressly prohibited from sale on Sunday by R.S. 51:194(A).

The court's analysis in **Harry's Hardware** rests upon a determination of the character of the store involved rather than on the items available for sale.

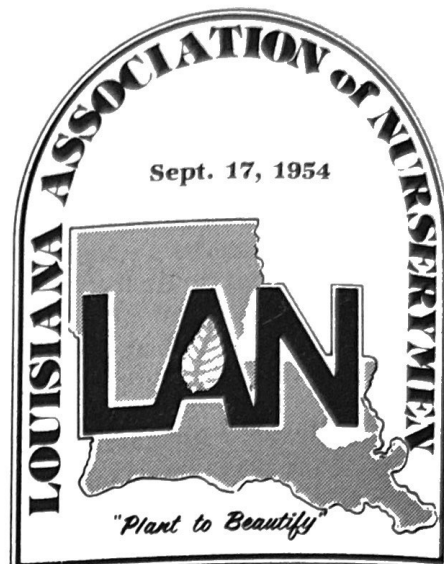
Thus a review of a particular store must center on its nature rather than on its inventory.

Therefore, since garden centers are not clearly outside the exemption for public and private markets, they may remain open for business on Sunday and may sell any item of their inventory not expressly prohibited by R.S. 51:194(A).

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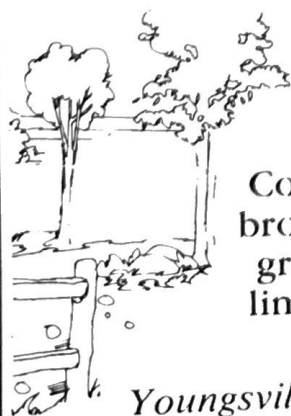
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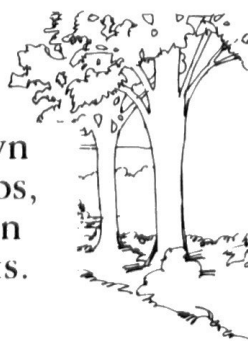
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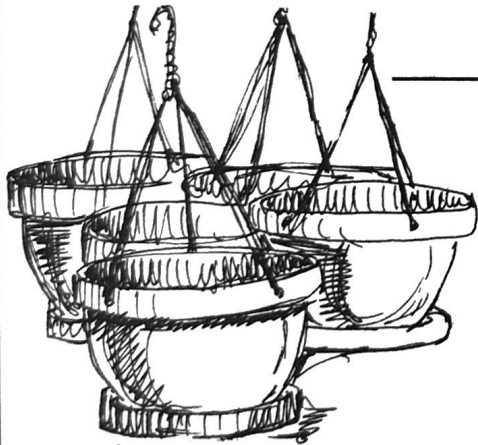
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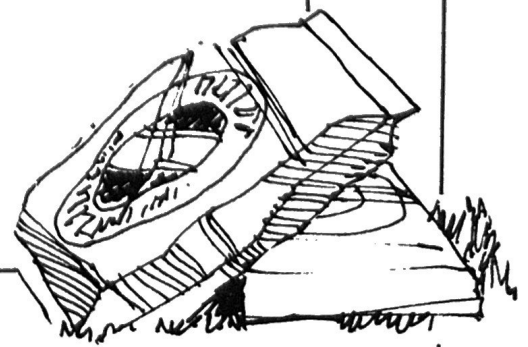
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Kent Langlinais concludes year as president of AAN

Youngsville nurseryman Kent Langlinais recently concluded his term as President of the American Association of Nurserymen by presiding over that organization's 108th annual convention and trade show in Montreal, Canada.

In recognition of Langlinais' French ancestry and his interest in the outdoors, his Canadian hosts inducted him into "Les Chevaliers de Saint-Hubert," a centuries old European society named for the patron saint of hunters. Members of the Knights of St. Hubert are dedicated to the protection of the environment; they also organize hunting and fishing trips for fellow members.

Col. Roland LeClerc, Grand Master of the Quebec Order, presented Langlinais with the Cross of the Knights of St. Hubert.

Langlinais is the first Louisianian to serve as AAN President. This past year he has toured the U.S. and several European nations as the chief spokesman of the U.S. nursery industry.

At the Montreal convention, Langlinais was named director-at-large for AAN. This is the latest of many roles he has played as a leader of the nursery industry. He has served as AAN Gov-

ernor of Louisiana from 1972 through 1976. He also served AAN as a board member and Vice President. He has held virtually every office for the Louisiana Association of Nurserymen, and has been active in other regional and national nursery organizations.

In addition to receiving honors at the convention, Langlinais bestowed some on behalf of AAN. He presented Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau with an AAN Green Survival City designation, in recognition of Montreal's extensive system of parks and horticultural plantings. He also inducted new members into the AAN Hall of Fame, and presented service plaques and other official recognition to outstanding members of the association.

Langlinais is the owner of Kent's Nursery, which includes over 100 acres of nursery stock in field- and container-grown culture, and almost 100,000 square feet of greenhouse space for ornamental plant production.

He is a graduate of USL and a member of the Lafayette Rotary Club and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife Jeanette have four children: Benedict, Veronica, Brummel and Benjamin.



Kent Langlinais signs the "Montreal Golden Book" during a reception in his honor held in conjunction with the AAN conference. With him are Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau, left; Mrs. Jeanette Langlinais; and Bob Lederer, executive vice president of AAN.



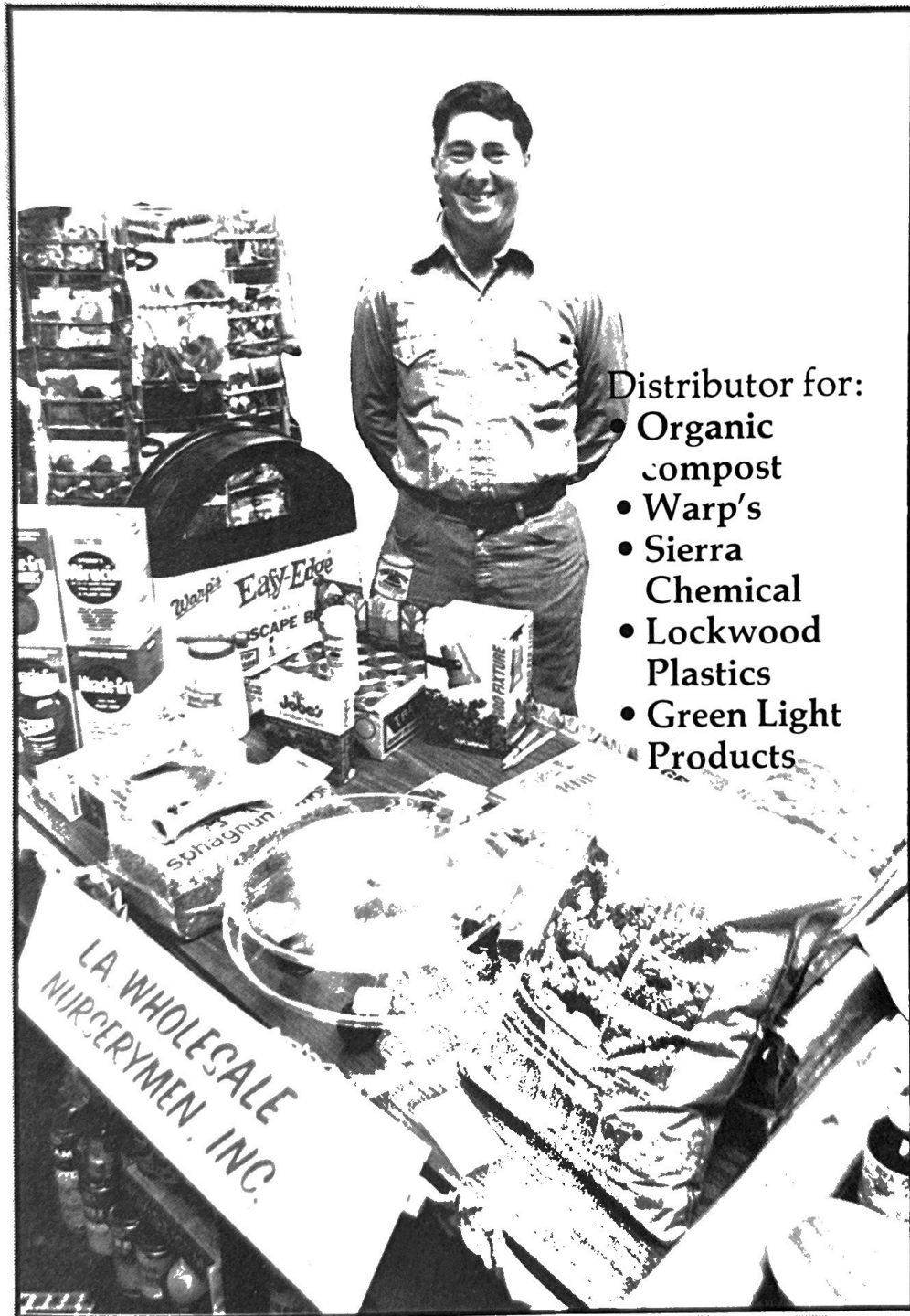
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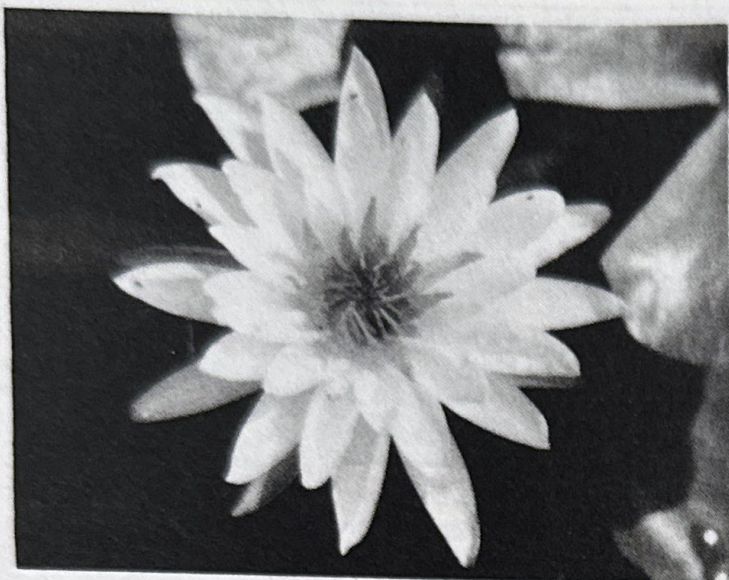


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Return of the Natives

Louisiana World Expo will feature native plant material

The 1984 Louisiana World Exposition will introduce native Louisiana plant material to some eleven million visitors, through two display areas which will feature upland and aquatic plants.

The project, which is endorsed and supported by LAN and other horticultural societies, was conceived by Dr. Severn Doughty, extension hor-

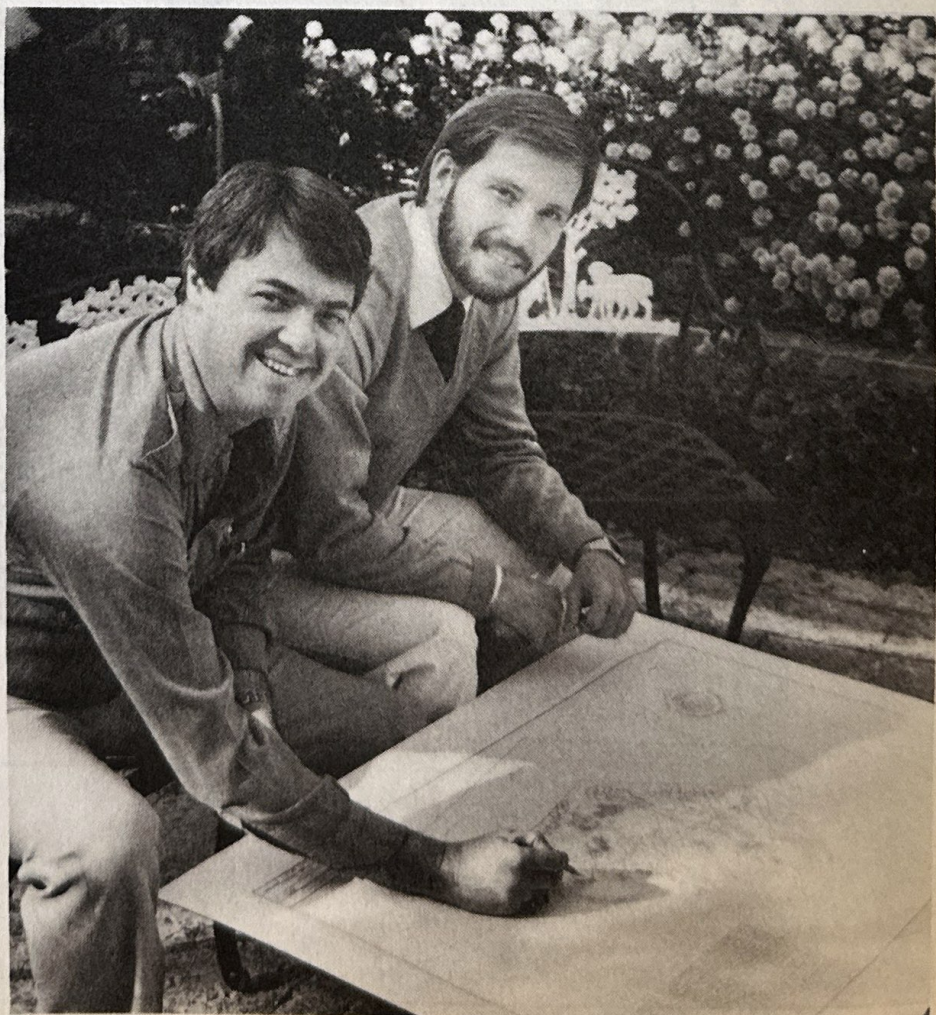
ticulturist for Jefferson Parish.

"We want to acquaint Expo visitors with the landscape and wildlife-attracting qualities of native Louisiana plant material. We hope that the exhibits will inspire them to buy these plants through area nurseries," Doughty says.

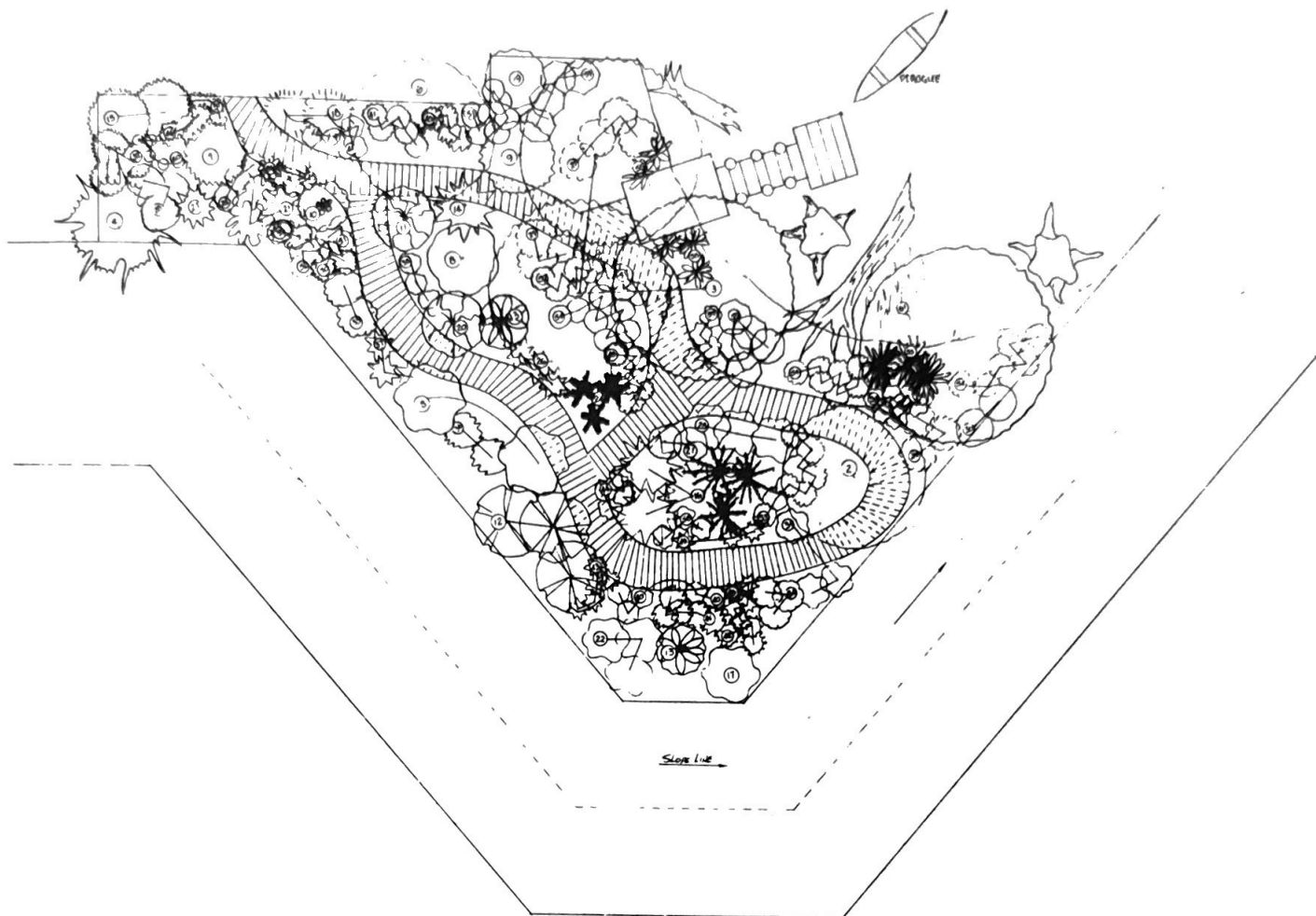
The exhibit will be supplemented by a brochure with a plot plan and key,

so that Expo-goers can identify any plants they're interested in. "Area nurseries will probably get requests for these plants, so it may be advantageous for them to propagate some," Doughty notes. "Some of the natives take a little extra care to propagate, but their benefits far outweigh those of, say, euonymus, and the big

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Plants like the white water-lily and Louisiana iris (above) will show millions of Expo visitors what natives can do in the landscape. At right, Dr. Severn Doughty and Dan Gill of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service pose with one of the landscape plans for the Expo.



Plant Key

(Get out your magnifying glass)

1. Live oak
2. Nuttall oak
3. Bald cypress
4. Parsley hawthorn
5. Flowering dogwood
6. Tulip tree
7. American holly
8. Southern magnolia
9. Waxmyrtle
10. Weeping yaupon
11. Yaupon
12. Sweetbay magnolia
13. Bigleaf magnolia
14. Southern crabapple
15. Cassine holly
16. Devil's walking stick
17. Fringe tree
18. Roughleaf dogwood
19. Mayhaw
20. Silver bell
21. Oakleaf hydrangea
22. Eastern red cedar
23. Spruce
24. Shining sumac
25. Elderberry
26. Sassafras
27. Paw paw
28. Sweet shrub

29. Button bush
30. Titi
31. Gordonia
32. Sarvis holly
33. Devil wood
34. Silky camellia
35. Tree huckleberry
36. Toothache tree
37. Sweet leaf
38. Red chokeberry
39. Hazel alder
40. French mulberry
41. Clethra
42. Cliftonia
43. Mamou
44. Wahoo
45. Dwarf huckleberry
46. Gallberry
47. Starbush
48. Virginia willow
49. Mountain laurel
50. Downy leucothoe
51. Swamp fetterbush
52. Fetterbush
53. Native azalea
54. Swamp azalea
55. Palmetto
56. Elliot's blueberry

57. Darrow's blueberry
58. Orange flowered azalea
59. Silverling
60. Myrtle dahoon
61. Louisiana iris

Aquatic plants exhibit (see front cover)

1. Bald cypress
2. Hazel alder
3. Buttonbush
4. Golden-club
5. Palmetto
6. Horsetail
7. Cat-tail
8. Sagittaria
9. Water-lettuce
10. Water-shield
11. Louisiana iris
12. Lizard's-tail
13. Yellow cow-lily
14. White water-lily
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16. Blue water-lily
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nurseries out West don't carry many Louisiana natives."

Doughty feels that many native plants have been too long neglected by nurserymen and landscapers. "The French mulberry is hard to find locally, but it's very showy, with magenta berries in the fall, and quite a conversation piece. The paw paw is terribly neglected; it has good fruit and fine landscape value. Devil's walking stick, red chokecherry, sweet shrub and clethra all have good potential. Native clematis and trumpet vine are hard to find. The parsley hawthorn is an elegant plant, with lacy leaves and red berries in winter; its only drawback is that it's thorny.

"The mayhaw is greatly neglected, with elegant flowers early in spring, and fruit that yields mayhaw jelly. You can't find silverbell anywhere — it's a nice size tree with white bell-shaped flowers, and green fruit in the summer.

"The starbush is one of my personal favorites — an evergreen shrub with red flowers in the spring and star-shaped fruit in the fall. Its leaves give a smell like anise when crushed, and could be used in potpourris.

"The bigleaf magnolia is a real oddity. It has leaves two to three feet in length, that are light green on the upper surface and silver below, and they aren't leathery like *Magnolia grandiflora*. This tree is deciduous, and it makes a typical magnolia flower that may be up to two feet across."

The Louisiana World Exposition will occupy 82 acres along the Mississippi, and has as its theme, "The World of Rivers — Fresh Water as a Source of Life."

The native plants exhibits will border the Cajunwalk, which is not far from the new Mississippi River Bridge and just upriver from the huge Convention and Exhibition Center. The Expo will open in New Orleans May 12 and close November 11.

Major Expo attractions include a \$14.5 million monorail system; a Wonderwall which features a succession of architectural shapes, aviaries, fountains, performance areas and surprises; and pavilions representing many states and foreign countries.

The New Orleans Horticultural Society and Natives Nursery of Covington are major contributors to the native plant exhibits.

Expo planners have given a 70 by 30 foot area from the upland plants, and a somewhat smaller area for the aquatic vegetation.

Perino's Garden Center in New Orleans will maintain both native plant exhibits throughout the Expo.

Native Plants Needed

In addition to the plants listed in the keys on page 9, Severn Doughty is seeking a variety of other plants. Below is his complete "wish list" of plant possibilities. Any nursery having these plants and willing to contribute some to the World Expo exhibit should contact Dr. Doughty at (504) 486-4050.

Chinese brake
Ladder brake
Maiden-hair
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Beard flower orchid
Ball moss
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Red maple
Red buckeye
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Red chokeberry
Butterfly weed
Paw paw
Hazel alder
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Rattan vine
River birch
Cross vine
French mulberry
Carolina allspice
Sweet shrub
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Ironwood
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Catalpa
Buttonbush
Redbud
Fringe tree
Native clematis
Clethra
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Roughleaf dogwood
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Titi
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Downy leucothoe
Swamp fetterbush
Spice bush
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Coral honeysuckle
Fetterbush
Osage orange
Southern magnolia
Bigleaf magnolia
Sweetbay magnolia
Southern crabapple
Red mulberry
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Hophornbeam
Sourwood
Virginia creeper
Maypop
Red bay
Phlox
Pines slash
Pines shortleaf
Pines spruce
Pines longleaf
Pines loblolly
American sycamore
May apple
Cottonwood
Cherry laurel
Mexican plum
Black cherry
Live oak
Nuttall oak
Carolina buckthorn
Native azalea
Swamp azalea
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Elderberry
Sassafras
Rattlebox - red
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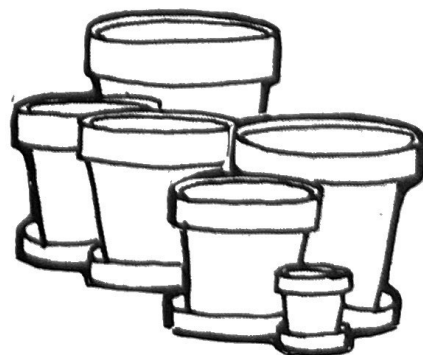
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Dwarf wax myrtle
Leadplant
Candleberry
New Jersey-tea
Cattails
Sagittaria
Arrowhead
White-tipped sedge
Golden club
White-arum
Water lettuce
Pickerel weed
Lizard's tail
Yellow cowwily
White waterlily
Yellow waterlily
Blue waterlily
American lotus
Water shield
Cleome (spider flower)
Yellow pitcher plant
Purple pitcher plant
Parrot's pitcher plant
Climbing hydrangea
White indigo
Nooding indigo (yellow)
Partridge pea
Butterfly pea
Deer pea
Pineland hibiscus
Woolly rose mallow
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Bird's-foot violet
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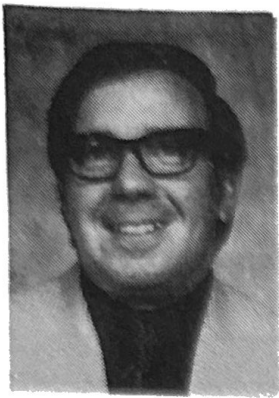
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SATURDAY, January 7, 1984			
8:30 a.m.	Registration	Lobby	Dr. Jim Foret, LAN Dr. David Tatum, MNA
1-1:30 p.m.	Opening welcome	Crown Room	Frank Akin, LAN Frank Burns, MNA
1:30-2:00 p.m.	State research reports	Crown Room	Dr. Warren Meadows, LAN Dr. Curtis Peterson and Dr. Sam Laiche, MS
2-3:00 p.m.	"Management Planning for Greater Profitability" Part I	Crown Room	Dr. Karl Kepner
3-3:30 p.m.	Coffee break	Royal Regency Room	
3:30-4:00 p.m.	"Management Planning for Greater Profitability" Part II	Crown Room	Dr. Karl Kepner
4-5:00 p.m.	"Greenhouse Management System"	Crown Room	Charles Krueger
5:45-6:45 p.m.	Cocktails	Royal Regency Room	
SUNDAY, January 8			
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Devotional service	Crown Room	
9:30-10:30 a.m.	"Do I Need It; Do I Want It?" (computers for nurserymen)	Crown Room	Dr. Charles Walden
10:30-11:00 a.m.	Coffee break	Royal Regency Room	
11-12:00 a.m.	State meetings	Crown Room Gallery CD	LAN MNA
12-1:15 p.m.	AAN luncheon	Ramada Rooms 1 and 2	
1:30-3:00 p.m.	"Developing Profitable Marketing Strategies"	Crown Room	Dr. Karl Kepner
3-3:30 p.m.	Coffee break	Royal Regency Room	
3:30-5:00 p.m.	"People, Productivity and Profits"	Crown Room	Dr. Karl Kepner
5:45-6:45 p.m.	Cocktails	Royal Regency Room	
7:00 p.m.	Joint banquet	Ramada Rooms 1-4	
MONDAY, January 9			
7-8:00 a.m.	LAN Board meeting MNA membership breakfast	Gallery Room C Gallery Room D	
8-9:00 a.m.	"Wage & Hour"	Crown Room	Robert Brock
9-9:30 a.m.	Coffee break	Royal Regency Room	
9:30-10:30 a.m.	"Banking in the '80s"	Crown Room	William Hankins
10:30-11:30 a.m.	"Highlights of New Varieties for 1984"	Crown Room	John Holden



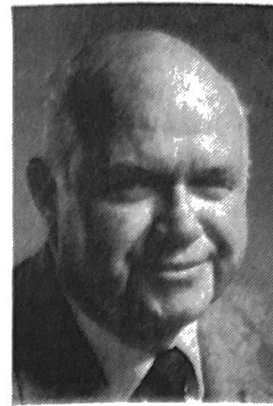
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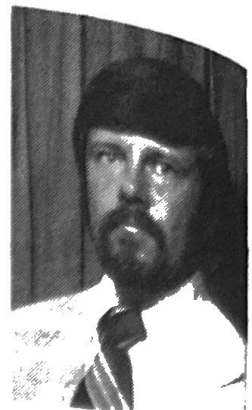
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A native of Ohio, Kepner earned his Ph.D. at Ohio State and taught at Purdue for 12 years before joining the University of Florida faculty in 1976. He is president of his own management educational services consulting group, and is an associate of Spurgeon Management Services, an international consulting group.

Dr. Charles Walden

Walden is the author of **An Introduction to Agricultural Computers: A Practical Approach** (Prentice Hall), and 47 articles on computers.

A native of Mississippi and a doctoral graduate of the University of Florida, Walden served as an extension service economist in Arkansas from 1976-1980, before joining the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service in that capacity.

He was selected as Outstanding Young Professional of the Year in Arkansas in 1979, an honor which facilitated his six-week sabbatical leave for the study of marketing and production in Japan.

Bill Hankins

Chairman of the executive committee of the Great Southern National Bank, and president of the Bank of Jackson, Bill Hankins is a prominent figure in Mississippi economic development and civic associations.

He is a past president of the

Mississippi Industrial Development Council; past state director, regional director and executive committee member of the Board of the Southern Industrial Development Council; and a Presidential appointee to the White House Conference on National Balanced Growth and Economic Development.

He has served in many capacities for such causes as the Boy Scouts, Jackson Ballet Guild, Mississippi Arts Association, Y.W.C.A., United Negro Colleges Capital Funds Drive, the Jackson Symphony, and others.

He is a graduate of Mississippi State and the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at SMU.

John Holden

In 1945, John Holden left the peace and tranquility of serving as forward artillery observer in Gen. Patton's Third Army, and joined the mad, combative world of the seed business.

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Charles Krueger

A sales representative of Yoder Brothers, Krueger has marketed a Greenhouse Management System for two years. He is a former employee of Control Data Systems, and taught horticulture management at the University of Minnesota for four years.

He also served as an extension agent in New York for four years, and earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Cornell, in horticulture and agricultural economics.

Robert Brock

Brock is area director of the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division in Jackson, Mississippi. A native of Montgomery, Alabama, he graduated from the University of Alabama and was a postgraduate fellow in the Southern Regional Training Program.

He began his career as an investigator for the Wage and Hour Division in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1960. (No photo available.)

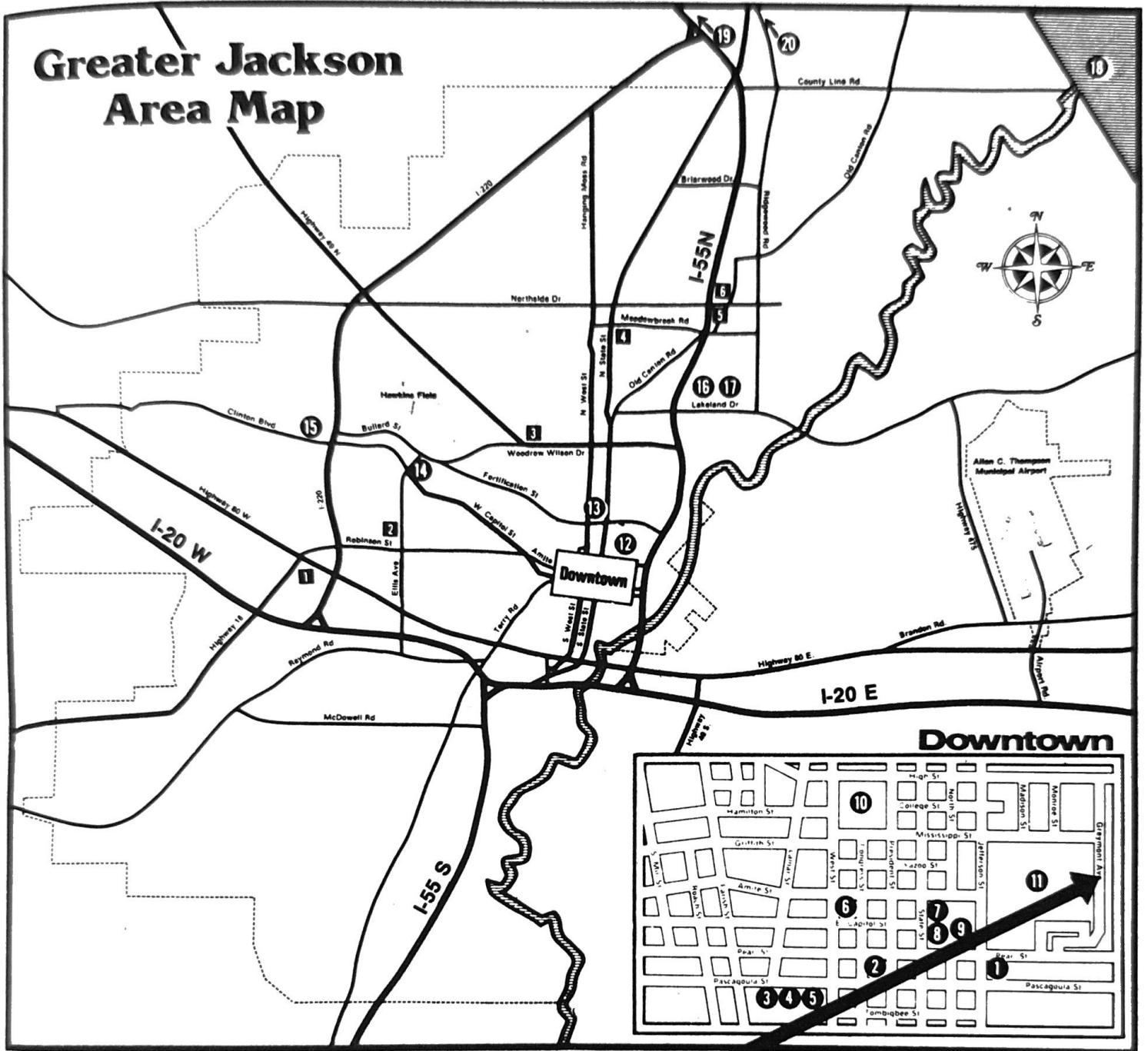


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Live Oak Gardens: surviving adversity



Three years after suffering one of history's most bizarre man-made disasters, and two years after suffering from the coldest temperatures recorded in Louisiana in this century, Live Oak Gardens is regenerating.

The sound of hammer on nail comes from three different sites on Jefferson Island now: the old Joe Jefferson home, which is being restored to its original nineteenth century splendor; the even older—**much** older—Nicholas DeLaCour home, which will be the centerpiece for a recreated eighteenth century Louisiana indigo and tobacco plantation; and a brand new visitors center, which will welcome tourists to the Gardens for the first time since the disaster.

Not far from the disaster site, an oil rig puts pipe down the hole—a hole that will likely be better positioned and more thoroughly scrutinized than the Lake Peigneur drill hole which, in November, 1980, intersected with a Diamond Crystal salt mine shaft beneath Jefferson Island, where Live Oak Gardens is located. This intersection caused a leak at the bottom of Lake Peigneur—first a slow leak then a big leak. All the miners got out, although men in the last elevator load were wet. Shortly thereafter the entire contents of the lake—drilling rig, barges, all the water and many acres of shoreline—was sucked down the hole like leftovers down a food disposal.

No one was killed or even injured, but the nursery sustained serious losses (discussed in the 1980 winter issue of this magazine), and Live Oak Gardens itself—a showpiece of a horticultural

garden—was closed.

Litigation ensued. The court recently ruled that Texaco, Diamond Crystal and the drilling contractor all were culpable for the disaster in different degrees.

While Live Oak Manager Mike Richard doesn't want to name the amount of the court settlement, he does pronounce it "fair."

"After all our debts and legal expenses were paid, we didn't come out as well as people think," he says. "We can never be compensated for the disruption in our business and the years it's taken to get the place back in shape."

Live Oak Gardens lost its water wells, its reservoir, its stock plant growing area, its water and irrigation lines, and its telephone and electric lines in the disaster. Some 60 acres of Live Oak property—not all of it nursery—were consumed by the lake cave-ins.

"We had to borrow a ton of money to get the place back in shape," Richard admits. "It took everything we had to pay the interest on the loan."

That effort was little aided by the freeze of January 10, 1982. Temperatures plunged into the low teens in south Louisiana, and nursery stock had had little previous cold weather to harden them off. Many container plants were lost, and Live Oak was one of many nurseries that lost a lot of plants.

Live Oak Gardens Nursery managed to survive these considerable doses of adversity, however, "We've stayed in business by being different,

by trying to avoid the gluts of plant material. If everybody is planting an item, we avoid it; we try to stay out of synch with what other nurseries are doing."

Richard also credits the local market for helping Live Oak survive. "We had most of our sales in Texas when we first started, but for the past three years south Louisiana has been our mainstay. One thing that's really helped was buying our own truck for short-run delivery of plants. With two trailers, we can load one while the other is being used for deliveries. When our driver isn't on the road he does other work in the nursery."

Now that the court settlement has paid the debts incurred in the disaster, Live Oak Gardens Nursery has settled down. "We have the equipment and the plants and the facilities, and we're ready for the economy to improve," Richard says.

Richard, however, has hardly settled down. He wears two hats on Jefferson Island—that of nursery manager and that of horticultural director of Live Oak Gardens. He wears the latter hat more than 90 percent of the time these days, as the gardens are refurbished for the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition and an anticipated horde of tourists.

"We hope to have the gardens open in March, along with the restored Joe Jefferson house and the new reception center."

The gardens were first opened in 1965. Visitors proceed through a walking tour of room-like enclosures in the

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Lake Peigneur began consuming its own banks in the 1980 disaster. The banks caved in right up to the edge of one of the Live Oak warehouses, and a forest of oak

trees ended up in the water (opposite page). The visitors center now under construction replaces the visitors center that fell into the lake.

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Live Oak Gardens

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gardens, which are arranged to achieve an element of surprise. These enclosures bear names like the Alhambra Garden, the Japanese Garden, the Cascade and Peigneur Park.

"We're intensifying and improving the gardens — putting in brick walks, redesigning parts of the gardens, and replanting what has become overgrown."

The Jefferson House was built by famous nineteenth century actor Joe Jefferson, who bought the island in 1870. Jefferson's most famous stage role was that of Rip Van Winkle, and Live Oak Gardens was originally named Rip Van Winkle Gardens. President Grover Cleveland was a visitor there, and one of the oaks near the home is named in his honor.

"We're repairing the foundations of the home, and taking away the twentieth century additions to the structure. We're removing the sheetrock and trying to renovate the house into its original appearance.

The visitors center will replace the botanical conservatory destroyed by the Lake Peigneur cave-in. It will include a gift shop, cafe, and an orientation room with a continuously playing videotape program of information about the gardens.

The most interesting recent addition to Jefferson Island, however, is the Nicholas DeLaCour home, a structure that may be the oldest dwelling in the Mississippi Valley.

"We have considerable evidence that the house was built in 1731 or before. DeLaCour himself was born in 1699 and immigrated from France in 1720. He first worked as a laborer for LePage Du Pratz, the famous Louisiana historian, on a Royal concession of land near St. Francisville."

Census records show that DeLaCour was living on his home site in 1731, and his succession records speak of an "old house" which passed to his son in 1761.

That house which was "old" 222 years ago was moved to Jefferson Island this year. Richard bought it as the main focus of a recreated French colonial Louisiana plantation, which is now being developed as an additional tourist attraction for Jefferson Island.

"We didn't realize it was that old," Richard says. "It looked Victorian when we bought it, with bay windows and pointed dormers. We knew it was eighteenth century from the rosehead

nails and the Norman trusses, but there are quite a few eighteenth century structures in Louisiana.

"But we started preparing it for moving, the more we peeled back, the earlier it seemed to be." Both the architectural details and courthouse records corroborate that the newest addition to Jefferson Island is very, very old.

The house was originally built near

La Barre, across the Mississippi River from St. Francisville. It was built on an Indian settlement site; the *bousillage* (mud and moss mixture packed between vertical wall beams) contains lots of Indian pottery fragments. The house underwent many changes through the centuries; Richard is now working with restoration experts and carpenters to put it back in its original condition.

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Byers elected

Dave Byers, an associate member of LAN and president of Byers Nursery Co. in Huntsville, Alabama, was elected President of the Southern Nurserymen's Association at the 1983 SNA trade show. He is the 79th President of SNA. He has served as an SNA board member since 1979.

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Grafting Azaleas and other ornamentals

Grafting of azaleas is not a new practice, but it is certainly a rare practice among commercial growers as well as amateurs. Grafting of Belgian Indicas and such hard-to-root deciduous azaleas as Ghent and Mollis Hybrids was once a common practice in Europe.

One possible reason for grafting evergreen azaleas is to be able to grow rootrot-susceptible cultivars in an area where root-rot is a serious problem. Another is to produce as much propagating wood as possible of a seedling or other plant of which cuttings are scarce.

My reason for grafting azaleas and other ornamentals is to produce tree-form and other "topiary" plants of cultivars that would be extremely slow to grow into these forms on their own trunks. By grafting onto a vigorous trunk, a three foot tall dwarf cultivar or a four to five foot tall plant of a medium sized cultivar can be produced in two years.

These graft combinations have the double advantage of very fast growth the first year or two and resumption

of normal growth thereafter. This results in an extremely low-maintenance plant when a dwarf scion cultivar is used.

The rootstock I have used almost exclusively is "Formosa." It is very vigorous, tolerant of Phytophthora root rot and apparently compatible with a wide range of evergreen cultivars. At least 40 different azaleas have been successfully grafted on "For-

mosa." Attempts to graft two deciduous species were unsuccessful. Use of "Formosa" rootstock outside of the normal range of "Formosa" cold hardiness is questionable.

Grafting can be done at any time mature scions are available. Early fall through midwinter should be avoided unless the plants are to remain in a greenhouse until spring.

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inch in diameter at the point the graft is to be made. If the stock is much larger than this, it is more difficult to make a clean vertical cut. If it is much smaller, it lacks the desired vigor and support.

For a simple "tree-form" or "patio tree," the height of the graft may be anywhere from two feet high for a very dwarf cultivar such as "Gumpo" to four feet high for a fairly vigorous cultivar or a cascading cultivar such as "Pink Cascade."

The type of graft that I have used in all cases is the cleft. A clean horizontal cut is made at the desired grafting point. A vertical cut is then made through the center of the trunk.

Then the two to three inch scion is trimmed into a wedge with the side which is to be out on the outer side of the stock thicker than the inner side. The cleft is opened with a knife blade and the scion is placed so that the cambium (the living layer just inside the bark) of the scion is in contact with the cambium of the stock.

Two scions can be placed on a thick stock. This can result in a more densely branched top, but it can result in a weak crotch or a one-sided top. This can develop after the two scions have grown enough to touch.

When a thin stock is used, a rubber budding strip can be used to keep more pressure on the scion and hold it in

place. With a thicker stock, no wrap is needed. The graft is covered with a pint or quart polyethylene bag to retain moisture. The bag is fastened tightly around the stem with a paper covered wire. This is covered with a small paper bag to prevent overheating inside the plastic bag. The plant is then placed in a light shade for additional protection.

After four to six weeks, the graft should be checked frequently. When union of stock and scion has begun, the wire is loosened to give some ventilation. It is less of a shock to the scion if this ventilation is begun before any new growth is produced. Finally, the bags are removed completely and the plant is left in light shade. If wilting occurs, the uncovering was premature and the graft should be protected again.

During the first growing season, most cultivars will need frequent pinching or light pruning because growth will be vigorous. Removal of growth from the stock will also need to be done frequently, especially if the plant is pushed to maximum growth with fertilization. After the first year, excessive vigor of the top and sprouting of the stock will generally decrease.

The "other ornamentals" referred to in the title are handled the same as azaleas. Only the identity of the stock



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Juniperus chinensis, *J. horizontalis*, *J. procumbens* and *J. scopulorum* cvs. on *J. virginiana*
Lagerstroemia indica "Centennial" and other dwarf cvs. on *L. indica*
Ligustrum coriaceum, *L. japonicum*
L. vicaryi and *L. vulgare* cvs. on *L. japonicum* and *L. lucidum*
Magnolia stellata on *M. x soulangeana* and *M. virginiana*
Myrica gale on *M. cerifera*
Pyracantha kiodzumi "Harlequin" on *P. koidzumi*

Although grafting is a labor intensive and therefore expensive operation, a limited market exists for tree, pompom and other "topiary" forms. The plants in these forms which can be produced by grafting offer definite advantages over own root plants in flower and foliage characteristics as well as in ease of maintenance.

—Dr. William Brown, associate professor at the Hammond Research Station of the LSU Cooperative Extension Service.

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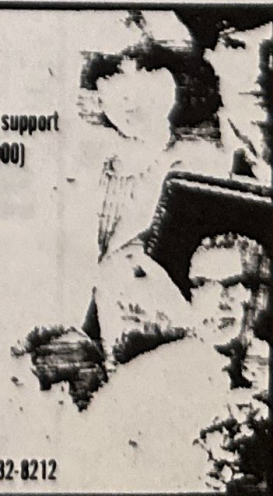
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