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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings LNLA members,

There is a huge sense of pride that wells up inside of me when I think about the industry we have chosen as our profession. We have the joy of producing, creating, and nurturing the additions to nature that will grow and mature before our eyes. This task does not come easy and takes an enormous amount of hard work, dedication, sacrifice and love to continue working through countless setbacks we endure from season to season. Our LNLA board has this commitment and generously gives their time and expertise to represent our industry. Many thanks to Kurt Decote, Micheal Roe, Brandon Adams, Brain Bridges, Cari Jane Murray, Tony Carter, Jeff Reid, Rueben Mitchell, Chad Everage, Candria Ray, Matt Fennel, Samatha Young, Matthew Knick, Craig Roussel, Dr. Jeb Fields, and Dr Ed Bush for their service on our LNLA board. It is my honor and pleasure to serve you and our industry as President.

We have had numerous hurdles to jump over in the last several years. Hurricanes have devastated the West, the East, the South, the North and all areas in between. The pandemic has left us with plant and product shortages for the next several years. Last year, freezing rain and snow, damaged all the progress made after the hurricanes, only to start over again one more time. We are now facing the rising cost of inflation and the all time high fuel cost. But as an industry we are strong and continuing to move forward. What I find most amazing is the resiliency of our industry, the cooperation of competitors to work hand in hand helping one another, because Louisiana Nursery And Landscape Association has become a family for our industry. We have partnered with our Ag Agencies, our commissioner, the farmer bureau, seasonal labor organizations, our research stations, our elected officials and each other to make our industry the best it can be. I am very proud to be a part of our association.

We have more work to do and our board has goals to reach and we are well on our way. Our first goal is to represent the entire state. We have realized there are two areas in our state we must reach out to and increase our representation. We will head north and west to spread the word about the benefits of LNLA. We are partnering with our northern Ag agent Stacia L. Davis Conger, Ph.D., to sponsor an educational venue to benefit the landscaping industry on October 27, 2022. We will send updates as we move forward with the planning process. We have been fortunate to bring Chad Everage to our table as a new board member. He has the ability to represent the western part of our state and will continue to work towards improving our membership in the West by spreading the message of our importance in the industry. We also welcome our new board members Matthew Knick and Samantha Young.

Our second goal, is to work with our state government to ensure they

know who we are and what we bring to our state. Our industry creates billions in revenue for the state of Louisiana and employees tens of thousands. We hosted a breakfast for The House of Representatives and Senators with the help of our Lieutenant Governor, Billy Nungesser, and our Commissioner of Agriculture, Mike Strain, on March 24 at the Pentagon Barracks. We commend many of our members for stepping forward to make the necessary personal phone calls to our Representatives and Senators. They formally invited them to attend and shared our important message. The event was extremely well attended and our voices were acknowledged. We have asked our legislators to call upon us for our opinions on new laws which could ultimately affect us in one way or another. The breakfast provided a positive venue for many of our members to establish a great working relationship with their elected officials. This will benefit our industry for years to come.

Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association Newsletter has advanced forward into more than just a newsletter. It has become a journal, a periodical or a magazine, which ever you use to refer to our newsletter you would be right. The State Library in Baton Rouge has taken notice and has approached us for permission to display our newsletter in the library.

LNLA will work very hard this year to continue our forward movement in our industry of professionals. We are very thankful to all who have come before us in representing our industry. We are extremely thankful to our many members for trusting us to represent them. I am grateful for our hardworking and dedicate board. May Blessings be many for all of us.





Lisa Loup



Notes From The Secretary....



Photoed above in order Brian Bridges, Cari Jane Murray & Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser

Hello Everyone,

It feels like 2020 is finally over! The last two years have been a long whirlwind of one thing after another going wrong, but through the storms and pandemic we have come out on the other side with the grass a little greener, for now. Our industry knows exactly what it means to "ride the wave" in the good times. Spring is here and we are all going to ride this wave as long as possible; the best time of the year. I realize it may be summer before some of you get to read this issue, you are all just that busy! Praise the LORD!

This first quarter of 2022 has been packed for LNLA and our members in a great way. In January the Gulf States Hort Expo came back with flying colors. The show recorded pre pandemic numbers for exhibitors and attendees. Education session attendance was up! Of course you all know I think of you as family and GSHE was the best family reunion ever. The hugs, high fives and fistbumps were long overdue! The Gulf States trade show is alive and well and totally lived up to its nickname "Premier Trade Show of the South". If you weren't able to attend GHSE this year, I'll be waiting for my hug from you at the LNLA booth in 2023!

In February LNLA hosted the Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional (CNLP) manual review and certification exam at the LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station. Dr. Jeb Fields, LSU AgCenter Commercial Horticulture Specialist, taught the two day class to 35 individuals seeking to obtain certification or licensing from the LDAF. Our next CNLP 2 day course will be June 7-8, 2022 at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center in Lafayette. Visit the LNLA website to register.

March this year was a game changer for LNLA! LNLA, alongside Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser and Ag Commissioner Mike Strain, hosted a meet and greet breakfast for ALL Louisiana State Legislators. This was our opportunity to get in front and let them know who we are, what we do and why we are important. Our industry as a whole brings BILLIONS to Louisiana annually and employ tens of thousands. We are a small business industry with a big business impact on Louisiana's economy. The meeting was catered by Louisiana Seafood Board and Sam Carroll prepared the most amazing shrimp and grits dish! The list of Senators and Representatives that came to meet us was incredible. We are so grateful to have represented our LNLA membership and green industry. This meeting better prepared us to face whatever may come for the businesses we represent. We sincerely thank the Lt. Governor and Commissioner for their continued friendship and support of our industry.

Save the date for the Foundation Gala XII, June 24 at City Park. I hope to see you all there!

Until next time, Cari Jane Murray

LNLA & LNLFSR Executive Secretary

Proposed Rule on the H-2A Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) by Brian Beaux

On December 1, 2021, the U.S. Dept. of Labor issued a notice of proposed rulemaking to revise the methodology by which it determines the hourly Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) for H-2A workers. The comment period ended on January 31, 2022.

In short, the proposed rule would continue to use the USDA-Farm Labor Survey (FLS) to determine the AEWR for the most common field and livestock worker occupations represented by six Standard Occupational Classifications (SOC) occupations. The six Standard Occupational Classifications are: Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery and Greenhouse Workers (SOC Code: 45-2092); Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals (SOC Code: 45-2093); Agricultural Equipment Operators (SOC Code: 45-2091); Packers and Packagers, Hand (SOC Code: 53-7064); Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products (SOC Code: 45-2041); and All Other Agricultural Workers (SOC Code: 45-2099). Louisiana's current AEWR determined by the USDA-FLS of \$12.45 per hour would continue to apply to these occupations under the proposed rule.

However, other H-2A agricultural job occupations such as field supervisors, truck drivers etc... would each have a different Adverse Effect Wage Rate determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) - Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) survey. Many feel that it would be a bookkeeping nightmare to have different wage rates that applied to different H-2A workers live in the same housing structures. Conflicts would certainly develop when H-2A workers discovered that other H-2A worker(s) were being paid more.

How much would wage rates change under the proposed rule? A perfect example is the AEWR for H-2A workers that drive trucks. For occupational code 53-3032 - Heavy and Tractor Trailer Driver in the Lafayette area, the mean truck driver wage rate is \$20.88 per hour according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)-Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) survey. If this BLS-OEWS wage rate became the Adverse Effect Wage Rate for H-2A truck drivers, this would be a 67.7% increase above the current AEWR of \$12.45 per hour. In examining the proposed rule, significant wage rate increases would be imposed on the majority of agricultural occupations that have AEWR's determined from the Bureau of Labor Statistics – Occupational Employment and Wage Survey.

The timing is horrible for this proposed rule with costs doubling for many agricultural inputs over the past year. We hope that USDOL recognizes this along with the fact that the proposed AEWR rule is poorly designed, only creating more problems, and withdraw this proposed rule.

Named Scholarship or Research Grant Funding are great ways to honor your loved ones.



While the express purpose of the Foundation is to provide funding for scholarships and research, there are also naming opportunities that exist for businesses or individuals that may desire to name a Scholarship/Research in honor of someone or some other entity.

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- 1. Your contributions are most welcome. Please make your donations online at www.lnla.org or contact Cari Jane Murray at 985.37.2939 or carijanelnla@gmail.com for more information.
- 2. Donate items or gift certificates for auctions held at annual LNLA Hospitality Reception at Gulf States Horticultural Expo and/or our annual gala.
- 3. Each year the Foundation sponsors a Gala to raise funds to further our mission. Sponsorships are available and greatly appreciated in each of the following categories.

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LNLA 2022 Professional Awards Presented At GSHE

James A. Foret

James A. Foret - Presented by Rusty Ruckstuhl to Pete Newton



The James A. Foret Award is the highest award given annually by the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association. It's dedication to Dr. Foret is a reminder of Dr. Foret's love of all things horticultural and his lifetime service to the Louisiana Nursery

and Landscape Association and the Nursery industry. Its recipients demonstrate this same characteristic of a passion for plants and plant people. They have chosen lives surrounding horticulture and spend their careers sharing knowledge, experience and leadership talents with the industry.

This year's Foret Award winner and I go back to 1982 when we first met. I was the President of the ASLA LA Chapter and this person was on the Board. Then, he followed in my footsteps and became President in 1983.

Together we put together a joint meeting between the ASLA and the LAN in 1986 in Baton Rouge, which was the beginning of our involvement in the LNLA.

I got on the LNLA Board in 2006, and this year's award winner got on the Board in 2009. That same year, I became the President of the LNLA and this year's winner became President in 2010. We both helped to establish the LNLASR Foundation in 2008.

We both served on the LNLFSR Board for several years. He went on to become the President of the Foundation and was instrumental in driving the foundation

to the next level.

Besides being very active in the ASLALA, LALA, LANLFSR, he also was involved and active in many other areas including:

Baton Rouge Project Wildflower Baton Rouge Green Baton Rouge Landscape Association

And the LSU Hilltop Arboretum where he was President and served on their Board for many years.

For the past 32 years, this year's winner has been at the head of his firm that specializes in landscape design, landscape construction and maintenance. He has been a mentor to several Landscape Architects and Landscape professionals. He earned a Horticulture degree from the University of Arkansas and a Masters in Landscape Architecture from LSU. He has been married to his wife, Carol, for 42 years and they have 2 sons, Grayson, a firefighter here in Baton Rouge, and Garrett, who with his wife Leslie, are employed as Landscape Architects by the Reed-Hilderbrand & Associates Landscape Design firm in Boston. The award recipient also enjoys spending time with his family and his two grandchildren at his camp in Monteray, Louisiana. And he has also been known to enjoy a good time with a drink or two or... of Crown Royal.

It is my honor and pleasure to announce that the fourth LA to receive the James A. Foret award is Pete Newton

Distinguished Service

Distinguished Service - Presented by Lisa Loup to Brian Bridges

I have been given the honor of presenting the Distinguished Service award to a dear friend.

I feel as though if you are nominated and then selected by your peers this means you have touched the green industry in a positive way, and they took notice.

The definition of distinguished is to make oneself prominent and worthy of respect through one's behavior or achievements. The definition of service is to selflessly give of oneself without gain. Please take a moment to understand what an honor it is to receive this award. It is not an easy task to earn respect of your peers and it is truly difficult to selflessly give of your time to service without gain. The recipient of this award has earned our respect and has graciously served our industry well.

He graduated from Rapides High School in 1989.

He began working as contract labor for Chris Bollich's Nursery while continuing his education at LSU@Alexandria

In 1991 he began his career with BWI as a warehouse crewman. Three years later in 1994 he excelled into a sales position covering the South Louisiana Territory. His knowledge and professionalism in our industry quickly propelled him to becoming a branch manager in Forest Hill in only one year, 1995. He currently maintains his position as Branch

Manager in Forest Hill and exceeds in all the goals set before him.

LNLA knew he was headed for greatness in our Industry because he received the Young



Professional of the Year award in 2001 which was 21 years ago.

He has been extremely active in giving back to the green industry. He is currently serving his 12th year on the LNLA Board. He has served as Treasury for the last 4 years and is continuing in that position currently. His Distinguished Service did not stop there; He is a devoted husband to Kelly for 29 years and counting, loving father of his 2 children Nathan and Meagan, exceptional Father-in -law to Kasey and Austin, wonderful Granddad to Wyatt, Lane and Baby Amelia, arriving in May and he is an incredible friend.

It is my honor and pleasure to present the

Distinguished Service Award to Brian Bridges



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Professional Achievement

Professional Achievement - Presented by Ricky Becnel to Dr. Ansel Rankins



An achievement is something which someone has succeeded in doing, especially after a lot of effort.

Professional achievements are things a person did that had a lasting impact for their industry, company or client. It is a result personally brought

about while fulfilling a particular role.

Our winner for professional achievement this year is a homeboy of Mississippi but has made a significant mark on the Green Industry and Agriculture of Louisiana and we are proud to have him.

Dr. Ansel T. Rankins, Sr. is a native of Greenville, Mississippi. He is married to Tramecha Rankins, celebrating 25 years this August! They have two sons, Ansel Jr. and Jaylon and daughter, Jasmine in heaven.

Ansel graduated from Greenville High School and received an undergraduate degree in agronomy from Alcorn State University. Achieving his best and still having fun in his high school band as drum major and in college playing the tuba.

Ansel began his career with LDAF in 2006 as an Agricultural and Environmental Specialist. In 2008 he was promoted to Assistant Director of the Horticulture and Quarantine Division. In 2015

he accepted the position of Director of the Horticulture and Quarantine Division. As director, he served as the state plant regulatory official for the National Plant Board and as state liaison for all federal plant pest issues.

While pursuing his career Ansel was also earning his master's and doctorate degrees from Southern University and A&M College. Talk about an overachiever.

In 2019 DR. Ansel Rankins was selected by Dr. Mike Strain to serve as the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Assistant Commissioner. As the Assistant Commissioner he oversees the four divisions of AES: Agricultural Chemistry, Hortculture and Quarantine, Pesticide and Environmental and Seed. During his career with LDAF, he has served as the member board executive to the board of directors for the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB). He has served as the secretary/ treasurer, vice president and is currently serving as the president of the Southern Plant Board. He also continues to serve as a board member of the National Plant Board.

Dr. Rankins has received many awards during his career for his outstanding professional achievements, including the American Society of Landscape Architects "Service to the Profession Award" and the "Professional of the Year" Award from the Louisiana Irrigation Association. Ansel and his boys are members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and he still pursues his passion for music as well playing bass guitar in church!

Congratulations to this year's LNLA Professional Achievement Award winner, Dr. Ansel Rankins

Professional Achievement

Presented by Dr. Allen Owings to LSU AgCenter - 20 Years of the Get It Growing Program

Home horticulture has always been the most clientele impactful base program for the LSU AgCenter. What started in 2000/2001 as an effort from the LSU AgCenter to expand gardening outreach to urban audiences around the state has blossomed into a thriving program known to many individuals across our state.

Over a thousand newspaper articles have been written. More than a thousand videos have been recorded. Daily (Monday - Friday) radio spots were included the first 12-13 years of the program.

The legendary Dan Gill was the spokesman for Get It Growing for the first 17 years. The last three years, Heather Kirk-Ballard has provided program leadership. Get It Growing has broad appeal. In some ways, Get It Growing was responsible or aided in other LSU AgCenter programs that are now ongoing, such as the Louisiana Super Plant program.

LNLA worked with the LSU AgCenter and provided the initial start up funds for the very popular Get It Growing calendar. The 2022 edition and those in many prior years sold out. There is also a Get It Growing scholarship in the LSU College of Agriculture funded by profits generated by calendar sales.

Get It Growing has assisted garden centers, landscapers and growers

around the state simply by educating the gardening consumer. The more educated the gardener, the more successful the gardener will become.

You can find Get It Growing videos posted each week on the LSU AgCenter You Tube channel in addition to



the LSU AgCenter website (www.lsuagcenter.com), News articles are usually posted Friday each week.

LNLA congratulations the LSU AgCenter on 20 years of the Get It Growing program and recognizes Dan Gill, Heather Kirk-Ballard and the faculty/staff at LSU AgCenter communications for this great program.

Heather Kirk-Ballard accepts a 2022 LNLA Professional Achievement Award from LNLFSR Vice President Allen Owings. Dr. Allen Ownings



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LNLA's Professional of the Year

Presented by Juan Garcia to Peter Mayeux



Everyone loves plants; some people just don't know it yet, was a comment made by this year's recipient of the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association Professional of the year award.

Our recipient began his venture into the horticulture industry in 1988 while attending USL majoring in

Emergency Health Services. During this time he worked as a paramedic, mowed lawns and also did landscaping. He obtained his degree in 1991 but immediately went back for the Horticulture business feeling a deeper connection to that field.

In 1992 he and his brother received the opportunity to purchase a small nursery in Lafayette on Johnston Street. At the time All Seasons Nursery and Landscape Center took root. In 2000, our recipient Peter Mayeux married his wife Mary and they currently have 4 children. William, Samuel, Nathan and Mary Grace. In 2006 Peter and Mary purchased his brothers share in the company and became the sole owners of All Seasons which is also a Home and Garden Showplace affiliate as well as True Value Hardware. At this point the business really started to grow and continuing to this day improvements are constantly being made to the property to

enhance the customer experience.

In 2008, All Seasons won the award for Home & Garden Showplace Store of the Southern

Region. Peter is a licensed Horticulturist and Landscape Contractor. His forte includes irrigation, home improvement and swimming pool construction. He can be found at the garden center just about 7 days a week; helping customers, encouraging employees and working tirelessly on landscape and nursery projects both for clients and his business.

Peter employs local garden minded associates, all overflowing with knowledge, creativity and the love of plants. With his hard working year round employees, All Seasons has been voted #1 in the Times of Acadiana and Best in Acadiana campaign for the last 16 years. His landscaping work has been published twice in Better Homes and Gardens magazine and

countless other publications. When the rare opportunity for some time off occurs, Peter enjoys spending time with his family

as well as everything the Sportsman's Paradise offers; boating, fishing and hunting.

From planting out of an old Toyota pickup to a fleet of 12 plus landscape trucks and a garden center stocked with inspirational plants and beauty, Peter Mayeux has transformed the landscape of Lafayette with his All Seasons Home and Garden Showplace.

It is my pleasure to present this year's LNLA Professional of the Year award to Peter Mayeux

LNLA's Young Professional of the Year

Presented by Jason Stagg to Elena Fennell

The LNLA's Young Professional of the Year Award recognizes an individual's outstanding service and dedication to Louisiana's nursery and landscape industry. The recipient must be under 40 years old, and their contributions must go above and beyond what is expected, touching multiple facets of the green industry, including leadership, volunteering, and excellence in their primary line of business.

This year's recipient has an impressive list of accomplishments, and their leadership skills and ability to spin a lot of plates in the air at the same time have always amazed me. Although they happen to be a master of the English language, this person may not have the word NO in their vocabulary.

After graduating high school from St. Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge, she went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in English and subsequent Master's Degree in English Literature from Southeastern Louisiana University, which have served her well in the numerous gardening articles she has published in local newspapers, Louisiana Gardener Magazine and Louisiana Home and Gardens Magazine just to name a few. Having the ability to effectively communicate with the gardening public and industry alike is critical to keeping our industry relevant and growing, while at the same time highlighting the psychological and environmental benefits of proper gardening and landscaping.

But this is just one of the many qualities she brings to the industry, as public service and volunteering have also been a core characteristic of this year's recipient.

This year's award winner has served in a leadership capacity on the boards of numerous horticulture-related associations with both local and statewide reach, including the BREC Botanic Garden, the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden, the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape



Foundation for Scholarship and Research, the Louisiana Super Plants Committee, and the Baton Rouge Landscape Association, where she has served as president, vice president and secretary (some of those multiple times).

She also maintains her support for other industry organizations with her membership in the Friends of the LSU Ag Center Botanic Gardens at Burden, the National Institute of Consumer Horticulture, the Garden Writers Association and the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association. In addition, she gives educational presentations to garden clubs and other organizations, such as the Reflections in the Garden lecture series at Burden. She also works with the Botanic Gardens at Burden on their poinsettia trials and grower evaluations.

I am so happy to present this year's LNLA award for

Young Professional of the Year to the beautiful and fabulous Elena Fennell



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Kyla Bryant - Margie Jenkins Scholarship

Kyla Bryant is a native and resident of Greensburg, LA and is a graduate of St. Helena College and Career Academy. She is currently a senior pursuing her B.S. degree in urban forestry at Southern University in Baton Rouge. Kyla has a 3.1 grade point average. She has been one of the few Louisiana students selected for the Weyerhaeuser summer internship program and also interned as a student arborist at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden in Baton Rouge last summer. Congratulations to Kyla on being selected as this year's second recipient of the LNLFSR Margie Jenkins Scholarship award.



Kyla Bryant pictured with Dr. Yan Chen

Thomas (Max) McKeown – Foret / Meadows / Owings Scholarship

Max McKeown was raised in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He graduated from Drew Central High School and then completed his B.S. degree in horticulture at the University of Arkansas in 2021 with a 4.0 grade point average. Max is currently working with Dr. Jeb Fields on his M.S. degree in horticulture at LSU. He was selected for membership in the Pi Alpha Xi horticulture honor society while at the University of Arkansas and was president of the horticulture club. He served as the LNLA / LNLFSR summer intern at the LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station in 2021. Max is a plantsman with knowledge and



great enthusiasm for horticulture. Congratulations to Max McKeown on his selection as the LNLFSR Meadows / Foret / Owings Scholarship winner for 2022.

Hunter Knowles - Ira Nelson Scholarship

Hunter Knowles was born in Shreveport and is a lifelong residence of Bossier City. He graduated from Parkway High School and is currently a senior (graduating May 2022) at Louisiana Tech University where he will obtain a B.S. degree in Ag Business with a Plant Science emphasis. Hunter has maintained a 3.5 grade point average at Louisiana Tech and also works at Southern Trace Golf Course in Shreveport. He has recently been named one of the featured students in the College of Natural and Applied Sciences at Louisiana Tech. Congratulations to Hunter on receiving the 2022 LNLFSR Ira Nelson Scholarship award.



Hunter Knowles recieving his award











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Rukhshaba Shehrin - LNLFSR Scholarship

Rukhshaba Shehrin is a native of Bangladesh and graduated from Holy Cross College High School in Maine. She received a bachelors degree in architecture and is now working on her masters of landscape architecture in the Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture at LSU. Her grade point average is 3.77. Rukhshaba has received a number of awards and scholarships in the department and is very involved in extracurricular activities. Congratulations to Rukhshaba on being named a 2022 LNLFSR Scholarship recipient.

Alyssa Gill - LNLFSR Scholarship

Alyssa Gill is a native of San Francisco, CA and graduated from Berkeley High School, Berkeley, CA. She has a bachelor's degree from Knox College and is currently pursuing her Masters in Landscape Architecture at LSU where she will graduate this year. Alyssa has maintained a 3.9 grade point average at LSU. She has received sever-

al honors in the department including the 2021 Olmsted Scholarship. Alyssa is considered one of the leaders by her advisors among the graduate students in the Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture. Congratulations to Alyssa on being named a LNLFSR scholarship winner this year.



Rukhshaba Shehrin and Alyssa Gill pictured with Dr. Yan Chen

BRLA Members and Friends - We hope everyone is having a great 2022 thus far.

Meeting attendance and participation in BRLA has waned over the last couple years. We would love to have a great re-bound year in 2022. BRLA was originally founded in the 1980s as region 3 of the Louisiana Association of Nursery. We have a long, proud history and we want to continue to grow and strengthen our organization. On February 17th at our meeting we heard from new LSU AgCenter horticulture professor Damon Abdi. In addition, Craig Houin from Bracy's Nursery gave us an update on the craziness of plant sales the last two years and what this year holds for us. Last but not least, Buddy Lee gave a short presentation highlighting Encore azaleas—now in their 25th year! BRLA dues are voluntary for 2022 but we sincerely ask for your attendance and financial support.

Your BRLA Leadership Team; Allen Owings, chair, Ed Bush, co-chair, Jason Stagg, Matthew Fennell, Elena Fennell, Damon Abdi, Heather Kirk-Ballard



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Rick & Susan Webb Presented Karlene Defatta Award - 2022

Rick and Susan Webb. Louisiana Growers, Amite, LA were awarded the 2022 Karlene Defatta Award of Excellence from the Louisiana Native Plant Society at the group's annual conference in February. They were recognized for "their professional service in the administration of LNPS, outstanding efforts in propagation and advancement of Louisiana native plants and continued education of others about native plants and their beauty and value".

Congratulations to both of you from your friends at LNLA.



Rick and Susan Webb are owners of Louisiana Growers, a wholesale nursery located in Amite, Louisiana. The nursery specializes in Gulf Coast Native trees and shrubs and was established in 1988.In continuous operation for

33 years, Louisiana Growers is quite possibly the largest and longest running nursery currently devoted to native plants in Louisiana. With a keen eye for unique forms, Rick has sought to preserve various species by making numerous named selections and introducing these to the wholesale trade.

Through the operation of the nursery, the Webbs have worked tirelessly to encourage the use of native plants in landscapes both private and public. Native plant material from Louisiana Growers has been used in numerous significant public and commercial projects including the native plant demonstration garden at L.S.U.'s Burden Center (Baton Rouge), the Make It Right Foundation's LEED certified landscapes (New Orleans). ExxonMobil's green space enhancement project (Baton Rouge), Community Adaptation Program stormwater management improvements (Gentilly), Central Louisiana Technical Community College (Alexandria), urban tree reforestation by S.O.U.L. (New Orleans), Bankline Stabilization Workshops (Bayou Vermilion District), University of Louisiana Lafayette pocket prairie at Hamilton Hall (Lafayette), Baton Rouge Green's beautification project at Acadian Thruway (Mid-City Baton Rouge), the City Park Sculpture Garden expansion (New Orleans), and many others.

As a wholesale grower, Rick has worked closely with landscape architects and contractors to seeking to use native plants in residential landscapes as well. He and Susan also engage more directly with the public by participating in numerous botanic garden sales and plant festivals - often on weekends when other wholesalers are taking time off. As an advocate for the cause, Rick has also been a frequent speaker on preservation and use of native plants. He has spread the word in such venues as the Cullowhee Native Plant Conference, the Louisiana Native Plant Conference, Hilltop Arboretum Symposium, Southern Garden Symposium, and many others too numerous to mention.

Since joining the nursery on a full-time basis following her

retirement as a CPA, Susan has created a web site (https:// lanativeplants.com) for the nursery that is full of photos and detailed horticultural information for the plants in their inventory. It is a useful resource for anyone in the Gulf south interested in wanting to know how to be successful growing native plants in the landscape. For plants headed to retail distribution, she has implemented a labeling system with helpful cultural information. In addition to running the nursery, Rick and Susan use principles of gentle stewardship to converse native habitat on their two properties in southeast Louisiana. Through his career, Rick has served former president of the Southeast Louisiana Nursery Association, the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association, the Louisiana Native Plant Society and the Amite Chamber of Commerce. In 2020, he received the James A. Foret award from LNLA in recognition of a lifetime of service, dedication, and outstanding contributions to Louisiana's nursery and landscape industry.

LA Chapter, Azalea Society of America Hosts Annual Convention

The Louisiana Chapter, Azalea Society of America hosted a very successful national convention in Lafayette in March. The event was organized by Denise Lanclos, chair of the Lafayette's Historic Azalea Trail, and Allen Owings, President, LA Chapter. Tours included bus rides through the azalea trail in Lafayette, a visit to the ULL campus, a stop at All Seasons Nursery, a visit with Mike Richard Sr. at Rip Van Winkle Gardens and a visit with Garrie Landry at the historic Jungle Gardens at Avery Island. Speakers included David Creech from Stephen F. Austin State University / SFA Gardens, Heather Kirk-Ballard from the LSU AgCenter and Buddy Lee, developer of Encore Azaleas.

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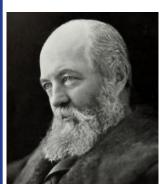


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Frederick Law Olmsted 200 Years Old



A Boy Loves Nature

Frederick Law Olmsted was a boy that loved nature. He was born April 26, 1822 near 1822, Hartford, Connecticut. He was not a good student but much of what he learned in these early days he learned from nature. He was to work with nature for the rest of his life. His wanderings of a lifetime led him to become the father of

American Landscape Architecture with his business partner Calvert Vaux.

His 200th birthday is being celebrated nationally this year for his many good works of landscape architecture including parks, private estates, residential communities, institutions, university campuses and government centers. He passed away on August 28, 1903.

But his design with nature painted his life and led him to high honors in the new profession of landscape architecture. A profession carried on by his sons for many decades as Olmsted Brothers until 1961 and concluded as Olmsted Associates, Inc. in 1979 when the last two principals retired from the firm.

But the story widens after Mr. Olmsted finishes his primary schooling. For a short time we studied surveying up until 1840. Following this he took some classes at Yale and for a while even took ship to China on a Boston based clipper the Ronaldson.

Following his youthful days he settled into midlife in 1847 as an experimental farmer. Being not too successful at this he turned to journalism and his writing brought him his first light of fame. He accepted a job with the New York Daily-Times, forerunner of the present day New York Times newspaper. Olmsted's assignment was to travel through south and report on the agricultural practices of the day. Just before the Civil War his travels were published in the book which came to define southern agriculture and tell the story of the Cotton Kingdom.

Following this he turned to the world of landscape design. He visited Andrew Jackson Downing editor of a country life magazine and garden consultant who wrote about English landscape-gardening. This garden design practice passed down to Olmsted was the forerunner to modern landscape architecture. At Downing's office Olmsted met Calvert Vaux a young British architect and landscape designer. This began a partnership that lasted for years.

A Park is Born

During Olmsted's walking tour of England in 1850 he visited the new Birkenhead Park outside of Liverpool. This park was designed by Joseph Paxton and Edward Kemp both landscape-gardeners. Soon thereafter Olmsted was hired as Superintendent of the proposed Central Park in New York City the first public park In the United States. Since the Park Board did not have a design, but only the land, actually a waste area of New York City, they advertised for a competition for a design for the park. Olmsted, remembering Vaux from his visit to Downing, contacted him and proposed submitting a design to the blind competition. Their "Greensward Plan" was chosen by the Park Commissioners as the winner. They were ask to design the park. The partnership became first park planning firm in the United States. It was called Frederick Law Olmsted, and Calvert Vaux and was launched in 1857. They referred to themselves as Landscape Architects. Central Park opened to the public in 1859 and has been a popular attraction eversince.

Greatest Projects

From this point on the profession of Landscape Architecture was assured and park planning and design became common across the nation. Some of Olmsted's greatest designs included Prospect Park in Brooklyn, Boston's Emerald Necklace of Parks, Jackson Park in Chicago. Olmsted's contribution to this park helped to create the 1893 'Great White Way' of the World's Columbian Exposition. In addition, Frederick Law Olmsted is noted for his landscape preservation work that helped found Yosemite National Park, the Niagara Falls, his design work with the US Capitol Grounds. He also worked on great estates such as Biltmore near Asheville, North Carolina In the 1880s until his death he worked with his sons John Charles and Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. until he passed away.

A Legacy For America

The Olmsted Bothers Landscape Architects carried on his tradition and were known to design even more great projects particularly national parks and large city parks such as New Orlean's Audubon Park and City Park. The firm also prepared plans for the boleuvards and parkways of the cithy as well as the campuses of LSU and Tulane. Across the nation the visionary impact and legacy of Olmsted can still be seen as documented by the National Association for Olmsted Parks who list 100 parks designed by the Olmsteds. landscape architects.

Olmsted's work and firm inspired the founding of the profession of landscape architecture, city planning, the first undergraduate degree in landscape architecture at Michigan State University 1863. Olmsted's son helped create the first graduate programs in landscape architecture at Harvard in 1900. Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. and his older brother John Charles helped to establish the American Society of Landscape Architects in 1899.

This year a national celebration of Olmsted's life, work and legacy is

(Landscape Design Sketchbook Continued)

underway. The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a program to honor Olmsted at the East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library and The Botanic Gardens on Olmsted's birthday April 26, at 3:30 in the afternoon. A collegium of landscape architects will discuss Olmsted's life and work.

More infomation about Frederick Law Olmsted can be explored at www.olmsted200.org. Read about his work, join the celebration and visit one of Biltmore Estate, Ashville, North Carolina, 1890



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THE PLANT DOCTOR

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Exobasidium Leaf Gall

Leaf gall of camellia and azalea is a fungal disease favored by extended periods of cool, wet weather during spring. This is primarily a leaf disease, but occasionally may occur on stems, flowers and seed pods. There are mainly two species of Exobasidium fungus that cause this disease; Exobasidium vaccinii on azaleas and E. camelliae on camellias.

Symptoms of leaf galls start appearing soon after the plants finish flowering. Leaves are distorted and become thickened with a fleshy or leather-like texture (Figures 1 and 2). Galls tend to be pale green, pink or white (Figure 3) in the beginning, but as they develop, they become white and powdery. The white powder material is the spores of the fungus, which readily disperse via air currents and by splashing water. As the galls get older, they shrivel up, dry out and turn brown and hard (Figure 4). Older galls fall to the ground, where they survive and may serve as a source of incoculum for the next spring susceptible growth.

Management of leaf galls is achieved primarily by adopting good cultural practices in the landscapes. Proper pruning and discarding of galled leaves is very important in reducing the spread of the disease. Cut galled leaves couple of inches below the symptoms and before discarding them, put them in ziplock bags.

Remove and destroy affected leaves with galls that have fallen on the ground. Improve air circulation by selective thinning of the canopy of established plantings to promote rapid drying of foliage and maintain adequate spacing when establishing new plantings to avoid creating favorable conditions for disease development. Fungicides may help avoid infection when applied beginning at bud break. Repeated applications may be required every 10 days as long as the conducive weather conditions persist for disease development. For fungicide selection, please consult your local county agent.



Figure 1: Leaf gall on camellia (photo credit: Dr. Raj Singh, LSU AgCenter).



Figure 2: Leaf gall on azalea (photo credit: Dr. Raj Singh, LSU AgCenter).



Figure 3: Camellia galls showing color variations (photo credit: Dr. Raj Singh, LSU AgCenter).



Figure 4: Older mature gall turning brown on an azalea. (photo credit: Dr. Raj Singh, LSU AgCenter).



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WEED DOCTOR'S CORNER

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2022 LNLA Tips for Spring Summer Care for Turfgrass



Spring and Summer are the peak growing season for lawns in Louisiana. If you did not fertilize during the spring, you still have time to fertilize and get your yard in good shape prior to fall. Keep up a good fertility program through early to late August. Remember to apply all granular materials on a dry lawn and water very soon after application. Make sure lawns are getting adequate amounts of moisture during the summer months, but don't overwater. Water deeply only once or twice per week – or as needed, based on the amount of rainfall. The purpose of irrigation is to supplement rainfall. I am not a fan of watering lawns everyday unless we are in severe drought.

Consider aerifying compacted soil. I've seen aerification completely change thin lawns caused by compacted soil into thick and healthy turf. Aerifying helps with water percolation and increases the turf's rooting depth and makes for a more drought tolerant lawn. Lawn care companies can aerate or you can rent an aerator from a rental store and do it yourself. If your soil is prone to compaction, consider aerating 1 to 3 times this growing season. Aeration may be the game changer that your lawn is missing.

Fertilizing the lawn

St. Augustinegrass and zoysiagrass both respond well to fertilizer applications. St. Augustinegrass may be fertilized up to three times during the growing season – April, June and mid-August. Fertilize zoysiagrass twice per growing season – in April and again in July.

Bermudagrass is an even bigger fertilizer user and can be fertilized from three to five times during the growing season, especially if you like to mow grass. Carpetgrass and centipedegrass are not big fertilizer users. Up to two applications (April and July-optional) will take care of centipedegrass, and a single application will be sufficient for carpetgrass (April).

Centipedegrass should receive its second and final fertilizer application in July. For centipedegrass, apply only 1/2 pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. For example, apply 3 pounds of 17-0-17 per 1,000 square feet or 5 pounds of 10-0-10 per 1,000 square feet. St. Augustinegrass would need 6 and 10 lbs. of the aforementioned fertilizers.

If your lawn is not performing well, there could be a nutrient deficiency in the soil. The only surefire way to know what your soil needs is to collect a soil sample and submit it for testing at the LSU Soil Test Lab. In order to simplify the soil sampling and submission process, there are pre-addressed submission boxes with sampling instructions at several garden centers throughout the state and at your local parish extension office. Once submitted, the results will



be sent to your home mailbox and/or email usually in less than two weeks. Your parish LSU AgCenter extension agent can help you interpret the results from the soil sample and tell you exactly what's needed nutrient-wise to make your lawn beautiful.

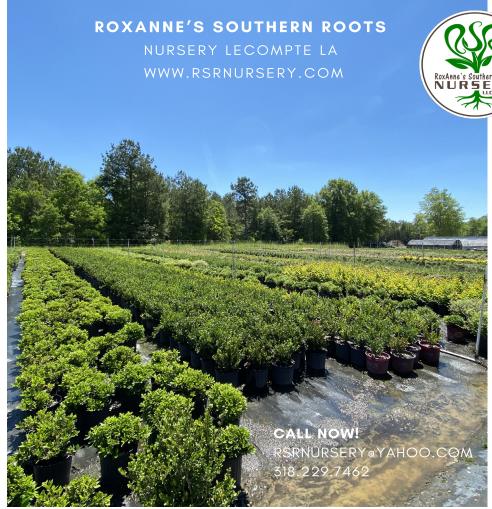
Correct mowing heights are highly important you may not know this, but there is a correct mowing height for your lawn. St. Augustine grass is very finicky when it comes to mowing height. Don't cut it too short and don't allow it to get too tall. It likes to be maintained around 3 inches, the tallest mowing height of all the lawns grown in Louisiana. If you cut St. Augustinegrass too short, it becomes

stressed and more prone to disease and weed infestations.

Centipedegrass is often maintained too tall. Centipedegrass should be moved to 1 to 1.5 inches. This helps prevent thatch buildup. Zoysiagrass also likes to be moved in the 1 to 1.5 inch range. Bermudagrass should be moved from 1 to 2 inches, shorter moving heights are better when more frequent moving is possible. Keep mover blades sharp to ensure a clean cut and good lawn health.

Insect pests

Watch for chinch bugs in St. Augustinegrass and bermudagrass lawns and treat with an LSU AgCenter recommended insecticide such as bifenthrin (Talstar and many other trade names). Chinch bug problems show up as yellowish-brown to straw colored areas of the lawn during hot, dry weather. These insects extract plant juices from turfgrass



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stems and crowns while pumping toxic salivary fluids into the lawn. The fluids disrupt the plant's vascular system. The damage actually resembles herbicide damage.

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Additional insect problems that appear during the summer include armyworms and tropical sod webworms. These moth larvae or "worm" can cause severe lawn damage very quickly and will need to be killed with insecticides to prevent further damage. Tropical sod webworms can devastate St. Augustinegrass and carpetgrass lawns. Tropical sod webworms crushed St. Augustinegrass in 2020. However, populations were not severe in the 2021 growing season. Armyworms prefer bermudagrass and can completely defoliate acres of pasture and lawns. Carbaryl, bifenthrin and chlorantraniliprole insecticides are options for tropical sod

webworms, armyworms, as well as chinch bugs infesting the lawn. Be mindful of these pests as you walk through your lawn. Investigate damaged areas and treat accordingly.

Virginia buttonweed and other summer weeds

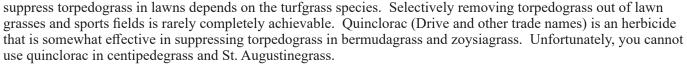
In late spring to early summer, Virginia buttonweed starts forming mats that can eventually smother out the lawn. Pull up small populations of Virginia buttonweed or carefully treat with herbicides like metsulfuron (MSM Turf and other trade names) or Celsius. These herbicides work well with repeated applications spaced four to six weeks apart. Metsulfuron and Celsius can be safely applied on St. Augustinegrass, centipedegrass, bermudagrass and zoysiagrass during warm weather. Carpetgrass will be damaged by Celsius Herbicide. Bahiagrass will not tolerate metsulfuron or Celsius. When it comes to "managing" buttonweed important to start spraying early in the growing season (April) and spray often. Don't wait until September to make your first herbicide application.

Common lespedeza is a mat-forming annual legume that emerges in the spring and lingers deep into fall throughout Louisiana. By late summer, the plant matures and becomes woody-like and tough

on lawnmower blades. Metsulfuron works well on this weed but early summer applications are more effective.

Torpedograss is a perennial grass that's mainly a problem in south Louisiana, but I do get calls from north Louisiana as well. There are few lawn problems more devastating than a torpedograss infestation. Torpedograss is extremely tolerant of herbicides and easily outcompetes slow growing grasses like centipedegrass.

The weed often starts from soil brought in during flower bed construction. However, it quickly spreads from the flower bed to the lawn. The ability to



Sethoxydim (Bonide Grass Beater and other trade names) will temporarily injure torpedograss infesting centipedegrass, but it does not provide long-term control. The torpedograss recovers and the weed re-infests the centipedegrass again. Unfortunately, there are no selective herbicide options for torpedograss infesting St. Augustinegrass. Often, complete renovation is necessary when centipedegrass and St. Augustinegrass are severely infested.

If you decide to renovate and install a new lawn, consider sodding the lawn with zoysiagrass (semi-shady or full sun lawns) or bermudagrass (for full sun only). Converting to zoysiagrass or bermudagrass will allow the use of quinclorac, the most effective selective herbicide on torpedograss. Installing zoysiagrass may be the better fit for Louisiana because of its good shade and drought tolerance. Zoysiagrass is not a high maintenance grass when managed properly. Maintain zoysiagrass at 1 to 1.5 inches with a sharp mower blade and fertilize twice per year. There are several sod farmers in Louisiana that grow zoysiagrass, so it is readily available.

Proper lawn maintenance keeps your lawn healthy and reduces the need for the use of pesticides. If it becomes necessary to use a pesticide in the lawn, it is highly important to always read and follow their labels before using. The label will tell you how to use the product safely to achieve satisfactory results. You will find the label attached to the product's container.

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The Louisiana State Horticulture Society recognized three individuals with life member honors at our annual meeting in January in Baton Rouge. We offer thanks to Drs. Dennis Ring, Ed Bush and David Picha for their many years of service to Louisiana horticulture.

Dr. Dennis Ring

Dr. Dennis Ring is a native of Texarkana, Arkansas and grew up in Grand Prairie, TX. He graduated from Baylor University with a B.S. degree in Biology in 1974 and then finished a M.S degree (entomology, minor horticulture) at Texas A and M University in 1978 with a Ph. D. (entomology) in 1981. His work included studies and development of modeling for management of pecan weevil and pecan nut casebearer.

Dennis held several post-doctoral positions after receiving his Ph.D. He worked in the screw worm lab in Mission, Texas and Chiapas, Mexico; then he worked at the USDA pecan research station in Byron Georgia, the sugarcane entomology lab in the Texas A&M Research station at Weslaco, Texas, and the cotton insects research lab at the Texas A&M Research station in Corpus Christ, Texas. In 1995, he found his true calling when he was hired by the Agricultural Center at Louisiana State University in the position of extension entomologist. He spent 25 years as a highly productive and respected Professor



and Extension Entomologist with the Department of Entomology. His breadth of knowledge of insects, and his enthusiasm for sharing that knowledge, were unparalleled. Over his career, Dennis had extension responsibilities for pests of structures and households, pecans, rice, sweet potatoes, small fruits, stored products, fruit trees, vegetables, ornamentals, turf, and other commodities. However, the pest that he spent the most time combatting was the Formosan subterranean termite. He is most known for his career work in pecan IPM.

Dennis was an Entomological Society of America Board Certified Professional Entomologist. Among the professional awards received by Dennis were the Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension, Southeastern Branch, Entomological Society of America (2005), and Distinguished Service Award to the Certification Board, Southeastern Branch, Entomological Society of America (2017). Dennis loved his job with the Department of Entomology in the LSU AgCenter and developed many friendships within the AgCenter system.

Ring was known for his Christian faith and his love of Texas sports teams – especially the Baylor Bears, Texas Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys.

Sadly, Dr. Ring passed away from cancer in May 2020. He and his wife Sherry were married in 1976 thank Dr. Ring for all his horticulture contributions over the years.



Dr. Edward Bush

Dr. Edward (Ed) Bush was born and raised in New Orleans. He graduated Jesuit High School and then completed a BS degree in plant science at Southeastern Louisiana University in 1983, a MS degree in horticulture at LSU in 1986 and a Ph.D. in horticulture from LSU in 1996. Upon his M.S. graduation he worked at Bayou Tree Service in New Orleans then went to work as a research associate in horticulture at the LSU AgCenter's Calhoun Research Station from 1987-1992 where he worked in fruit crops with Dr. Charles Johnson and then initiated some ornamental and turfgrass work at the station. In 1992, Dr. Bush transferred to the LSU Department of Horticulture in Baton Rouge where he was appointed an instructor. He taught many of the undergraduate courses in the department and worked part time on his Ph.D. degree. Upon completion of his terminal degree, Dr. Bush was appointed assistant professor in the Department.

He continues to serve in that capacity today as a full professor assigned to research, teaching and a small extension service appointment.

Dr. Bush has graduated 27 M.S. students in horticulture and 4 Ph.D. students in horticulture at LSU. Many of these students are enjoying great horticulture careers locally and across the country. His research has been in environmental management and nursery crop media / irrigation management. Dr. Bush has secured over \$1.5 million in grant funding. Contributions have included a patent on a water monitoring system and the development of Tiger Greaux and Garden Greaux horticultural potting media. He has also co-lead the LSU Coastal Roots program since 2000 – this program educates kindergarten through 12th grade students in nursery stewardship. Over 60 Coastal Roots nurseries are established at schools in Louisiana. Dr. Bush has also mentored around 200 high school students in science fair competitions with many receiving state, national and international recognition.

In organizational service, Dr. Bush is a past president of the Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science and the Louisiana State Horticulture Society (two times).

Dr. Bush is married to Lisa who is a speech therapist with the EBR school system. Ed's son Nathan is an actuary in Baton Rouge and his daughter Natalie is a medical student at LSU in New Orleans. Ed enjoys barbequing, Saints football and golf.

We thank Dr. Bush for his 35 years of service to Louisiana's horticulture industry (and more to come)!

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Recycling and Reusing Nursery Containers: Options for the Industry by Gabrielle Bellelo, Maria Bampasidou, and Jeb Fields

The green industry encompasses more than just flowers, houseplants, trees and shrubs. The green industry is comprised of wholesale nurseries and greenhouses, sod producers, landscape architects, landscape construction and maintenance firms, and retail distribution firms such as garden centers, home stores, mass merchandisers with lawn/garden departments, brokers and re-wholesale distribution centers, and allied trades suppliers of inputs to the industry. At the heart of the green industry are the nurseries, which supply many the plants that the green industry is built upon. The nursery industry plays a vital role in the economy; based on 'Economic contributions of the Green industry in the US 2018' report the industry's Gross Domestic Product of the total value-added was evaluated at \$190.98 billion. The U.S. nursery industry employed 1,599,662 full-time and part-time workers, which contributed \$121.55 Billion in labor incomes. The 239 wholesale nurseries licensed in Louisiana accounted for \$107.8 million in sales in 2018 according to the 2019 USDA Horticulture Census.

Louisiana's nursery industry is strong; however, there are a few concerns regarding current and long-term resource availability of the industry. The green industry requires a number of resources including petroleum-based products in their pesticides, fertilizers, growth regulators, greenhouse heating, greenhouse glazing, and product packages for the best quality crop every single season. This report focuses on the use of plastic nursery pots or containers for production.

Containers

The majority of nursery and plant production operations use plastic pots for growing and selling their products. Nearly every single plant produced spends a portion of its life cycle in a container. These are normally referring to individual containers, but there are other designs as well. Plastic containers can be trays, cell packs, and flats to hold plants that are usually not large themselves but are made in very large amounts, such as liners, plugs, and starts. These sizeable quantities require great amounts of plastic containers to be used which are often discarded after use. Unlike many agricultural sectors, nurseries grow 100's to 1000's of taxa each year, all with varied growing requirements. Moreover, ever-changing marketability requires nurseries to adjust the taxa and cultivars they produce yearly.

Nurseries often use plastics that cannot be easily recycled that are usually thrown away by their consumers and landscapers, creating a disposal issue for the industry. These non-recyclable plastics are sometimes referred to as PP plastic or virgin plastic.

What is the alternative? Recycling and reusing containers and alternative materials could help combat this plastic issues.





Alternative Containers

Alternative pots may be a future option for sustainable plant production. A search in related literature revealed the following options for alternative containers: Bioplastic, Coir, Cow manure, Peat, Processed poultry feathers, Pineapple shells, Recycled paper, Rice halls, and Straw. However, there are a few hurdles to overcome before that can happen. Few options currently exist on the market for nurseries to obtain for commercial use. There is not enough information for producers on their quality and long-term usage. Moreover, the logistics and affordability needs to be addressed before these become a viable option for large-scale growers. Alternative pots may not be as durable as plastic containers, so growers will have to decide if these drawbacks are worth it for their business.

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Recycling and Reusing Containers

Recycling excess, unused plastic or returned containers is one of the sustainable practices employed by nurseries. However, there are several challenges associated with recycling containers.

Primarily, recycling centers need to receive clean stock to safely process materials. Soils may contain various materials that are difficult to wash completely out and other chemicals used to treat plant problems can linger on plastic. Garbage separation issues also exist due to the black color of most plastic containers, limits the ability of NIR (near-infrared) scanners they use to be able to identify and separate materials. This causes viable plastic to be wasted and most likely never used again. Sometimes the limitations of recycling centers and plastic manufacturing may restrict progress. Centers may only be able to be recycled once or twice

depending on the type of plastic. Of course, there are also types of plastic that may not be able to be recycled at all.

A more likely opportunity is reusing containers. Reuse of plastic containers requires sanitization to avoid contamination and transfer disease to new plants. The practice of reusing nursery containers has been in place for decades, with some nurseries offering incentives to customers to return previously used containers after planting. These incentives are often credits or discounts for future business; however, cash incentives to consumers also a recent practice. The cost of cash incentives is also rising, as more nurseries are looking to reuse containers. According to one major supplier, a standard incentive was equal to approximately \$0.05 per gallon of returned container. Now, if growers are faced with a scenario of \$0.15 per gallon, tripling the cost to use recycled containers. While that may not seem like a large number, the nursery industry in Louisiana spent \$6.4 million solely on containers in 2019 along (USDA Hort. Census 2019). This reduced availability and growing costs will be add extra pressure in the industry and will most certainly be linked to increased prices for nursery stock in the future.

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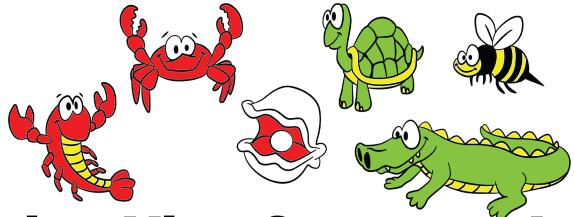
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- Study material for licensing exam is "The Louisiana Manual for the Environmental Horticulture Industry" \$65 offered only at Inla.org

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- Study material for certification exam is "The Louisiana Manual for the Environmental Horticulture Industry" \$65 offered only at Inla.org
- Cost of the 2 day manual review is \$75 and certification exam cost is \$100.
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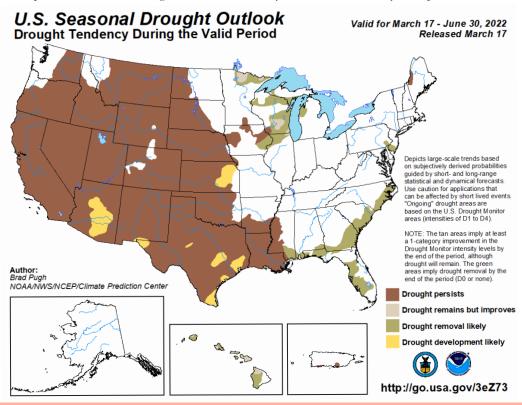
As we experience an extended period of colder temperatures this spring, we should keep in mind that the transition to high, summer-like temperatures and long days of sunlight will happen quickly. Also, we should expect to need supplemental waterings this year considering recent predictions of drought persisting in Louisiana through June 30th and possibly beyond (see Figure). This should be a great year to consider installing additional irrigation capacity, improving system designs to increase efficiency, and changing out products for "smarter" components. Acting on these considerations will provide a return on your investment if the predicted summer weather conditions occur as expected.

More specifically, considerations for changes to an existing landscape irrigation system include:

- Head-to-head coverage: It is common for contractors to space sprinklers farther apart than they are designed to be spaced so that they can reduce the cost of the system for the customer. This can reduce the uniformity of the application, which is commonly visible as "hot spots" in turfgrass areas.
- Hydrozoning: Diversity in plant selections makes the most beautiful landscapes, but they may not have the same water needs, which can lead to over- and/or under-irrigation in the same area. It's important to maintain each irrigation zone with plants that have similar water needs. This concept explains why we never want to see turfgrasses irrigated on the same zone as flowering plants. If mixing of various plant water needs cannot be helped, please consider adding drip irrigation so that you can vary the amount supplied to each plant over the same amount of time.
- Smart technologies: Weather-based irrigation controllers and soil moisture sensors meant for the residential/light commercial market have been around for decades and have gone through research studies many times. These devices can adjust the typical timer irrigation schedule from minutes per day to a dynamic schedule based on the plant water needs and weather conditions.

All of these considerations apply for larger commercial applications such as nurseries, but the design and product selections may be slightly different. If considering a new installation instead of updating an existing system, then the design possibilities and associated product selections are practically limitless. Aside from system components, please consider testing your water quality to ensure applications are doing no harm to the plant quality.

If you have specific questions about these concepts or anything else related to irrigation, please contact me at sdavis@ agcenter.lsu.edu or 318-408-0973. Alternatively, you can contact the Louisiana Irrigation Association at www.geauxLIA.org or 318-588-3778 to help locate a member irrigation contractor in your area to discuss your options.





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Hammond Research Station Update

by Dr. Jeb Fields





As Spring slowly arrives in southern LA, we all get excited to get in the garden and start planting. Our team at the Hammond Research Station is no different. After a winter filled with repairing and rebuilding garden beds, we are busily beginning to plant our gardens for the first time in months. Due to damage from Hurricane Ida, we were unable to plant our cool season bedding plant trials this past fall, but we were able to use that time to give some of our beds a much needed rejuvenation. We may even have more plants in our Allen D. Owings Sun Garden that we have had for quite some time this summer, as we picked up additional trialing partners. We are running out of space to plant, but that is a challenge we enjoy! We cannot wait to show off all of our warmseason trials at our Horticulture Field Day this coming July (don't forget to mark your calendars for Friday, July 22). In the meantime, make sure to check our website for updates (you can go to app. Isuagcenter.com/hammondtrials or scan the QR code on this page). Also, don't forget to follow the Hammond Research Station on Facebook for our weekly Hammond Highlights and Monday

Marvels, as well as other research and garden

related content.

Unfortunately, the remainder of our gardens (Margie Jenkins Azalea Garden, Hody Wilson Camellia Garden and our Piney Woods garden) are still severely damaged from Hurricane Ida and we are unable to move forward with new woody plantings. We hope to have these gardens repaired soon. As such, we are making some special plans for the Margie Jenkins Lecture Series on Friday, April 22. Stay tuned for more information.

We have also had a busy spring with quite a bit of research underway. New master's student and current research team member, Ashley Edwards, is starting her research focusing on fertilizer longevity in nursery production. Ashley is investigating how temperature, irrigation, and precipitation effects how long various fertilizers last in production. She is even going further and collaborating with researchers at Oregon State

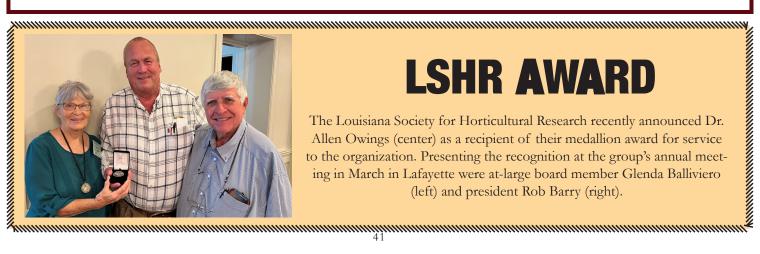


University and the USDA-ARS (both in McMinnville, TN and Wooster, OH) to get a better feel for fertilizer release across the country. We look forward to hearing more about this research in the coming months. Masters student Max McKeown is also starting his research project, evaluating groundcovers for use in Louisiana Landscapes. Max is going well beyond a typical evaluation, as he is interested in how the groundcovers influence soil-water fluctuations, soil-fertility, weed suppression, as well as identifying optimal planting density for these common and non-traditional groundcovers.



Did I say we had a lot of research going on this spring? Because we also have trials on wood fiber and bagasse as substrate amendments in nursery and greenhouse production. Current PhD student, Kristopher Criscione is also conducting a side-project continuing his Master's work in stratified substrates. This time focusing on floriculture production and soil savings. Our visiting scholar Fidelina Oliva is wrapping up her research in using bioreactors of bark and aggregates to clean runoff water. Finally, we are also concluding exciting research looking at fertilizer placement, which was funded by the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Foundation for Scholarship and Research (LNLFSR). Look for the full update in the next issue. Look for all these updates and more in coming issues of this LNLA Quarterly Magazine and at the LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station Horticulture Field Day this July.

We truly appreciate all the support the Nursey and Landscape industry provides us at the Hammond Research Station. Everything we do is to support you.



Obituaries



Sam Perino

Salvador "Sam" Perino (1924-2022) passed away peacefully at his Covington home on January 19, 2022. Sam was born in New Orleans on March 13, 1924

to the late Peter Perino and Mary Miceli Perino. He is survived by his loving wife of 75 years, Magdalene Pivach Perino and four children, Mary Magdalene Perino, Janice Perino Glas (Jim), Salvador Perino, Jr (Peggy) and Peter George Perino (Elisabeth). Nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren presently complete the growing family. Sam is preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Lucille P Collins and Grace P Burchardt. Sam lived a remarkable and very full life.

The Great Depression forced him to become a man at an early age and he helped support his family, like many of his generation, by working at Higgins Shipyard in his teen years. World War II had started and Sam decided to do his part for the war



effort by enlisting in the US Navy. After graduation from Fortier High School, he entered the Navy's Officer Candidate School to prepare him for flight training. As a Naval Aviator, he flew over 150 carrier missions in the Pacific Theater and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross amongst numerous other accolades. Shortly after the war ended,

he married the love of his life and lifelong business partner, Magdalene. Together they opened a grocery and produce market at the corner of Carrollton and Claiborne in New Orleans. A few years later in 1955, Sam opened a plant nursery on then remote Veterans Highway, which eventually transitioned into Perino's Garden Center. Perino's relied heavily on landscaping in the early years and was beautifying most of the larger commercial projects in the city.

The rapid growth of New Orleans in the 60's and 70's fueled the expansion of the landscape department. Most apartment

complexes, fast food restaurants, gas stations and high rises were landscaped by Perino's. This culminated with the landscaping of the 1984 World's Fair. Growth of the city began to slow and Sam had the foresight to transition away from landscaping to growing



his own plants to supply the business. Hard work and love of country defined Sam Perino. He instilled the same ethic in his 4 children and an 9 grandchildren (including 5 granddaughters who represent the third generation of Perino's). He belonged to several trade organizations over the years and was a lifetime member of the New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club, VFW, World War II Museum and St. Anselm Catholic Church in Madisonville. A true self-made man who always did things his way. He will be sorely missed , but he is home now, free of pain and suffering. The family would like to give special thanks to his wonderful caregivers, especially Mary Williams. Special thanks also to Traditions hospice and Nurse Donna.



Franklin (Frank) Theodore Burns

Mr. Burns, 98, of Brookhaven, went home to his Lord on February 16, 2022. Born on Sept. 11, 1923, he was the eldest child of Lydia Jewel Nix Burns and James Ele Burns. Throughout his life, Frank embraced all of his endeavors with thoughtful

preparation, precision, and patience. He was content in his role as loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, nurseryman, and community servant. Frank loved Brookhaven and was a lifelong resident. Frank was deployed in the military and when he returned home from the war, he and his wife Kay settled in Brookhaven where Frank partnered with his father in the nursery business, Brookhaven Nurseries. He was president of the Mississippi Gladiolus Society and helped forge a powerful voice in dealing with the Illinois Central Railroad for "Railway Express" transportation of the "glads" to markets in Memphis, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Iowa City, etc. The gladioli venture eventually grew into greenhouse production and a shrubbery yard and lasted until closure in 2016 when Frank was 93 years of age. This was his life's work, "except working for Uncle Sam during World War II." His knowledge, expertise, forward-thinking, and generosity helped shape horticulture practice in Mississippi and provided mentoring for many in the business.

Mr. Burns served his community in numerous capacities on local and state levels. He was President of Mississippi Nurseryman's Assoc., a member of Brookhaven Lions Club, President of the Brookhaven Exchange Club, received the Golden Exchange Award for 50 yrs. of service in the Brookhaven Exchange Club, recipient of the National Exchange Club Resolution "expressing thanks and appreciation to Franklin T. Burns,"

and recipient of the coveted Brookhaven Exchange Club Golden Deeds Award. He was President of Lincoln County Farm Bureau, Vice-President of the Brookhaven-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, Nurseryman of the Year from MS Nurseryman's Assoc., received the Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Month, and was an active enthusiast of the Brookhaven Camellia Society. An endowment at Mississippi State University, the Franklin T. Burns Outstanding Extension Community Resource Development Award, honors the life and work of Mr. Burns. His gift of service resulted in contributing to the Brookhaven community with an exceptional track record of continued, unselfish giving and volunteering for the better part of his 98 years.

Frank came to know the Lord as a youngster at Pearlhaven Baptist Church, and was an active member of Frist Baptist Church, Brookhaven, serving under seven pastors. He was a life deacon, serving as vice-chairman along the way. He also served as Chairman of the Finance Committee, as a member of the Building Committee for the current church sanctuary, as a Church Training teacher, and President of the Cecil Rhodes Sunday School Class. The Christmas poinsettia tree featured in Florist's Review magazine was made up of 60 of the "Dark Red Annette Hegg" variety of poinsettias grown by Brookhaven Nurseries. Preceding Mr. Burns in death were his parents, Jewel and J.E. Burns, his sister, Corena Hortense Burns, and his dedicated wife of 69 yrs., Catharine (Kay) Somers Burns.

Those left to cherish his memory are daughter, Rebecca Jill Logan and husband, Robert L. "Bob" Logan; son, Franklin T. "Ted" Burns, Jr.; sister, Phyllis Burns Young and husband, Ralph Young; four grandchildren, Kelsey Logan, Burns Logan, Carlye Scott, and Teddy Burns; and ten great-grandchildren, Jack, Mike, Claire, and Pete Logan; Jane, Franklin, and Henry Logan; Eleanor and Caswell Scott, and Emma Catherine Burns.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church in Brookhaven.

Obituaries



Frances Vesely

Mrs. Vesely grew up in the New Hope Community of Simpson County. She married her first love, Edward Vesely on December 29, 1954 after he returned from his military service. They established their

home and began their family on the Vesely Farm in the Midway Community of Lamar County, where she lived out her life.

She worked alongside her husband farming their country paradise. Later, her backyard vision blossomed into what became Vesely's Nursery, which was founded in 1976. She became the first woman President of the Mississippi Nurserymen's Association in 1986. Her love for beautifying

the world with flowers and greenery, along with a passion for making others feel special through her generosity, quickly became her legacy.

Mrs. Vesely had a love for the Lord and shared the message of God's love and grace with everyone. She was a member of the Military Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Vesely; her parents, T.J. and Carrie Lott Salters and a sister, Vondell Allen.

Mrs. Vesely is survived by three daughters, Teresa Gammel (Eddy) of Hattiesburg, MS, Debbie Johnson (Joel) of Hattiesburg, MS and Donna Campbell (Randy) of Perkinston, MS; six grandchildren, Andy Gammel (Amanda), Holt Gammel (Reagan), Garrett Campbell (Shayna), Hannah Campbell, Lannah Campbell Saine (Ryan) and Joseph Johnson; five great-grandchildren, Jacob, Maddie, Sadie, Vesely and Houston Gammel; a sister, Brenda Davis and numerous nieces and nephews.



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THE NEW ORLEANS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The New Orleans Horticultural Society is currently enjoying some growth in membership after back to back years of city restrictions due to the covid. We're now having our regularly scheduled monthly meetings and have already lined up some great field trips for our dues paying members. In April we'll be taking a trip to Bracy's nursery to tour their sprawling operation in Amite City. In addition to horticulture focused field trips, we have our monthly guest speakers who share their knowledge of their specific fields and trades. Recently we've had Buddy Lee, inventor of the Encore azalea, and Michelle Andre with Ball Seed Company just to name a few.

The NOHS is a non-profit organization that began in 1885, the second oldest of its kind in the United States. It's a place where like-minded professionals in the green industry can meet and talk about the trade and attend lectures and activities that promote all aspects of the landscape profession. The group is

comprised of licensed horticulturists, florists, nurserymen, garden center operators, pesticide applicators, landscape contractors and architects, arborists, and those in allied trades. Our meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of every month, unless an event or holiday changes the day. We meet at the City Park Garden Study Building which is set among the beautiful New Orleans Botanical Gardens.

We are always ready to welcome new members as the green industry continues to grow in our area. Meetings typically last two hours and refreshments are provided before the guest speaker takes over. For up-to-date information, please contact us at NOHS1885@gmail. com to request to be added to our email mailing list and newsletter.



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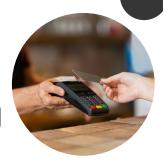
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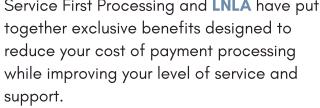
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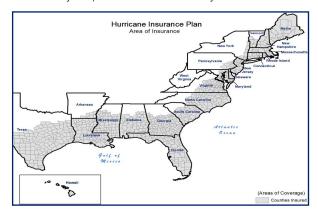




The Hurricane Insurance Protection-Wind Index (HIPWI) Endorsement covers a portion of the deductible of the underlying crop insurance policy when the county, or a county adjacent to it, is within the area of sustained hurricane-force winds from a named hurricane based on data published by the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). HIP-WI does not provide indemnities for acreage that is prevented from planting or any replanting reimbursement. It is also not available with the Occurrence Loss Option (OLO) or the Comprehensive Tree Value (CTV) Endorsement. The coverage provided by HIP-WI can be combined with the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) and the Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX), when acreage is also insured by a companion policy.

ELIGIBLE CROPS AND LOCATION

The HIP-WI Endorsement provides coverage for over 70 different crops insured under the Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions (Basic Provisions) for both Catastrophic (CAT) and additional coverage policies when provided in the actuarial documents. It will be available in counties in the vicinity of the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic, as well as Hawaii. The nearby map shows the availability of HIP-WI.



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the HIP-WI Endorsement, you must:

- Have an insurance policy under the Basic Provisions with the same insurance provider (any crop acreage, inventory or trees and plants that are not insured by the underlying policy are not covered by HIP-WI);
- Elect HIP-WI on or before the sales closing (SCD) for the underlying policy;
- · Elect a HIP-WI coverage percentage; and
- Comply with all terms and conditions of the HIP-WI Endorsement.

INSURANCE PERIOD

Generally, the insurance period for HIP-WI begins on the insurance attachment date, when provided in the HIP-WI actuarial documents. When no insurance attachment date is provided on the HIP-WI actuarial documents, the insurance period begins on the later of:

- The SCD of the underlying policy; or
- The earliest planting date, for each planting period when applicable, for the underlying policy.











Generally, the insurance period ends on the:

- · End of insurance date, for each planting period when applicable, when provided in the HIP-WI actuarial documents; or
- End of insurance date, for each planting period when applicable, provided in the underlying policy actuarial documents when not provided in the HIP-WI actuarial documents.

WAITING PERIOD

The initial year HIP-WI is elected, coverage will not begin until 14 days after the SCD. If the underlying crop policy also requires a waiting period, the wait periods will run concurrently.

For subsequent years, HIP-WI coverage may be increased (e.g., lowering coverage on the underlying policy, increasing the HIP-WI coverage factor, decreasing the STAX coverage level) by the SCD, but the increased HIPWI coverage will not take effect until 14 days after the SCD, or the end of the waiting period for the underlying policy, when a waiting period is required by the underlying policy. If a qualifying event triggers the county within the 14-day waiting period, coverage will be based on the coverage percentage and coverage from the previous insured year.

If coverage is decreased, the decreased coverage will take effect immediately (there is no waiting period). If a qualifying event triggers the county, HIP-WI coverage will be based on the lower coverage for the current insured year.

ACREAGE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

You are not required to submit an additional acreage report for HIP-WI, because HIP-WI uses the underlying policy's acreage report. The number of eligible acres will be the number of planted or insured acres reported on an acreage report of the underlying policy unless a qualifying event triggers the county prior to you filing an acreage report. If a qualifying event occurs prior to you filing your acreage report and it is the initial year you elect HIP-WI, your HIPWI eligible acres will be the lesser of the number of acres reported on an intended acreage report or the number of actual planted acres. If a qualifying event occurs prior to you filing your acreage report and it is any subsequent year after you initially elect HIP-WI, your HIP-WI eligible acres will be the lesser of the number of acres planted at the time of the qualifying event or the highest number of planted insurable acres for the crop in the past four years. For crops which do not require an acreage report, use the crop's equivalent of an acreage report.

If an acreage report must be revised, or the Actual Production History (APH) needs to be corrected, the HIP-WI liability will be held to what the insured initially reported on their acreage report and/or Production Report (APH Record).

CAUSES OF LOSS

The full value of the HIP-WI Endorsement is paid if a county, or adjacent county, is within the area of sustained hurricane-force winds from a named hurricane based on data published by the NHC. The counties where payments occur will be identified in the actuarial documents.

Individual farm yields and revenues are not considered under HIP-WI and it is possible that you may experience reduced revenue or reduced yield and not receive an indemnity under HIP-WI. You are not required to file a notice of loss.

SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM

An indemnity is due when the county loss trigger is identified for the insured county, or adjacent county. Only one indemnity payment per insurance period or per planting period, when applicable, per acre is allowed.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES AND PREMIUM

An administrative fee and premium for the crop covered by each HIP-WI Endorsement will be due in addition to any administrative fee(s) and/or premium(s) of the underlying policy. The HIP-WI endorsement attaches only to the underlying policy and not to an endorsement. Therefore, only one admin fee is charged for HIP-WI coverage. However, the HIP-WI administrative fee may be waived if you qualify as a limited resource farmer, a Beginning Farmer Rancher (BFR), or a Veteran Farmer Rancher (VFR).

Premium for HIP-WI is calculated by multiplying the Hurricane Protection Amount (HPA) by the premium rate and any premium adjustment percentages that may apply. All information needed to calculate the premium rate is contained in the actuarial documents. The premium subsidy for HIP-WI is fixed at 65%.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sales Closing Date: Sales Closing Date of Underlying Crop Policy **Cancellation Date:** Cancellation Date of Underlying Crop Policy

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For more information, please contact your local Rain and Hail agent.

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MINUTES

LNLA Board of Director Meeting December 8, 2021 at Mike Anderson's Seafood Restaurant in Baton Rouge

Those in attendance were: Kurt Ducote, Ricky Becnel, Lisa Loup, Brian Bridges, Michael Roe, Cari Jane Murray, Tony Carter, Brandon Adams, Jeff Reid, Juan Garcia, Candria Ray, Craig Roussel, Dr. Jeb Fields, Dr. Damon Abdi, Michele Andre, Brian Breaux, Tina Peltier, and Marsh Dugas. Quorum was met with 8 voting members present.

Kurt opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer from CJ. Everyone took a quick second to look over the minutes from the last meeting. Lisa Loup motioned to accept the minutes, Juan Garcia second and all were in favor. Marsha Dugas and Tina Peltier updated the board on LDAF goings on. Not much has changed since the October meeting. The board was asking Marsha and Tina about tax exemption but that comes from the IRS. Would be nice if the Tax department sent out a renewal email for tax exemption. We invited all ag inspectors to attend the CNLP review in February. Kurt thanked Tina for all they do for us.

Michele Andre with LNLFSR updated. We had 8 applicants to the scholarship program. The Foundation board voted to award 5 of these applicants. They also voted to up the scholarships to \$1500 from \$1000. These will be awarded at the LNLA annual breakfast meeting in January at GSHE. Michele reported on the scholarship requirements, the Foundation budget, the 2022 gala (June 24, 2022) and other happenings of the Foundation.

Brian Breaux with LFBF reported on a bill from Lyndsey Graham about posing that all landscape labor become H2A labor ... bill will not move till February 18, 2022. Returning Worker Exemption legislation will not be supported by some senators. Whip+ funding has come through and it is out there to provide reimbursement back to producers that sustained wind and moisture during weather events over the past few years.

Water's of the US - Epa has control of navigable waters - you will need a permit on your own land ??? Supply chain problems are affecting EVERYTHING.

There is a new proposed hourly adverse affect wage increase from \$11.83 to \$12.45 in the next year or two. Kurt thanked Brian for his relationship and all he does for our association. Jeff Reid reported for the labor committee. Jeff let us all know that LFBF to sign on to the letter for SEA group was huge. Lisa filled us in on her conversations with the Representative in her area. She said she has heard chatter about bring the Landscape Hort license to the chopping block again this coming year. We are planning to set up a meet and greet lunch with the House Ag Committee and Senate Ag Committee to let them know who we are, who LNLA is and the importance of our industry. We need 3 important points to our mission. The Labor/Legislative committee will be putting this together to be ready to roll for March when session is in.

Brian Bridges, LNLA treasurer, reported not much has changed in the financial report since October. \$183K total. Brian presented year today revenue and expenses. We are expecting more deposits this year for dues. Brian also presented the proposed budget for 2022. Hit the high points. Lisa motioned to accept, Candi second and all were in favor. Brandon let us know we had no new items for the Funding and the IT/Website committee also had no new report.

Tony Carter reported for the marketing committee. We have a total of 10 sponsors for the Raffle with a total of \$5900. We have paid for expenses for the raffle and are anticipating a good ticket sales at the GSHE. Membership committee chair, Lisa Loup let the board know we have almost doubled our membership numbers over the past few years totally 615 as of now. Lisa would like for us to make more of a push to represent the entire state. North Louisiana is a region that is not as active. We plan to have a membership meeting at some point next year. Michael let us know there are 3 positions open for the board of directors. The nominating committee proposes that Brandon Adams move to second vice president. The 3 new directors to the board will be Matthew Knick (Willowgrove Landscape, Covington), Chad Everage (Landscape Management Service, Lake Charles) and Samantha Young (Doug Young Nursery, Forest Hill). These candidates will be ratified at the annual membership meeting at GHSE. Juan Garcia will be stepping off the board this year after 6 years of service to LNLA. Angelo Quaglino will also be rolling off the board. Candi with awards committee announced the awards will be a surprise to presented at the LNLA annual breakfast meeting at GSHE. We will be giving 2 Professional Achievement awards. Dr. Jeb Fields let us know how the intern Max went this summer. He has been working diligently on a new garden guide for LNLA. Jeb asked formally for financial assistance for next years LNLA intern. Lisa motions that LNLA add an annual budge of \$3000 for a LNLA internship at hammond Research station. Jeff Reid second and all were in favor. Dr. Abdi let us all know about a Landscape Management Workshop at the Ira Nelson Center in Lafayette . Pesticide recert at Hammond in February. Dr. Abdi on 2 projects; soil compaction and water conservation. Kurt let the board know about a few mistakes KTeam has made over the years. Just wanted everyone to be aware so if we need to make a move with print companies in the future. Lisa motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jeff second and all were in favor.

MINUTES LNLA Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Program At GSHE January 20, 2022

Ricky Becnel opened the meeting with a welcome and regret for President, Kurt Ducote not being able to attend due to covid concerns. All stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance and quick prayer to open the meeting. There were 57 in attendance according to the sign in sheets but a more accurate count would be closer to 100. After a quick review, Rick Webb motioned to accept the minutes from the last annual meeting held January 21, 2022 via zoom, Rusty Ruckstuhl. All were in favor.

Brian Bridge LNLA treasure gave a report to those in attendance. As of Dec 31, \$86K money market total assets \$202K for 2021. Total income for 2021 \$123K. Top four incomes Membership, Hort Manuals, Newsletter Ads, Raffle . Top four expenses labor, newsletters, Hort manuals, donations and sponsorships to the Foundation. Not having the gulf states show last year which is usually a quarter of the associations income hurt but we managed. Brian also asked everyone to look over the proposed budget for 2022 on the tables.

Ricky asked for a motion to accept the financial report and proposed LNLA budget for 2022. Albert Durio second and all were in favor. Ricky then introduced incoming president, Lisa Loup.

Lisa gave the presidents address as the vice president. Lisa thanked Ricky and Kurt for the amazing job they both have done. We were devastated by storms over the last few years. So many parts of our state were destroyed and are coming back strong. Freezes in the north. Everyone has gone the extra mile. LNLA is standing behind to help jump into action. The pandemic, The Fear and uncertainty has been a bombardment for the last two years. LNLA was not going to put up with it. We have strong allies with the Commissioner, Lt. Nungesser, and the entire board. We are stronger than ever, together.

Everyone then took a moment to remember those that went on before us this year. We are also sad to announce that Mr. Salvador "Sam" Perino passed Wednesday, Jan 19, 2022.

Lisa introduced Dr. Ansel Rankins, assistant commissioner of agriculture. Dr. Rankins presented the Commissions of AES and the structure of AES. Horticulture Commission has 13 members from all facets of the green industry. Each other commission was explained as well.

Lisa introduced LNLA Board member Jeff Reid to talk about labor issues. Jeff gave a wealth of information on the dire straights of H2B. There is a 40% increase of workers needed. Only 24% of those applied will get a visa. LNLA's support of the effort has been increasing. LNLA has joined SEA Group. 2 different things working ... on the house side On the senate side Manchin .. We need everyone to reach out to their representatives and congressmen to be cosponsors of this bill.

Lisa introduced Michele Andre as president of the LNLFSR. The foundation has given out grant money to lots of great research projects around the state. The gala this past year was a huge success. We raised over \$50k. The gala will be June 24, 2022 at City Park in New Orleans. The foundation is now giving 5 scholarships in the amount of \$1500. Michele announced the scholarship winners ...

Michele read off the list of officers and directors of the Foundation.

Ricky Becnel read the list of 2022 LNLA Board Officers and Directors and asked for a motion to ratify the slate. Danny Lafleur gave the motion second by Gerald Foret and all were in favor.

Lisa recognized those members of the board rolling off ... Ricky, Juan and Angelo. Jason Stagg presented the LNLA Young Professional of the Year to Elena Fennell. Juan Garcia presented the LNLA Professional of the Year Award to Peter Mayeux. Dr. Allen Owings presented a LNLA Professional Achievement Award to the LSU AgCenter In recognition of 20 years of the "Get it Growing" Mass Media Horticulture Educational Program. Ricky Becnel presented a LNLA Professional Achievement Award to Dr. Ansel Rankins.

Lisa Loup presented the Distinguished Service Award to Brian Bridges Rusty Ruckstulh presented the James A. Foret Award to Pete Newton.

Debbie Head motioned for the meeting to adjourn and second by Robbie Dupont, all in favor





To: Louisiana Green Industry Professionals

Re: Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional Exams (CNLP) – **2022**

The Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association has scheduled the certified nursery and landscape professional manual review and exams for 2021. The schedule is as follows:

June 7-8, 2022 Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, 2206 Johnson St, Lafayette, LA 70503

February 2023 TBD LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station, 21549 Old Covington Hwy,

Hammond, LA 70403

Manual reviews will be held on the first day from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and second day from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The exam will be given *(if held in person)* at about 1:00 p.m. on the second day; 3 hours are allowed for the full exam. There are five sections to the exam:

Section 1 - Plant Classification, Growth and Development

Section 2 - Understanding Pests and Their Control

Section 3 - Culture of Nursery Stock in Retail Yards

Section 4 - Landscape Contracting, Tree and Turf Management

Section 5 - Plant Identification

Primarily, persons in the retail garden center and landscape contracting/maintenance areas of the 'Green Industry' participate; however the course is also recommended for wholesale growers, irrigation contractors and Master Gardeners. The CNLP was established to provide a professional educational opportunity for 'Green Industry' professionals. The manual review is also excellent preparation for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's landscape horticulturist license exam. An LDAF license or permit is required to be in various landscape & nursery related businesses in Louisiana; the CNLP is not required. **This certification is not a license.** Call LDAF Horticulture Commission at 225-952-8100 or your nearest LDAF regional office to schedule the license exam.

Dr. Jeb Fields, LSU AgCenter's Commercial Horticulturist, is the primary instructor for the manual review/training session. It is recommended that participants acquire and read the manual, The Louisiana Manual for the Environmental Horticultural Industry, before attending the CNLP review. Participants can then ask questions on the content of the manual during the review. A highlighter and pen, as well as the manual, are highly recommended to be brought to the review with each participant; this allows marking of items which will be included on the exam. The manual is not included in the fee for the review &/or exam.

Please contact me, by phone (985)237-2939, or email <u>carijanelnla@gmail.com</u>, if you have any questions in regard to this year's certified nursery and landscape professional programs.

Sincerely,

Cari Jane Murray LNLA Executive Secretary



Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional Manual Review and Exam - 2022

February 22-23, 2022

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For further information contact:

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