



LOUISIANA SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH

SPRING 2016

COMPOST PILE



LSHR ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Today, Sunday, is a rare beautiful February day to enjoy the outdoors. I played in my yard working in the beds. I weeded, prune, transplanted and raked some pine straw to topdress with mulch. But, I had to stop and to work on the spring issue of the Compost Pile.

Yes, it is time for the annual LSHR spring meeting and luncheon. And after the mild winter, so far, it will be interesting to see the progress reports on last year's releases. I wonder what would have happened to the releases if we had several hard freezes.

Our speaker this year will be Dr. Neil Odenwald. He is a former professor of LSU's Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture professor and author of several horticulture books. His presentation will be on a history of gardening, Louisiana style.

Also, we can read up on Dr. Allen Ownings final report on his D. Austin Rose trials.

Among the included information in this issue is a membership renewal form. Several members have not yet mailed in their dues and risk no release pick up. So, please get them in to JoAnn, our 'bean counter'.

Schedule of Events:

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Registration and distribution of 2016 plant releases. (first come, first serve on releases) Drop off of 2016 plant release evaluations
8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Silent Auction
9:00 a.m.	Plant Auction
11:00 a.m.	Opening of Petroleum Club Open Bar
12:00 noon	Luncheon Buffet
After presentation	Guest Speaker: Dr. David Creech General Meeting

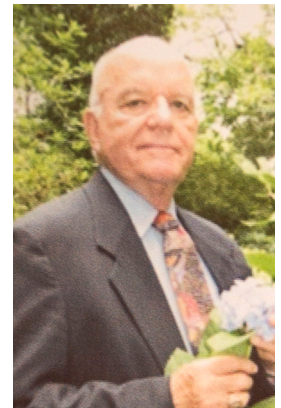


(Photo courtesy of N. Balliviero)

Our 2016 Spring Guest Speaker:

'Gardens through the Ages ---Louisiana Style'

Dr. Neil Odenwald, Professor Emeritus, LSU, will be guest speaker at our luncheon and will carry you on a journey through the history of gardens – Louisiana Style. He will educate you with information on the past, entertain you with his 80 year old sense of horticulture humor and present photos that will encourage you to take on another project in your gardens. Neil is a well-known Landscape Architect and former Director, School of Landscape Architecture, LSU. He has shared his love of horticulture with students throughout his 38 years teaching courses at LSU in plants and planting design. Actually, the graduate program was accredited during his tenure.



(Photo courtesy N. Balliviero)

Neil continues to share his knowledge with gardeners everywhere through lectures and books he has authored – **Attracting Birds to Southern Gardens, Live Oak Splendor, Plants for American Landscapes, The Bountiful Flower Garden** and the award-winning reference

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President's Message

El Nino sure dealt us a wet winter season, without any serious cold weather. This gives us all kind of strange bloom periods and early growth patterns that hopefully escaped any freezes we may have had. My Loquat set fruit in November this past Fall and should be ripening soon. Lots of semi-hardy plants are flourishing now and we will see blooms this Spring on many that need that second season to do so.

Our annual meeting is just around the corner (March 19th), remember to fill out and bring your reports with you and be early to insure you get your box of releases this year. Remember to bring items for both the silent and live auctions. Those who cannot bring items, just bring plenty of enthusiasm, cash and open checkbooks! This is what makes this organization so enjoyable; we actually "grow" our own money.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Neil Odenwald is sure to amaze us. He has taught Landscape Architecture at LSU for many years now and is very knowledgeable in his field. The title of his talk will be **Gardens through the Ages --- Louisiana Style**. Just the title alone makes me want to attend the luncheon! My family has also known him for a long time and we have been on several plant tours and conferences with him in the past. This is one meeting you do not want to miss.

Keep Growing,

Albert Durio

LSHR President

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reference Southern Plants (several editions). What an honor that Southern Plants is the primary plant text used at several universities today.

His horticulture education began with his undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University and he returned there to receive his PhD in Horticulture after receiving his Master's from LSU in Landscape Architecture. He is a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architecture and a member of several social and professional organizations. He is presently President of the John James Audubon Foundation which directs the work at the Gloster Arboretum in Gloster Mississippi. He is a native of Mississippi but glad to have him residing in Baton Rouge. We are truly blessed to have Dr. Odenwald share his knowledge and love of horticulture with our horticulture society.

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LUNCHEON MENU:

Salad

Toss greens with choice of dressing

Entrée

Sliced Brisket with gravy
Fried fillet of catfish

Vegetables

Honey Glazed Carrots
Corn Macque Choux

Starches

Lyonnais Potatoes
Corn bread dressing

Desserts

Bread Pudding with hard sauce
Chocolate Cake

CASH BAR

Spring 2016 luncheon reservations due March 15, 2016. The luncheon will cost \$25 per person and includes tax and tip. Please send reservations with name of members and guests by March 15, 2016. Sorry, but luncheon cannot be reserved the day of the meeting. Make checks payable to LSHR and mail to JoAnn Pugh care of LSHR. P. O. Box 51366, Lafayette, LA 70505.

Questions, contact JoAnn Pugh,
joannpugh@hotmail.com cell 337-247-5526

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Ellis Fletcher, Chairman

The LSHR welcomes the following new members:

ALFORD, IVY (S)	DALLAS TX
BARKAY, SHARON (A)	LAFAYETTE LA
BEYT, MARY (A)	LAFAYETTE LA
BROUSSARD, BARTON & KELLY	LECOMPTE LA
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STERLING, TIM (A)	PINEVILLE LA
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VAN HOOF, CHARLIE & KATHY (A)	LECOMPTE LA

NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS/ PERSONS FOR AN AWARD

New members nominations and candidates for the Horticultural Medallion Award are due before November 1, 2016.

Nominations should be sent to the membership committee chair, Dr. Ellis Fletcher at 341 Orangewood Drive, Lafayette, LA 70503-5225 or via email at uslfletch@lusfiber.net or LSHR@cox.net.

Even though nominations are voted on at the fall board meeting, they can be sent any time, but need to be post marked by 11/01/2016 for the current year.

Reasons for nomination not a requirement.

Nominations for the Horticultural Medallion Award, also, should be post marked by 11/01/2016. The nominations should include a letter of recommendation and reason/accomplishments for the award. And it should be signed by the nominating member.

AUCTION ITEMS

Many thanks for silent auction items and plants, especially from Broussard Green Houses, Kent's Nursery, Live Oak Nursery and Robbie Dupont with Dupont's Nursery.



April 2-3, 2016

Saturday, April 2,
8am-4pm

Sunday, April 3,
11am-3pm

Blackham Coliseum
2330 Johnston Street
Lafayette, LA 70503

Annual Meeting Committee Assignments:

Registration: JoAnn Pugh, Glenda Balliviero, Linda Bourg, Roxanna Champagne and Diana Nolan

Hospitality: Billy Welsh, Norman Balliviero and Dr. Ellis Fletcher

Auction Acquisitions: Norman & Glenda Balliviero and Dr. Dennis Wollard.

Auctioneers: Heidi Sheesley and Dalton Durio and Dr. Todd Lasseigne

Auction Floor Monitors – Dr. Dennis Wollard, Dr. Jim Racca, Pete Piazza

Silent Auctions: Dr. Jean Kreamer and Rebecca Moss

Sales Clerks: Margo Racca and Rob Barry

Plant Releases and Speakers' needs: Billy Welsh

LSHR Supported David Austin English Rose Trial – Final Report

Allen Owings, Professor (Horticulture), LSU AgCenter, Hammond Research Station
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The LSU AgCenter’s Hammond Research Station, Hammond, LA has been evaluating the landscape performance (flowering, plant size, flowering cycles, Cercospora leaf spot susceptibility, and blackspot susceptibility) of approximately 35 cultivars of David Austin English roses. The study was partially funded by LSHR and was initiated in the spring 2014 and will be continued through 2017/2018. The trial is replicated with multiple plants of each variety planted. Plants are growing in full sun and receive irrigation when needed. Roses are being fertilized with a slow release fertilizer late winter and late summer each year. Plants were exposed to other typically recommended rose cultural practices with the exception of disease and pest control. Fungicides and insecticides were not used. Quality ratings below are for the 2014 and 2015 growing seasons (four evaluations annually – mid to late spring, early to mid-summer, late summer to early fall, mid-fall). Quality ratings are on a scale from 1 to 5 (1=dead, 2=poor performance, 3=average performance, 4=above average performance, 5=superior performance). Typically, a rating of 3.5 or higher would be considered a good variety for landscape consideration.

Research Observations / Summary:

Variety	Flower Color	Mature Size	Quality Rating
Abraham Darby	apricot and yellow w pink	5' x 5'	4.0
Alnwick	soft pink	4' x 2.5'	3.4
Ambridge Rose	apricot peachy orange	3' x 2'	4.0
Benjamin Britten	red with orange touch	4' x 3'	3.9
Carding Mill	pink apricot yellow blend	4' x 3.5'	3.5
Charity	soft apricot yellow	6' x 3.5'	3.8
Charles Darwin	rich yellow	4' x 3'	3.4
Darcey Bussell	deep rich crimson	3' x 2'	4.0
Eglantyne	light pink	4.5' x 3'	3.9
Evelyn	apricot and pink	4' x 3'	3.6
Gertrude Jekyll	deep pink	5' x 3.5	3.7
Glamis Castle	white / cream	4' x 3.5'	2.8
Golden Celebration	golden yellow	4.5' x 4.5'	3.8
Graham Thomas	yellow	5' x 4'	4.0
Heritage	medium pink	5' x 4'	4.2
Jude the Obscure	apricot yellow	4' x 4'	3.8
L. D. Braithwaite	red / crimson	4.5' x 4'	3.6
Lady Emma Hamilton	tangerine orange	4' x 3'	2.0
Mary Rose	rose pink	4' x 4'	4.0
Molineaux	rich yellow	3' x 2'	3.8
Pat Austin	copper	5' x 3.5'	3.5
Portmeirion	deep pink	3' x 3'	3.9
Queen of Sweden	pink with apricot	4' x 2.5'	3.9



Tamora



Molineaux

(Photos courtesy of Allen Owings)

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PLANT RELEASE REPORT FORM

(Please cut out following sheet and complete for day of LSHR meeting. Mail if not able to drop off)

ATTENTION MEMBERS!! THIS FORM IS A NEW FORMAT FOR EXPEDITED COMPILATION OF INFORMATION and PLANT RELEASE REPORTS ON LAST YEAR’S RELEASES. IT MUST BE TURNED IN TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS YEAR’S RELEASES!

Please note: In an effort to select plant releases that members will enjoy most, the Plant Release committee would be grateful if you would list at the end of this report, names of plants that you would like to be included among future releases.

LSHR Plant Release Report Form 2015

You must complete and present this form to receive your 2016 Plant Release box.

Plant	Location (circle one)	Insects/Diseases	Living (yes/no)	Rating (circle one)	Comments
	1 = am sun 2 = pm sun 3 = full sun 4 = part shade 5 = full shade			1 = poor 2 = good 3 = excellent	
1. <i>Acalypha wilkesiana</i> 'Musaica'	1 2 3 4 5			1 2 3	
2. <i>Alstroemeria psittacina</i> 'Variegata'	1 2 3 4 5			1 2 3	
3. <i>Camellia sasanqua</i> 'October Magic Inspiration'	1 2 3 4 5			1 2 3	
4. <i>Clerodendrum wallichii</i>	1 2 3 4 5			1 2 3	
5. <i>Hibiscus hamabo</i>	1 2 3 4 5			1 2 3	
6. <i>Pelargonium</i> 'Mary Helen'	1 2 3 4 5			1 2 3	

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		(circle one)		(yes/no)	(circle one)	
		1 = am sun			1 = poor	
		2 = pm sun			2 = good	
		3 = full sun			3 = excellent	
		4 = part shade				
		5 = full shade				
7. Prunus x 'Purple Pride'		1 2 3 4 5			1 2 3	
8. Salvia 'Silke's Dream'		1 2 3 4 5			1 2 3	
9. Tabernaemontana divaricata		1 2 3 4 5			1 2 3	
10. Taxodium x LaNana		1 2 3 4 5			1 2 3	
11. Turnera ulmifolia 'Trailing Yellow'		1 2 3 4 5			1 2 3	
* Please use the comments column to note additional information, e.g. fragrant, showy, colorful, froze etc.						

From the treasurer's desk

Feeling like a BEANCOUNTER, I am always counting!

I am now counting days till next annual meeting, new plant releases, great plant auction, and wonderful luncheon! It will soon be here. With January dues deadline passed, many members' dues have not been received, so extending grace period till end of February. For those that misplaced the last issue of Compost Pile with renewal form, a renewal form is in this issue and would appreciate payment soon. You can copy it, cut it out, or just write all the information with your payment. Reservations for luncheon will soon be coming, (deadline March 15), I will be again COUNTING! Remember, no ID cards were issued. Members are asked to use this issue of Compost Pile with mailing label as proof of membership. Your Compost Pile will be returned to you so hold on to this issue, has lots of information on date, time and great articles. Guest are always welcomed to luncheon, \$25 each, please send their name so name tags can be printed. Luncheon name tags will be distributed at plant release.

Let us all have fun at annual meeting, and COUNTING to see you there!

JoAnn Pugh, Treasurer,
joannpugh@hotmail.com

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Variety	Flower Color	Mature Size	Quality Rating
Scepter 'd Isle	soft pink	4' x 3'	4.2
Sharifa Asma	light pink	4' x 3'	3.4
Sophy's Rose	light red	3' x 2.5'	3.2
Strawberry Hill	rosy pink	4' x 4'	3.6
Tamora	blush apricot	3' x 3'	3.2
Tess of the d'Urbervilles	red / crimson	4' x 3.5'	4.2
The Dark Lady	red / crimson	4' x 4'	3.4
William Shakespeare 2000	crimson / purple	4' x 3'	2.9
Winchester Cathedral	white	4' x 4'	3.8



Pretty Jessica

Most Favorite, Best Performing David Austin Rose varieties from members of the Baton Rouge Rose Society:

Lillian Austin	Evelyn	Tamora	The Prince	Pretty Jessica
Molineux	Abraham Darby Chaucer	Troilus	The English Garden	

Most Popular David Austin Rose varieties in the region (Louisiana, Mississippi) according to members of the American Rose Society:

Graham Thomas	Heritage	Pat Austin	Abraham Darby Molineaux
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Best David Austin Rose varieties (based on growth habit, flower fragrance, flowering and disease resistance) in the region based on earlier research at the Gardens of the American Rose Center in Shreveport, LA:

Top performers: Heritage, Molineaux, Abraham Darby, Tess of the d'Urbervilles, Benjamin Britten, Jude the Obscure, Charlotte, Cordevale

Above average performer: Fair Bianca, Winchester Cathedral, Sharifa Asma, Portmeirion, Anne Boleyn, Eglantyne, A Shropshire Lad, Charles Rennie Mackintosh

Local sources of David Austin English Roses: K and M Rose Nursery, Buckatunna, MS (www.kandmroses.com)
David Austin Roses (USA Division), Tyler, TX (www.davidaustinroses.com/american/)

LSHR RENEWAL FORM

LOUISIANA SOCIETY OF HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH
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FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

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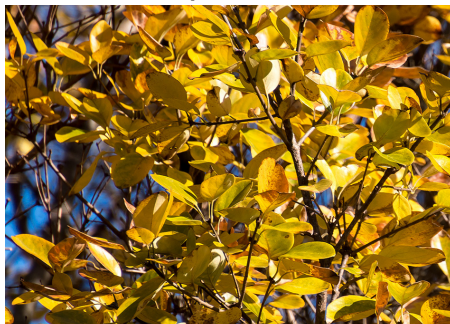
LSHR Member:

Hazel Prevost

February 27, 1941 – December 1, 2015

A Favorite Release – Chinese Fringe Tree - *Chionanthus retusus*

The Chinese Fringe Tree (*Chionanthus retusus*), also referred to as Oriental Fringe, Round Leaf Fringe, or White Flowered Fringe is a deciduous tree native to eastern Asia including China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan. I received it as a release in 2008 and love that it puts on a show twice a year. It is covered with erect panicles of beautiful white flowers 4-7" long each spring and then the round leaves turn a golden hue in late fall. The flowers completely cover the tree making it truly a show stopper. Following the flowers my tree produces many blue-black berries which fall to the ground and grow into trees. Not all plants produce fruit as they may have only male or only female flowers. This year it is still a golden tree in late January due to the unusual weather conditions. Planted in full sun and well-drained soil definitely produces the most flowers. It is a very fast grower. Actually, I have another huge one that I got from a dear friend 12 plus years ago and it must be at least 25' high. I have yet to have any pests or disease so therefore I consider them happy trees.



By Glenda Balliviero

(photos courtesy of Norman Balliviero)