



## Louisiana Master Gardener 2009 State Conference

# LOUISIANA MASTER GARDENER

## WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT

### *About The Louisiana Master Gardener Program*

The Louisiana Master Gardener (LMG) program is a service and educational activity sponsored by the Louisiana State University Agriculture Center (LSU AgCenter) and directed by the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service. It originated in Baton Rouge in 1994 and was adopted statewide in 1997 and is now offered in 21 parishes with volunteer participation in 46 parishes.

The program is designed to recruit and train volunteers to help meet the educational needs of home gardeners, while providing an enjoyable and worthwhile service experience for volunteers. The Louisiana Master Gardener program is open to all people regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

### *Who Are Louisiana Master Gardeners?*

They are men and women from all walks of life who share a passion for gardening and a willingness to share their knowledge with the community through volunteerism. As part of the volunteer staff of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Master Gardeners provide unbiased, research-based educational assistance and programs on consumer horticulture issues to the gardening public.

In Louisiana, there are over 1,000 active members statewide serving 46 parishes and representing 96% of Louisiana's population centers.

### *Whom Do The Louisiana Master Gardeners Reach?*

In 2008, Louisiana Master Gardeners recorded over 35,000 volunteer hours and shared research-based consumer horticulture information with over 750,000 people.

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### ***About the Master Gardeners of Greater New Orleans***

The Master Gardeners of Greater New Orleans (MGGNO) is an educational outreach program of the LSU AgCenter intended to help county agents deliver horticultural programs and information to the Greater New Orleans community. Our mission is “to increase the public’s love for and knowledge of gardening and responsible stewardship of the environment.” MGGNO is headquartered in the LSU AgCenter Extension Service Office in Metairie, Louisiana. Currently, 140 active volunteers serve the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines.

### ***Master Gardener Contributions to the Greater New Orleans Community***

In 2007, MGGNO served over 5,100 volunteer hours in the Greater New Orleans area for an average of 65 hours per active member, ranking it third in the State. Examples of recent MGGNO community projects include:

- Refurbishment of two atrium gardens at East Bank Regional Library in Jefferson Parish (September 2007 and July 2008)
- Graduation of 62 newly certified Louisiana Master Gardeners from Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard parishes during the past two years
- Day-long Symposium on Sustainable Gardening with over 180 attendees (August 2008)
- Restoration of campus gardens at Bonnabel Magnet Academy High School and John Martyn School
- Beautification of gardens at New Orleans Botanical Garden Historic Train Garden, Audubon Zoo Butterfly Garden and Lafreniere Park Foundation Center (July 2008)
- Participation in three local farmers markets (Ninth Ward, Gretna and Westwego)
- Distribution of trees donated by Chevron Tree Farm and Lafitte 4-H Club to residents recovering from storm damage (October 2008)
- Support of annual Spring and Fall Garden Shows at the New Orleans Botanical Garden

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### ***Master Gardener Contributions Statewide***

Throughout Louisiana, Master Gardeners are actively engaged in numerous volunteer initiatives and community projects that include:

- Educational Youth Programs, including 4-H
- Seminars and Workshops
- Speaker's Bureau
- Habitat for Humanity
- Community/School Gardens and Beautification
- Demonstration Gardens
- Plant Trials
- Rehabilitation Gardens
- Plant Health Care Clinics
- Partnered Projects with Civic and Municipal Entities

### ***Master Gardener Contributions Nationwide***

Today there are Master Gardener Programs affiliated with most land-grant universities throughout the United States. Master Gardener volunteers make it their mission to educate local community members in applying safe, sustainable horticultural practices to manage their landscapes and gardens. They address environmental and social priorities such as reducing the impact of invasive species, water conservation, increasing public awareness of the value of home and public landscapes and the opportunities for healthy living through gardening.

With gardening considered to be the number one pastime in the United States, there is a tremendous need for outreach to offer our communities safe, research-based methods in the care for their gardens and the environment. No other single program has contributed more effectively to raise public awareness of sound horticultural practices than Master Gardeners.

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Educational Sessions on Sustainable Gardening Practices and More  
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Garden Gala at New Orleans Botanical Garden  
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## *Is There a Gift Opportunity for You?*

### ***A Community Effort You Would Like To Support!***

Your support of the LMG 2009 State Conference can ensure our organization's continued local and statewide efforts. We invite your participation in the gift opportunities listed below and thank you for your consideration.

### ***Platinum Level – Presenting Sponsor - A Contribution of \$5,000***

This sponsorship affords your organization the opportunity to reach all conference participants and vendors. Recognition of you and your organization includes:

- Opportunity to address the conference audience prior to the keynote speaker
- Four conference passes
- Four invitations to the Garden Gala at New Orleans Botanical Garden
- Vendor space along with two vendor identification badges
- Your name and logo digitally displayed in general session room and exhibit hall
- A full-page ad published in conference program
- Your name listed in conference program as a premier sponsor

### ***Gold Level – A Contribution of \$2,500***

Recognition of you and your organization includes:

- Two conference passes
- Two invitations to the Garden Gala at New Orleans Botanical Garden
- Vendor space along with one vendor identification badge
- Your name and logo displayed in exhibit hall
- A half-page ad published in conference program
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### ***Additional Sponsorship Opportunities:***

#### ***Silver Level – A Contribution of \$1,000***

Recognition of you and your organization includes:

- Two invitations to the Garden Gala at New Orleans Botanical Garden
- Your organization's logo displayed in general session room
- Your name listed in conference program as a contributing sponsor

#### ***Bronze Level – A Contribution of \$500***

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- Two invitations to the Garden Gala at New Orleans Botanical Garden
- Your name listed in conference program as a contributing sponsor

#### ***Supporting Level – A Contribution of \$100***

Recognition of you and your organization includes:

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**Bronze**

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**Supporter**

\$100

**Other:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I am pleased to participate at the \_\_\_\_\_ Level. To support the Louisiana Master Gardener 2009 State Conference, I have enclosed my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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Please make your donation payable to "LSU Foundation" with "Louisiana Master Gardener" in memo line and mail to:

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c/o Master Gardeners of Greater New Orleans  
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**Attention: Tricia Wrubleski, Sponsorships**

*Thank you for your  
generous and prompt response!*

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