



PlantFest! 2015 .. 32nd Edition



Saturday, OCT 3, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sunday, OCT 4, 12 noon – 4:00 pm

This year's PlantFest! will continue our annual celebration of plants in general and natives in particular, honoring the 240th anniversary of naturalist William Bartram's visit to Louisiana in 1775. Our fall plant sale celebrates three decades of masterfully collecting people and plants and bringing them together in the unique natural space that is the LSU Hilltop Arboretum.

Brace yourself for a botanical "all you can tweet" plant feast ... trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, ferns, fruits, gingers, camellias, incredible edibles, ornamental grasses, and more that run the gamut from native and traditional to eclectic and electric newcomers. To spice up the mix, plants are imported from a diversity of nurseries located in Alabama and, Texas, as well as Louisiana. Well over 5,000 plants will be assembled representing 600 different species ... some making their debut at Hilltop this year.

Landscape architects, contractors and designers; arborists; horticultural specialists; growers; plants men and women; Master Gardeners ... all will be on hand to help you with your plant selections. Plant display vignettes that dazzle with color, or speak to those who want to go native or attract butterflies will help you get growing and suggest just the right plant for your space.

The Hilltop Gift Shop will be joined by specialty plant and craft vendors to meet all the needs of gardeners and their gardens. We offer both a tax and a membership incentive that add up to 20% in savings on plants purchased during the two days of the sale.

*One week prior to the sale, check the website (www.lsu.edu/hilltop)
for a list of the plants being offered at PLANTFEST!*



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

The summer has been difficult at Hilltop. We all continue to mourn the loss of Paula Dillemoth. Her memorial service, "Celebrating Paula's Life with Remembrances", took place at Hilltop on Sunday August 16th. Bob and Paula had a relationship with Hilltop from its beginning. She went from a volunteer to an administrative assistant. I remember fondly the bus tours she arranged for us. They were always the highlight of the year.



Hopefully our hot dry summer will soon be past us. Despite the weather the plants at the Hodge Podge Nursery look amazingly well. I haven't seen better quality plants in Baton Rouge. The Hodge Podge is busy increasing the plant inventory for Plantfest 2015 on October 3 and 4.

The mission of Hilltop is to provide a sanctuary where students and visitors can learn about natural systems, plants, and landscape design. I first heard Dr. Douglas Tallamy speak at the Master Gardener Southern Re-

gional Conference this past October. He made me realize the importance of native plants in maintaining our native ecosystems in a way I had never before appreciated. This winter we will all learn more about his message. He and his coauthor Rick Darke will be the keynote speakers at our Winter Symposium in January 2016. We will all learn more about how each of us in our landscaping decisions is essential in maintaining our native wildlife. It is a program you should not miss!

The Hodge Podge Nursery plants will now be labeled as to whether they are natives or not in time for PlantFest. Dr. Tallamy's message has already changed my ideas about landscaping and planting in my yard. I am sure you will feel the same way after hearing him speak and reading his books "Bringing Nature Home" and "The Living Landscape".

The 2015 Fall Garden Tour will be at White Oak Landing on Sunday, October 25. This is the LSU Homecoming Weekend. There are many native plants to enjoy at the gardens and the paths you can stroll through the neighborhood. Bring your out of town guests and learn more about landscaping with natives.

See you at Hilltop!
Terry Rehn

REMEMBERING PAULA

Paula Dillemoth passed away on July 30th in the comfort and company of friends and family after a valiant, but daunting uphill battle to overcome hurdles posed by the stroke she suffered last October.

Thanks in large part to the longstanding friendship Bob's father, Chuck Dillemoth, had with Emory Smith, she and Bob pretty much cut their teeth on Hilltop. It did not take Paula long to segue handily from volunteer to Gift Shop Manager to Bookkeeper to Administrative Assistant. In whatever capacity she served, her efforts were laced with a generous dollop of funk and pizzazz.

She was rightfully crowned "Queen of Cuisine" and dubbed Paula "Deen" Dillemoth. Party animal extraordinaire, she relished all aspects of staging an event from invites to food delicacies to theme scheme. She didn't earn her title as "Hot Wheels" for nothin' either. During Plant-Fest!, she appointed herself head chauffeuse, commandeering Pete Newton's borrowed Gator to provide white-knuckle transport for volunteers and plants. She seldom kept all four wheels on the ground at once.

Trippin' with Ms. "P" was also a thrill. We were treated to a trip roster that in-

cluded Fairhope, AL and environs; Natchez, MS; Austin, TX; the Felicianas; Hot Springs, ARK; tours of N.O. Gardens, laced with shopping opps and fine dining; a Hilltop River Ramble with Michael Hopping as Tour Guide; a visit to sister arboretum Crosby and pointers from Marc Pastorek on meadow management. Rheta Grimsley Johnson's "Poor Man's Provence" provided the inspiration for the "Deep Fried Kudzu" trip to Cajun Country which came complete with noted Cajun chanteuse, Helen Boudreaux, on board for the duration and an opportunity for all to master the Cajun Two-Step!

When the Podge decided to "kick it up a notch" and move from offering a few table's worth of plants at the fall sale to a full bloomed on-site nursery, Paula allowed us to avail ourselves of her estate sale skills. She spearheaded "Miss Tizzy's Garage Sale" to help us get shed of some of the rather unusual items we inherited, along with plants, when Oak Haven Nursery closed up shop. The life size German Shepherd statue still presides as faithful sentinel at Margaret Vick's back door!

And, then there was the Hilltop Summer Academy Camp, inspired by the camp she ran during her tenure at the Community Co-op Nursery School. In addition to



arts, crafts, and hikes, it featured a beach imported via dump truck and a regatta in the Hilltop pond refereed by Hilltop's turtles in residence and featuring boats designed by the campers.

We thank her for all these indelible memories and the perks and pleasures associated with knowing and working with her.

Janet Forbes
LSU Hilltop Arboretum

St. Francisville Yesterday & Today!

Tuesday, November 3rd
Depart Hilltop at 7:30am

Cost all inclusive:
Members \$110, Non-Members \$145
(Includes Annual Hilltop Membership)

Join us for a delightful trip to the country where yesterday's history is transformed into today's treasures in the quaint community of St. Francisville! Our first stop of the morning will be a business of yesterday, a restored hardware store, transformed into a bustling museum with exhibits of the area's history. After boarding the bus, sit back and relax as we drive through the historic town center while our tour guide extraordinaire, Donna Belanger, waxes poetically about the homes, churches, businesses and lost Bayou Sarah. Our second stop of the morning is Imahara's Botanical Garden. Walter Imahara and Wanda Chase will be our guides along the garden paths, and share family stories about their ancestors who came to America as Japanese immigrants around 1895. The Japanese garden includes a miniature Mt. Fuji that overlooks a cypress swamp, nine reflecting pools, symbolic Torii gates, and Japanese Haiku carvings. A picnic lunch you can enjoy either indoors or outdoors in the garden will give you a chance to rest your feet and fill your tummies!

In the afternoon we'll head down the highway to Afton Villa Gardens for a private tour. A Gothic Revival mansion stood in the center of Afton Villa Gardens 130 years ago, but crumbled in a 1963 fire. To bring the history of the home and garden alive "Then and Now" will be landscape architects Walter Imahara and Dr. Neil Odenwald. In the 1950's, Walter's family tended the neglected gardens for two years. A short time after, Dr. Neil Odenwald designed the "ruin" gardens that include the classical statues and brick foundations of the mansion that withstood the ravages of the fire, and now support a variety of plants and flowers.

After all that history and unforgettable beauty, we'll need a "cool down". We'll board the bus and drive back into charming St. Francisville for shopping! Souvenir plants or little antique treats will be waiting for us to explore and buy to bring back home. Still not "cooled down"? A wine and cheese party will be "awaiting us" while we wait out the 5pm traffic in Baton Rouge to dissipate.



LSU's Hilltop Arboretum Named Among "50 Most Amazing University Botanical Gardens and Arboretums in the U.S."

Hilltop was recently named among the "50 Most Amazing University Botanical Gardens and Arboretums in the U.S.," according to a recent article by BestCollegesOnline.org.

"As one of the 50 locations selected for our list, LSU Hilltop Arboretum caught our attention for providing enriching educational opportunities for the community, in addition to cultivating a wide variety of native trees, shrubs and wildflowers," said Joy Warner, an editor with BestCollegesOnline.org.



The article explains how each arboretum was ranked, based on a system that awarded points for categories such as awards and recognitions, variety of species, conservation and education programs, connected university degree programs and a "Wow Factor" for features unique to each facility.

"Donated to Louisiana State University in 1981 by Mr. Emory Smith, the LSU Hilltop Arboretum is 14 beautiful acres which showcase more than 150 different species of trees, shrubs and wildflowers native to the Southeast region," the article reads. *"Students enrolled in the College of Agriculture and especially those studying within the Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture at the university reap the many benefits of the arboretum, which is located just six miles from the campus. The arboretum maintains a strong community outreach program, offering a summer camp for young children, a Junior Master Gardener Program and many classes and programs for the adult learner. A symposium is held annually at the arboretum featuring lectures by nationally and internationally known experts in horticulture, architecture and landscape design."*

The full article can be viewed online at www.bestcollegesonline.org/50-most-amazing-university-botanical-gardens-and-arboretums-in-the-u-s.

FALL GARDEN STROLL

...at the LAKE OF WHITE OAK LANDING

Sunday, October 25th
from 1pm to 5pm

GARDEN DESCRIPTIONS

*Virginia and Charles Yarbrough
18626 Tranquility Court, 70817*

Nestled in the native woodland around lakes flowing into the Amite River is the premier neighborhood of THE LAKE AT WHITE OAK LANDING. Begun in the 1980's in South East Baton Rouge, this subdivision is a private, wooded, nature-rich community of custom homes on acre lots. Families jog and cycle on the miles of trails through native woodlands that run behind the residences, connecting with the lakes which are perfect for fishing and canoeing. Hilltop's Fall Garden Tour will visit four gardens within this lovely space, inviting you to experience the native woodland gardens and the walking trails between residences. You will enjoy being tucked away from the hustle, bustle of city life on a beautiful fall day in October. The garden tour hosts are Virginia and Charles Yarbrough (18626 Tranquility Court, 70817), Michael Ann and Grady Crawford (19173 Hickory Bay Court, 70817), Kim and Mark Morgan (5016 Woodlake Drive, 70817) and Vicki and Jay Brooks (4756 Elm Shadow Drive, 70817).

Refreshments will be served in the beautiful outdoor living space and kitchen at the home of Kim and Mark Morgan where you will enjoy views of the lake and wildlife. You can start the tour at any of the four gardens featured. Tour tickets are \$20 and available for purchase at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum, online at www.lsu.edu/hilltop or at each garden on the day of the tour. Student tickets (with ID) are \$5.

Before or after you tour the gardens, a nice selection of plants will be available for sale at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum at 11855 Highland Road anytime from 1-5pm the afternoon of the tour.

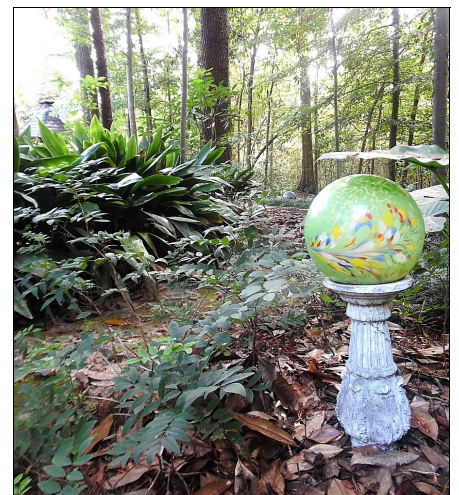
This garden's journey began in 1990 with the purchase of a forested lot to build a new home. The unusual shape of the lot suggested the house should be located away from the street and back in the beech magnolia woods. The property has several ravines and extends via two peninsulas into the lower lake of The Lake at White Oak subdivision. It also enjoys access to adjacent subdivision common grounds which visually extends the forest.



During construction many days were spent taking out brush and pulling down vines. All trees were saved except on the site of the house and drive. After about a year, house construction was complete and the garden project began. First came decks, foundation planting and some initial beds. Inexperience with woodland landscapes created many opportunities to develop improved gardening techniques. After a few years an adjacent lot was added to the property to insure the forest environment remained intact, bringing the site to about three acres.



His interest in and success with shade gardening grew as Charles' plantings extended further away from the house and into the woods. He developed a fondness for Japanese gardens and decided on a style similar to a Japanese stroll garden. In this style, not all of the garden is seen in one view; only by wandering does the visitor encounter different vistas and enter various garden rooms. Design of the garden was developed slowly over the years, mainly by wandering about the site and letting the landscape suggest the next step.



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Charles has enjoyed designing and completing all of the garden's construction projects (decks, bridges, arbors, gazebos, boardwalks) as well as the planting, terracing, path-building and stone work, with design ideas and extra hands from Virginia and children Julia, Marie, and Nathan. Many bridges were built and each required access paths; connecting paths now form a network that covers most of the property. Though generally oriental in concept, the garden is not strictly of that form. Its many other inspirations include art and local culture, whimsy and the spiritual. Creating the garden has been a way to combine our love of art with our love of nature and the woods.



On the property, some of the native forest still remains. Time and weather have taken their toll in the garden. At least sixty trees have fallen during these twenty-five years and mostly have been removed, with remnants slowly disappearing back into the terrain. The woods are in constant renewal, with new trees continuing to volunteer. Our goal is to foster a native environment while incorporating beautiful and suitable selections from around the world. A collection of small animals also lives here: squirrels, armadillos, raccoons, possums, rabbits, frogs, turtles, lizards, birds, etc. Occasionally deer,

alligators, nutria, and beavers come to cause havoc. A healthy supply of native insects also calls it home.

There is a nice marriage of new and old in our garden. It's always changing and always tranquil.

Michael Ann and Grady Crawford
19173 Hickory Bay Court, 70817



When we moved into our home almost 20 years ago, the yard and trees were typical of a southern home. The house was situated on a lovely pond, with a gently sloping lawn down to the water. There were flower beds set with begonia, impatiens, azaleas, and sago palms. Everything was perfectly planned, and beautifully manicured.

Fast forward some years later...The trees of many different native species have grown taller and provide a canopy over the grass and flower beds. We have red oak, black oak, white oak, magnolia, loblolly pine and shortleaf pine, water hickory, and water elm, not to mention river birch, sycamore, and yellow poplar! Our front yard boasts of a flowering pear tree that looks snow covered in the spring. Since our yard is sloping to the pond, most of our top soil is now IN the pond! Gustav took care of a

few of our larger trees, but our yard now resembles a southern forest of sorts.

What we've experienced is typical of aging homes and yards in the south. We can either cut down trees to allow more sunlight, or we can make the most of our yard's natural habitat. We chose to do the latter. We do have to bring in top soil, and replant grass, but the trees and the ground cover we now have make a lovely view with all the natural beauty of native Louisiana plants. I would imagine the trees in our yard look very much like the ones cut down when our home was built some 20 years ago.

We love the trees, birds, squirrels, raccoons, possums, fox, and yes, the deer, who eat my caladiums with gusto! It is an oasis in the heart of a subdivision. Most of our neighbors have adjusted to our changing landscape, and enjoy the naturalness of our Louisiana homes.

Mark and Kim Morgan
5016 Woodlake Drive, 70817



Mark and Kim Morgan have lived in their White Oak Landing home for 24 years, and have always enjoyed the peace and serenity the neighborhood has to offer. After an extensive renovation in 2010 altered the rear footprint of the home, they decided it was time to completely redo the backyard landscape. With the help of

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Smith and Baker Landscape Architects, the new site plan was developed and executed. The hardscape includes multi-level patios of blue-stone and wood decking perfect for entertaining. The patios are surrounded by brick planters and planting beds that hold an abundance of camellia 'Shi Shi Gashira', gardenia, azalea 'Red Ruffles', camellia 'Yuletide', blue agapanthus, and a variety of hydrangea. Variegated flax lilies are abundant throughout the plantings. Sweet bay magnolia and Japanese maple trees provide vertical interest to the beds. Numerous pots and urns placed around the deck and patios provide seasonal color.

Descending to the lower deck, you will find a beautiful outdoor kitchen and living space with a large water feature adorned with custom iron-work. From this lower level, there are beautiful views of the walking trails and lake behind their property. The Morgans spend many evenings and weekends relaxing or grilling with family while watching their grandchildren play on the large play yard on the side of the home. The hammock, once belonging to Kim's dad, hangs in a shaded spot for relaxing and reading. Landscape lighting provides the perfect ambiance to enjoy the spaces after dark.

The recently refurbished front gardens can be enjoyed while rocking or swinging on the Morgan's large front porch. Boxwood hedges provide symmetry and formality to the front entrance's seasonal color beds. There are numerous azaleas, hydrangeas, hosta, camellias, and agapanthus throughout the landscape. Cast iron plants, gold shrimp plants, leather-

leaf mahonia, ligularia, gold dust acuba and bicolor iris add interest to the lush southern beds that also include magnolias, river birch, crape myrtle, Japanese maple and 'Forest Pansy' redbud trees.



Jay and Vicki Brooks
4756 Elm Shadow Drive, 70817

The home of Jay and Vicki Brooks is set under the canopies of majestic oaks, elms and pines blanketed by Christmas berry and cast Iron plants beneath. With input from their son Josh, a landscape architect with Design Workshop in Denver and former LSU Hilltop Arboretum intern, the Newton Landscape Group created a master plan for the property that ties the home to its surroundings and creates more usable outdoor space. Alongside the driveway a sweeping curvilinear bed incorporates an oak, a Chinese fringe tree, azaleas, indigo, and native plants of palmettos and wood ferns. A French Quarter style

lamppost lights the paved walkway to brick steps that expand the full length of the columned porch. Fern draped urns on either side of the entryway, rocking chairs, and an antique church pew give the house an inviting Southern charm. Chinese fringe trees and giant elephant ear flank each side of the porch; two large stone containers and hanging baskets bring in seasonal colors. Hundreds of daffodil bulbs brighten the landscape in early spring with their blooms.

Palmettos and ferns carry over to a bed at the side of the house, also incorporating plants of varying heights that bring an array of colors throughout each season. You will find crinum lilies, dwarf sasanqua camellias, hydrangeas, bunny grass, miscanthus grass, nandinas and philodendron in addition to 'Natchez White' crape myrtles, a Japanese maple and a vitex.

At the other side of the house a pathway winds through camellias, bald cypress trees, magnolia trees and birch trees leading to a gate that opens to an expansive backyard encircled by a deep woods setting. Sweet bay magnolias line the brick and peacock paver pool decking on one side of the home and wraps around the master suite on the other side. Azaleas, dwarf sasanqua camellias, ginger, dwarf fountain grass, and plumbago fill in the beds beneath.

A kettle filled with gold fish, parrot fern and water lilies sits nestled in irises next to the porch. Potted plants are scattered around with seasonal colors. The view of the landscape from the back porch and the sound of the pool's water feature bring a sense of peace and tranquility. The sights and sounds of cardinals, hummingbirds, wrens and the likes inhabiting the landscape make for a delightful sanctuary. Whether drinking coffee in the quiet of early morning or entertaining family and friends in the evening, the sense of being in nature is the jewel of this garden.

Clean House! Support Hilltop!

Yes, you can! Did you know that 50% of the proceeds from the sale of items donated to *Here Today Gone Tomorrow* can be directed to Friends of Hilltop?

All you have to do is bring your re-sale items to *Here Today Gone Tomorrow* at 10240 Burbank Drive and mention that you would like the proceeds to be directed to Hilltop at account number 640. When your donated items are sold, Hilltop will receive half the proceeds!



Bartram's Louisiana Trail Commemorated

In cooperation with the Bartram Trail Conference, the Friends of Hilltop Arboretum commemorated the 240th anniversary of naturalist William Bartram's visit to Louisiana in 1775 with an opening reception, followed by the dedication of five historical markers and rededication of one originally placed in 1975, culminating with a lecture by "Founding Gardeners" author Andrea Wulf at the EBR Main Library at Goodwood.



Bartram Trail Marker dedication at Hilltop with Peggy Coates, Randy Harelson, Pam Sulzer and Michele Deshotels

ble without the support of the members of the committee who worked tirelessly and passionately on the project for two years. Thank you to Randy Harelson, Michele Deshotel, Pam Sulzer and Peggy Coates for your commitment and hard work.

Over 100 people attend the opening reception and lecture Bartram and Beyond: Baton Rouge Historical Landscapes presented by John Sykes, museum director of Magnolia Mound at the Foundation for Historical Louisiana (FHL). Myrna Bergeron organized the event for FHL and Margaret Tyler and other members of the John James Audubon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution provided the refreshments.

The historical markers were dedicated one day at a time in the order in which Bartram traveled through the greater Baton Rouge area. Dedication ceremonies were unique to each site. The LSU Hilltop Arboretum sponsored a native "Tree Stroll" led by Steve Shurtz and a performance by the Louisiane Vintage Dancers. Burden Museum and Garden held a lecture by Dan Gill about "Plant Discovery" followed by a walk in the Burden Woods led by Dr. Jeff Kuehny. Downtown Baton Rouge organized a talk by Ryan Clark, a research associate with the Water Institute of the Gulf, and a riverfront promenade by author Randy Harelson. Open house events were held at several historical sites in the Plains - Zachary area including the Zach-

Bartram was America's first native-born naturalist artist and the first author in the modern genre of writers who portrayed nature through personal experience and scientific observation. The project would not have been possi-

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Entertaining at Hilltop

We are so excited you are considering the LSU Hilltop Arboretum for a small gathering, corporate event, family party or wedding! Our award-winning facility designed by Lake|Flato Architects of San Antonio, Texas include beautiful views of nature and a pond with an elevated wooden boardwalk surrounded by Louisiana aquatic plantings.

The complex includes:

- Cherry Owens Library — a small meeting room
- Margaret Holmes Brown Pavilion — a covered open-air space
- Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium — a climate-controlled, multi-purpose space
- Bert Turner Courtyard — a gathering space, connecting the pavilion to the auditorium

We invite you to review the Facility Rental Information, Policies and Registration Form and the Facility Layout Plan online at www.lsu.edu/hilltop to determine if Hilltop is a venue you would like to consider for your special



event. Our Event Coordinator, Amy Hughes can answer any questions you may have about Hilltop's facility and can assist you with planning your event and completing your registration forms. To schedule an appointment with us call 225-767-6916 or email

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FIRST LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE EXPLORATIONS CAMP

Aspiring landscape architects attended the first Landscape Architecture Explorations Summer Camp at LSU's Hilltop Arboretum, July 13–17, 2015.



The weeklong camp developed by faculty of the LSU Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture (RRSLA) offered high school students, age 14–18, opportunities to explore the profession. The camp included individually tutored design workshops, information sessions, lectures by advanced professionals and faculty, drawing workshops, and field trips to the LSU main campus, professional design offices, and award-winning project sites in the greater Baton Rouge area.

Associate Professor Cathy Marshall developed the camp's course content and student activities and trained and prepared the current landscape architecture students who helped teach the participating high school students. She and Peggy Coates, executive director of LSU Hilltop Arboretum, also coordinated the field trips, which included a tour of downtown Baton Rouge with Justin Lemoine, owner of ELS Landscape Architecture Studio, and visits to the professional offices of Suzanne Turner & Associates and Reich Associates. Professor Emeritus and former interim director of RRSLA Van Cox,

alumna and former faculty member Justine Holzman, Associate Professor Kevin Risk, and Reich Teaching Professor and Director Mark Boyer presented lectures in landscape architecture and critiqued student work. Current RRSLA students led workshops, taught drawing skills, and introduced the participants to site-sketching techniques and model building. Student volunteers included: Ry'yan Clark, BLA; Xueyang Huang, MLA; Ethan Nocosia, BLA; Taylor Richardson, BLA; Maria Talledo, MLA; and Yuting Zhou, MLA.



What Our Friends Are Doing

EBR Master Gardener Programs

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TOPICS:

Pet Friendly Gardens & Preparing Your Garden for the Cool Season
Nov 12, 6:30-8:30pm
Main Library on Goodwood

ROAD TRIP, Dec 9

NO Botanical Garden & Celebration Under the Oaks
"Wonderland of Holiday Lights"

LSU NEWS

Professor Mark Boyer Named New Director of LSU Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture

LSU's Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture has selected Professor Mark Boyer, head of the University of Arkansas's Department of Landscape Architecture, to serve as the school's new director.

"It is amazing to come back home," said Boyer, who was born in Michigan and grew up in Kansas. *"I'm not from Louisiana, but as someone once told me, once you've been to LSU, it gets in your blood. I'm excited to come back and completely honored to be offered the position as director of the school."*

The process to find a new director for the school began in the summer of 2014. After an extensive search, the Director Search Committee, headed by Professor Emeritus Suzanne Turner, identified several excellent, qualified applicants. The committee invited the final candidates to present in an open forum to LSU College of Art & Design faculty, students, and staff.

"His presentation to our students and faculty revealed a sincere passion for the profession reminiscent of our founder, Dr. Robert S. Reich," said LSU Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture Interim Director Van Cox. *"Mark understands our traditions and is committed to an even better future. We are delighted to welcome Mark back 'home.'"*

Boyer, a registered landscape architect in Louisiana and Arkansas, received his BS in landscape architecture with distinction from the University of Kentucky after serving four years in the United States Air Force. He followed two years of

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SUMMERTIME FUN

OUR SPROUTS!

During the first two weeks in June, the 20 children enrolled in our Summer Sprouts camp had access to Hilltop's 14 acres!! The kids experienced the Hilltop trails, hill, pond and other outdoor areas. Our campers learned to experience and appreciate nature. It's hard to imagine that beyond the ever-growing traffic of Highland Road lies this beautiful oasis known as Hilltop Arboretum. This oasis is available to all ages. Our kids know why the Hilltop Summer Sprouts camp is a not-to-be-missed experience, and they come back each year to have that experience. The camp is designed for children ages 4 to 7, and takes place the first two weeks in June. Our sprouts had a great time leaving messages for the fairies in the fairy tree, climbing and running on the hill, walking through the bamboo forest, and observing the pond life. They dig in the soil, plant seeds, and experiment with "root view" activities. During the two week camp, our sprouts learned a better appreciation for nature, and how we can play a role in taking care of the great out-



doors. The children amazed us with their ability to remember names of trees and plants. The Hilltop Summer Sprouts camp is a multi-sensory experience that encourages exploration and observation. The camp culminates in a family picnic day in which the whole family can experience the arboretum's beautiful grounds. Some parents comment that they hadn't been to the arboretum in years, and they were thrilled to have the chance to experience what Hilltop has to offer. This year the camp offered a one week attendance option, in addition to the traditional two week camp experience. We plan to offer this option in the future, so if you're busy bee can only attend for one week, that option is also available.

So SAVE THE DATE for next year's Summer Sprouts camp June 6-10 and 13-18. Look for updates on the Hilltop web site and on Facebook.



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practice with a graduate degree in landscape architecture. While pursuing his MLA at LSU, Boyer worked on several projects that dealt with protecting/restoring sensitive ecosystems and lands in an interdisciplinary approach with geographers, coastal ecologists, state resource managers, federal agencies, and federal wildlife managers.

"I was at LSU when Robert Reich was still teaching," said Boyer. *"I was fortunate to be around and work with Neil Odenwald, Suzanne Turner, Wayne Womack, Dan Earle, Jon Emerson, Chuck Fryling, Bruce Sharky, Max Conrad, Sadik Artunc, and Van Cox—so I understand the foundation and the legacy of the program. I am looking forward to building the next phase of the school's legacy, with the faculty we have and the new faculty who are going to join us."*

"Mark was an outstanding student here, has since demonstrated his professional and educational leadership elsewhere, and is now rejoining us with the opportunity to guide the school to even greater excellence," added Cox.

Following his graduate education, Boyer entered private practice again as a landscape architect at Patrick C. Moore Landscape Architects + Site Planners (now Environmental Resources Management) in Alexandria, Louisiana, where he was involved in institutional site design, master planning, and large-scale state and national park projects. He joined the faculty at the University of Arkansas in 1998 and has taught courses on landscape architecture construction materials and technologies, ecological design studios, and interdisciplinary courses on urban stormwater management and constructed wetlands. He has won several teaching awards at the departmental and national level and was inducted into the highly distinguished University of Arkansas Teaching Academy.

Boyer has received numerous grants for his research on landscape architecture design and construction technologies; sustainable design; green roofs and bio-retention; and sustainable and alternative stormwater management technologies. He has presented papers at national and international conferences and his work has been published in dozens of peer-reviewed publications. Boyer received beives of merit and honor awards from the national and regional organizations of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), the American Institute of Architects, and others for the planning and design of an urban greenway in Warren, Arkansas, and as a project design team member of *"Habitat Trails: from infill house to green neighborhood design."*



Boyer was named head of UA's Department of Landscape Architecture in 2010, after serving as interim director for two years. He also served as interim associate dean of the Fay Jones School of Architecture and is currently co-director of the Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center, a university-wide center focused on developing teaching excellence.

His extensive involvement in landscape architecture professional organizations includes serving for two years as second vice president of the Council of Educators of Landscape Architecture (2012–14), an elected position. A member of ASLA, he served on the Committee for Education (2012–14). He has volunteered for the Task Analysis Experts Committee and the Cut Score Committee of the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), the organization that certifies landscape architecture professionals and establishes and promotes standards for professional competency and conduct.

Boyer said, as director, he will focus on continuing the efforts that have garnered the Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture a stellar reputation and top billing in annual rankings of landscape architecture graduate and undergraduate programs compiled by DesignIntelligence, the leading journal of the design professions. He also has plans to focus on recruitment and continue his work with ASLA to market and promote the landscape architecture profession as a whole. Most of all, he is looking forward to working closely with the faculty, staff, and fellow Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture alumni.

"The faculty are essential in establishing the culture of the program and experience of the students so they get LSU in their blood, as well, and stay connected as alumni," added Boyer. *"Alumni are critically important to the success of the school. I will be relying on those relationships to develop partnerships and create more internship and job opportunities for our students and graduates."*

"We are happy to welcome Mark to the college and community," stated LSU College of Art & Design Dean Alkis Tsolakakis. *"He brings a wealth of professional, educational, and administrative experience. He will maintain the high standards that have distinguished the Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture and will contribute to the interdisciplinary collaboration and integration both within the College of Art & Design as well as within the academic and professional world."*

Bartram's Louisiana Trail Commemorated

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ary Archives, Buhler-Plains Cemetery, Annison Plantation and the Plains Presbyterian Church with Historian Betty Tucker. At Point Coupee, Noelle Ewing led a tour of St. Francis Chapel followed by dedication remarks by Randy Harelson, and a Saturday Vigil Mass. The original 1976 marker has found a new home at the EBR Main Branch Library; three members of the original 1976 Bartram Trail Committee attended the dedication Polly Williams, Sally Daigle and Charles Fryling. Mary Stein, Assistant Library Director, organized and funded the dedication program, re-

ception and lecture by Andrea Wulf at the library that included music by the Lagniappe Dulcimer Society and a Photographic Society Exhibition.

The Louisiana William Bartram Trail partners included the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, LSU Hilltop Arboretum, Burden Horticulture Society, Burden Museum and Gardens, Beauregard Town Civic Association, Downtown Development District, The Foundation for Historical Louisiana, Pointe Coupee Historical Society, Zachary Historical Archives, Plains Presbyterian Church, and St. Francis Chapel of New Roads.



Burden Museum and Gardens Bartram Marker Dedication featuring Dr. Jeff Kuehny, Sally Daigle, Polly Williams and Charles Fryling

Ry'an Clark, a student intern with the LSU Hilltop Arboretum, designed a brochure that provides a map and information about the six historical markers. The brochure printing was sponsored by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Louisiana, Baton Rouge and River Parishes Committee.

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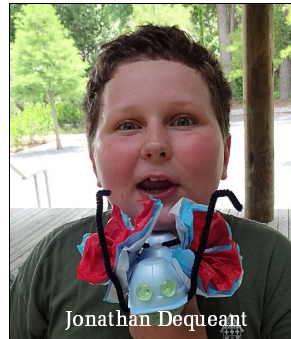
JMG CAMPERS GRADUATE!



Avery Bellanger



Hannah McQuiddy



Jonathan Dequeant

Another successful Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp was held June 15-19, 2015, at Hilltop Arboretum for seventeen campers, ages 7-10. Eight East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners, Dr. Mike Ferro and assistants Elena and Brian from the LSU Ag-Center, three Hilltop summer interns (Taylor, Ryan and Ethan), and our own Peggy Coates held forth as instructors and volunteers in the fields of insects, landscape horticulture, and vegetables/herbs.

This summer we graduated three Junior Master Gardeners -Avery Bellanger, Jonathan Dequeant, Hannah McQuiddy - who successfully completed all eight chapters of the Junior Master Gardener Handbook through attendance at our spring, summer and fall camps. These young gardeners often return to assist us at the upcoming camps. Our next two-day fall camp will be held during Thanksgiving week on November 23-24 from 9am - 1pm.

What Our Friends Are Doing

Burden Horticulture Society

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REFLECTIONS IN THE GARDEN

1st Mondays
at Burden Conference Center
Noon - 1pm

CORN MAZE FESTIVAL

Oct 10, 17 & 24

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SouthernGardenSymposium.org
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HILLTOP WELCOMES AMY HUGHES



After almost 10 years of volunteering at PlantFest! as a “Cart Runner” and “Loading Lord” with Boy Scout Troop 505, Amy is now sitting behind a desk and computer at Hilltop as our new Administrative Assistant. Her educational background is in psychology and the majority of her previous work experience is in education. She has been everything from a preschool teacher to an adjunct instructor at a University including stints as a library assistant and a program director for a non-profit organization that helped parents who had children with learning disabilities. However, don’t think she’s stuck behind the desk because PlantFest! is right around the corner and you are sure to see her helping out where ever needed, maybe even running carts or loading plants.

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Sun, Sept 27, 12:30 – 4pm

PLANTFEST TEASER!

Bringing Natives Home

Featuring Wayne Womack, Mila Berhane & Terry Rehn

OCTOBER

Sat, Oct 3 – Sun, Oct 4

PLANTFEST!

Sun, Oct 25, 1-5pm

FALL GARDEN STROLL

Lake at White Oak Landing



NOVEMBER

Tues, Nov 3

FALL GARDEN DAY TRIP

St. Francisville Yesterday and Today!

Mon, Nov 23 – Tues, Nov 24

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER

Fall Camp

DECEMBER

Tues, Dec 1, 12 noon

ANNUAL MEETING



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