

# Reflections and Visions

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## A new name for Burden Horticulture Society after 10 years of dedication, support and extraordinary progress

About 10 years ago a group of Master Gardeners led by Ginnie Bolin worked with the LSU AgCenter and Dr. C.P. Hegwood, the director of Burden Center, to form a friends group similar to the successful Friends of the LSU Rural Life Museum. The new friends group would be open to individuals from the community with an interest in horticulture and an appreciation for the value of the facility. The name selected was the Burden Horticulture Society (BHS). At the first BHS board meeting in August of 2007, officers were elected and bylaws were approved. BHS was incorporated as a 501(c)5 nonprofit association affiliated with the LSU AgCenter and the LSU Foundation, where all contributions are deposited in accounts for BHS. The goal of BHS was to act in an advisory capacity to the Vice President of Agriculture Dr. Bill Richardson by assisting with fundraising and planning activities for the development of an urban horticulture center. The society would also assist in developing programs and activities to support and encourage public participation in an urban horticulture center and support research and educational programs, volunteer activities and development plans initiated by the Burden Center.

A master plan for the Burden property was completed in November 2009, which created a unified vision for the 440 acres and its centers of activity while honoring the legacy of the Burden Family, the Center's benefactor, by providing a botanic garden destination for the citizens of Louisiana and establishing the Center as a premier horticultural research and educational facility. The property was divided into three destinations and points of activity that reflect the past, present and future of

agriculture in Louisiana: the LSU Rural Life Museum, which represented the 18th and 19th century plantation era in Louisiana history; the research portion of the property, which would later become known as LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens, and featured present-day horticulture through research, display and demonstration gardens; and historic Windrush Gardens.

The implementation of the master plan and the rapid growth of the Botanic Gardens resulted in the need to better define the Burden property and provide for a greater visitor experience for the community and guests. In 2013, the entire property was renamed Burden Museum & Gardens. The LSU AgCenter portion of the property was named LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at that same time.

This rapid transition of Burden into a multifaceted destination that now includes over 400 acres of botanic gardens was due in large part to the support of the Burden Horticulture

Society. Just as the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens continues to mature, so has the Burden Horticulture Society and the need for the society to be recognized with a name that better fits its support and promotion of the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens. Thus, the BHS Board voted to change the name of the organization to Friends of LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden. As we move forward with the name change, we encourage you to help us spread the news and continue to support the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens through the Friends of LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden. Please note that with this name change we have increased the opportunities to support the Botanic Gardens by expanding the levels of membership and associated benefits.

## Friends of LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden



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## Reflections from the Chair

By Missy Jones

Fall is approaching and there are subtle changes visible at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens. The rose bushes have been pruned, rooted cuttings for the poinsettia sale in December have been potted, and the corn has been planted for the October Corn Maze. New this year in the gardens are rose trellises, which have been erected with the Peggy Martin rose being the first to be planted.

In July, after months of hard work by the membership committee headed by Dr. Doreen Maxcy and Mary Tauzin, the BHS board voted to officially change the name of our volunteer organization to Friends of LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden. As a shortened version, we will be referred to as "Friends of the Garden." The name will be implemented over time and will better reflect our vision and mission as volunteers to enhance the Botanic Gardens and increase awareness in the Baton Rouge community. A new logo is being considered as well as changes being made on the website. Many thanks to the Membership Committee for working so diligently to create our new image!

The last week of June brought 20 people to the Ione Burden Conference Center for the Byzantine Icon Workshop spearheaded by Ginnie Bolin and her committee. Ginnie and her committee's amazing guidance to artists painting "Mother of Tenderness" was invaluable. A much appreciated lunch was provided by many volunteers every day. Thank you, Ginnie, for your dedicated investment to furthering our goal and mission at the Botanic Gardens. The workshop scheduled for early February featuring "St. Anna" is already filled with a waiting list.

The Project Learning Tree program is gearing up for the fall with Heather Bennett as the new coordinator of the program. Field trips for students in kindergarten through seventh grade are currently being scheduled for the fall. A Project Learning Tree workshop was held in July and was attended by teachers, docents, and LSU students and led by Ricky and Cindy Kilpatrick. If you are interested in becoming a docent to help with this worthwhile educational program for children, please contact Heather at [hbennett@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:hbennett@agcenter.lsu.edu).

October is our busiest month at the Gardens. The Corn Maze, our biggest fundraiser, will be held each Saturday in October with the Corn Maze Festival leading off on the first Saturday and the Night Maze and Bonfire concluding the month-long activity on the last Saturday. Many volunteers are needed to host this fun family event. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on VicNet or contact John Hough.

October 11 is the date for Burden's annual formal Wine and Roses event. This year we will enjoy cocktails on the lawn of the Orangerie and a wonderful gourmet dinner in the rose garden catered by Heirloom Cuisine. During dessert, Mendel University students from the Czech Republic will present a floral design style show which will prove to be one of a kind! Tickets may still be available for the dinner by RSVP. October 1 is the deadline.

Sixty new sign posts identifying trees and other plant life have been installed, compliments of Kerry Hawkins, along the trails in the Burden Woods. Thank you, Kerry! With cooler temperatures in the fall, it would be an excellent time to come out and explore the trails and Mosaic Boardwalk over the Black Swamp. Hope to see you there!



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**REMINDER**

# Benefits of Membership





Everyone with a family membership receives a \$1 discount on the price of admission at the Corn Maze, a blockbuster event enjoyed by hundreds of families held every Saturday in October with a special Night Maze October 28.

All members also receive a \$25 discount on the price of admission to Wine and Roses, an enchanting outdoor dining experience in the rose garden the evening of October 11.

## Membership

Support Baton Rouge's oasis of peaceful gardens, hiking trails and horticulture-based programs that amaze and educate visitors of all ages. As a member, you will receive exclusive members-only discounts and much more. Review the chart below to determine which membership level is right for you and join or renew today!

Membership levels and benefits	Student* \$20	Associate** \$30	Individual \$40	Family/ Dual \$70	Patron \$300	Benefactor \$500	Philantropist \$1,000	Sustainer \$2,500 & +
Dues								
Number of cards issued	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Admission to Reflections in the Garden		1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reciprocal access to 300+ gardens	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Public Gardens Day program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tax deduction	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Admission to PMAC Tailgating	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounted Wine & Roses		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounted admissions				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corn Maze discount of \$1/person				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3 Super Plants annually					✓	✓	✓	✓
Early sale opportunities					✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in newsletter & website					✓	✓	✓	✓
Free poinsettia						✓	✓	✓
2 Gourmet in the Garden tickets							✓	✓
2 Wine & Roses tickets								✓
Windrush Garden Luncheon with Director								✓

\* Full-Time students qualify for this category.

\*\* Current members of groups that are affiliated with Botanic Gardens at Burden qualify for this category. [www.lsu.edu/botanic-gardens/support/](http://www.lsu.edu/botanic-gardens/support/)



**Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

**Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres**  
**John Gray Jazz Trio**  
6 p.m.

**Dinner**  
7 p.m.

**Couture de la Fleur**  
8:30 p.m.

**Artist and Model Meet and Greet**  
9 p.m.

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## Wine and Roses adds Couture de la Fleur, a collaboration between the Botanic Gardens, LSU College of Agriculture and Mendel University

*Dr. Jeff Kuehny, resident director of the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens*

LSU AgCenter International Programs has developed a strong relationship with Mendel University of the Czech Republic. Through this relationship, faculty, staff and students have had the opportunity to share their expertise and learn about advancements in agriculture. Last fall I had the opportunity to visit the Mendel horticulture faculty in Lednice to share the planning, development and implementation of the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden. My presentations included the importance of our educational programs and events in sharing the gardens with the public, and raising funds to enhance and sustain them.

While I visited Dr. George Martinek, professor of landscape design, he showed me a video of an event he and a small group of students plan and design every year to learn about the floral industry and raise awareness and funding for the university. This gala is held in the city of Prague and features living fashion created by students using flowers and natural materials.

The work was amazing, and reminded me of the floral designs created for the Botanic Gardens annual fundraising gala, Wine and Roses. What if we were able to do something similar? Collaborating with Dr. Martinek and Drs. Kutruff and Stannard of LSU College of Agriculture's Department of Textiles, Apparel Design and Merchandising, we have developed floral couture not experienced anywhere else in the United States!

The Mendel and LSU students will work during the semester to create these works of floral art and model them during a spectacular finale at Wine and Roses on October 11. We are also partnering with Baton Rouge-area florist Billy Heroman's, whose floral designers will provide some of the materials as well as expertise for creating a spectacular event you will not want to miss! Our volunteer floral designers Jeanne LeBlanc, Jan Soule and Brenda Davis will also assist in creative design. For more information on how you can attend this unique show, please visit [www.lsuagcenter/botanicgardens](http://www.lsuagcenter/botanicgardens).





*Participants in September Training*

## Top-notch training for PLT

*Heather Bennett*

Project Learning Tree (PLT) is a comprehensive education program that can be integrated in all subject areas and within various grade levels. It incorporates many teaching styles, such as constructivism, problem solving and differentiated instruction. LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens hosts field trips within its Trees and Trails program that focus on the PLT curriculum.

We invited Ricky and Cindy Kilpatrick, Louisiana PLT state coordinators, to lead a Project Learning Tree workshop at our Botanic Gardens conference center for local teachers and volunteers. The 18 in attendance ranged from elementary and middle school teachers to a college professor and LSU AgCenter students. PLT is internationally recognized among all 50 US states, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Finland, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, Slovakia and the Peace Corps.

Ricky and Cindy Kilpatrick led an excellent workshop enjoyed by all. We covered how PLT relates to critical and creative thinking skills in the schools and how it uses the forest as a window into the real world. A quote that stood out to me was, “Teaching students how to think — not what to think — about complex environmental issues.” We were also able to experience the activities for ourselves. One of the activities covered was PLT’s Tree Factory, where each of us was assigned a part of a tree — heartwood, roots, sapwood, leaves, etc. We each acted out our roles as if the tree’s functions worked like a factory. It helped us learn about the tree’s functions by doing rather than just by seeing or reading about it.



*Docents Ken Bosso and Kitty Bull*

**“I loved being allowed to participate in the Project Learning Tree workshop! It was invigorating to be surrounded by like-minded educators. Even though I teach at the college level, and most of the other participants taught at the pre-K through high school levels, I teach mostly freshmen, and the tricks we learned were wildly adaptable for a multitude of applications and audiences. I can’t wait to apply what I learned in my own classroom, but several times I couldn’t help commenting that I felt like I was stealing. What an outstanding asset this workshop was! How did I not know about Project Learning Tree before?”**

*Crystal N. Johnson, associate professor,  
Department of Environmental Sciences, LSU  
College of Agriculture*

**“I so loved the workshop! I think my favorite part — the part that stood out to me most — was how diverse the activities were. I really loved the ‘Renewable or Not?’ activity. It could be tied to history, math, economics, agriculture and more. As a future ag educator, this workshop just reinforced how widespread the influence of agriculture is.”**

*Allison Sommers, student, Department of  
Agricultural and Extension Education and  
Evaluation, LSU College of Agriculture*

Volunteers to serve as docents are always welcome to join the Trees and Trails Team and additional training workshops are scheduled. Please contact Heather Bennett at [HBennett@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:HBennett@agcenter.lsu.edu) for more information.

## Research in the fields

In our Food and Fiber Research Facility you may have noticed paper bags popping up in rows of corn. Dr. Zhi-Yuan Chen and his lab in the Department of Plant Pathology and Crop Physiology have been studying a deadly aflatoxin that forms from a common fungus on corn plants, *Aspergillus flavus*. Aflatoxins are carcinogens created by fungi in soil and crops such as peanuts, sorghum, wheat, cottonseed and other grain crops. According to Dr. Chen, livestock that consume infected corn can transfer the toxin to humans by their milk and meat. It is most toxic to young children. Children can suffer stunted growth, developmental delays and liver cancer. Human consumption and illness are most common in areas without strict food regulations and testing. However, cases are still prevalent in the United States.

If corn has detectable levels at harvest, there are postharvest practices that can reduce aflatoxin on already infected corn — applications of ammonium gas and ozone gas. Dr. Chen claims that these methods are not an efficient remedy, so his lab is searching for transgenic corn varieties to help reduce aflatoxin poisoning by either slowing the fungal growth or reducing toxin production. These transgenic varieties will also produce higher yields than traditional corn varieties. The research is in its second field trial to produce the transgenic genes to lower the presence of aflatoxin and the research is expected to continue on the property.



**Corn Maze**  
at Burden



**Volunteers Needed**  
Contact Mary Tauzin at [mtauzin@cox.net](mailto:mtauzin@cox.net)

## Bienvenue Heather Bennett

*Youth Education Coordinator*

Heather Bennett is the most recent addition to our team as the youth education coordinator and is a Thibodaux native. Heather leads our Project Learning Tree workshops, Corn Maze Fridays and Trees and Trails school field trips. She graduated from Nicholls State University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in general studies and a concentration in art education for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.



*Heather Bennett*

Heather has always been passionate about the environment and hands-on youth education. While at Nicholls State, she served as president of the Green Club and presented at the National Science Teachers Association National Conference in San Francisco to promote teaching middle school-aged children about green energy use and sustainable energy alternatives. Heather then worked as a human resources administrator for three years before moving to Baton Rouge in 2016 with her husband and three children.

Heather's goal as youth education coordinator is to encourage students and their teachers to learn outside of the traditional classroom setting. We welcome Heather. The LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens team is ready and waiting for the return of students, teachers and docents as the fall semester gets underway.



# Corn Maze

at Burden

## Corn Maze Festival

Oct. 7 · 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Enjoy some crazy, mazy family fun as you find your way through the maze. Test your skill at the giant sling shots, climb Hay Mountain, visit the farm animals and take a hayride. Other activities include pumpkin decorating, children's zipline, corn crib and more. Concessions available.

## Corn Maze Saturdays

Oct. 14, 21 & 28 · 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The fun continues every Saturday in October.  
Bring the family and enjoy games, food ... the maze and more.

## Night Maze & Bonfire

October 28 · 6-9 p.m.

Cozy up to the bonfire and listen to live music. Climb Hay Mountain, decorate a pumpkin, try your hand at glow-in-the-dark bowling and more. Make s'mores and enjoy other concessions.

Admission to each event is \$10 per person. Free for children 3 and younger.



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## Gulf Coast Camellia Society annual meeting

Dr. Mike and Ann Ruth and Lynn Vicknair, members of the Baton Rouge Camellia Society, are co-chairs for the Gulf Coast Camellia Society Annual Fall Meeting hosted in Baton Rouge this year. It takes place on October 15 and 16 at the Drury Suites and also at the LSU Rural Life Museum. On the morning of the 17th, tours will be conducted of the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens to show attendees where the BRCS does their grafting, growing and general management of their camellias. Printed and laminated maps of the Burden Museum & Gardens grounds showing locations of the camellia gardens have been prepared.

The GCCS has members from Texas to Florida all along the southern coast. It is strictly an educational organization and they will have many speakers this year. The meeting consists of lectures, two "hard to find" plant auctions, a raffle of a David Humphrey framed photograph of a camellia and a silent auction. Attendees will enjoy two meals at the Rural Life Museum, one cochon de lait and a more formal meal. Daytime lectures and a jambalaya lunch will be at the Drury Suites. Seventy-five to 90 attendees are expected. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a member to attend. Registration information is available for non-members through the Gulf Coast Camellia Society Facebook site.

The Florence and Charles Crowder Camellia Collection of antique varieties dedicated in February 2016 in addition to the Vi and Hank Stone Memorial Camellia Collection, the camellias in the Oriental Garden and in the Higo Garden as well as the many others planted in the Botanic Gardens and Windrush Gardens are a treasure for the Baton Rouge community and a pleasure to all those who visit. The LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens has the distinction to have been designated an International Garden of Excellence for camellia gardens in 2013, one of only 40 gardens in the world. Thank you to the members of the Baton Rouge Camellia Society and its dedicated volunteers and supporters!



## From the 21st century to the 11th

### “Mother of Tenderness” iconography workshop

For the sixth time, a Byzantine icon workshop fundraiser was held at Burden during the week of June 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Twenty participants paid \$350 each to learn the art and create “Mother of Tenderness” patterned after the famous 11th century icon of the same name. The proceeds from these workshops are donated to the Burden Horticulture Society (now known as Friends of LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden) for the furtherance of the LSU AgCenter’s Botanic Gardens Master Plan.

Ginnie Bolin conducted the sessions in the Ione Burden Conference Center. Volunteers assisting in the planning and execution of the workshop were Connie Abboud, the Rev. Donald Blanchard, Ann Davenport, Brenda Davis, Michele Deshotels, Joyce Hensley, Kitty Hessburg, Kristen Thompson and Diana Wells.

Sponsors for the event were Connie Abboud, Katelin Walker and Rachel Williams. The daily lunches and drinks were donated, prepared and served by Pat Brignac, Aline Creed, Ann Davenport, Brenda Davis, Wanda Ellis, Kitty Hessburg and Diana Wells.

Plans are underway for the next workshop during the first week of February 2018 when the group will create “Saint Anna.” Spaces are filled, but Ginnie Bolin is keeping a waiting list for this and future workshops. She may be reached at 225-343-2225.



Three Generations, Robin Coerver, Kristin Thompson and Kate Thompson



Brenda Davis’s Work in Progress



McDuff, Art Therapy Dog





## Halloween horticulture in the Children's Garden

*Tyler Carr*

When the long days of summer begin to shorten and the afternoons try their best to cool down, many people start thinking about the upcoming autumn season. Many plants help bring the autumn feel to the home — mums, gourds and warm-colored leaves to name a few. But sometimes you want to invoke something a little more ... spooky. And that's exactly what we did! Instead of just an autumn look, we decided to do something more on the lines of Halloween. This year in the children's garden we planted and prepared early for Halloween by landscaping with two new and very different plants, each giving off an awesome Halloween vibe. We chose the ornamental Pumpkin on a Stick and ornamental sugarcane Hilo Buddha.

The Pumpkin on a Stick variety of eggplant is a most unusual specimen. Instead of purple- or white-fleshed fruit, this particular one sports a deep autumn orange or scarlet color and resembles a pumpkin. When growing in the landscape, it can reach a size of about 3 to 4 feet tall and about 2 to 3 feet wide. Flowering normally occurs in late spring to midsummer and then the fruit slowly start to develop over the next couple of weeks. Although not readily available in the current market in plant form, it can usually be found at a local florist during Halloween. They make a great cut flower that lasts for about a week or two, depending on care. If this plant seems to be of interest, the easiest way to grow it is from seeds purchased online or collected from the fruit itself. If collecting fruit, a good idea is to let the fruit rot and decompose, allowing the natural processes to help the seeds for future germination. After the seeds are cleaned, either plant or dry and wait for the following season.

Another Halloween-themed plant from the children's garden is Hilo Buddha sugarcane. It has an amazing vertical variegation pattern, showing off bands of magenta and gold. This one always makes me think of witches' stockings, hence why it was planted. The sugarcane variety grows to a height of 8 feet tall and around 2 to 3 feet wide. It enjoys full sun and can survive until frost. When mature, the cane has an airy texture and has a very sweet taste — beautiful and delicious!



*Ornamental Eggplant Pumpkin on a Stick*



*Ornamental Cane Hilo Buddha*

## Happenings at the Gardens



*Congratulations to Collin Campbell who earned his Eagle Scout badge through organizing the renovation of trail signs and adding QR codes that link to our website. Pictured from left to right are: Stuart Bell, Eric Wang, Zachary Lindrew, Keith Stokes, Logan Kennedy, Zachary Bell, Colin Campbell, Brad Messina and Perry Dougherty.*



*Congratulations to Graham Frazier who earned his Eagle Scout badge through organizing the renovation of the trailhead kiosk and adding the Burden Woods trails to the AllTrails app. Graham is pictured second from left. Other helpers with the project included: Deane Frazier, Scott Frazier, Jimmy Giroir, Aaron Tucker and Brant Mangum.*



*Baton Rouge Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale is held in the Ione Burden Conference Center in July.*



*Art of the Egg class participants Kitty Hessburg and Diana Wells with instructor Liza Caldwell, center.*

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## Upcoming Events at LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden

<b>October 2017</b>			
Oct. 2	Noon - 1 pm	Friends of LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden	Reflections in the Garden, Fruit Trees for the Home Landscape, Dr. Charlie Johnson.
Oct. 3	6 pm	Master Gardeners EBR	Monthly meeting.
Oct. 7	10 am - 5 pm	Corn Maze Festival	Farm animals, pumpkin & face painting, corn box, zip line, hay maze, giant sling shots & hay mountain and ride.
Oct. 7 & 8	8 am - 5 pm	Harvest Days	Rural Life Museum living history demos. Admission charged.
Oct. 11	6 - 9:30 pm	Wine and Roses	Friends of LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden annual formal dinner with cocktails in the Burden Rose Garden. New this year will be a fashion show featuring floral designs.
Oct. 14, 21 and 28	10 am - 5 pm	Corn Maze Saturdays	Hay maze, corn box, zip line, hayride, hay mountain, giant sling shots, popcorn and soft drinks.
Oct. 14	10 am and every 30 minutes	Storytime at Burden	Storybook reading & imagination-themed activities at the Corn Maze; ages 3 - 8; Junior League of Baton Rouge.
Oct. 15 - 17	Noon Oct. 15 - 10 am Oct. 17	Gulf Coast Camellia Society Annual Meeting	Guest speakers, hard to find camellia auctions, and touring Burden's camellia collections; register at GCCS Facebook page; open to the general public.
Oct. 18	7:00 pm	Orchid Society of Baton Rouge	Monthly meeting.
Oct. 26	6:30 pm	Herb Society Baton Rouge	Encouraging Beneficial Insects, LSU Entomologist.
Oct. 28	6 pm - 9 pm	Night Maze	Farm animals, hay and corn mazes, corn box, and hay mountain; evening bonfire with s'mores & music.
Oct. 29	3 - 6 pm	Haints, Haunts and Halloween	Rural Life Museum. Admission charged.
<b>November 2017</b>			
Nov. 6	Noon - 1 pm	Friends of LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden	'Reflections in the Garden', Southern Landscape Design, Michael Hopping.
Nov. 7	6 pm	Master Gardeners EBR	Monthly meeting.
Nov. 9	6:30 - 10 pm	Red Rooster Bash	Rural Life Museum. \$65 per person/\$120 per couple
Nov. 11	9 - 10:30 am, every 30 mins.	Storytime at Burden	Storybook reading & imagination-themed activities in the garden; ages 3 - 8; Junior League of Baton Rouge.
Nov. 15	7:00 pm	Orchid Society of Baton Rouge	Monthly meeting.
<b>December 2017</b>			
Dec. 1	8 am - Noon	Poinsettia Sale	Annual Poinsettia Sale.
Dec. 2	9 - 10:30 am, every 30 mins.	Storytime at Burden	Storybook reading & imagination-themed activities in the garden; ages 3 - 8; Junior League of Baton Rouge.
Dec. 3	11:30 am - 6 pm	A Rural Life Christmas	Rural Life Museum. Admission charged.
Dec. 4	Noon - 1 pm	Friends of LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden	'Reflections in the Garden', Pet Friendly Yards, Susan Teddlie.
Dec. 5	6 pm	Master Gardeners EBR	Holiday social.
Dec. 10	2 - 4 pm	Herb Society Baton Rouge	Christmas party.