

Louisiana Master Gardener State Conference
May 12-14, 2016
Hosted by Master Gardeners of Greater New Orleans

LMG16 Tentative Conference Agenda

Thursday, May 12, 2016 - Hilton New Orleans Airport

- 10:00 - 12:00** Set up Educational Displays
- 10:00 - 6:00** Registration Open
- 12:00 - 6:00** Education Displays and Vendor Booths Open
- 1:00 - 1:30** Welcome and Opening Remarks by LSU AgCenter and Jefferson Parish President
- 1:30 - 2:15** Keynote Speaker – Dan Gill *“Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: My Life as a Gardener”*
- 2:15 - 4:30** General Session – Panel Discussion led by Dan Gill featuring *“Propagation: Trends and More”*; Panelists include Margie Jenkins on Native Azaleas; Buddy Lee on Awesome Plants for Southern Gardens; Dr. Charles Allen on Herbaceous Native Plants of the South
- 4:30 - 6:00** Free time to browse the Vendor Shops, Country Store, and Silent Auction
- 6:00 - 9:00** LMG Convention Banquet and Advanced LMG Certifications

Friday, May 13, 2016 - Hilton New Orleans Airport

- 7:30 - Noon** Registration Open
- 7:30 - 6:00** Education Displays and Vendor Booths Open
- 7:45 - 8:00** Opening Remarks and Housekeeping
- 8:00 - 9:00** Keynote Speaker, Dr. Doug Tallamy *“A Chickadee’s Guide to Gardening”*
- 9:00 - 10:00** Keynote Speaker, Dr. William Welch *“Growing Heirloom Vegetables and Fruits”*
- 10:00 - 10:45** Break
- 10:15 - 10:45** General Session: Stephanie Darnell: *“Bees: At the Crossroads of Science and Emotion”*
- 10:45 - 11:30** Breakout I:
– Dr. Patrick O’Connor *“Louisiana Irises- The Wild and the Tamed”*
– Dr. KiKi Fontenot *“Growing Greens in the Warm Season”*
– Fredrick Starr *“Restoring an 1825 Garden-Lombard Plantation”*
– Demonstration: Glenda Danek/Thomas Keith *“Dazzling Succulent Designs”*

- Noon - 1:30** Box Lunch in public area and time to browse the Vendor Shops, Country Store, and Silent Auction
- 1:30 - 2:15** Breakout II:
 – Dr. Eugene “Gene” Blythe *“All-America Selections Winners: 84 Years of Outstanding Garden Performers”*
 – Sarah Bertrand Everhart *“Vegetable Families and the Relatedness of the Crops We Grow”*
 – Marc Pastorek *“Native Meadow Landscapes via Seed”*
 – Demonstration: Beth Gambel *“Canning and Food Preservation”*
- 2:30 - 3:15** Breakout III:
 – Tammany Baumgarten *“The Scented Path”*
 – Dr. Allen Owings *“Growing Olive Trees in Louisiana”*
 – Grant Estrade *“Soil and Composting: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow”*
 – Demonstration: Lee Rouse *“Master Gardener Toolkit - Making PowerPoint Presentations”*
- 3:30 - 4:15** Breakout IV:
 – Dr. Henry Bradford *“Christmas is When? (The Joy of Daylily Hybridizing)”*
 – Tina Jumonville *“GMOs: How, Why, Fact and Fiction”*
 – Dana Brown *“Rain Gardens for Flood Control”*
 – Demonstration: Michael Seal *“How to Display Bromeliads”*
- 5:00 - 6:00** Free time to browse Vendor Shops, Country Store, and Silent Auction
- 5:00 - until** Dinner on your own - in Kenner, Metairie, or New Orleans

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - Hilton New Orleans Airport

- 7:30 - Noon** Education Displays and Vendor Booths Open
- 8:15 - 8:45** General Session - Opening Remarks by Mike Strain, Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture
- 8:45 - 9:30** General Session - Nellie Neal Garden Mama *“Organic Gardening”*
- 9:30 - 10:45** General Session - Lynette McDougald *“The 2016 Southern Floral Trends Report followed by a Floral Design Demonstration”*
- 10:45 - 11:00** Door Prizes: Floral Arrangements – Must be present to win
- 11:00 - 11:15** Closing Remarks by LSU AgCenter
- 11:15 - 11:45** Tour attendees pick up bag lunches and prepare to board buses
- 11:45 - Noon** Board Buses for afternoon tours
- 4:30** Board Buses to return to Hilton - The evening is open to enjoy dinner on your own in Kenner, Metairie, or New Orleans.