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President's Message



As we start a new year with a new board of directors, let me start by saying I am honored to be serving as your new president. I hope that over the next two years, I will have fulfilled both your expectations and mine. I feel that with Gaye Dean at my side as Vice President, and a strong board with us, we will hopefully accomplish a great deal! I would also like to thank Ed Durham for his leadership over the last two years and for all his work as our president.



As spring approaches, I know we are all anxious to get started with our gardens, and the glorious weather we are experiencing may be lulling us into a false sense of spring! However, we all need to slow down (myself included). If you haven't already done so, you can trim your roses and clean up some of the debris in your beds in preparation for planting. You can start seeds inside or protected outside, and you can also thin out crepe myrtles, etc. Pre-emergent can be applied to your lawns, and they can be aerated; however, wait to fertilize until around April 15th.

Our 2024 Master Gardeners class is in full swing, and we have a great class that has already started working within the organization on various committees! I have enjoyed getting to meet a few of them and was happy to see several familiar faces.

Our greenhouse and plant sale committees have been working tirelessly and have propagated a record number of plants. Mark your calendars for April 6th to work the sale and contact the chairs to let them know that you are available to help.

LuAnn Pearson did a wonderful job presenting the homes for Le Tour 2024 at our February meeting. Her committee did a great job selecting gardens this year. Gaye Dean has stepped in as the Le Tour chair for this year, for which we are very grateful.

Finally, we are working on an updated approved volunteer list as well as guidelines for those activities. We also hope to have the directories available very soon.

Happy planting,

Lynn Burke

NWLAMG President

Be sure to check the WEB site <u>www.nwlamg.weebly.com</u> for the latest info available.

The Agent's Corner





In North Louisiana, as winter's grip loosens, residents eagerly prepare to revive their lawns from their seasonal slumber. Fertilizing stands out as a crucial step in this springtime rejuvenation process, ensuring lush, resilient grass that can thrive in the region's unique climate. Understanding the soil composition is essential, as it varies across the region, with some areas featuring acidic soils while others tend towards alkaline. Conducting a soil test provides valuable insights into

pH levels and nutrient content, enabling homeowners to select fertilizers tailored to their lawn's specific needs. Timing is key, with late March to early April typically marking the onset of active grass growth, making it an ideal window for fertilization. However, fertilizing too early can promote excessive top growth, leaving lawns vulnerable to disease and pests.

When selecting fertilizers for North Louisiana lawns, a balanced formulation with a nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium (N-P-K) ratio suited to the soil's requirements is recommended. Slow-release fertilizers are also favored for their ability to provide sustained nutrition over time, promoting steady growth while minimizing nutrient runoff. Proper application techniques are crucial for efficient nutrient absorption and minimizing wastage. Utilizing a broadcast spreader ensures even distribution of fertilizer, preventing patchy growth, while following manufacturer guidelines on application rates helps avoid over-fertilization, which can harm the environment and lead to excessive grass growth.

After fertilizing, post-application care is essential for maximizing results. Lightly watering the lawn helps activate the nutrients and encourages deeper root penetration, though excessive watering should be avoided to prevent nutrient leaching. Regular mowing at the appropriate height, along with adequate irrigation and pest management practices, contributes to a healthy and vibrant lawn throughout the spring season and beyond. By following these tailored spring lawn fertilizing tips, homeowners can nurture their lawns to withstand the challenges of the region's climate, ensuring an inviting outdoor space for enjoyment throughout the season.

Mark Wilson

LSU AgCenter / Northwest Region Horticulture



Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners



8 am until noon at the Red River Research Center 262 Research Station Rd., Bossier City, LA Hwy 71 South past Parkway High School Turn right at the **BIG RED BARN**

FEATURING

Louisiana Super Plants, Pollinator Plants, Annuals and Perennials, Hanging Baskets, Succulents, Native Plants, Louisiana Irises and Angel Trumpets

> For more information, contact us at 318-408-0984 or www.nwlamg.weebly.com

EVENTS AND THINGS TO DO

March 2, 2024 9-10 Louisiana Nursery Square Foot Gardening by Mr. Dwain Spillman \$5 See Flyer below

March 2, 2024 10-4 Jonquil Jubilee Festival Tickets \$10. Visit the Information booth in downtown Gibsland to purchase ticket and receive armband and map.

March 4, 2024 Presale for the BPSTIL plant sale. Bossier Parish Agriscience Students 1020 Innovation Drive Bossier City- Plant sale is actually on March 21 and 22.

March 19, 2024 Bouquets 2024 presented by the Shreveport Garden Study Club Garden shop opens at 9:30 and presentations begins at 11:00, basket lunch \$75 See flyer below

March 16, 2024 Louisiana Nursery, Dig In! Louisiana Vegetable Gardening Guest speaker, Mary Dumars, Master Gardener, author, professional speaker and enthusiastic gardener \$5

March 23, 2024 ARK-LA-TEX Herb Society Plant sale 8-2 Herbs, Flowers, Herb books and prizes! 6969 Fern Loop at Macdaniel Financial lot

March 23, 2024 9-10 Louisiana Nursery, For the Love of Herbs presented by Ms. Rose Kelly, herb gardening expert \$5

April 6, 2024 8-noon Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners Plant sale Red River Research Station

April 19, 2024 9-3 The Biedenharn Museum and Gardens Garden Symposium April 18, Meet the speakers reception, April 19 symposium and early access plant sale, April 20 Public plant sale 8:39-1:00 See flyer below

April 20, 2024 North Central Louisiana Master Gardener Spring Plant sale 8-1 at the Bridge Community Church 2301 N. Trenton, Ruston

April 27, 2024 8:00 Garden To Table 2024 Homesteader Series at the Red River Research Station Basics of backyard gardening and vendors and food trucks will be on sight See flyer below \$20

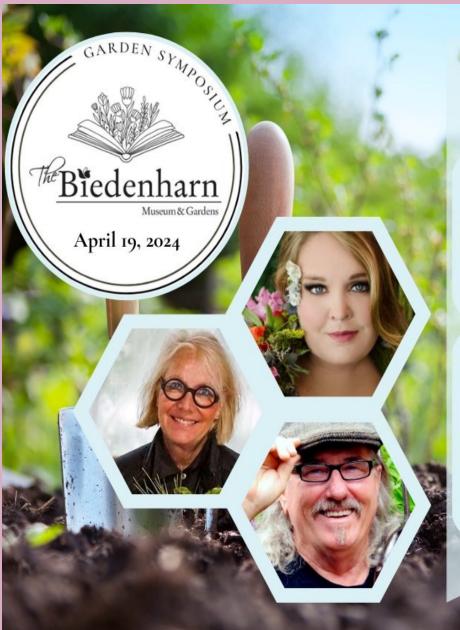
THE SHREVEPORT GARDEN STUDY CLUB PRESENTS

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TUESDAY, MARCH 19 GARDEN SHOP OPENS 9:30 AM PRESENTATION 11:00 AM BASKET LUNCH CASH BAR AVAILABLE

ADMISSION \$75 EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

tickets on sale @ eventbrite.com



2024 GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

Speakers

- Martha Butler- The French Potager
- Teri Wyly La Terre Farms
- Felder Rushing The Gestalt Gardener
- <u>April 18, 2024</u>, Thursday, Meet the Speakers Reception, 5p to 7p
- <u>April 19, 2024</u>, Friday, Symposium and Early Access Plant Sale, 9a to 3P
- <u>April 20, 2024</u>, Saturday, Public Plant Sale, 8:30a to 1p Prices: Reception \$35 | Symposium \$75 | Combo \$100

Plant Sale Free bmuseum.org; 318-387-5281



2024 Homesteader Series: Garden To Table

"Gardening Workshop"

WHEN April 27, 2024 Gates Open @ 8:00AM

WHERE Red River Research Station 262 Research Station Drive Bossier City, La. 71112



ATTENDEES WILL LEARN ABOUT GARDENING TECHNQUES AND VARIETIES THAT WILL HELP THEM HAVE THIER BEST GARDEN EVER.

Food vendors on-sight

For reservations call Donna Haynes @318-408-0971 or email dhaynes@agcenter.lsu.edu

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*There will be activities for children!

Basics of backyard gardening

Heirloom vegetables and saving seeds

Cool and warm season vegetables

Container and raised bed production

Tomato tying techniques

How to preserve your harvest



Admission \$20

Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners Association "Le Tour des Jardins" May 31 - June 2, 2024

Vendors needed for our annual Garden Party & Bazaar at Red River Research Center, Hwy 71, Bossier City, La. Early bird discount available till May 1.

Contact Lynn Poole for details

and vendor packs.

318.393.2323

marlyn@bellsouth.net

Your Donations and the 2024 Bulb Sale

Over 40% of the revenue from the 2023 Bulb Sale came from bulbs and plants donated by Master Gardeners and gardeners in our community. Out of almost \$11,000 profit, \$4,500 came from donations and \$6,500 came from purchased bulbs. Many thanks for your generous donations.

Springtime is the perfect time to start thinking about bulbs you want to donate for 2024. Before long, it will also be time to think about summer plants. Maybe you have bulbs, rhizomes, tubers, and summer plants that aren't blooming well because they are overcrowded, planted too deep, or in an area that doesn't drain well. Or sun-loving plants that aren't happy in your shady garden spot. Maybe you just want to make room to plant something new. Whatever the reason you have bulbs and plants that need a new home, the Bulb Committee will be happy to accept your donations. Please keep the following in mind:

Pictures and descriptions/details are requested for all donations. Please remember to take pictures while your flowers are blooming. If possible, deadhead the area first. Please take distance pictures as well as close ups. Why distance pictures? Your bulbs should not be dug until the foliage dies down. Distance pictures will help you identify the area where you need to dig each variety. Distance pictures also give an idea of how many bulbs and plants are available. Spider lilies won't bloom until fall, but their foliage is visible now so please don't forget some distance foliage pictures to help you know where to dig.

Please use plant labels (garden markers) to mark different varieties. Inexpensive plastic plant labels can be purchased or made from different materials such as mini-blinds, plastic spoons, etc. If you know the name of a variety, please write it on the label or, if you don't know the name, write a description. You can even write a number on the label—make a list of numbers, and then write a detailed description for each number. If you have the same daylily in several areas, use the same number. The goal is to have the best possible pictures, the correct name and/or a detailed description of all donations. The more information you can provide, the better.

If you can pot some daylilies, irises, or other plants, that is a big help. Our customers love potted plants. Otherwise, plants are sold bare root and need to be dug just a few weeks before the sale.

Joey Brown is overseeing donations for the 2024 Bulb Sale. It will help Joey keep track of donations if you will send him a separate email for each donation. For example, if you are donating ten different daylily varieties, please send pictures and information for each variety in a separate email. Lots of emails, but less chance that pictures, names, and descriptions will get confused.

Bulbs should be dug between June and September and placed in a warm, dry place to cure. Around October 1, please bring clean dry bulbs in clearly labeled boxes or mesh bags to the Master Gardener office and put them in a dry area of the garage. Please include your name and the name and number of each variety.

Around mid October, please dig and bring daylilies, irises, and other plants to the Master Gardener office. If necessary, Joey and committee members will heel (cover the roots) so bare root plants don't dry out too much until time to prepare them for the sale. Please include a label with your name as well as the name and number of each variety.

Usually, the gardener donating prefers to dig what they are donating but, if you need help, please let Joey know as soon as possible so he can schedule volunteers to help you. Please make sure you send him pictures and details about what you are donating.

Joey's email is <u>ihbrown311@gmail.com</u> and his phone number is 318-658-4961. We welcome donations from the Community as well as Master Gardeners so, if you know anyone who might like to donate, please encourage them. Many thanks for your help in making the 2024 Bulb Sale a success.

P.S. Everyone loves to grow pretty flowers from locally grown seeds. If you grow poppies or other pretty flowers, please save seeds for the Bulb Sale.

Lynn Brown

American Rose Society & Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners A successful partnership to Save the Ramblers

On Jan 12, 2022, I spoke to the monthly meeting of the Northeast Louisiana Master Gardeners, my subject was the announcement of a donation of a very valuable collection of rare and endangered roses to the American Rose Society at the American Rose Center. The collection is the Anne Belovich Rambler Collection of over 300 varieties of rambler roses, the giant climbing roses that graced the world's greatest gardens at the turn of the 20th Century. Most of these wonderful roses fell out of favor in the 1930's with the introduction of reblooming climbing roses. In the following years many of the great ramblers fell out of commerce and disappeared from the world's gardens. Today the ramblers that remain are preserved primarily in a few European Public Gardens, and in limited commerce from small own root European nurseries and private collections.

While I was the curator of the rose gardens at Chambersville Tree Farms in McKinney Texas we replicated Anne's collection as she feared that her collection (possibly the largest in the world) would not survive after her death. Eventually Chambersville's owners retired and the property sold to a developer for a new housing development, but not before again duplicating Anne's collection of ramblers as a donation to the ARS.

The donation to the ARS was a double-edged sword. It is a world class collection of rare roses and adds considerable credibility and prestige to America's Rose Garden, however, it was also a large unexpected and unbudgeted, expense for ARS to maintain the collection of over 300 roses especially coming at the same time as a major expansion of the existing gardens.

The only solution was that the rambler collection would have to be sustained in the beginning through financial donations and volunteer labor. In my experience with Dr Steve George at Texas A&M Agrilife, we had a very successful relationship with the Dallas Master Gardeners helping in the establishment and operation of the EarthKind[™] Rose Research project. I reasoned that perhaps the Northeast Louisiana Master Gardeners would have an interest in helping preserve the Anne Belovich Rambler Collection at the American Rose Center.

The relationship that has developed over the last two years between the Northeast Louisiana Master Gardeners and the ARS/ARC has been very positive from the ARC standpoint, it has resulted in a well-maintained facility successfully growing over 300 varieties of rare, and in some cases endangered, roses. The comradery, enthusiasm and ownership in the project shown by the Master Gardener volunteers indicates to me that they are also enjoying participating in the important work of preserving these historic roses. We are very grateful for the help of the Master Gardeners, literally, we couldn't do it without you!

This spring the rambler project at the ARC is advancing to the exciting next stage. Up to this point, the task has been to establish the rambler nurseries and grow the roses to a larger size, the first group of ramblers are now approaching 3 years of age and have grown in size to where they will demand more time and effort to maintain. To prevent an untenable maintenance situation, it is required that the larger ramblers be removed from the nurseries and be replaced with smaller new replacements of the same variety, which will be easier to maintain.

The operational plan going forward is to rotate out one-third of the collection every year with a newly rooted small plant of the same variety, thereby assuring a continuation of the total 300+ different varieties, but never allowing any individual rose to get too big.

The American Rose Society will announce this spring the <u>Save the Ramblers Initiative</u> to educate the gardening public of the many virtues of ramblers as magnificent specimen plants for modern gardens and to reintroduce these rare old ramblers back into commerce in the United States.

The Save the Ramblers Initiative will invite America's own root rose nurseries to partner with the ARS in the preservation of the Anne Belovich Rambler Collection by growing and selling ramblers from Anne's collection to the public, while simultaneously creating a donations income stream to ARS to manage the Save the Ramblers Initiative and help with the costs of maintaining the rambler collection.

The large ramblers removed from the inventory also will be offered for sale to collectors and the public to create additional funds for the care and maintenance of the ramblers in the nurseries. Another phase of the Save the Rambler Initiative is to donate Large Ramblers to Public Gardens as an educational effort to provide opportunities for the public to see and learn about these gorgeous giant roses of yesteryear.

For more details on the Save the Ramblers Initiative see the accompanying article elsewhere in this publication.

A Call for Help! Thursday, March 21

On the Master Gardener workday March 21st, we will accomplish the first rotation of one-third of the ramblers in Nursey 1. There will be much more work to be done that day than on our regular workdays. A good turnout of our regular volunteers would be greatly appreciated, and new help will be welcomed!

Here are the specific tasks for the day:

Move the "Red Tape" tagged ramblers we tagged last month from their current location in the inventory grid to a newly established location on the east or west fence.

Attach the growth pole to the overhead grid in the new location.

Connect irrigation line into pot.

Move a newly rooted small rambler in a 3-gallon pot to a vacated location in the inventory grid.

Insert the growth pole in the pot and attach it to the overhead grid.

Connect irrigation line into pot.

Record Rose Name and Grid Number of new rambler in that grid location.

Record Rose Name and fence location number of large ramblers moved to the fence.

We will start at 8:00 AM, Thanks in advance for your help!

Claude Graves

Save the Ramblers Initiative

A Rose Conservation and Preservation Initiative of the American Rose Society

Ramblers are the giant, hardy, once blooming roses which were the magnificent climbing roses that graced the pergolas, arbors, and walls of the world's greatest public and private gardens at the turn of the 20th century. With the advent of reblooming climbing roses in the 1930's the once blooming ramblers fell out of favor, and most varieties eventually disappeared from commerce in the United States. Over the next 50 years a complete ARS Classification of roses essentially disappeared from America's gardens. A large percentage of the varieties in American Rose Societies collection of ramblers originally collected by Anne Belovich are no longer available in commerce in the United States, and only can be found sparsely in specialized nurseries and historic gardens primarily in Europe. Many are not in commerce anywhere and only exist in private collections.

In recent years however, heritage rose enthusiasts in the United States have been rediscovering the value of these majestic roses and the spectacular beauty of their late spring or early summer bloom. Not every garden has the space for a rambler, but those that do, would be hard pressed to find a more spectacular specimen plant, and there are varieties available that do not grow to huge, unmanageable sizes.

The American Rose Society, true to its mission of rose education, rose preservation and promotion of roses for America's gardens, is founding an initiative to re-introduce ramblers into American gardens. The ARS is creating, the "Save the Ramblers Initiative" which will combine the assets of the American Rose Societies, the extensive Rambler Collection and the American Rose Centers Media and Publication capabilities with the efforts of participating own root nurseries, heritage rose organizations, public gardens and historic garden and historic plant preservation societies to re-introduce ramblers to American gardeners and back into America's gardens.

The "Save the Ramblers" initiative to re-establish Ramblers back into frequent usage in Americas gardens will be a multi-faceted endeavor, requiring the participation of heritage rose enthusiasts and own root nurseries working together in coordination with a comprehensive promotional and marketing plan. The strategy is simple, re-educate gardeners (amateur and professional) on the many positive attributes of Ramblers as magnificent specimen plants. Plants which can add dramatic impact, a vertical element, and breath-taking seasonal color to a landscape. But, also to educate them on the fact that these roses are typically very disease tolerant, and most require no spaying, and to top it all off, are beautiful foliage plants when not in bloom. The 12' towers at Chambersville were strikingly beautiful throughout the summer and fall with the long trailing canes hanging down, swaying in the gentle breeze. Ramblers are truly just beautiful, healthy large trailing plants that can be used in all manner of ways and then annually in late spring or early summer surprise you with an outrageous burst of colorful bloom.

The Save the Ramblers Initiative has been approved by the ARS Board of Directors, its form is being finalized at this writing. The final details are being negotiated with Heirloom Roses of St. Paul, Oregon regarding becoming the major partner with the ARS in the Save the Ramblers Initiative. Once the agreement is in place for a major partner, the Save the Rambler Initiative will be announced to the public and we will be seeking to establish additional partnerships with other own root nurseries wanting to participate in the project to reintroduce these amazing, rare roses. No one nursery can possibly introduce hundreds of new varieties of roses into their catalogs, so, many nurseries will be needed to introduce back into commerce a significant number of the many beautiful varieties of ramblers.

Although not completely finalized at this point, here are the general concepts of the proposed Save the Rambler Initiative, they are subject to changes and modifications:

- The ARS will maintain a collection of 300 plus varieties of Ramblers from the Anne Belovich Collection at the American Rose Center.
- The American Rose Society, a 501c3 not-for-profit educational corporation, will create a restricted account to assure all income from the Save the Ramblers Initiative will be restricted and applied only to maintaining the rambler nurseries, promoting, and advertising the Initiative and administering the "Save the Ramblers" initiative.
- The ARS will make cuttings of the ramblers in the Anne Belovich Rambler Collection available to own root rose nurseries for them to propagate mother plants for roses to be sold in their catalog. The cuttings will be free, the only cost will be for packing and shipping the cuttings. Quantities of cuttings will be determined by availability.
- Initially each nursery will receive different varieties ramblers to introduce as many varieties of ramblers as possible into the market. The selection of varieties will be on a first come, first served basis (don't be concerned, there are 300 + varieties to choose from). Many of the best you have probably never heard of.
- Participating nurseries will add a donation of \$5.00 to the Save The Ramblers Initiative to the retail price of each rambler sold.
- The nurseries' collected donations for the Save The Ramblers will be accumulated to be sent to the American Rose Society on an annual schedule.
- The ARS will create promotional materials and media for the participating nurseries and the public to promote the virtues of ramblers.
- Promotional materials (digital and printed) will be furnished by ARS to all participating own root nurseries for the nurseries to use in their advertising and catalogs.
- Promotional materials will stress the fact that the added cost of the "Rare Ramblers" is due to their rare status and extremely limited availability, and that a donation will be made by the selling nursery to the Save the Rambler Initiative for the conservation and preservation of the ramblers and possibly to keep them from extension.
- A "Register Your Rare Rose" plant tag with a QR Code, furnished by the ARS, will be attached to each rambler shipped. Voluntary responses to the QR code will generate a database at the ARC recording the location of that specific variety in the event it might ever be needed in the future to preserve that variety.
- An important part of the Save the Ramblers Initiative will be to encourage Public Gardens to grow and display ramblers in their gardens so they can be seen by the public as part of the educational aspect of the Initiative.
- To entice Public Gardens to grow ramblers, ARS will offer Public Gardens free large ramblers for display in their gardens (the gardens would be responsible for shipping costs from Shreveport).
- Public Gardens typically do not grow ramblers as there is no source for securing very large, mature plants which are preferred for new garden plantings. ARS is in a unique position to supply large ramblers as a by-product of the plants in the collection in the ARC nurseries growing too large to maintain, so they eventually will need to be removed and replaced with a new, smaller plant of the same variety. The removed large ramblers can provide a source of mature plants for instant gratification for Public Gardens.
- ARS will hold an event at the American Rose Center on April 26, 2024, during the rambler bloom for personnel of Public Gardens. The focus will be to introduce the concept of ramblers in public gardens and to advise them of the availability of large, mature plants for instant impact in their gardens. Large Ramblers will be available at that event from our first annual rotation of one third of the collection.

Saving Your Spring Herbs

Method 1: Drying your herbs

You will cut herbs leaving a couple inches of stems so that you can secure the stems and hang herbs upside down loosely in a brown paper bag. Use a binder clip, to pinch the stems between the opening of brown bag. The bag will not be fully closed as to allow air to circulate inside the bag. Store in a cool dry dark area. Check after a couple of weeks. Typically for larger leaved herbs a couple weeks is good, smaller sized herbs may take less time.

Chop or crumble leaves up and store in clean jar. For best flavors use dried herbs at the beginning of cooking process. Make sure leaves are fully dried before storing in jar. They will last for a good long while, but under a year is best for flavor.

Method 2: Freezing

This method is best for parsley, cilantro and chives which tend not to keep their flavor when dried. For Parsley and cilantro you'll want to pull leaves off and discard stems. Store them in the way you'll use them. For chives, you can chop them if you feel that is how you will be using them when you cook. Next you will line a cookie sheet with parchment or wax paper and place herbs in as much of a single layer as possible and place in freezer for several to 24 hours. Once frozen, place in a labeled and dated freezer bag, squeeze out all air as possible. Use them as you would fresh herbs at the end of cooking for best flavor. These should last about a month in a regular freezer bag.

Method 3: Saved in Butter

This method is best used with herbs you typically use in addition to butter. Dill, Basil, Rosemary, Parsley, Thyme, or Tarragon can be paired with butter and put over other foods like steak or vegetables. You can mix more than one herb or garlic, lemon zest or pepper, just whatever flavors you want to combine. You will finely mince the herbs. Mix approximately 1 TB of herbs for every 2TB of softened butter. Mix good, then place on parchment paper or wax paper , roll sides of paper around butter and roll into a log. Twist ends of rolled paper so that you can store it in freezer. Should last a few months.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(If interested in earning volunteer hours in any of the below areas, contact Committee Chairperson found in the Directory. The volunteer opportunities must meet the descriptions listed in directory.)

Projects

*Annual Spring Plant Sale (this includes all of the committees that work to put the sale on) *Annual Fall Bulb Sale (this includes all of the committees that work to put the sale on) *Community Create

*Community Grants

*Le Tour des Jardins

- Advertising/Publicity
- Party for homeowners and the bazaar pre-party
- Garden Selection
- Food Trucks
- Plaques
- Security
- Signs
- Sponsors
- Tents
- Tickets
- Treasurer
- Vendors
- Volunteers
- Website/ e tickets
- Scavenger Hunt for the kids
- *Pioneer Heritage Center
- *Rambling Rose at the American Rose Center
- *RRR Station Landscaping

Pilot program

Dwarf tomato plant education at the assisted living center

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NWLAMG Committees

Bereavement and Gifts Communication **Community Gardens** Community Grants* Greenhouse Hospitality Hours Coordinator Keep Bossier Beautiful Le Tour des Jardins* **NWLAMG Class** Annual Fall Bulb Sale* Annual Spring Plant Sale* Pioneer Heritage Center – every 2nd Monday of the month* **Projects and Membership** Programs and Speakers Bureau – speaking at other organizations about NWLAMGs or gardening topic Publicity RRR Station –landscaping and weeding/planting beds every 3rd Wednesday of the month* Rambling Rose at the American Rose Center – every 3rd Thursday of the month* Seedling **Tuition Assistance** Website Maintenance

Additional Volunteer Opportunities

Phone Duty – 5 hours/year required. Check website calendar for availability. Text/ email Melissa Elrod or Mark Wilson for scheduling

- One-time events as approved by Mark Wilson, President or Board activities, information booths
- Time planting/growing plants donated to sales as approved by Chairperson of appropriate sale
- NW Region Ag Center events i.e. State Fair booth; assisting with Homesteader Conference, Christmas movie
- Time driving to events may be added to volunteer hours

Time prepping food for General Meetings up to one (1) hour total

DON'T FORGET ABOUT COMMITTEES

Please go to the Communicate page which is a drop down on About Us. Scroll just under Mark's picture and locate the Committee Survey

We are asking all NWLA master gardeners to fill out the survey in order to better organize our committees for communication purposes.

1. Click on all committees that you are a member of or would really like to join.

2. You may also choose to add that you would like to work as a cashier or tally writer. (Write cashier or Talley)

3. Include your name...it is required to complete the survey.

This information will be compiled and shared with committee directors.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Melissa Elrod

Community Supporters



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Thank You!

Editorial Notes-



It has been a great year for NWLAMG. Thank you to all who helped along the way. Let's keep encouraging each other to keep active in our gardens and to check out the website often for opportunities to help out

and make friends at the same time.

If you would like to share something in the newsletter or write an article, please email me.

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