

LNPS News

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Karlene DeFatta Award



Richard Johnson presented the Karlene DeFatta Award to Mrs. Margie Jenkins

Mrs. Margie Jenkins of Amite was presented the Karlene DeFatta Award at the annual winter meeting of the LNPS, January 19, 2002 in Pollock. This award recognizes outstanding accomplishment in the areas of conservation, preservation, and education of the public and in appreciation and uses of natives. It is the highest award given by the LNPS. It is given only when merited.

Mrs. Margie is recognized as a leader in the field of propagation and promotion of native plants in the nursery industry. She has been a consistent supplier of quality native plant specimens to the nursery industry. She has a special interest in native azaleas. Her talks on natives and their care and propagation are always well received and attended.

Any LNPS member can nominate a person from the state of Louisiana who fits the qualifications. Final selection shall be made by a committee consisting of the state president, chapter presidents, newsletter editor, and the board of directors. Previous recipients include Karlene DeFatta, Richard & Jessie Johnson, the late Robert Murry, and Jack & Ella Price.

Editor Needed!!!

It has become clear to us that Terry & I cannot continue to edit & publish the LNPS newsletter. Our regular jobs require most of our time, are of a seasonal nature, and we are just not able to meet the deadlines for publishing. I will continue to try to get the issues out through this winter. However, if no one takes it by the Winter 2003 meeting, we will have to do without it.—Beth Erwin

Butterfly Festival

The Haynesville Celebration of Butterflies will Be held September 14th & 15th at the Claiborne Parish Fair Grounds in Haynesville. Featured speaker will be noted garden author Barbara Damrosch. For more complete details and a schedule, contact Loice Kendrick Lacy, 1937 Bailey Ave., Haynesville, La., 71038

From the president.....Dr. R. Dale Thomas

The LNPS field trip was held on March 9 (check date) at Briarwood Nature Preserve in Natchitoches Parish. It was attended and enjoyed by some fifty or so people. Although the weather was terrible early on Saturday morning, it had quit raining before nine and the weather was unusually comfortable. The morning was spent at Briarwood where we saw lots of neat plants--green and gold *Chrysogonum virginianum*, twayblade orchid *Listera australis*, Spring coral-root, *Corallorhiza wisteriana* and several other very interesting plants. We toured the wildflower meadow, the area around the visitors center, the iris garden, the pond area and most of the reserve. Everyone enjoyed the spirited leadership of Richard and Jessie. Many interesting observations were made by all. Lunch was eaten in the new interpretive center. After lunch we visited the woods along Piney Creek in Kisatchie National Forest. We saw a very large display of trout-lily (*Erythronium rostratum*), Trilliums (*T. gracile* and *T. recurvatum*), etc. The walk along the creek was scenic and very enjoyable. One seldom has the opportunity to see exposed rocks along creeks in Louisiana. Richard and Jessie are to be congratulated

for being such helpful and gracious hosts. They have done more than anyone else in the state to further the appreciation of Louisiana Plants both through the LNPS and through the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve and through their lifelong dedication to conservation and nature education.

I would like to announce that I feel compelled to end the FRIENDS OF THE HERBARIUM NATIVE PLANT SALES here at ULM. The job of planting, watering, and weeding pots of plants has become to time consuming for me to continue doing it and to also fulfill my teaching and herbarium obligations. I thank all who have been customers and all who have contributed pots and plants. Jack and Ella Price, Richard and Jessie Johnson, Terry and Beth Erwin, Carl Amason, and the late Trudie Dorris, Leitha Hagler, and Juanita Hatch have especially helped make this sale a success. Thanks.

Dale

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ULM Herbarium Cabinets

Thanks to the generosity of a kind person and the efforts of Charles Allen, the ULM Herbarium received a donation sufficient to purchase 40 herbarium cabinets. The cabinets arrived in September from Kansas and were added to the existing numbers. The valuable ULM herbarium specimens are being filed in the cabinets from the many unprotected cardboard boxes. The cabinets will provide protection and preserve the specimens forever.

LNPS Minutes, January 2002

The Louisiana Native Plant Society met for its regular Winter Business meeting Saturday, January 19, 2002, at LSU Camp Grant Walker near Pollock Louisiana.

Prior to the business portion of the meeting, a *Cyrilla arrida* donated by Mrs. Margie Jenkins was auctioned.

President Dr. Dale Thomas called the meeting to order. He asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes since they were published in the Spring 2001 newsletter. The motion was approved. Treasurer Jackie Duncan gave the treasurer's report. It was approved as presented.

Old Business:

Herbert Young reported on his progress with the new web site.

The Northwest Chapter and the Folsom Chapter both reported on their activities. The Northwest Chapter meets monthly, on the fourth Thursday evening at the Barnwell Center on the riverfront in Shreveport. The Folsom Chapter has sixty members, and has appointed full time roadside vegetation wildflower advocates in their chapter.

New Business:

The current slate of officers was re-elected to another term. Dr. Thomas thanked Charles Ancona, Rosana Shelby, and John Mayronne, who rotated off of the board of directors for their service. Jessie Johnson, Charles Allen, and Jim Foret, Jr. were elected to three year terms on the board.

Beth asked for help with the newsletter on gathering events and articles. Numerous announcements of upcoming spring events were made.

The society voted, with the permission of Richard and Jessie Johnson, to hold the 2003 meeting at Briarwood, since it would be the 20th anniversary of the organization. It will be held January 24 & 25, 2003. Tracey Banowetz volunteered to be in charge of planning the meeting.

The summer/fall field trip site is to be the Tensas River area, because it was one of the few locations that had not been visited and the Sicily Island area. Rosalie Overby and Fred Dunn would work on planning the trip.

The meeting was adjourned

Some notes on Woodbine

by Carl Amason

In our area, there are not many flowers in the red spectrum. What there are can be beloved by people, butterflies, and hummingbirds. When it comes to vines, only a few have red flowers. One of the favorites is *Lonicera sempervirens*. It can be found in almost every parish of Louisiana. The fact that it is common doesn't detract from the fact that it is also one of the most desirable of plants to be cultivated throughout the state, by the poor and by the wealthy. All have made a trellis of sorts to accommodate this vine. Another way of growing it is to just let it grow up a small tree such as a dogwood and just let be as it is one of the easiest plants to grow and does not take over like wisteria or kudzu or some other plants.

For its natural condition, look for this vine along the edges of the woodland, frequently along the moist terraces of permanent streams and moist woods. Often it is found in quite dry sandy soil. The red trumpet flowers can be solid red inside and outside, but most often the inside is yellow. They are about an inch in length and quite narrow at the mouth—an especially made flower for butterflies and hummingbirds. The several tubular flowers are in a terminal cluster, underlain by a perfoliate round leaf. Below it, there are several rounded opposite leaves. It is a very well behaved honeysuckle vine. Each vine can remain in its place for a lifetime. Taller trees that can shade it out do not overcome it, and it can suffer in drought. Vines can be massive in a favorable place without competition. It can sucker along the top of the ground, where stems root readily. In cultivation, it can outlive the planter, and that is one of the reasons why it is common. Its masses of flowers are not its only attraction. The flowers can develop red berries that are attractive to see. It is easily grown from seeds, but they are a favorite food item for mockingbirds, brown thrashers, wood thrushes, and other fruit-eating birds. The ripe fruits ordinarily do not survive through the late summer months. As autumn comes and winter develops, little color is to be found in the leaves. What

few leaves remain, they are evergreen. In recent years, several red cultivars and a few hybrids have been put on the market. A few pure yellow strains are also sold. In short, this is one of the easiest plants to cultivate in a garden and for good reason. *Carl Amason is a superior plantsman who lives and gardens near Calion, Arkansas.*

The Louisiana Native Plant Society was founded in 1983 as a state-wide, non-profit organization. Its purposes are:

- ✿ to preserve and study native plants and their habitats.
- ✿ to educate people on the value of native plants and the need to preserve and protect rare and endangered species.
- ✿ to promote the propagation and use of native plants in the landscape
- ✿ to educate people on the relationship between our native flora and wildlife.

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