

**Annual Meeting February 9 – 11, 2007****Camp Hardtner, Pollock, LA****1:20 p.m. – Break.**

For the third year, LNPS members will return to Camp Hardtner, located in the beautiful piney woods of central Louisiana, north of Pollock, LA. Fishing is available in the pond at the Camp and there is a wonderful deck that overlooks the pond where visiting and drinking coffee will be very nice. No boats are allowed, and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the grounds.

There are no building rental fees since the camp is providing meals. There will be a potluck dinner Friday night – kitchen privileges are not available but there is a refrigerator/freezer that we can use. **New this year:** a dinner option is available on Saturday night for those planning to stay over for the Sunday morning hike. The costs for lodging and food are shown on page 3. Please indicate which nights you will be staying.

**Friday, February 9**

**5:00 p.m. –** Registration, potluck dinner, visiting, plant shopping.

**Saturday, February 10**

**7:30 a.m. –** Breakfast. Registration continues.

**9:30 a.m. –** Program I: Jim Robinson, Director of the Louisiana State Arboretum at Chicot State Park in Ville Platte, and Melinda Lyman, Director of the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune, MS, will give presentations on the recovery progress at their respective arboreta following the recent hurricanes.

**10:20 a.m. –** Break.

**10:30 a.m. –** Program II: Gail Barton, horticulture instructor at Meridian Community College, will present a workshop on native plant propagation.

**11:30 a.m. –** Lunch. Plant and book shopping.

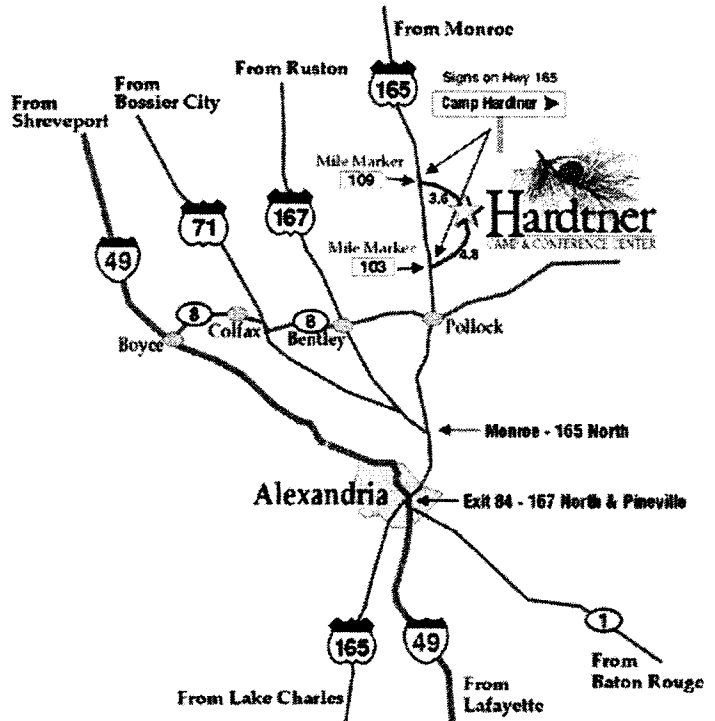
**1:00 p.m. –** Business Meeting.

**2:00 p.m. –** Program III: Chris Reid, botanist with the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program, will give an update on outstanding botanical finds in 2006; including historic plants, some state records, some really rare stuff, and a cool saline prairie site in DeSoto parish. **Followed by our popular Native Plant Auction!!!**

**5:30 p.m. –** Dinner and bonfire.

**Sunday, Feb. 11**

**8:30 a.m. –** Morning field trip departing from Camp Hardtner. Location TBA.



**Directions:** Camp Hardtner is located to the east of Highway 167, eight miles north of Pollock in Grant Parish. The entrances to the side road that loops to the camp are near Mile Markers 103 and 109. The loop is about 8 miles long and the Camp is midway, literally straddling the road. The loop is rough, so travel cautiously.

**See Page 3 for registration, lodging, and dues forms.**



Denise Bonch, Steven Gabrey, and Linda Chance with the Red River Refuge rescue a red bay.

## Kisatchie Native Plant Rescue

By Peter Nilles

During a recent project on the Kisatchie National Forest (KNF), more than 300 plants native to Louisiana were recovered from lands scheduled for clearing as part of the U.S. Highway 167 Expansion/Improvement project. Fifteen volunteers representing seven organizations participated in the all-day effort to dig up native forbs and woody plants. The plants are destined for wildlife refuges, native plant gardens, and the use of individuals interested in native plant landscaping.

On December 2, the group visited five sites of rescue north of Williana and south of Packton, along Highway 167, on the KNF's Catahoula Ranger District. This highway corridor is scheduled for timber clearing and grading in preparation for an additional two lanes of highway adjacent to the current highway. The predominant habitat types visited for rescue included mesic hardwood slope

forest and small streams. Popular plant species collected included: paw paw, Christmas fern, American holly, witch hazel, crane fly orchid, grapefern, and bigleaf magnolia.

Dr. Charles Allen, botanist/ecologist with the Fort Polk military reservation, scouted out the rescue sites, and organized the event. Peter Nilles, KNF forest botanist, assisted Dr. Allen by securing collection permits and overseeing safety at the staging areas. A number of organizations were represented, including Fort Polk, KNF, the Louisiana Native Plant Society, Red River Refuge, CENLA Audubon, and the NSU herbarium.

The event was productive and safe for all involved. A special note of thanks goes out to Dr. Allen for his organizational efforts.

## 2007 Annual Meeting Registration Form

### Remittance

**Registration**

Free

**Saturday Meals:**

**Breakfast**            \$6.50/person (7:30 am)  
**Lunch**                \$7.50/person (noon)  
**Dinner**               \$8.50/person (5:30 pm)

**Lodging:**

**Cabins, bring own linen, 14 beds/ea 2 beds in separate section**

**Bath facilities in cabin; up to 10 cabins available**

**\$15/person**

**Motel type rooms**            \$40 single; \$60 double  
**Infirmiry house**            3 bedroom/2 bath; \$150 total/night  
**Maloney house**            2 bedroom/2 bath; \$100 total/night  
**Vatican house**            2 bedroom/2bath; \$100 total/night

Friday ☐

Saturday ☐

Friday & Saturday ☐

**Annual Dues (from form below):**

**TOTAL**

Please submit your registration and payment by **January 31, 2007**. Checks payable to LNPS.

Send to:

**Jackie Duncan, 114 Harpers Ferry Road, Boyce, LA 71409**

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.

**Membership Form:**

**Checks payable to LNPS.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: Student/Senior \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

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email group, contact Tracey Banowetz at  
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**Events of Interest to LNPS Members:**

**Jan. 20:** Arbor Day Tree sale, 9am-2pm. Hilltop Arboretum, 11855 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, LA. [www.lsu.edu/hilltop](http://www.lsu.edu/hilltop)  
or 225-767-6916.

**Jan. 27:** Hilltop Arboretum's annual symposium "Garden Gems & Intimate Places," 8am-noon. LSU College of Design  
Auditorium, Baton Rouge, LA. [www.lsu.edu/hilltop](http://www.lsu.edu/hilltop) or 225-767-6916.

**Feb. 9 – 11:** LNPS Annual Meeting, Camp Hardtner, Pollock, LA. [www.lnps.org](http://www.lnps.org)

**Mar. 22-25:** Big Thicket Scientific Conference. <http://www.bigthicketsc.org/>

**Mar. 30 – Apr. 1:** Annual CCC (Columbia-Catahoula-Copenhagen). Tours, talks, food, etc. Charles Allen [native@camtel.net](mailto:native@camtel.net)

**Mar. 30 – Apr. 1:** Feliciana Nature Society's Audubon Bird Festival. St. Francisville, LA. [www.audubonbirdfest.com](http://www.audubonbirdfest.com).

**April 7:** Tours from Allen Acres. Details in progress. Charles Allen, [native@camtel.net](mailto:native@camtel.net)

**April 14:** Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society Meeting in Eunice. Contact Jim Foret at [possumforet@hotmail.com](mailto:possumforet@hotmail.com) or  
Charles Allen [native@camtel.net](mailto:native@camtel.net).

**April 14:** Hilltop Arboretum 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party & Fundraiser. Baton Rouge, LA. [www.lsu.edu/hilltop](http://www.lsu.edu/hilltop) or 225-767-6916.

**June 14-17:** Annual BBBB (Bogs, Birds, Butterflies etc plus this year Broadleaved Barbara's Buttons) in the Fort Polk area.  
More details later. Charles Allen [native@camtel.net](mailto:native@camtel.net)

**July 18 – 21:** Cullowhee Native Plant Conference. Western Carolina State Univ., Cullowhee, NC. [www.nativeplants.wcu.edu](http://www.nativeplants.wcu.edu).

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later, your dues are current.  
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and this may be their last  
issue of the newsletter.  
Membership form is on pg.3

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