

LOUISIANA MASTER GARDENER™
EXTENSION VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
East Baton Rouge Parish at the Botanic Gardens at Burden

July 9th through August 25th

Come join the fun, help your community, and learn about gardening and horticulture in the Baton Rouge area. Louisiana Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by the LSU AgCenter's Cooperative Extension Service to provide horticultural education and assistance to the residents of East Baton Rouge and its surrounding parishes.

Classes for the 2015 Master Gardener will be held on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with classes starting on Thursday, July 9 and ending on Tuesday, August 25, 2015.

Classes will be taught at LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

The fee for the 2015 Class will be \$250.00.

Once accepted and/or upon graduation, you will have the remainder of 2015 and all of 2016) to give the LSU AgCenter back at least 40 hours of your time through volunteer work and projects at the Botanic Gardens as well as approved projects within the program.

You will also have the opportunity to join the East Baton Rouge Parish's Master Gardener's Association. This group meets the first Tuesday of every month. This is voluntary and optional, but encouraged. Your 2016 dues will be waived.

Class size is limited and your Application, Commitment Letter and Payment must be RECEIVED by Wednesday, June 10 c.o.b., in order to be considered. When your application has been received, you will be contacted.

Applications will be screened to select the best candidates to assist with parishwide consumer horticulture education and LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens activities.

Thank You for your interest in the Louisiana Master Gardener™ Extension Volunteer Program.

2015 APPLICATION TO THE
LOUISIANA MASTER GARDENER™
EXTENSION VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
East Baton Rouge Parish

Name_____Prefer to be called_____

Address_____

City_____Zip:_____ - _____

Phone: Home_____Work_____Cell_____

Email (required)_____

Previous Master Gardener experience?

State_____County/Parish_____Years _____

List any special skills that might be used in a volunteer capacity. Examples: graphic design, teaching, leadership, database management, desktop publishing, publicity, grant writing, foreign language, public speaking, carpentry, youth &/or elderly services, etc.

List your reasons for wanting to become a Louisiana Master Gardener. What do you think you can contribute to the program?

Do you have any pre-existing or current medical problems that may limit your Louisiana Master Gardener activities or be of concern for physical or outdoor activity? YES_____ NO_____

If YES, briefly describe:_____

Check areas that interest you for volunteer participation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Health Care Clinics | <input type="checkbox"/> Presenting Educational Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAS & Demonstration Gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> Answering Telephone/E-mail Questions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Youth Development & JMG |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Educational Seminars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Researching Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing and Editing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Fact Sheets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity and Promotion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching an LMG Class | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Responsibilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Presentations | <input type="checkbox"/> Producing Mass Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desktop Publishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Producing Educational Videos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Print & Graphic Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Managing Volunteer Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating LMG Class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School & Community Gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Software Instruction |

Will you attend 100% of the class sessions? YES_____ NO_____

Classes will be conducted indoors in a classroom setting and outdoors for several hands-on activities.

I wish to become a participant in the Louisiana Master Gardener™ Extension Volunteer Program. I agree to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours volunteer service to the LSU AgCenter, LA Cooperative Extension Service, EBRP Louisiana Master Gardener™ Extension Volunteer Program within the prescribed period following class completion. I understand there will be a \$250 dollar fee to participate in the class. (Please Note: Checks will be held and then will be sent to LSU AgCenter July 1—the start of our new fiscal year.)

Make checks payable only to: LSU AgCenter.

Return or Mail: Application & Commitment Letter & Payment to:

LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens
Bob Souvestre
4560 Essen Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Application Deadline: June 10, 2015 (c.o.b)

Location: 4560 Essen Lane, Conference Center, LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens

Time: 8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (lunch on your own unless otherwise stated)

Dates: See Schedule Below

Please visit the state LMG website for additional information about the LMG program:
[State LMG Extension Volunteer Program.](#)

Commitment for Louisiana Master Gardener

In Louisiana, the title “Master Gardener” is to be used only and exclusively in LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardener programs in which trained Master Gardeners answer gardening questions and provide gardening advice. In addition to the University training, Master Gardeners can have diagnostic support via parish extension agents and state and area extension program specialists. Master Gardeners have access online to LSU AgCenter Extension publications and fact sheets as supporting materials. Master Gardeners are expected to use the title only when doing unpaid, prior-approved, volunteer educational service in the parish’s Extension non-commercial, consumer horticulture program.

Louisiana Master Gardeners™ are not to advertise their names or their places of business, nor to be listed on the advertisements of business places as Master Gardeners. This is an LSU AgCenter Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service public service program. Appearing as a commercial activity, having association with commercial products or giving implied University, AgCenter or Extension Service endorsements of any product or place of business is improper.

Individuals who are not acting on behalf of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service are strongly urged to make every effort to minimize the appearance of being on duty before making any recommendations in the area of horticulture. Speaking “off the record” is your right; however, make sure everyone knows you are speaking for yourself and not the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.

In making recommendations that include the use of pesticides (including insecticides, herbicides and fungicides), Master Gardeners must follow published LSU AgCenter recommendations. Use of other pesticide recommendations is not approved. When reading a recommendation to a client, you must read it in its entirety. No omissions are allowed under any circumstances. Handwritten recommendations are not approved or authorized under any and all circumstances. Questions about commercial production of crops and pest control on such crops are to be referred to the parish extension agent. This includes all areas of the green (landscape) commercial industry.

A volunteer in training must attend the prescribed hours of instruction and pass all examinations before becoming a Louisiana Master Gardener™ Extension Volunteer. This certification is restrictive in nature in that it is valid only when the individual is participating in the Master Gardener program and for one year only. If an individual ceases active participation, the certification as Master Gardener becomes void and the ID badge must be returned. New certifications will be issued each year only to those individuals who make a commitment to participate for the coming year. Those not continuing in the program should be aware that if they represent themselves as Master Gardeners, they are violating their original commitment to the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.

All Master Gardener volunteers must recognize the necessity for representing the parish Extension Service in a manner consistent with exemplary citizenship and leadership. Civil rights guidelines will be a normal and integral part of all phases of the Louisiana Master Gardener™ Extension Volunteer Program.

Master Gardeners are expected to participate in all components of the planned program, respond to the reasonable requests of the agent in charge and respect the need for personal safety and the safety of others. Along with active participation, Master Gardeners are expected to uphold the standards of behavior expected of the LSU AgCenter faculty and staff.

The training and experience gained by participation in the Louisiana Master Gardener™ Extension Volunteer Program are valuable and may rightfully be listed and featured as qualifications when seeking employment. Once employed, and while serving as a paid employee, or if self-employed, Master Gardeners should not display credentials or give the appearance of being a Master Gardener at the place of business (unless the place of business is specifically designated as a Master Gardener event by the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.)

Experienced Master Gardeners are likely to receive invitations to speak before groups. Gratuitous payments or gifts for speaking are not a concern since such speaking activity is entirely separate from the question-answer exchange done through the Master Gardener program. Please do not seek payment for such speaking appearances.

Your work is much appreciated by the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and the audience that receives your counsel.

I have read the above policies regarding my services as a Louisiana Master Gardener™ Extension Volunteer and do hereby agree to volunteer the required number of hours of service in the Master Gardener program in East Baton Rouge Parish in return for the training provided by the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.

Signature of Applicant:_____

Date:_____/_____/_____

Welcome to the 2013 LMG Extension Volunteer Program in East Baton Rouge Parish

- Class sessions are informal.
- Coffee & bottled water will be available before class and for breaks.
- You are welcomed to bring food for yourself and/or to share with classmates.
- There will be several lunch meals provided.
- There is an ice machine in the kitchen.
- There is a gas stove and microwave available.
- There is a refrigerator available (space is often limited).
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Bring your laptop computer with an extension cord if you wish (outlets are limited).
- Bring a lunch for each class. (Some lunches will be provided)
- Conference Center is open at 7:00 a.m.
- Class sessions will start promptly at 8:45 a.m.
- Class sessions will last no longer than 2:30 p.m.
- It is expected that you attend all class sessions. Unexcused absences will result in dismissal.
- Reading assigned material is required prior to class sessions.

Tentative Lunch Selections:

Manda sausage and biscuits (7/9 morning)

Pizza w/green salad

Italian Creamy Chicken w/rice, green salad, bread

Fried Catfish, potato salad, coleslaw, bread

Fajita Chicken w/tortillas, Aztec salad, chips w/salsa

Muffalettas w/green salad

Lasagna, green salad, garlic bread

Tentative Lunch Dates: listed at bottom of Class Schedule

Class Presentations:

You will see towards the end of the Class Schedule that Class Presentations are scheduled. This time is devoted to each participant's delivery to the class of their personal presentation. This can be achieved individually or as a team effort. A list of topics will be emailed upon acceptance. On the first class day a Class Presentation Schedule will be passed around for you to indicate the name for your presentation from the list provided, the date, and time for delivery.

2015 LMG Class Schedule

East Baton Rouge Parish at Botanic Gardens

(revised January 9, 2015)

Classes are subject to change without prior notification

Dates		Sessions	Instructor
Thursday July 9	8:45 – 10:00 10:00 – 11:00 11:00-11:30 11:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens • LA Master Gardener Ext.Vol. Program • Class Introductions • Presentation Schedule Sign-up Sheet • VicNet and LMG Reporting Systems 	Bob Souvestre & Dr. Jeff Kuehny Miles Brashier CLASS CLASS Bob Souvestre & CLASS
Tuesday July 14	8:45 – 11:45 12:30 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botany & Plant Propagation • Perennials 	Dan Gill Dan Gill
Thursday July 16	8:45 – 11:45 12:30 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soils and Plant Nutrition • Soil Sampling • Understanding Your Soil Sample • Composting 	Dr. J Stevens Dr. J Stevens Dr. J Stevens Dr. J Stevens
Tuesday July 21	8:45 – 11:45 12:30 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Vegetable Gardening • School Gardens & BG Children Garden 	Dr. Kathryn Fontenot Dr. Kathryn Fontenot
Thursday July 23	8:45 – 11:45 12:30 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed Science and Weed Identification • Turfgrass 	Dr. Ron Strahan Dr. Ron Strahan
Tuesday 28	8:45 – 11:45 12:30 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant Pathology • Plant Diagnostics 	Dr. Raj Singh Dr. Raj Singh
Thursday July 30	8:45 – 11:45 12:30-2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA Super Plants • Woody Ornamentals • Annuals 	Dr. Allen Owings Dr. Allen Owings Dr. Allen Owings
Tuesday August 4	8:45 – 11:45 12:30 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit & Nut Production • Fruit Orchard Tour 	Dr. Charlie Johnson Dr. Charlie Johnson
Thursday August 6	8:45 – 11:45 12:30 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entomology: Ornamentals • LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens Tour 	Dr. Dennis Ring Katie Guitreau & Keith Lewis
Tuesday August 11	8:45 – 11:45 12:30 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entomology: Veg, Frt. Lawns • Class Presentations 	Dr. Alan Morgan CLASS
Thursday August 13	8:45 – 11:45 12:30 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Presentations • Class Presentations 	CLASS CLASS
Tuesday August 18	8:45 – 11:45 12:30 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Presentations • Class Presentations 	CLASS CLASS
Thursday August 20	8:45 – 11:45 12:30 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Photo & EBRP LMG Assn. • Volunteer Opportunities • Exam Review • Plant Jeopardy 	CLASS & LMG Assn. Bob Souvestre Bob Souvestre & CLASS Bob Souvestre & CLASS
Tuesday August 25	11:00 – 1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation • Lunch 	CLASS EBRP LMG Assn.

Lunch will be provided on: July 14, 16, 23, 28, 30 and August 4, 25 (tentative)