



HILLTOP

PLANTFEST! TEASER 2016



presents Allen Owings!

Sunday, SEPT 18, 1:00-4:00 pm

\$10 Members/\$15 Non-Members

The annual pre-sale TEASER: PLANT SURVIVORS will feature Allen Owings, Professor and Research Coordinator, LSU AgCenter, Hammond Research Center at the Imo Brown Education Facility in the Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium at Hilltop. Allen will be showing and talking about 25 plants for the home garden that have been field tested and thrive in our climate. Nestled in the woods six miles from the city of Hammond, the station covers about 150 acres. Today's research focus is landscape horticulture. Owings along with other scientists evaluate more than 500 ornamental plants per year and each spring and fall release a list of Super Plants that grow well in all parts of Louisiana.

To put the "tease" in your annual PlantFest! "pre-quel", only one of each of the plants presented will be eligible for purchase. We will host a drawing to determine who gets to purchase what. The rules of engagement are as follows:

- only Teaser registrants may participate
- they may put their name in up to six plant hats
- and they must be present to win their opportunity to purchase

If it isn't enough to set your horticultural barometer rising, the 60-minute post-program "walk about" with Allen Owings through the field of plant dreams ought to do it. Scheduled two weeks prior to the "main event", this year's Teaser will find the PlantFest! Arena already set up with plants in their final nestling place and their infomercial signs installed.

What better occasion to start your plant list and check it twice, determining which plants will be naughty or nice for your landscape AND guess-timating just how many wagons and co-conspirators you will need to achieve your gardening mission.

QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER FOR THE TEASER

Contact: 225-767-6916 - www.lsu.edu/hilltop - hilltop@lsu.edu

PLANTFEST! Proper is set for Saturday and Sunday, OCTOBER 1ST AND 2ND



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

As I am writing this message, I can only hope that you all are starting to recover from the unprecedented flooding we have just experienced. I know that many of you and your families have suffered major losses and it will take a long time to recover. Our ecosystem with our plants and wildlife have also been seriously impacted. We must strive to make this a learning experience and discover what can we do to mitigate our risk of flooding and damage in the future.



From a horticultural standpoint, this also should become a learning experience. Each of us should be observant regarding which of our plants and trees survived this event and which did not. I would hope that Hilltop will be a place to share our observations. We should

become a resource for the community about where and what to replant. We will in the future be emphasizing even more the characteristics of those plants which we recommend and sell.

This summer Hilltop experienced major damage to several of our large trees in a thunderstorm. Many of our mature trees are nearing the end of their lifespan. The large trees that remain are more vulnerable to wind damage and lightning strikes. The canopy of Hilltop will be changing in the coming years. We look forward to the help of the Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture in carrying out this process.

Formosan termites have become a major problem in South Louisiana. Hilltop has not been spared. A number of trees have been infested. Several trees have been removed and multiple trees treated. Paul Orr has led this process. Paul recently conducted an evening seminar that Hilltop sponsored to help educate the community regard-

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The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh

A Walk Through the Forest that Inspired the Hundred Acre Wood

**Presentation and Book Signing
by Author Kathryn Aalto**

Sunday, OCT 30, 2:00-4:00 pm
Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium
Admission Free

*A special thank you to Mary Williams
for making this program possible!*

Delve into the home of the world's most beloved bear! The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh explores the magical landscapes where Pooh, Christopher Robin, and their friends live and play. The Hundred Acre Wood—the setting for Winnie-the-Pooh's adventures—was inspired by Ashdown Forest, a wildlife haven that spans more than 6,000 acres in southeast England. In the pages of this enchanting book you can visit the ancient black walnut tree on the edge of the forest that became Pooh's house, go deep into the pine trees to find Poohsticks Bridge, and climb up to the top of the enchanted Galleons Lap, where Pooh says goodbye to Christopher Robin. You will discover how Milne's childhood connection with nature and his role as a father influenced his famous sto-

ries, and how his close collaboration with illustrator E. H. Shepard brought those stories to life. This charming book also serves as a guide to the plants, animals, and places of the remarkable Ashdown Forest, whether you are visiting in person or from the comfort of your favorite armchair. In a delightful narrative, enriched with Shepard's original illustrations, hundreds of color photographs, and Milne's own words, you will rediscover your favorite characters and the magical place they called home.



PLANTFEST! 2016

Celebrating Our 33rd Annual Sale

Saturday, OCT 1
9:00 am – 4:00 pm



Sunday, OCT 2,
12 noon – 4:00 pm

On Saturday, OCT 1st and Sunday, OCT 2nd the Friends of Hilltop Arboretum will host its 33rd PlantFest! Our fall plant sale celebrates three decades of masterfully collecting people and plants and bringing them together in the unique natural space that is the LSU Hilltop Arboretum. The sale will continue our annual celebration of plants by offering the largest selection of natives and adapted plants in one place, at one time, in the Gulf South. Our Hodge Podge Volunteer Plant Selection Committee has assembled a collection of plants that we know will thrive in your garden.

Brace yourself for a botanical “all you can tweet” plant feast ... trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, ferns, fruits, gingers, camellias, incredible edibles, ornamental grasses, and more that run the gamut



from native and traditional to eclectic and electric newcomers. To spice up the mix, plants are imported from a diversity of nurseries located in Alabama and, Texas, as well as Louisiana. Well over 5,000 plants will be assembled representing 600 different species ... some making their debut at Hilltop this year.

Landscape architects, contractors and designers; arborists; horticultural specialists; growers; plants men and women; Master Gardeners

... all will be on hand to help you with your plant selections. Plant display vignettes that bedazzle with color, or speak to those who want to go native or attract butterflies will help you get growing and suggest just the right plant for your space.

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Volunteer for PlantFest! online at
<https://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/hilltop/volunteer/plantfest-2014-form/>



Discover Nature Programs

Through a partnership with the Capital Area Native Plant Society (CANPS) and the Greater Baton Rouge Louisiana Master Naturalist Program (LMNGBR) we are proud to offer an exciting series of "Discover Nature" programs featuring local experts that are in touch with nature and are eager to share their experiences. All programs will begin at 6:30pm at the Imo Brown Education Facility in the Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium at Hilltop. For members of Hilltop, CANPS and LMNGBR the fee is \$5 per program, \$10 for non-members.

**Native Plants Attract
Native Pollinators:
Gardening for Butterflies**
Tuesday, September 27, 2016
Ken Bosso

As available habitats continually decrease for butterflies, the use of native plants in the home landscape becomes more critical. Don't miss this how-to presentation on basic butterfly gardening, common butterflies you will find in your garden, native nectar, guide to host plants, and sources for native plants. This is a must-hear presentation for those who love butterflies and want to attract them to their property.

**The Cajun Prairie:
A Natural History**
Tuesday, November 29, 2016
Malcolm Vidrine, Ph.D.

The Cajun Prairie, a 2.5-million-acre wilderness in 1600, was occupied by Native Americans and the native prairie plants and animals. Today, this prairie is listed as "critically imperiled" by the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program. Literally less than 100 acres remain in narrow strips and small pieces dotting the landscape. Learn more about a group of devoted prairie ecologists and enthusiasts who are attempting to recreate the Cajun Prairie as a sustainable landscape, a remarkable biodiversity garden and a tribute to our natural heritage.

What Our Friends Are Doing

EBR Master Gardener Programs

For additional information:
ivyplanter@yahoo.com

LIBRARY SERIES Gardening Talks

Thurs, Sept 15, 6:30-8:30
Jones Creek Regional Library
Topics: *"Creating a Small Space Cottage Garden"* and *"Butterfly and Hummingbird Plants"*

Thurs, September 29, 6:30-8:30
Zachary Branch Library
Topics: *"Pass-along Plants: A Southern Tradition"* and *"Strawberry Pots: Not Just for Strawberries!"*

Herb Society Baton Rouge

For additional information:
www.hsabr.org

Sept 22, 6:30pm
Burden Center
Holiday Decorating with Herbs and Botanicals

**Explore Nature:
LA Hiking Club, Bayou
Haystackers Paddling Club
and Paddle BR**
Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about these three outstanding clubs that are committed to exploring nature. The LA Hiking Club meets the needs of Louisiana backpackers and hikers by offering classes, seminars, and educational resources. The Bayou Haystackers Paddling Club promotes the sport of paddling. Club members include canoeists and kayakers of all kind. Paddle BR has made great strides in promoting awareness of access to, and conditions of our local waterways, with the Bayou Foundation Paddle Trail being their flagship project.

**Get Connected: Naturalist
and "Nature" Apps**
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Matthew Herron, BREC

Living in the middle of a city can really wear on a person. Sometimes you need to get out into nature and interact with some wildlife to remember how beautiful our planet is. Of course even a day in the woods can be enhanced by your smartphone and a really good "Nature" App. This informative talk with touch on several Apps that will enable you to interact with other animal lovers, find spots where people are seeing a lot of wildlife, and help identify flora and fauna.

Clean House! Support Hilltop!

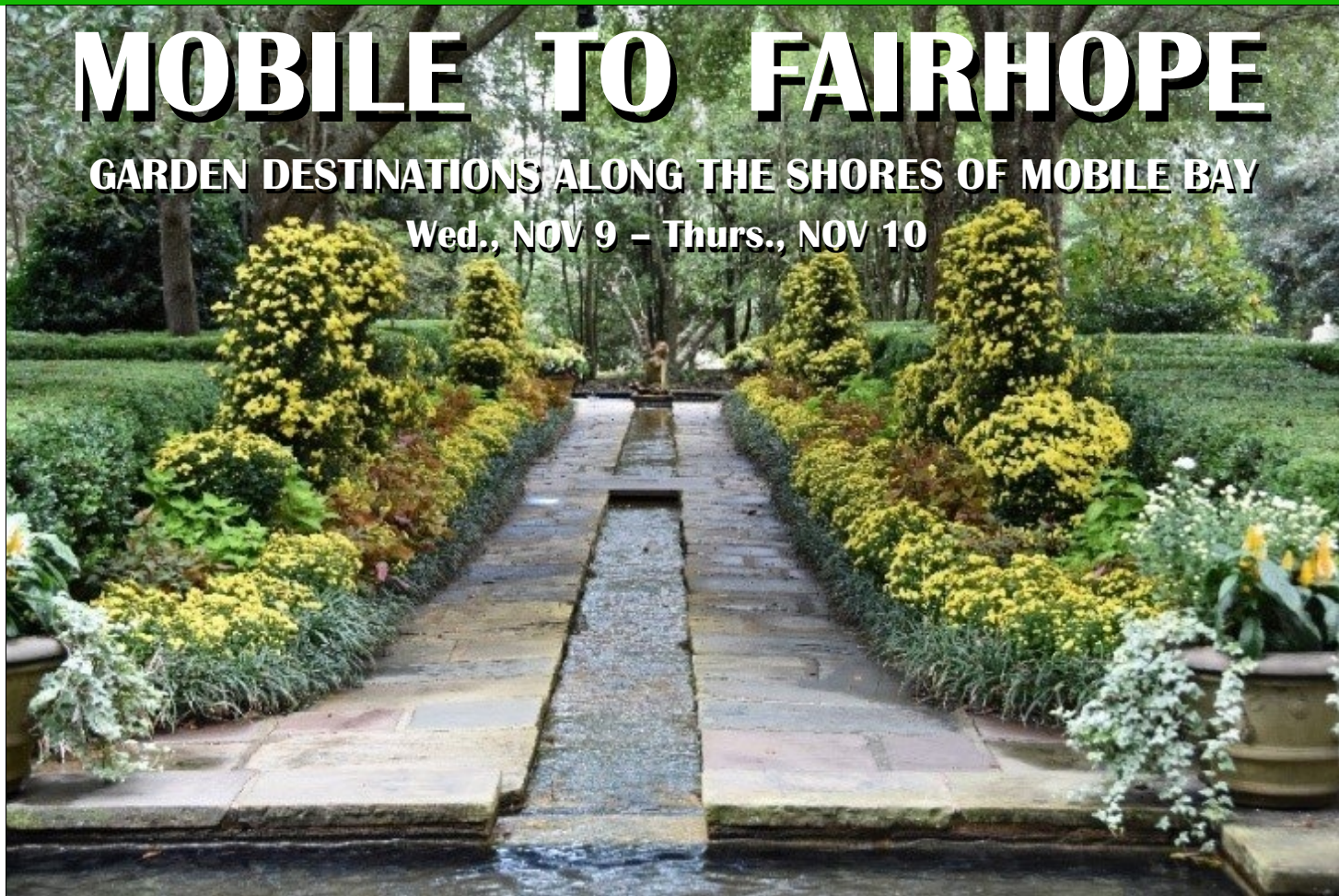
Yes, you can! Did you know that 50% of the proceeds from the sale of items donated to *Here Today Gone Tomorrow* can be directed to Friends of Hilltop?

All you have to do is bring your re-sale items to *Here Today Gone Tomorrow* at 10240 Burbank Drive and mention that you would like the proceeds to be directed to Hilltop at account number 640. When your donated items are sold, Hilltop will receive half the proceeds!

MOBILE TO FAIRHOPE

GARDEN DESTINATIONS ALONG THE SHORES OF MOBILE BAY

Wed., NOV 9 – Thurs., NOV 10



Don't miss the bus for an overnight trip to destinations along the western and eastern shores of serene Mobile Bay. Bellingrath Gardens is the first stop for a tour of the breathtaking November floral displays of cascading chrysanthemums. Unlike Spring, where Mother Nature is responsible for the floral beauty the visitors admire, the horticultural staff works over fourteen months to create the displays that go from greenhouse cuttings to floral displays throughout the Gardens. Native to the Orient, this type of mum is used because of its vigorous growth and freely branching character. Bellingrath's head gardener Chuck Owens has put together a program and video for us that will reveal the process by which they grow and create the chrysanthemum displays for the garden, and of course answer questions you may have.

After lunch at Bellingrath's Magnolia Café off we go for a scenic drive to Mobile Botanical Garden nestled in a

longleaf forest in one of Mobile's most picturesque neighborhoods. In 2002, at the age of 72, Marion Drummond was hired as the Executive Director of the Mobile Botanical Gardens, where she worked until 2009. Expect a warm welcome from the staff of the Mobile Botanical Garden for a talk about the history of the garden then a walking tour of the Japanese Maple Garden, Kosahu Sawada Winter Garden filled with early-blooming camellia sasanqua's, Herb Garden, and Founder's Fragrance and Texture Garden.

Onward we go through the beautiful campus of Spring Hill College in route to Kimlich's Patio & Garden Center. Spring Hill is the oldest Catholic college in the southeast founded in 1830, with tree lined streets of old live oaks, magnolias and azaleas. The Zimlich family is celebrating 31 years of offering the highest quality plants and bulbs as well as distinctive garden ware and unique containers and bas-

kets. In honor of our visit, Kimlich's will host a demonstration on creating seasonal container gardens and pass-on discounts for visitors from the land of "purple and gold". The last stop of the day is the Hampton Inn in beautiful downtown Fairhope, Alabama where we will spend the night. Fairhope has been recognized nationally and internationally for its environmental stewardship, beauty and quality of life. The Hampton Inn is in the heart of the city in walking distance to shops and restaurants. Choose your favorite restaurant for dinner on your own!

Day two starts with breakfast at the Hampton Inn and then a guided bus tour of Fairhope's beautiful green spaces by the gardeners who grow, design and install the plantings downtown. The tour will also include a visit to the city greenhouses to see just how they grow tens of thousands of seasonal color plants. Then a short

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HILLTOP THANKS ONE & ALL !

August 2, 2015 – August 1, 2016

New and Renewing Members**Live Oak \$1,000**

Vallan Corbett

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The Swamp Lily, *Crinum americanum*, is native in a few north Louisiana parishes and several south Louisiana parishes, including St. Helena, Livingston, and Ascension, but not in East Baton Rouge Parish. Still, it works well here in rain gardens, bogs, and edges of ponds. Its large, fragrant, white flower has six narrow petals. Two to six flowers are borne on each stem. Stems may be two to three feet tall. It may bloom from June through fall. It grows from a bulb and has long, strappy leaves that are two to three feet in length and two to three inches wide. The leaves maintain their nice form after blooming. Its native habitat is freshwater swamps, marshes, ditches, and lake edges. American Crinum is not picky about sun or soil and will bloom even in deep shade. It does not have to be constantly wet. In winter, it freezes to the ground or to the water level, and then new leaves quickly emerge. American Crinum is a nectar source for hummingbirds.



Swamp Lily

The Capital Area Native Plant Society works in the Greater Baton Rouge Area to provide a variety of opportunities for people to learn about the value and beauty of native plants in landscaping and in natural habitats.

Please visit their web site at canps.weebly.com

Article by
Helen Peebles, CANPS



Entertaining at Hilltop

We are so excited you are considering the LSU Hilltop Arboretum for a small gathering, corporate event, family party or wedding! Our award-winning facility designed by Lake|Flato Architects of San Antonio, Texas include beautiful views of nature and a pond with an elevated wooden boardwalk surrounded by Louisiana aquatic plantings.

The Imo Brown Complex includes:

- Cherry Owens Library — a small meeting room
- Margaret Holmes Brown Pavilion — a covered open-air space
- Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium — a climate-controlled, multi-purpose space
- Bert Turner Courtyard – a gathering space, connecting the pavilion to the auditorium

We invite you to review the Facility Rental Information, Policies and Registration Form and the Facility Layout Plan online at www.lsu.edu/hilltop to determine if Hilltop is a venue you would like to consider for your special



event. Our Event Coordinator, Amy Hughes can answer any questions you may have about Hilltop's facility and can assist you with planning your event and completing your registration forms. To schedule an appointment with us call 225-767-6916 or email hilltop@lsu.edu

FALL GARDENING CAMP

Monday, NOV 21 – Tuesday, NOV 22
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

\$50 Members/\$85 Non-Members
Non-Member Rate Includes Annual Membership

Junior Master Gardener (JMG) is a get your hands in the dirt program developed by the University Cooperative Extension Network that introduces young gardeners (ages 7-10) to the fun, art and science of gardening. Your children will be “digging” the hands-on garden projects, gardening crafts, container herb garden, and hikes to collect treasures from nature on the beautiful grounds of the LSU Hilltop Arboretum. Children that complete the fall “Thanksgiving” week camp will earn a Junior Master Gardener leaf and rain drop chapter pins. Nutritious snacks will be provided throughout the day. Parents will provide a brown bag lunch and drink. Online Registration (www.lsu.edu/hilltop) or call 225-767-6916 or email hilltop@lsu.edu.

JMG is offered three times a year: in the fall (two-day Thanksgiving Camp), spring (two-day Easter Camp) and summer (third week of June) from 9am-1pm. The Louisiana Master Gardeners of East Baton Rouge Parish provide financial and volunteer support for the program.



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scenic drive will take us to the charming community of Magnolia Springs. Central to this community is the river – today the Magnolia River remains the only river route mail delivery in the continental United States. The narrow lanes and shaded streets, lined with gracious homes and well-tended gardens, present an appealing presentation of southern life. Lunch will be served at Jessie’s Restaurant – it’s building has been a Magnolia Springs tradition for over 75 years, opening as Moore Bros Store in 1922. After lunch we will travel south to the Weeks Bay Reserve Interpretative Center and take a short walk on the board walk to the bay with views of fall wildflowers showing off their colors.

Double Occupancy:
Members \$250 & Non-Members \$285

Single Occupancy:
Members \$295 & Non-Members \$330

**All-inclusive except for dinner
on your own in Fairhope!**

**Non-member rates include
annual membership!**

For additional info call 225-767-6916
or email hilltop@lsu.edu

On the return trip to Baton Rouge you can watch the sunset on Mobile Bay as we travel along Hwy 1 to Fair Hope before catching the interstate westward bound. Special thanks to Brenda Davis who grew up in Magnolia Springs, and Christina Watts a longtime resident of Mobile for lending us a helping hand in planning the trip!

Message From Our President...

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ing this evolving problem that we all need to be aware of.

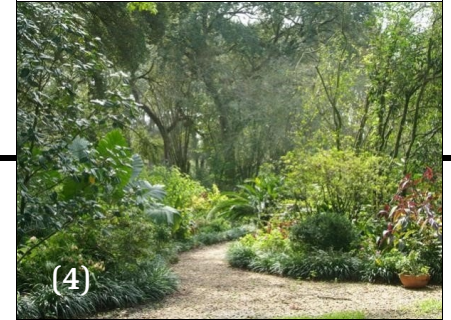
I am looking forward to seeing you at the Plantfest Teaser on Sunday September 18 where Allen Owings will be speaking. Hodge Podge has been hard at work in propagating and purchasing a large variety of plants suited to our environment for Plantfest On October 1-2.

The events of this year demonstrate the importance of our mission at Hilltop. All of you please visit and participate.

See you at Hilltop!

Terry Rehr

DISCOVER OUR GREEN



Without a doubt, Baton Rouge has some of the most beautiful public gardens in the state of Louisiana! On Sunday, November 6th from 1-5pm, Hilltop's fall garden tour will feature our place of course the LSU Hilltop Arboretum (1), Cohn Arboretum (2), Botanic Garden at Independence Park (3) and Windrush Gardens (4). Each garden has a unique history, mission, design, plant collections and plans for their future development. This will be the perfect opportunity to see all the gardens in the fall season and learn more about

Baton Rouge Public Gardens on Tour
 Sunday, NOV 6, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

each one from the staff and volunteers that will be out and about.

Live music and refreshments will be served at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum throughout the tour. Plants and other garden items will be available for sale at some of the gardens during the after-

noon of the tour, which will be a fundraiser for each facility.

We are most grateful to BREC and Burden Museum and Gardens for partnering with Hilltop to bring you this very special event. You will be able to start the tour at any of the four gardens featured. In October, you can visit www.lsu.edu/hilltop for garden descriptions, tour map, tickets (\$20 for students (with ID) \$10). Tickets will also be sold at each garden the day of the tour.



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William Bartram's Louisiana Trail

-2017 Biennial Conference-



On March 24-26, 2017 the Friends of Hilltop Arboretum will host a conference in partnership with the Bartram Trail Conference in Baton Rouge at the EBRP Public Main Library on Goodwood Blvd. The program will focus on William Bartram's travels in Louisiana in 1775. See the program below and STAY TUNED for more information about the conference, registration and field trips.

The spring edition of "The Traveller" a southeastern regional newsletter of the Bartram Trail Conference is now online with an article about the commemoration of the 240th anniversary of naturalist William Bartram's visit to Louisiana in 1775. Please use this link http://www.bartramtrail.org/resources/Documents/2016_a.pdf to read all about the opening reception, dedication of five historical markers, project partners and the special closing event that featured Founding Gardeners author Andrea Wulf.

SAVE THE DATE

William Bartram's Louisiana Trail 2017 Biennial Conference

Friday, March 24

Opening Reception

Magnolia Mound Plantation

Wine and Cheese Reception

William Bartram Marker Dedication

Period Dancing by

LA Vintage Dancers

Magnolia Mound Plantation Tours

Saturday, March 25

Conference Venue

East Baton Rouge Parish

Main Library

Panel Presentations

West Florida History

Natural History

Art and Literature

Bartram Trail Conference Heritage

Evening Banquet with Keynote Speaker

Sunday, March 26

LSU Hilltop Arboretum

Tree Stroll and Brunch

Pointe Coupee Tour

St. Francis Chapel and

Historic LeJeune Home

2017 Annual Symposium

Stay Tuned for January Date and Details!

Landscape for Life: How to Harness Nature's Power to Create a Healthy, Beautiful Home Landscape

Landscape for Life is an education program that teaches homeowners how to holistically work with nature in a garden of any size and location to create a sustainable design. Conventional gardens often work against nature. They can damage the environment's ability to clean air and water, re-

duce flooding, combat climate change, and provide all the other natural benefits that support life on earth – including us!

The symposium will feature speakers who developed the Landscape for Life program in partnership with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and the United States Botanic Garden using the principles of SITES, one of the most comprehensive rating systems used

for developing sustainable landscapes.

PLANTFEST! 2016

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The Hilltop Gift Shop will be joined by specialty plant and craft vendors to meet all the needs of gardeners and their gardens. We offer a membership incentive that adds up to 20% in savings on plants purchased during the two days of the sale.

One week prior to the sale, check the website (www.lsu.edu/hilltop) for a list of the plants being offered at PLANTFEST!

What Our Friends Are Doing

Burden Horticulture Society

For additional information:
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[225] 927-8459

REFLECTIONS IN THE GARDEN

1ST Mondays at Burden
Conference Center
Noon – 1pm

Corn Maze Saturdays
Oct 8, 15, 22, 5am – 5pm

Night Maze and Bonfire
Oct 29, 10am – 9pm

Capital Area Native Plant Society

For additional information:
canpsbr@gmail.com

Sept 18, 4-6m
Native Plant Propagation

Create Memories at Hilltop

Please consider supporting Hilltop through our *Emory Smith Tribute Program*. This program will allow you to recognize a friend, a loved one, or an organization through a gift to the Arboretum. Gifts support the on-going work of Friends of Hilltop Arboretum, and help us improve and develop our beautiful 14 acre property along historic Highland Rd. Acknowledgment letters are sent to the donor and to the gift recipient or their family. All gift amounts are confidential. The donor and the recipient will be recognized in the Hilltop newsletter. Please contact Hilltop Arboretum for more information at 767-6916 or hilltop@lsu.edu



HILLTOP CALENDAR

~ What's ahead in 2016 and a peak at next year ~

SEPTEMBER

Sun, Sept, 18, 1-4pm
PLANTFEST TEASER
Featuring Allen Owings

Tues, Sept 27, 6:30pm
*Native Plants Attract Native
Pollinators: Gardening for
Butterflies*
Featuring Ken Bosso, CANPS

OCTOBER

Sat, Oct 1 – Sun, Oct 2
PLANTFEST!

Tues, Oct 25, 6:30pm
*Explore Nature: LA Hiking Club,
Bayou Haystackers Paddling Club and
Paddle BR*

Sun, Oct 30, 2-4pm
*The Natural World of Winnie-the-
Pooh* presentation and book signing,
featuring Kathryn Aalto

NOVEMBER

Sun, Nov 6, 1-5pm
Fall Garden Tour
DISCOVER OUR GREEN:
Baton Rouge Public Garden Tour

Wed, Nov 9 - Thurs, Nov 10
Fall Garden Trip
Mobile to Fairhope: Garden
Destinations Along the Shores of Mo-
bile Bay

Mon, Nov 21 - Tues, Nov 22,
9am - 1pm
JMG Fall Gardening Camp

Tues, Nov 29, 6:30pm
The Cajun Prairie
Featuring Malcolm Vidrine, Ph.D.

DECEMBER

Tues, Dec 6, 12 noon
Annual Meeting

JANUARY 2017

Landscape for Life
Annual Symposium
TBA

Tues, Jan 24, 6:30pm
Get connected:
Naturalist and "Nature" Apps
With Matthew Herron, BREC

MARCH 2017

Fri, Mar 24 – Sun, March 26
William Bartram's Louisiana Trails
Conference in Baton Rouge



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