



Lake Ramsey Petal Pushers Garden Club

Meeting on November 9, 2012

This month the Petal Pushers headed off for a tour of the LSU Ag Center near Robert. The Ag Center tests ornamental plants to determine which plants are superior performers in Louisiana growing conditions. We saw many super plants as we were guided throughout the grounds by staff member Gina Hebert. Gina showed the group a cinnamon bark Natchez crape myrtle, gave us tips on rose growing as we stopped and smelled every rose, and filled us in on the names and habits of all the plants in the many garden beds. Gina was presented with a Lake Ramsey cookbook in appreciation for guiding the tour and for her patience in answering the many questions asked about the plants and Ag Center.

Friday, November 23, 6:30pm: *Christmas Lighting Ceremony* at the front entrance. Crape myrtle beds must be ready for lighting! Call Paulette, 809-0897, to reserve a bed. Garden club to decorate gate, info sign and arbor.

Monday, December 3, 6:30pm: *Christmas Meeting* at Kathy Lyon's home. It was decided the food should be appetizers, finger foods, etc. Names pulled to decide who will bring food for the meeting were Ruth Bienvenue, Jan Clark, Suzy Cochran, Kathy Crochet, Jane Griffiths, Judy Heck, Ceanne Hirstius, Susan Huff, Kathy Hymel, Sandy Miller, and Darlene Parlipiano. The rest of the club will bring the food for the May installation meeting. Remember to bring a \$25 garden related gift for the Christmas gift exchange.

Sunday, December 16, 4:30: *Christmas Tree Tour*. Call Paulette to be on the tour. Go ahead and volunteer, everyone wants to see how you do your tree, they are all different and that is part of the fun! Susie Boutte has graciously offered to do the pre-tour dinner for participants.

Darlene Parlipiano will be putting together a Christmas flyer for the neighborhood regarding Santa On the Lake, the Christmas lighting ceremony and the Christmas Tree Tour.

Update: April 8, Passionate Platter, herb demonstration, will be a luncheon, \$15.00.

New HOA Board member Joan Bayard will be the liason from the board to the garden club.

The beds at the front entrance were cleaned up, new soil added, pansies planted, fertilized and mulched by Claire Hayden, Paulette Hecker and me and Camille Steen helped with the mulching. The pansies will last through the winter and into spring.

Watering the pots in November are Sundays, Jan Clark; Mondays, Paulette; Tuesdays, Claire; Wednesdays, me; Thursdays, Darlene; Fridays, Susie Boutte, and Saturdays, Leslie Barrios. Thank you all so much.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,
Sandy Miller, Secretary

