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## Working Together to Leave a Legacy

The Florence and Charles Crowder Camellia Collection was dedicated at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens on Feb. 12. Family, friends, representatives from several botanic gardens organizations and over 30 members of the International Camellia Society Conservation Working Group joined for the dedication.

This collection is the result of the lifetime work of Florence Crowder and her loyal helper and husband, Charles. Florence's love of camellias was instilled in her and her sisters by their parents, for whom the sisters helped plant over 100 camellia varieties at their family home in the late 1940s. Florence realized that many of the 450 camellias that were registered in the United States in the 1800s were becoming lost, and it became part of her life's work to travel the globe and locate as many as possible. Most of the plants she collected as scions from Europe and the United States. Over the years Florence has continued to add to this collection and she came to realize that these endangered camellia varieties needed a place that they could remain intact, maintained and shared.

Florence is a longtime member of the Baton Rouge Camellia Society whose home base is the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens with an extensive camellia collection, so she chose Barton Arboretum at Burden to house her special collection. Through a cooperative grant writing endeavor, Florence worked with Doreen Maxcy, Burden Horticulture Society board member and grant writer to send a proposal to the Lamar Family Foundation. Their proposal was funded providing resources to prepare the beds and walkways and purchase plant labels. Leo Broders, a member of the BHS board and Camellia Society, and his wife Kay provided the funds for the irrigation system. Jane Paccamonti, Curator of Windrush Gardens, designed the new beds for the collection so that the camellias could be planted according to the country of origin. Glen Wilson, LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens arborist, cleared the under growth in the arboretum, trimmed trees, laid the irrigation and helped build the planting beds. The last step was to plant the collection, which was done by fellow members of the Baton Rouge Camellia Society.

This type of collaboration is why the Botanic Gardens continues to thrive and provide our community with increasing opportunities to learn about the importance of plants.

The new camellia collection is dedicated to the memory of Florence's parents, Ethel 'Nook' and J. L. Scivicque, of Denham Springs, Louisiana. Their Dad would often say, "Don't forget the old ones, from them we get the new ones." The Crowder collection joins the Stone camellia collection, which was planted at Burden in 2002. These two camellia collections are germplasm repository for future breeding efforts of camellias as well as a point of reference for those studying the various attributes of each variety.



Guests of honor cut the ribbon to dedicate the Florence and Charles Crowder Camellia Collection at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden on Feb. 12. Pictured, from left, are Charlie Lamar, of the Lamar Family Foundation; Rogers Leonard, LSU AgCenter associate vice president; Annette Barton, daughter of Scott Barton for whom the Barton Arboretum is named; Charles Crowder; Sophie Ramariz, the Crowders' great niece; Florence Crowder; and Bob Hawthorne, president of the Burden Foundation.

## Reflections from the Chair

By John Hough

It seems that spring is here before we even had a winter, and we are gearing up for another successful year supporting the education, fund raising and volunteer activities at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden.

During the past few months, the Botanic Gardens had the annual **Poinsettia Show and Sale** that again attracted a lot of interest in the very unique poinsettia varieties grown at Botanic Gardens. Our annual **Arbor Day at Burden** celebration in January was very rewarding. Children and adults planted 12 different varieties of native trees in the Burden Woods, adjacent to the recently enlarged Mosaic Boardwalk at Black Swamp. Altogether, over 230 trees were planted this year.

If it has been a while since you visited this area of the Botanic Gardens, consider a drive back to the Barton Arboretum and park in the new parking spaces alongside the arboretum loop road. While there, take time to notice the **James Wandersee Palmetto Walk** added last year and the brand new **Florence and Charles Crowder Camellia Collection** dedicated in February. The Arbor Day plantings and the Mosaic Boardwalk at Black Swamp are accessed behind the pond located at the rear of the arboretum.

Arbor Day at Burden culminates a year long process where the Trail Masters pot seedlings and grow them into the trees we plant at the Arbor Day celebration each year. Thanks to our volunteers Randall Kolb, Ken Bosso, Bill Meares, Kerry Hawkins, Cecile Poole, Leo Broders and Mary Tausin for all their efforts into making our Arbor Day another success.

Another January event was the ever-popular **Byzantine Icon workshop**. The subject of this session was Holy Silence with the upcoming workshop (June) scheduled subject to be Mother of Tenderness. Thanks to our volunteers Ginnie Bolin, Connie Abboud, Ann Davenport, Brenda Davis, Michele Deshotels, Joyce Hensley, Kristen Thompson and Diana Wells for their dedicated support of this growing biannual event.

In February we kicked off our spring **Trees and Trails/Project Learning Tree** docent-lead program. As many of you know, this is our premier educational program for school-age children taught in two grade ranges — kindergarden through third grade and fourth through seventh grades. The fourth through seventh grade curriculum is designed to match the “grade level equivalent learning objectives” of the schools’ science curriculum. Docent training was held to orient new docents and each docent received their very own docent kit to carry their educational materials. Last fall over 800 students from 14 schools attended this hands-on science-based program at the Botanic Gardens. We welcome new docents throughout the semester, if you or folks you know are interested in joining this fun group, please contact our program coordinator Ellen LeBlanc at (225) 571-9886 or [Eleblanc@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:Eleblanc@agcenter.lsu.edu).

Early this summer, we hope you will join us to enjoy **Gourmet in the Garden** at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens in mid-April and **Garden Fest** in mid-June. Please visit the Botanic Gardens’ new website: [lsu.edu/botanic-gardens](http://lsu.edu/botanic-gardens) for event details.



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# Benefits to Members

By Dr. Doreen Maxcy

A visit to the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden is like finding a “hidden garden” in the middle of Baton Rouge. The more you visit, the greater its gardens, trees, trails and the people the Botanic Gardens attracts, grow on you. Whether it’s the serenity you feel as you walk the trails, plant green things, pull weeds or simply enjoy the down-home fun families and friends experience at the numerous events planned throughout the year, the Botanic Gardens brings out the best in us all.

In May 2016, a group formed the Burden Horticulture Society (BHS) Membership Committee (Aline Creed, Kerry Hawkins, John Hough, Jeff Kuehny, Mitzi Miller, Penny Miller, Doreen Maxcy and Mary Tauzin) to find ways to enhance members’ experiences at LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens. The committee met to discuss and analyze the membership benefits provided by 50 university-affiliated and private botanic gardens across the U.S. As a result, we are excited to offer you the following levels of membership in 2017.

Visit [www.burdenhorticulturesociety.com](http://www.burdenhorticulturesociety.com) for a more thorough explanation of these perks or to sign up to become a member.













































































While every membership is considered a tax donation, it also includes free admission to our lecture series called *Reflections in the Garden* and discounts at over 300 botanic gardens in the U.S. Different membership levels provide perks, such as early registration opportunity in our expanding children’s programs and summer camp; recognition on our website; and a newsletter to people who wish to financially support and grow the Botanic Gardens in special ways. If you already are a member, when your membership renewal request arrives, please consider selecting the membership level with the benefits you enjoy.

Please also consider inviting a friend to join you as a member of the Burden Horticulture Society. Our goal for 2017 is to grow our membership to 750. Working together, let’s bring more folks and fun to the Botanic Gardens!

## Membership

Support Baton Rouge’s oasis of peaceful gardens, hiking trails and horticulture-based programs that amaze and educate visitors of all ages. As a member, you will receive exclusive members-only discounts and much more.

Review the chart below to determine which membership level is right for you and join or renew today!

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\* Full-Time students qualify for this category.

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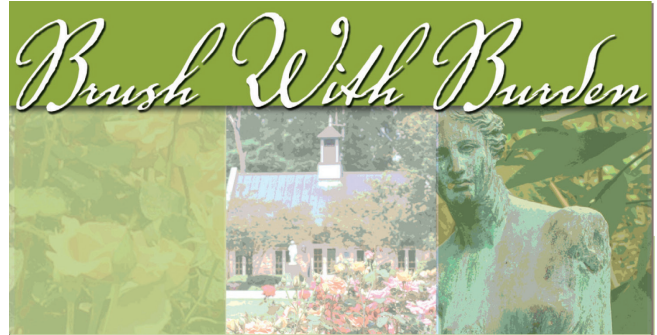


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## Roundabout Rose

By Tyler Carr, Landscape Manager at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden

After winter's frost has come and gone, many gardeners are anxious for spring and its wonderful abundance of color. Although many great annuals are now available that thrive in the spring and summer heat, there is a very underused and underappreciated rose that will add some eye-catching color and will surely wow the neighbors. I'm referring to the Coral Drift Rose.

The Coral Drift rose, from the Drift Rose series, is an amazing groundcover that really gives you some bang for your buck. This carefree cultivar boasts beautiful coral-pink blooms from early spring till the middle of autumn. The flowers are fully double, about 2 inches in diameter and possess a lovely fragrance that will enchant your entire garden. This particular variety has done amazingly well at LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens, creating an almost never-ending show of blossoms in our roundabout annual bed.

This rose makes an excellent foundation plant that gives a pleasing, deep green color during the cooler months when it's not in bloom. Although the size never becomes too much to manage, it does benefit from a nice "haircut" after the last chance of frost in early spring. And while this series is considered "carefree," it can succumb to rose diseases like others. I'd recommend a common rose disease spray or drench, which is available at most garden centers.



Coral Drift Rose



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<b>April 2017</b>		
April 1, 9 - 10:30 a.m., every 30 mins."	Storytime at Burden	Storybook reading & imagination-themed activities in the garden; ages 3 - 8.
April 3, Noon - 1 p.m.	Burden Horticulture Society	Reflections in the Garden, Azaleas for Every Season, Peggy Cox
April 4, 6 p.m.	EBR Master Gardener Association	Monthly meeting
April 11, 9 - 10:30 a.m., every 30 mins.	Storytime at Burden	Storybook reading & imagination-themed activities in the garden; ages 3 - 8.
April 19, 7:00 p.m.	Orchid Society of Baton Rouge	Monthly meeting
April 20, 6-9 p.m.	Gourmet in the Garden	Elegant outdoor fine dining sampling dishes created by local chefs with wine, music and dancing under the stars; \$60 until Mar. 31, \$65 thereafter.
April 27, 6:30 p.m.	Herb Society of Baton Rouge	The Wonderful Lemon Herbs', Sarah Liberta and Julie Walsh
<b>May 2017</b>		
May 1, Noon - 1 p.m.	Burden Horticulture Society	Reflections in the Garden, Pollinator Gardening & Bees, Dr. Crissy Morgan
May 2, 6 p.m.	EBR Master Gardeners Association	Monthly meeting
May 6, 9 - 10:30 a.m., every 30 mins.	Storytime at Burden	Storybook reading & imagination-themed activities in the garden; ages 3 - 8.
May 12, TBA	National Public Garden Day	Windrush Garden
May 12, 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon	Pavilion
May 17, 7:00 p.m.	Orchid Society of Baton Rouge	Monthly meeting
May 20, 9 - 11 a.m.	Children's Gardening Series	Fruit and Vegetable lab, learn about fruits and vegetables;; ages 6-12; \$15 fee, register via email - angwall@cox.net.
May 21, 4 - 6 p.m.	Capital Area Native Plant Society	Habitat restoration in the Burden Woods - removal of invasive species and planting native vegetation.
May 25, 6:30 p.m.	Herb Society Baton Rouge	Annual meeting, election of officers, induction of new members; Herb of the Year (Cilantro/Coriander).
<b>June 2017</b>		
June 5, Noon - 1 p.m.	Burden Horticulture Society	Reflections in the Garden, Weed Control for Lawns & Landscapes, Dr. Ron Strahan.
June 6, 6 p.m.	EBR Master Gardeners Association	Monthly meeting
June 17, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Garden Fest	Local grown and produced foods and beverages, new Louisiana food products, taste testing in Trial Gardens, children's activities.
June 21, 7:00 p.m.	Orchid Society of Baton Rouge	Monthly meeting
June 22, 6:30 p.m.	Herb Society of Baton Rouge	Using Herbal Oils and Vinegars; Season to Taste, Musso Family.
June 24, 9 - 11 a.m.	Children's Gardening Series	Native Trees nature hike to learn Louisiana native trees, ages 6-12; \$15 fee, register via email - angwall@cox.net."
June 26-30, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Byzantine Icon Workshop	Create a Mother of Tenderness icon; lunch include 3 day; \$350; limit of 20.
<b>July 2017</b>		
July 8, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.;	Orchid Society Show	Annual show and sale; orchid exhibition, growing advise, and vendors; free
July 9, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Orchid Society Show	Annual show and sale; orchid exhibition, growing advise, and vendors; free
July 10, Noon - 1 p.m.	Burden Horticulture Society	Reflections in the Garden, Cooking Up LA Treasures: Delicious Ways to Prepare Local Summer Produce, Chef Celeste Gill.
July 10 - 14, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Children's Gardening Series	Day Camp
July 19, 7:00 p.m.	Orchid Society of Baton Rouge	Monthly meeting
July 27, 6:30 p.m.	Herb Society of Baton Rouge	Craft workshop