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**HILLTOP ARBORETUM**

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2018 Summer Newsletter



News and Upcoming Events



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hilltop is on the move! After a successful fundraising effort we are proceeding with the next phase of our master plan. We received donations from 100% of the Hilltop board and faculty of the LSU Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture. Their confidence is inspiring! Special thanks to all of our donors who have supported this project.

Construction is in progress. This includes relocating the mound to form an amphitheater, re-grading to improve drainage, creation of swales, meadows, paths and site preparation to plant over 180 native trees and shrubs. Tree planting days are scheduled. Be sure to sign up and bring your shovel! When this phase of the master plan is complete we will for the first time be able to utilize the entire arboretum. If you see Pete Newton be sure to thank him. He has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep this project on track.

Also, our new footbridge across the ravine is complete after successful collaboration between LSU and the Friends. It looks beautiful and is stronger than ever! As the earth moving is completed the existing gravel paths will be restored and connected to new paths as part of the master plan.

The board has also been working to improve our administrative structure. The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws have been updated and modernized. Jeanne Davis deserves special thanks for her detailed work on these two important projects. Also, Peggy and Amy have been compiling an operations manual that defines every who, what, when, where and how we do things at Hilltop. No small task! They also deserve special thanks for the development of our new website! It is top notch and puts us on par with any arboretum in the world.

The new website dynamically changes its format depending on the screen size of your device so it will look better on your smart phone. Check it out [www.lsu.edu/hilltop](http://www.lsu.edu/hilltop)!

As we head into fall, it is a busy time for our Hodge Podge volunteers. They are doing a great job not only growing plants for PlantFest, but also in growing the reputation of Hilltop as a source for native plants and more.

As I think of all the accomplishments we have had at Hilltop, I am grateful for so many dedicated and talented volunteers sharing their time and creativity. Thanks to Emory Smith's vision, the inspiration that is Hilltop is a tonic in our modern world and will only become more so in the future. Thank you to all our volunteers, members and donors for making this special place possible. Looking forward to more great things at Hilltop!

All My Best,

*Chris Werner*



## PlantFest! Teaser 2018

### Featuring: Neil Odenwald

Sunday, Sept 30, 1-4pm

\$10 Members/\$15 Non-Members



The annual pre-sale PlantFest! TEASER will feature Neil Odenwald who will talk about his favorite 25 plants for your home garden. The event will be held at the Arboretum's Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium, registration 12:30pm, program 1-4pm.

Neil is Professor Emeritus and former Director, School of Landscape Architecture, LSU. He is the author of five books including *Attracting Birds to Southern Gardens*, *Live Oak Splendor*, *Plants for American Landscapes*, *The Bountiful Flower Garden*, and the award-winning reference *Southern Plants*. He is a fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects.



To put the “tease” in this annual PlantFest! “pre-quel”, 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.
- They must be present to win their opportunity to purchase.

If this is not enough to set your horticultural barometer rising, the post-program “walk about” through the Hodge Podge Nursery and its field of plant dreams ought to do it. Scheduled 7 days prior to the “main event”, the 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, to determine which plants will be naughty or nice for your landscape AND guess-timate just how many wagons and co-conspirators you will need to achieve your gardening mission!

## Job Well Done!

Mai Nguyen, Hilltop's Graduate Assistant from the LSU Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture, designed our new logo and newsletter. Steve Mumford used Mai's new design to create our 2018 Summer Newsletter.

### HOW TO REACH US



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## PLANTFEST 2018

Celebrating Our 35th Annual Sale!

Saturday, Oct 6, 9am-4pm & Sunday, Oct 7, 12-4pm

The 35th anniversary of 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 offer the largest selection of natives and adapted plants in one place, at one time in the Gulf South. Our Hodge Podge Plant Selection Committee has assembled a collection of plants that we know will thrive in your garden. Plant signs provide all the information needed to know to make the best selection of plants for 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 ... 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.

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.

Check our website one week before the sale for a list of plants, specialty vendors, and parking map for shoppers!

## We Need Help for PlantFest! Volunteer Online



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## 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!

## Butterfly Gardening Camp

### Thanksgiving Break

Nov 19-20, 9am-1pm, 7-10 Year Olds

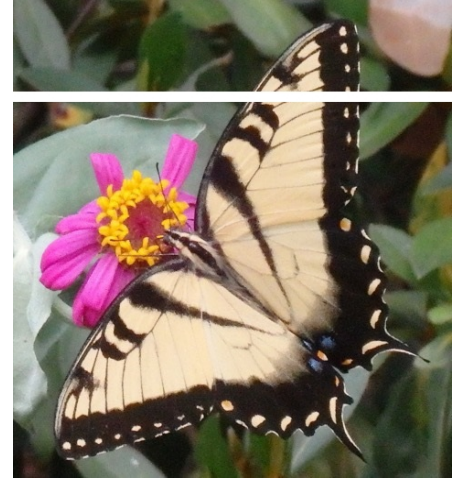
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Butterflies are very important little creatures. They carry pollen from plant to plant, which enables them to make their seeds. Without seeds, plants could not reproduce, and many would become extinct. But butterflies are in danger, too. They need places to live. We will show children how they can help butterflies by making a home for them in a backyard or patio garden in Baton Rouge.

As a part of our program, the children will get their hands in the dirt in Hilltop's Registered Monarch Butterfly Garden Waystation. The garden provides milkweed, nectar source plants, and shelter needed to sustain Monarch butterflies as they migrate from Mexico through North America. Local butterfly enthusiasts will inspire the children and share their knowledge about Monarch butterflies and other Louisiana butterflies as they work together to plant new host and nectar plants in the waystation during the camp. Each child will receive a "Butterfly To Go" kit with all the supplies they need to start their very own butterfly garden at home in the backyard or on a patio in containers. The kit includes a shallow water dish with rocks, sunning rock, butterfly garden signs, 3 host plants, and 3 nectar plants.



Register your happy camper on our website. Nutritional snacks will be provided. Parents will provide a brown bag lunch and drink.

## New Cookbook for Sale

Our second edition of *Passalong Recipes From the Podge II "Digging Deeper"* has a collection of delicious new recipes for your cooking enjoyment. The book is dedicated to the hard-working, fun-loving volunteers who support LSU Hilltop Arboretum and its mission of bringing people and plants together, and to the memory of those we miss: Paula Dillemoth, Marion Drummond, Suzie Ehrlicher, and Carole Guillory. A special thank you to the cookbook crew: Melanie Hirschfeld, Pam Sulzer, Margaret Humble, Denise Van Schoyck, and Janet Forbes, and to the many contributors who generously shared their favorite recipes. The book is available for purchase in the Hilltop Gift Shop for \$20 plus tax!



## 2019 Symposium: Create Vertical Gardens with Purpose

Saturday, January 26, 2019, 8:15am – 1:00pm

Featuring: Shawna Coronado, Jeanne and Stephen Luna  
EBRP Main Branch Library Conference Room (New Location)

Shawna Coronado, along with Jeanne and Stephen Luna, will reveal the potential of dramatic vertical green walls and hanging gardens to create a sense of natural wonder in urban spaces and to connect us to plant life at Hilltop's 2019 Symposium. The concept of these planting systems began in Europe, but is now becoming popular all over the world as people become more aware of their aesthetic and environmental benefits. Shawna will show how to grow vertically using full-color photos featuring her extensive garden and creative sustainable ideas for organic soil maintenance, water collection, and artful reuse of around-the-house items as vertical wall systems. Shawna is a successful author, blogger, photographer, and media host specializing in green lifestyle living. Using examples from their work at Luna Botanicals in New Orleans, Jeanne and Stephen will show us how gardeners and designers can use the principles of biophilic design to create spaces that foster a sense of well-being for the people that occupy them, and encourage biodiversity through flora and fauna. Designing to encourage genuine re-connection and meaningful experiences between people and nature is critical for the vitality of both us and the planet.



## Rentals at Hilltop: Wi-Fi with Wildlife

Do you want to:

- Get away from the office for a planning meeting?
- Be surrounded by beautiful nature instead of hotel corridors?
- Have an outdoor wedding?



Then, the LSU Hilltop Arboretum may be the venue for you. It is a tranquil landscape and ideal location for those who enjoy the beauty and serenity of nature. The Imo Brown Complex includes the following spaces:

- Cherry Owens Library – 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.

Our award-winning facility was designed by Lake|Flato Architects of San Antonio, Texas. Beautiful views of nature include a pond with a wooden boardwalk surrounded by Louisiana aquatic plantings, and a courtyard with pine-land savannah shrubs, wildflowers and trees.

Contact our Event Coordinator, Amy Hughes, if Hilltop is a venue to consider for your special event. She can answer any questions you may have about Hilltop's facility, and can assist you with planning your event and completing rental forms. Facility Rental Information can be found on our website.



## Calling Volunteers!

We Need Help To Plant Trees

Sat, Dec 1, 9am-12noon

Shift 1: 9:00-10:30am

Shift 2: 10:30am-12noon

Roll up your sleeves, sharpen your shovel, and join us to plant trees along the northern perimeter of the arboretum on Saturday, December 1, 2019 from 9am-12noon. Be a part of fulfilling Emory Smith's dream that Hilltop will become a "complete arboretum of native Southern trees and plants." We will be putting southern magnolia, sweet bay magnolia, spruce pine, wax myrtle, and star anise. Pete Newton with Newton Landscape Group will pre-dig the holes and help us coordinate the tree planting activities. The Hodge Podge Volunteers will have coffee and energy boosting snacks ready for your enjoyment in the Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium.



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To help us coordinate the tree planting activities, we ask that volunteers register for one of two shifts on our website.

## Children's Bookshelf

In memory of Paula Dillemoth

With more than 40 fun, interesting, and informative nature books, our new Children's Bookshelf is ready for use! There are fiction and non-fiction titles about trees, nature, plants, animals, bugs, gardening, ponds, woods, and all things Hilltop.

The books are located in the Hilltop Gift Shop and are available for the public to use and enjoy while visiting the grounds. So pack a picnic lunch, stop by the Gift Shop, pick up a couple of books, and enjoy an afternoon under the trees or by the pond. You will be glad you did.

We want to thank all those who have contributed to this special collection. If you would like to contribute to our Children's Bookshelf, a suggested book list can be found on our website.



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**Mindfulness, Creativity & Growth through Artful Gardening**

Botanical Art Presentation and Workshop

Sunday, November 11, 2018, 2:00-3:45pm

Featuring: Jeanne and Stephen Luna

Members \$40/Non-Members \$50

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Botanicals and creativity go hand in hand! Bringing life into the outdoor and indoor spaces in which we live breathes joy into our lives. Botanical art can be created from anything that comes from nature, which is the ultimate palette to work with. Designing with a living medium establishes a connection between plants and people during the creative process and into the future, as nurturing is needed.

Jeanne and Stephen will discuss their ideas for growing “gardens in the sky” in New Orleans and beyond, and the opportunities for botanical art expression in everyday life. You will learn about living walls, biomimicry, kokedama (“moss-ball” in Japanese), mounting tropical plants, and floating tillandsias that all make for living art that is as compelling as it is thriving. Focusing on the wellness and healing aspects of connecting with nature, while utilizing the inspiration that nature brings forth, we can create spaces that give us a sense of genuine vitality.

Jeanne and Stephen will demonstrate techniques they use at Luna Botanicals to create one of a kind pieces of botanical art. After their demonstration, you will choose from a collection of plants including blooming orchids, wild bromeliads, or structural staghorn ferns to create your own original art piece on reclaimed wood from the Mississippi River bature. You will leave the workshop inspired and with the horticultural knowledge needed to nurture your living art for years to come.

Jeanne and Stephen Luna, both natives of Louisiana, are biophilic artists and owners of Luna Botanicals on Esplanade Avenue in New Orleans. What is a biophilic artist? A biophilic artist incorporates natural materials, natural light, vegetation, nature views, and other ex-

pressions of the natural world into the built environment. Luna Botanicals grew out of their shared respect for the healing and meditative power of nature, and a passion for incorporating that serenity into everyday life. Immersion in nature is not only a focal point of Luna designs, but it is key to the continued inspiration and growth of the Luna lifestyle.

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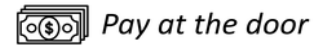
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## Discover Nature Programs



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

### Native Plants for the Baton Rouge Urban Landscape

Tues, Sept 25, 6:30pm  
Featuring: Helen Peebles

If you are interested in helping to provide much needed habitat for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife, you will be interested in learning about native plants for your yard. Not only are native plants essential for birds and butterflies, they are also beautiful, and they are very low maintenance. Creating wildlife habitat in our own yards is the way of the future!

We can't think of a better program to help you prepare your shopping list for native plants that will be available for sale at our 35th annual PlantFest! on October 6th from 9am – 4pm and Sunday, October 7th from 12noon – 4pm.

Helen Peebles is president of the Capital Area Native Plant Society and has a Bachelor's Degree in Plant Biology and a Master's in Landscape Architecture.

### GreenBridges

Tues, Oct 23, 6:30pm  
Featuring: Mary Williams

GreenBridges is a sustainable garden initiative of the Herb Society of America. The program provides guidance to those who would like to create opportunities in their garden for the safe passage of plants and pollinators, and avoid habitat fragmentation. Each GreenBridges garden is a link in the chain across this nation, providing safe movement for the plants and pollinators that help maintain healthy ecosystems.

Why is this program so important? Native herbs are under stress from development, climate change, habitat fragmentation, non-native invasive species, and the over-collection of plants from the wild. Native herbs have something to offer to both humans and wildlife including their value such as flavoring, medicine, ornament, economic, industrial, and cosmetic. This program will include a discussion of some of our region's notable native herbs you can plant in your garden and how to design and register your garden to become a certified GreenBridges garden. With the help of Mary Williams, we are proud to announce that the LSU Hilltop Arboretum is a certified GreenBridges garden.

Mary Williams is the Vice Chair of the Baton Rouge Unit of the Herb Society of America, avid gardener, and proud owner of a GreenBridges certified garden.

### The Canid Project

Tues, Jan 22, 2019, 6:30pm  
Featuring: Amy Shutt

The Canid Project strives to educate on the world's wild canids through visual storytelling, creative non-fiction, tourism, and community outreach. The Canid Project also provides the only species-specific fox rehabilitation program in Louisiana. Through this state-permitted program we rescue, rehabilitate, and release orphaned and injured Red and Gray Foxes. The ultimate goal is to educate on the coexistence with our native wild canids. Through these community efforts, we hope to add to what The Canid Project provides through our photographic and educational endeavors.

Amy Shutt is the Director of The Canid Project, a 501c3 non-profit, founded by Amy in 2017, which focuses on photography as a creative tool, as well as photo-ecotourism, to educate on the world's wild canids.





# HILLTOP THANKS ONE AND ALL

## August 12, 2017 – July 31, 2018

### New and Renewing Members

#### **Live Oak \$1,000**

Leo E. Broders, Jr., Cathy Coates, Jerry Fischer and John Turner

#### **Cypress \$500-\$999**

Sue Bartlett, Deb and Ken McMillin, Cynthia Moran

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### Garden Tour

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What's yet to come in 2018 and a peek at next year!

HILLTOP CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER

Tues, Sept 25, 6:30pm  
Native Plants for the Baton  
Rouge Urban Landscape  
Featuring: Helen Peebles

Sun, Sept 30, 1-4pm  
PlantFest! Teaser  
Featuring: Neil Odenwald

#### NOVEMBER

Sun, Nov 11, 2-3:45pm  
Botanical Art Presentation  
and Workshop  
Featuring: Jeanne &  
Stephen Luna

Mon, Nov 19 - Tues, Nov 20  
Butterfly Gardening Camp  
9am-1pm

#### JANUARY

Tues, Jan 22, 6:30pm  
The Canid Project  
Featuring: Amy Shutt

Sat, Jan 26, 8:15am-1pm  
2019 Symposium:  
Create Vertical Gardens  
with Purpose

#### OCTOBER

Sat, Oct 6 - Sun, Oct 7  
PlantFest!

Tues, Oct 23, 6:30pm  
GreenBridges  
Featuring: Mary Williams

#### DECEMBER

Sat, Dec 1, 9am-12noon  
Tree Planting

Tues, Dec 4, 12noon  
Annual Meeting and  
Ribbon Cutting

Sat, Dec 8, 9am-2pm  
Year End Plant Sale

