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Margie Jenkins Honored at Cullowhee Native Plant Conference

On July 21, 2007, Margie Jenkins, LNPS member and owner of Jenkins Farm & Nursery in Amite, received the Tom Dodd, Jr. Award of Excellence at the 2007 Cullowhee Native Plant Conference. Presented annually since 1987, the Tom Dodd, Jr. award was originally called the “North American Native Plantsman Award.” The first recipient was Tom Dodd, Jr. In 1988, the award committee changed the designation to the “Tom Dodd, Jr. Award of Excellence.”

The award is given to those individuals or organizations that have excelled in one or more of the following categories:

- conservation of native flora in situ.
- studying and promoting the understanding of our native flora.
- building expertise in the propagation/cultivation of native plants, and
- the use of native plants in a diversity of natural and designed landscapes.

Miss Margie joins an outstanding list of recipients and we offer our congratulations on her well deserved honor!

Editor's Note:

If you've never made the “pilgrimage” to Cullowhee, I highly recommend it!

Presidential Musings....

Well, Fall is upon us. Summer's heat will not doubt still hang around, but the shorter day length and more comfortable afternoons are definitely here. It won't be long till the fall color expands, first frost comes and the page turns.

Yet now we are still checking out butterflies. LNPS members were out in force at the recent butterfly day at Mizell's Farms, Folsom on a recent Saturday. Lots of people with kids in the lead; flowers, fauna and fun. Saturday the 15th saw the Haynesville Fest and on September 28-29 Susan and Dr. Charles Allen will host their Butterfly Blast at Allen Acres, Cravens, Louisiana. Sure to be more of the same. Check out www.lnps.org for the details on this and more.

The officers and board are at work planning for our next annual meeting at Camp Hardtner. Look for details coming up on the 'net and the next newsletter.

Also, our VP Chris Reid wants us to see a couple of Caddo Parish areas. The Myrtis Mill Creek Natural Area, which is a forested seep, and the Monterrey School Road Sandhill, which is privately owned property both near Keithville are two sites Chris has been working on and says we all should see. We had originally thought of an October tour, but Chris and I agree that Spring would be a better show of flowers. We are tentatively holding the week-end of April 19, 2008 for that and details will follow.

LNPS is again offering its grant award program this year. The information is enclosed in this newsletter and will soon be up on our website. Please feel free to distribute the applications and spread the word to whomever you think could use some help in helping us further our goals.

I look forward to our next meet-up, where ever it might be. It is so much fun and rewarding to be a part of all the places with the people of our society enjoying LNPS activities pursuing our passions for native plants from woodlands and prairies to festivals and to our own gardens. C'est la vie!

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LNPS Releases 2008 Grant Applications

The Louisiana Native Plant Society was founded in 1983. LNPS is a state-wide, non-profit organization, funded primarily with annual dues and a native plant auction. Its purposes are:

- To preserve and study native plants and their habitats.
- To educate people on the value of native plants and the need to preserve and protect rare and endangered species.
- To promote the propagation and use of native plants in the landscape.
- To educate people on the relationship between our native flora and wildlife.

2008 grant applications are now available to organizations and full-time graduate students. Applications must be completed and received no later than January 1, 2008 to be considered for funding. LNPS anticipates awarding two grants of \$500 each. One grant will be awarded to an organization and one grant will be awarded to a graduate student. Recipients will be selected and announced at our February, 2008 annual LNPS meeting.

You may request additional copies of the grant applications by emailing rwebb@i-55.com or visiting the LNPS web site at www.lnps.org.



Pictured above is work conducted by the Covington Gardens Partnership, recipient of a 2007 LNPS grant for oxlot beautification. Include in the planting are: Bald Cypress, Silverbell, Swamp Redbay, Native Azalea, Leucothoe, Starbush, Sweetshrub, French Mulberry, and Virginia Willow. In addition to the Covington Gardens Partnership, Northwestern State University received a grant from LNPS for a bog restoration project under the direction of Linda Chance. Members will be updated on the results of both projects at our annual meeting on February 9, 2008.

LNPS 2008 Grant Application for Organizations

Organization Name: _____

Director or President: _____

Name

Title

Project Director: _____

Name

Title

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone/Fax/Email: _____

Organization's Mission Statement (50 words or less):

Organization's Area of Interest (check one):

_____ Community Development _____ Education _____ Environment

Project Name: _____

Type of Support Requested (check one):

_____ Capital Improvement _____ Special Event _____ Operating Expense

_____ Program _____ Scholarship _____ Other _____

Organization's total
annual operating budget: \$ _____

TOTAL cost of proposed project \$ _____

Amount requested from LNPS: \$ _____

Geographic area to be served: _____

Instructions: Submit this one-page cover sheet and a two-page typed concept paper by **January 1, 2008** to:
LNPS Grant Committee, 63279 Lowery Road, Amite, LA 70422

Concept Paper Narrative Guidelines for Organizations

This proposal should be no longer than two typed pages, one-sided and single-spaced. Please use one-inch margins, 12 point type, and 8 1/2" x 11" white paper. Answer each question listed below as completely as possible.

Need

- Why would this project be necessary or important to the community?

Project Description

- Describe the project.
- Describe the population you will serve.
- What do you expect to accomplish with this project?
- Who are your collaborators, if any, and what roles will they play in this effort?
- When will the project begin and how long will it last (months, years, etc.)?
- How will this project promote the goals of the Louisiana Native Plant Society?

Evaluation and Outcomes

- How will you evaluate the effectiveness of this project?
- What measures will be used to determine if the project was effective?
- What results or outcomes do you anticipate?

Cost

- What is the TOTAL cost of this program?
- What amount would you request from the Louisiana Native Plant Society?
- What other funding sources have committed to this effort?
- To what other funding sources will you (and/or have you) submitted a request?

Requirements

- If this request is approved by LNPS, the organization is required to provide a summary report upon completion of the project to be eligible for the consideration of future grant requests.
- Provide LNPS with a copy of receipts associated with expenditures under this grant.

LNPS 2008 Grant Application for Graduate Students

Project Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of college or university enrolled in: _____

Name of department enrolled in: _____

Name of Student's major advisor: _____

Advisor's department: _____

Advisor's college or university: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Support Requested:

_____ Supplies _____ Equipment _____ Travel

_____ Lodging _____ Other _____

TOTAL cost of proposed project: \$ _____

Amount requested from LNPS: \$ _____

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Project Description

- What is the research you will do?
- What is the purpose of the research?
- Where will the research be done?
- How long will the research last?
- Who will you work with?
- Include the hypotheses you will test and how you will test them if appropriate.

Project Benefits

- How will your research improve knowledge of the native plants of Louisiana?
- Explain any implications your research would have for conservation of native plants.
- Explain any other benefits.

Cost

- What is the total cost of this project?
- What amount are you requesting from the Louisiana Native Plant Society?
- What other funding sources have committed to this effort?
- To what other funding sources will you (and/or have you) submitted a request?
- Explain in detail how the funds you are requesting from LNPS will be spent. (For example, if you checked "Equipment" on the cover page, please provide complete description of each item, where it will be purchased, and how much it will cost.)
- If travel expenses by car are included, please indicate the mileage estimate and calculate the costs at 10.5 cents per mile.

Bibliography

- List the five most important publications on your research topic. Include author, year published, and the volume and page numbers of the journal issue that contains the article. If the publication is a book, please give the publisher, place of publication, and the ISBN # instead of the journal name, volume, and page numbers.

Requirements

- If this request is approved by LNPS, the graduate student must give a presentation on the results at the next LNPS meeting to be eligible for the consideration of future grant requests.
- Any equipment purchased on this grant becomes the property of the college or university, not the personal property of the student.
- Provide LNPS with a copy of any publications resulting from this research.

New LNPS Web Page Online

Be sure to check out the new LNPS web site on the internet at www.lnps.org. The home page has been redesigned to include the calendar of coming events right on the first page you see. Bookmark the site and check it frequently to see what's going on! To submit events or other stuff, just click on the link at the bottom of the page to contact the web master.

MSA MEETING AND FORAY BATON ROUGE, AUGUST 3-9, 2007

Members of the Mycological Society of America held their annual meeting at LSU-Baton Rouge, and were treated to some southern hospitality. Tracey Banowetz, past president of the Louisiana Native Plant Society, and her husband David, allowed us access to their property, Ouida Plantation. Ouida is located within the botanically diverse Tunica Hills near St. Francisville, LA. An added treat was a tour of their 1860s' restored plantation home and lunch on the grounds. Collecting was excellent and many exotic tropical species were found there. After lunch, we proceeded to the St. Francisville Sports Park, and made more collections there. Forayers returned to the LSU biology building and processed the material. Interesting finds include *Cymatoderma caperatum*, *Phillipsia crispata* (a dark brownish cup described from Cuba and identified by Don Pfister), *Diacanthodes novo-guineensis* (a pantropical species known from one collection from Florida and identified by Tom Volk), and numerous other fungi and slime molds.

Many interesting posters were presented. David Lewis, Clark Ovrebø and Juan Luis Mata presented two posters dealing with Gulf Coast fungi.

Editor's note: The slime molds were found outside – not in the house!

About the LNPS Email Group

Thanks to Beth Erwin, our LNPS email group went high tech earlier this year when she formed a Google group for us. Our email group now has over 100 members! If you would like to join, just send an email to either Beth Erwin (krewe@northeastnet.net) or Tracey Banowetz (banowetz@bellsouth.net).

Now that we use Google groups to communicate, individual subscribers can:

- Select to receive emails either as they are posted or bundled in a daily digest (maximum one email per day) or by viewing the emails on the web (no direct emails).
- Upload files such as photos or documents to the web instead of sending these files as inline email attachments. This helps reduce email download time for folks who are still on dialup internet connections and also reduces the chance of spreading a virus.
- View previous messages on the web at our LNPS Google group page at: <http://groups.google.com/group/LNPS?hl=en>

Two reminders for those of you who have already signed on to the LNPS Google group:

- When replying to an email from the LNPS Google group, if you select “reply” your message will be sent only to the individual who made the post. You must select “reply to all” if you want your reply to be sent to all members of the group.
- To change how you get LNPS emails (individual postings vs. daily digests vs. no email), go to <http://groups.google.com/group/LNPS?hl=en>, log on to your Google group account and click on “Edit My Membership.”

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Membership Form:

Checks payable to LNPS.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Annual Dues: Student/Senior \$5 _____ Individual \$10 _____ Family \$15 _____
 Organization \$25 _____ Sustaining \$50 _____ Corporate \$100 _____

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Events of Interest to LNPS Members:

Sep. 28 – 29: Butterfly Blast at Allen Acres in Cravens. www.lnps.org or email Charles at native@camtel.net
Sep. 29: National Public Lands Day, Audubon State Historic Site, St. Francisville.
Oct. 6 – 7: Hilltop Arboretum annual plant sale, Baton Rouge. www.lsu.edu/hilltop
Oct. 18 – 21: Native Plant Society of Texas annual symposium. www.npsot.org
Oct. 27: Friends of Louisiana State Arboretum Fall Meeting & Tom Sawyer Work Day at Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve.
www.lnps.org or www.cp-tel.net/dormon
Oct. 26 – 27: Mississippi Native Plant Society annual meeting, Oxford, MS. Email marpastorek@bellsouth.net.
Jan. 26: Hilltop Arboretum Annual Symposium, Baton Rouge. www.lsu.edu/hilltop
Feb. 8 – 10: LNPS Annual Meeting, Camp Hardtner, Pollock. www.lnps.org

For what's happening at the **Louisiana State Arboretum** in Ville Platte, visit www.friendslaarb.org.

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Please check date on your label. If the date is 10/06 or later, your dues are current. A few members owe dues and this may be their last issue of the newsletter. Membership form is on pg.3