

LSU AgCenter's
**Ornamental Horticulture
E-Mail Update
February 8/15, 2010**



*topics and events of nursery, landscape and floriculture
interest to Louisiana's green industry*



**Ornamental Plant of the Week for February 8,
2010 – 'Snow Princess' Lobularia (from Allen
Owings)**

'Snow Princess' lobularia is getting considerable attention over the past 6-9 months. 'Snow Princess' is a unique breakthrough in the genus for heat tolerance and extended season performance. This sterile *Lobularia* is extremely vigorous, and because it puts no energy into setting seed it has an incredibly long bloom time. In Florida and Mississippi trials, 'Snow Princess' displayed mounds of fragrant, white blooms from January through July. Creates a great hanging basket or window box and is a perfect filler in combinations.

**Ornamental Plant of the Week for February 15,
2010 – American Fringe Tree (from Allen
Owings)**

The American fringe tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) produces clusters of flowers with long, narrow, greenish-white petals that are produced in masses all along the branches. The narrow petals and hanging habit give the flowers a fringe or beardlike appearance. In the wild, you usually see them growing on the edge of the woods. They thrive in full sun to partial shade in well-drained locations. A great native tree. Also called grancy graybeard.



**Sustainable Landscape News (from John Young, Dan Gill and Allen
Owings)**

Tree Protection – January 29

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/news_archive/2010/january/news_you_can_use/Protect-your-trees.htm

Early Spring Flowering Trees – February 5

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/news_archive/2010/february/news_you_can_use/Flowering-trees-add-spring-color-to-landscapes.htm

Low Maintenance Roses – February 11

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/news_archive/2010/february/news_you_can_use/Lowmaintenance-roses-ease-challenge-for-home-gardeners.htm

Earth-Kind Roses for 2010

DALLAS – They embody traits few others share – beauty, toughness and easy maintenance – and that has earned them the highest distinction a rose can achieve, said Dr. Steve George, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service horticulturist in Dallas.

Cecile Brunner and Reve d’Or were recently named Earth-Kind Roses by a team of horticulturists with AgriLife Extension. Only 21 roses hold the title.

Reve d’Or, originally released in 1869, earned an additional honor by being named 2010 Earth-Kind Rose of the Year, George said.

“Both roses are simply gorgeous,” he said.

Cecile Brunner, introduced in 1881, is light pink and the bush grows to about 4 feet by 3 feet, George said. Adapted throughout Texas, it’s a repeat-bloomer, fragrant and tolerates some light-dappled shade in the afternoon. It is also known as the “Sweetheart Rose.”

Reve d’Or (pronounced rehv dohr) is medium-yellow, fragrant, nearly thornless and also a repeat-bloomer. Adapted to all of Texas except the upper Panhandle, the bush is a vigorous climber that will grow 10 feet to 18 feet tall and about 8 feet wide, he said. Its name is French for “dream of gold.”

“Reve d’Or is the healthiest yellow rose that we have ever tested,” he said.

There is more to these roses than good looks, George said. Earth-Kind Roses are robust and thrive in tough conditions. Grown and evaluated over eight years on average, the roses are not fertilized or pruned when tested. They are not treated with pesticides, and are watered far less than other roses. They also are grown on their own roots, as opposed to those grafted onto other plants.

The results are roses that are easy to grow and maintain, he said.

To be Earth-Kind, a rose must have received the designation from AgriLife Extension, an agency of the Texas A&M System. Earth-Kind is a registered trade mark of AgriLife Extension.

“These winners of the prestigious Earth-Kind designation are long-lived, tolerant of most any soil and are so environmentally responsible that almost never will you need to apply harsh pesticides or even commercial fertilizer,” George said.

“These are truly roses with which anybody can be successful.”

A list and descriptions of all Earth-Kind Roses can be found at <http://earthkindroses.tamu.edu> .

George and the team of Earth-Kind rose evaluators offer growing tips:

- The roses should be planted where they receive at least eight hours of direct sunlight daily.
- Their location should allow for good airflow over the leaves.
- They should be planted in well-aerated soils. (Visit the Earth-Kind Rose Web site for details on how to manage specific soils.)
- They need the year-round protection of a 3-inch layer of organic mulch over their root systems.

Commercial Ornamental Horticulture Events Upcoming

The LSU AgCenter and affiliated groups offer numerous educational opportunities for green industry professionals. In addition, many garden shows and related events for home gardeners are offered continually throughout the year. Some educational programs have multi-state impact are also listed. Be sure to check with the contact person listed for more specific information on each event.

February 18, 2010

LA Irrigation Association Re-certification
LSU AgCenter, Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.
Contact Severn Doughty at
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Feb 18-19, 2010

Landscape Maintenance Workshop
Hernando, MS (15 min south of Memphis)
Contact Mengmeng Gu at
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<http://msucares.com/crops/comhort/green/2010shortcourse.pdf>

February 21, 2010

LA Chapter – Azalea Society of America
Meeting
Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.
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February 23, 2010

Landscape Pest Management Workshop
Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.
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February 25, 2010

NW La Nursery Association Meeting
Keeling Irrigation
Shreveport, La.
Contact Severn Doughty at
scd357@cmaaccess.com

March 9-10, 2010

Greenhouse Tomato Short Course
Eagle Ridge Conference Center
Raymond, Miss.
www.greenhousetomatosc.com
Contact Rick Snyder at
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March 10, 2010

Baton Rouge Landscape Assoc Meeting
Clegg's Nursery
Siegen Lane
Baton Rouge, La.
Contact Darnell Doucet at
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March 11, 2010

High Tunnel Field Day
Truck Crop Experiment Station
Crystal Springs, MS
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<http://msucares.com/crops/hightunnels/news.html>

March 11-12, 2010

Certified Nursery Professional Training
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, La.
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March 14-17, 2010

Azalea Society of America
National Convention
New Orleans, La
Contact Regina Bracy at
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March 20, 2010

Louisiana Society for Horticultural Research
Annual Meeting and Plant Release
Ira Nelson Horticulture Center
Lafayette, La.

March 23-24, 2010

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pesticide
Applicator Re-certification and Certification
Testing
Bossier City, La.
www.lpca.org

May 20, 2010

Landscape Horticulture Field Day
Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.
Contact Regina Bracy at
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May 25-27, 2010

La State Horticulture Society Tour
Lower Miss./Mobile, Ala./Milton, Fla.
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June 4, 2010

Nursery and Landscape Golf Shootout
LSU Golf Course
Baton Rouge, La.
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June 17-18, 2010

Certified Nursery Professional Training
ULL Horticulture Center
Lafayette, La.
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June 18-19, 2010

Landscape Short Course
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, La.
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July 21-22, 2010

Mid South Green Industry Conference
Eagle Ridge Conference Center
Raymond, Miss.

www.msnla.org

August 19-22, 2010

Nursery/Landscape Expo
San Antonio, Texas

www.txnla.org

September 2, 2010

NW La Nursery Association Meeting
ArkLaTex Gardens
Shreveport, La.

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September 16-17, 2010

Certified Nursery Professional Training
City Park Botanical Garden
New Orleans, La.

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October 6-7, 2010

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pesticide
Applicator Re-certification and Certification
Testing
Lafayette, La.

www.lpca.org

November 5-6, 2010

AgriSouth Horticulture Expo
AgriCenter International
Memphis, Tenn.

www.agrisouthexpo.com

November 17-18, 2010

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pesticide
Applicator Re-certification and Certification
Testing
Kenner, La.

www.lpca.org

November 18, 2010

NW La Nursery Association Meeting
Location TBA
Shreveport, La.

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January 19-21, 2011

Gulf States Horticultural Expo
Arthur Outlaw Convention Center
Mobile, Ala.

www.gshe.org

February 26, 2011

NW La Nursery Association Tour
SFA Arboretum
Nacogdoches, Texas

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**Spring / Fall Garden Shows and Related
Consumer Events – 2010****February 21, 2010**

Camellia Garden Stroll
Hammond, La.

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February 27, 2010

Camellia Tutorium
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, La.

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March 7, 2010

Azalea Stroll at Windrush Gardens
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, La.

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March 13, 2010

Spring Garden Day
Hammond, La.

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March 19-21, 2010

Louisiana Nursery Festival
Forest Hill, La.
www.louisiananurseryfestival.com

March 20-21, 2010

Northshore Garden Show
Fairgrounds
Covington, La.
Contact Rusty Batty at
rbatty@agcenter.lsu.edu

March 27-28, 2010

11th Annual SW LA Garden Fest
Burton Coliseum
Lake Charles, La.
www.gardenfest.org
Contact Robert Turley at
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March 27-28, 2010

Baton Rouge Spring Garden Show
Parker Coliseum
Baton Rouge, La.
Contact David Himelrick at
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April 10-11, 2010

New Orleans Spring Garden Show
Botanical Garden at City Park
New Orleans, La.
Contact Brent Jeansonne at
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April 18, 2010

Afternoon of Roses
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, La.
Contact Jeff Kuehny at
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May 1, 2010

Bonne Terre Garden Fair
TARC
Houma, La.
Contact Barton Joffrion at
bjoffrion@agcenter.lsu.edu

May 8, 2010

21st Annual Festival des Fleurs
ULL – Blackham Coliseum
Lafayette, La.
Contact Billy Welsh at welsh@louisiana.edu

May 15, 2010

Master Gardener Spring Stroll
St Francisville, La.
Contact Andre Brock at
abrock@agcenter.lsu.edu

June 5, 2010

Daylily Festival
Abbeville, La.
Contact Stuart Gauthier at
sgauthier@agcenter.lsu.edu

October 15-16, 2010

Fall Flower & Garden Fest
Truck Crops Experiment Station
Crystal Springs, Miss.
<http://msucares.com/fallfest>
Contact Rick Snyder at
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Arborist Workshops – 2010

Contact Hallie Dozier at
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April 16, 2010 – Shreveport
Aerial Lift Safety

May 7, 2010 – Farmerville
Hazard/Danger Tree Cutting and Felling

July 30, 2010 – New Orleans
Bringing Business Your Way

August 6, 2010 – Shreveport
Tree Roots: Structures and Remediation

September 10, 2010 – Hammond
High Angle and Emergency Response

October 1, 2010 – New Orleans
Tree Climbing, Fall Protection

November 12, 2010 – Pollock
Tree Detectives

January 14, 2011 – Baton Rouge
Trees, People and the Law