

LSU AgCenter's
Ornamental Horticulture
E-Mail Update
March 15-22, 2010



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

**Ornamental Plant of the Week for March 15, 2010 – 'Townhouse'
Crape Myrtle (from Allen Owings)**



'Townhouse' is a lesser known variety of crape myrtle. It is one of only three or four *Lagerstromieia fauriei* varieties available. 'Townhouse' was introduced by the JC Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University. It is a seedling selection from the 'Fantasy' *L. fauriei* variety. This crapemyrtle is multi-stemmed, has great mildew resistance, and deep brown bark. Form may range from upright and vase-shaped to low, horizontal, and shrub-like. Mid to late summer produces white flowers with pappi of 2 to 4 inches long. Can grow 30 feet in height. Seed heads follow flowers and persist through the winter, adding an ornamental quality. Fall color ranges from orange to red, and smooth grey to reddish-brown bark is attractive year round.

**Ornamental Plant of the Week for March 22, 2010 – 'Cuban Gold'
Duranta (from Allen Owings)**

We have many durantas around but the 'Cuban Gold' variety in the Athens Select program is getting a good bit of attention these days. Plants are low growing, reaching 18-24 inches in the landscape by fall. Plants prefer full sun. Chartreuse foliage color is constant. Recommended as a perennial in USDA hardiness zones 9-11. Great annual elsewhere. See more at www.athensselect.com. Great in LSU AgCenter trials!



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

Burdensome Landscape Maintenance – March 5

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/headline_news/Dont-let-landscape-maintenance-become-burdensome.htm

Insecticide Use – March 12

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/headline_news/Use-insecticides-only-when-needed.htm

Aquatic Gardens – March 19

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/headline_news/Its-time-to-clean-out-aquatic-gardens.htm

Louisiana Agriculture Magazine (Winter 2010) Articles

Liriope and Monkeygrass Evaluations

<http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/publications/agmag/Archive/2010/winter/New-Liriope-and-Monkey-Grass-Groundcover-Varieties-for-Louisiana.htm>

New Ornamental Shrubs

<http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/publications/agmag/Archive/2010/winter/New-Woody-Ornamental-Shrubs-for-Louisiana-Landscapes.htm>

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 having multi-state impact and attendance are also listed. Be sure to check with the contact person listed for more specific information on each event.

March 23-24, 2010

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pesticide
Applicator Re-certification and Certification
Testing

Bossier City, La.

www.lpca.org

April 7-8, 2010

Louisiana Irrigation Association
Irrigation Basics Training / LDAF Testing
LSU AgCenter – Avoyelles Parish Office
Mansura, La.

Contact Severn Doughty at

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May 11, 2010

Landscape Pest Management Workshop
Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.

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May 13, 2010

Landscape Horticulture Field Day
Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.

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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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at aowings@agcenter.lsu.edu

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, 2010

La Irrigation Association Annual Meeting
Location TBA
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October 6, 2010

La Irrigation Association Re-Certification
Meeting
Location TBA
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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
American Rose Center
Shreveport, La.
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January 12, 2011

Louisiana State Horticulture Society
Annual Conference
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, 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, Tx.
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**Spring / Fall Garden Shows and Related
Consumer Events – 2010****March 27-28, 2010**

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

Baton Rouge Spring Garden Show
Parker Coliseum
Baton Rouge, La.
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April 10-11, 2010

New Orleans Spring Garden Show
Botanical Garden at City Park
New Orleans, La.
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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
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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
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June 5, 2010

Daylily Festival
Abbeville, La.
Contact Stuart Gauthier at
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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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October 15-16, 2010

Southern Garden Symposium
St. Francisville, La.
www.southerngardensymposium.org

October 16-17, 2010

Fall Garden Festival
City Park Botanical Gardens
New Orleans, La.
Contact Brent Jeansonne at
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Arborist Workshops – 2010

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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