

LSU AgCenter's
Ornamental Horticulture
E-Mail Update
July 12 / July 19, 2010



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



**Ornamental Plant of the
Week for July 12, 2010 –
'Carefree Spirit' Rose
(from Allen Owings)**

Another great rose for landscape use is Carefree Spirit. This variety is one of the All-America Rose Selection winners from 2009. It has performed exceptionally well in LSU AgCenter landscape trials at Burden Center and the Hammond Research Station. Minimum to no blackspot is observed under a no-fungicide application program. Red

petals with white centers. Plants do best in full sun, as do all roses. Provide good bed preparation and a soil pH of 6.5 Plants are very maintainable at a height of 3-4 feet. Good alternative to Knock Out and Home Run if you are looking for something new in landscape shrub roses. From Conard-Pyle/Star Roses.

**Ornamental Plant of the Week for July
19, 2010 – 'Flare' Rose Mallow
Hibiscus (from Allen Owings)**

Some of the best of the rose mallow type hibiscus are the Flare series. The first of this group is Red Flare. There are also Peppermint Flare and Pink Flare. These hibiscus start blooming in late May/early June in south Louisiana and can continue until early fall.



Height is 4 feet with an equal spread. Reliably perennial. New shoot growth from the root system normally emerges in late March/early April. Fertilize lightly when new shoot growth emerges. You may want to do a one-third height reduction pruning of the shoots about 6 weeks after emergence to produce a smaller, stronger-stemmed, stockier plant. Soil conditions are not critical. Tolerant of some drained soil types and performs good in well-drained soils. pH can be slightly acid to alkaline. Plant in full sun for best results.

Nursery and Landscape Golf Shootout Report (from Allen Owings)

The LSU AgCenter held the 10th annual Nursery and Landscape Golf Shootout on Friday, July 2, at the LSU Golf Course in Baton Rouge. Thirty-six participants played a four-person scramble format. This year's first place team, sponsored by the Benchmark Group, was Wes Wilkerson, Jimmy Culpepper, Murray McCullough and Mark Boudreaux with a score of 58. Second place went to the LSU AgCenter team of Jimmy Garrett, Sandy Dooley, Don Ferrin and Albert Orgeron with a score of 62. Thanks to the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association, Southeast Louisiana Nurserymen's Association, Louisiana State Horticulture Society and McIlhenny Co. for their contributions and financial support.

Sustainable Landscape News Articles (from Kyle Huffstickler, Allen Owings and Dan Gill)

Vinca is a Great Summer Bedding Plant – July 9

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/headline_news/Vinca-makes-a-great-summer-bedding-plant.htm

Get It Growing News Articles for July (from Dan Gill)

Reduce Utility Bills with Shade Trees – July 2

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/Reduce-utility-bills-with-shade-trees.htm

Invite Butterflies to Your Landscape – July 9

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/Invite-butterflies-into-your-landscape.htm

Deadheading – July 16

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/Removing-faded-flowers-has-real-benefits.htm

Ornamental Grasses for the Low-maintenance Landscape – July 23

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/Ornamental-grasses-are-ideal-for-lowmaintenance-landscapes.htm

LSU AgCenter Identifies Best Plants for Louisiana – July 30

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/LSU-AgCenter-identifies-plants-most-suitable-for-Louisiana-.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.

July 21-22, 2010

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

July 28-29, 2010

Louisiana Irrigation Association
Irrigation Re-Certification/Certification
Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.
Contact Severn Doughty at
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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

October 8, 2010

SELNA Trade Show
Castine Center
Mandeville, La.
Contact Annie Coco at
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October 9-13, 2010-06-14

IPPS-Southern Region Conference
Raleigh, N.C.
www.ipps.org/SouthernNA/

October 20, 2010

Rose Research Open House
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, La.
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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, Texas
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**Spring / Fall Garden Shows and Related
Consumer Events – 2010**

October 2-3, 2010

PlantFest! At Hilltop Arboretum
Baton Rouge, La.
www.lsu.edu/hilltop

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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**Reflections in the Garden Held at Burden
Center**

www.burdenhorticulturesociety.com

August 2 – Gingers
Jeff Kuehny

September 13 – Fall Landscape Planning
Dan Gill

October 4 – Sweet Potatoes
Don LaBonte

November 1 – Strawberries
Charlie Johnson

December 6 – Holiday Decorating
Barbara Quirk and Jeanne Clements

**LA House Lunch and Learn Horticulture
Held at LaHouse in Baton Rouge**

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August 13 - Home Citrus Production
Speaker TBA

September 10 – Environmentally Friendly
Weed Control
Ron Strahan

October 8 – Cool-season Annuals and Herbs
Kyle Huffstickler

November 12 – Fruit Tree Culture in the Home Orchard
Charlie Johnson

Arborist Workshops – 2010

Contact Hallie Dozier at
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July 30, 2010 – New Orleans
Bringing Business Your Way

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