

DISTRICT VI REPORT
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Thank you to the entire garden clubs who participated in Arbor Day this year. I hope you all took photos of your project and had your club reporter get an article in the newspaper. You will be ready to submit for Arbor Day Award before December 1st. Kathy Bedenbaugh does a very good job and continues to encourage clubs to apply for awards. The planting of trees is an accomplishment that we all can be so proud of for our towns and communities. I appreciate all of you for your dedication of planting trees in Louisiana.

Just a reminder for you to pay dues on April 1st and they are late June 1st. Please mail them to Linda Finley. District VI dues should go to Billie Sue Alford. I am sure Mrs. Linda and Mrs. Billie Sue will appreciate you taking care of this. You can go on the LA Garden Club website and click on A-Z and find the Treasurer's report for sending in dues.

Congrats to Baton Rouge Garden Club for their recent Tablesapes Production to raise funds for scholarships. They do a great job~

^^^ Ponchatoula Gardenettes have really been busy and sending in information to the website so take a look at their projects. Home and Garden Club also has been busy planting a tree at the local Museum in Franklinton. They were so proud of their Woodsy Owl Posters winners this year also that were chaired by Dana Truxillo. Mt. Hermon Garden Club just had a beautiful flower show with twenty four designs and these ladies put on a fantastic showing. They also had youth entries which were adorable. If you missed this show, it was worth the trip.

I wanted to thank all of you who brought entries for recycling to our Fall Meeting in Baton Rouge. It was a super day and Baton Rouge ladies did an outstanding job hosting District VI. Thank you to a wonderful meal and program. Congrats to all the ladies who won on their recycling entries. I was definitely impressed! Jo Ann Fryling and her granddaughter presented a lovely program on recycling. I loved the idea of anyone who littered that the trash would come back and stick on them. Sure would cut out a lot of littering in our state.

I am not exactly sure how many towns are entered in Clean City but know they will be judging in April for District so want to wish your clubs a successful effort in this contest. Jo Ann Fryling is our District Clean City Chairman and Jean Gilstrap is the State Chairman. Amite has been a District winner for two years. Hammond won state last year and are to be commended for their efforts as well as Baton Rouge. Let me hear if you have questions on clean city or call Jo Ann or Jean.

Bogalusa Garden Guild held a great fund raiser and held an auction of craft and plant items. They invited guest and fed them a meal and the bidding never stopped until all their items were gone. Congrats to you on your efforts. Northeast Garden Club and Southeast Garden Clubs are also busy with civic projects.. Gonzales Garden Club has also had a very successful club year.

Hope your bulbs all came up this year and are looking good. Let me hear from you on them and I am sure Jo Ann Fryling will be requesting photos again so please take pictures!

News is coming forth from National that garden clubs are going to be challenged more than ever next year to pursue membership drives to increase garden club members. I hope this will be a challenge to your club today to begin making your plans in this effort for next year. Some clubs are already working on this effort.

Convention is coming soon on April 13 – 15, 2011. There is a tour also on April 12 the day before convention begins. To find out all the details go on line and get the forms to attend. Take a club member with you and enjoy this great event! Hope to see all of you there in Marksville.
Gardening Sisters, Minnie Posey, Dist. VI Director