



MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

On Saturday, April 15th, the Magnolia Forest Homeowners Association will host an adult wine tasting and cheese social to show appreciation for our HOA members, help us get to know our neighbors better and show appreciation for all who support MFHA's efforts to maintain and improve our subdivision.

There is no charge for HOA members. Anyone who has not joined prior to the wine tasting may pay their annual \$50 dues at the door. Fortunately, all wine and cheese has been donated and **Terry and Perry Becnel** have graciously offered to host the tasting at their home at 502 Southdown from 5 to 7 PM.

Please RSVP with Terry via text at 504-613-7474 or email at bluealligatordesigns@yahoo.com. We are planning a large turnout to enjoy a fun afternoon with our neighbors!!!



EDITOR'S NOTES

We have a number of fun events planned for Magnolia Forest, including a Pool Event to celebrate summer at the Magnolia Forest Pool, at the corner of Oak Alley and Military. Please renew your MFHA Membership if you haven't done so already to help keep Magnolia Forest beautiful and desirable. Free ad space is available for the children and/or grandchildren of MFHA members to advertise their services for babysitting, yard work, etc.

Save the date:

- April 15 – Wine & Cheese Social at 502 Southdown from 5-7 PM
- June 3 – Pool Event at 400 Oak Alley Blvd from 4-8 PM
- Early July – Bike & Ice
- Oct 7 – MFHA Yard Sale
- Mid-Oct – Night Out Against Crime
- Oct 28 – Halloween Hayride
- Mid-Dec – Santa's Visit



President's Corner:

Note that we have added a "Donation for Social Events" line to the registration form on page 4. If you haven't joined the HOA yet, and wish to help the HOA defray the costs of the free or low cost events we host, you can add a donation.

MARDI GRAS WINNERS

Thank you to our wonderful neighbors for bringing a festive feel to our neighborhood this Mardi Gras season. Following are the winners by category:

Most Extravagant – Congratulations to **Darlene Fuller** for her amazing, over-the-top Mardi Gras scene of a parade attendee! Her festive, fun "stick figure" adorned with a Mardi Gras visor, beads, and colorful tunic and sash was bookended by a "Throw Me Something" sign and her vibrantly decorated mailbox, wrapped in festive gold, purple, and green, bespeckled with festive star garland, crowned with a Mardi Gras umbrella and flanked with festive Mardi Gras signs. Her decorations brought joy to our neighbors on her busy street!



Most Traditional– Congratulations to the **Shultz Family** for their luscious Mardi Gras bow crowning their mailbox with billowing green, purple, and gold ribbon, embellished with beads and doubloons with a Mardi Gras flag serving as the base.



Most Original – Congratulations to the **Holley Family** for their fun Mardi Gras mailbox covered by a graphic wrap of Mardi Gras masks and colors against a backdrop of shimmery ribbon and anchored with a frilly face mask sign for the base.

MAGNOLIA FOREST GARDEN CLUB UPDATES

Arbor Day Celebration - MFGC held an Arbor Day observance by planting a Crepe Myrtle tree on Monticello Court in the subdivision. The first American Arbor Day was originated by J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City, Nebraska on April 10, 1872 celebrating one million trees planted in Nebraska.

February Meeting – MFGC members met at the home of **Mary Jean Herman** and discussed the following topics:

- February Garden of the Month judging suspended because of winter weather.
- “Art In Bloom” at NOMA is March 22-28, 2023 and MFGC will participate.
- A Slidell Museum field trip is planned for Feb. 10, with lunch at an Old Town restaurant afterwards.

March Meeting – MFGC members met at the home of **Janet Bernard** and the following topics were discussed:

- March Garden of the Month awarded to **Betty Rose** for her beautiful garden, and was judged by Jane Freeman and Nancy O’Bryan.
- The “Art In Bloom” committee will design a floral arrangement to be displayed at the New Orleans Museum of Art and a possible field trip on Mar. 23 to view all the displays.
- **Judy Cogle** is leading the “Adopt a School” committee to plan a “Bee” Program at Brock Elementary highlighting the importance of bees for flower and crop production.
- An In- Home Flower Show is planned for May.
- **Barbara Burgueno** demonstrated how to make a beautiful floral design in a metal container with an Easter theme.
- **Pat Drackett** entertained the Garden Club with a slide presentation on all aspects of the Crosby Arboretum’s gardens, from its inception to what it is today, including their new pollinator garden.

Note—These stories, along with pictures, can be found on the Magnolia Forest Garden Club page on the Magnolia Forest website: [Magnolia Forest Garden Club](#)

MARCH GARDEN OF THE MONTH

By **Nancy O’Bryan**

The yard of **Betty Rose**, 525 Oak Alley, Pearl River was chosen by the Magnolia Forest Club as the Garden of the Month for March. The yard is accented with colorful Azaleas, Roses, blooming Indian Hawthorn and Loropetalum. The trellis of yellow Carolina Jasmine is in full bloom. The Photinia and Nandinas add a special splash of color near the mailbox. The Croton in the pedestal urn draws your eyes to the beautiful front door.

Judges were **Nancy O'Bryan** and **Jane Freeman**.

TRAFFIC REPORT

One police patrol in February resulted in 9 stops for speeding, with 5 tickets and 4 warnings. As we move into Spring, more residents are outside enjoying Magnolia Forest on bike and foot, especially in the late afternoons and near dusk. Please continue to give our pedestrian traffic plenty of space.

The Association has 106 members

Adams, L	Burgueno, E & B	Ferris, M & S	Houser, J & M	Nicholson, L	Skiles, A
Anderson, J & P	Campbell, J & C	Fickle, C	Johnson, M & L	Onstad, F	Smith, C & L
Arthur, M & N	Carrigan, G & C	Finnin, A & M	Kaehle, B & Barbero, J	Ostericher, C & T	Solar, R & S
Barrelle, B & J	Cefalu, R & J	Fisher, J & N	Karl, C & K	Petrucci, M & E	Stubbs, M & J
Becnel, T & P	Chagnard, C & M	Fosdick, J & K	Knowles, L & C	Piazza, C & K	Sullivan, D & D
Benedic, P & K	Champagne, J & L	Fouert, J	Konda, D & T	Pierkarski, D	Trascher, D & Foy, M
Benson, A & L	Clatterbuck, N & K	Frichter, G & G	Krumm, J & J	Pousson, D & J	Trippe, M & M
Berdine, F & B	Clavier, P & S	Frueh, D	Lacourrege, J & D	Prattini, C & C	Ulrich, S & A
Birmingham, M & P	Cooney, M & T	Gallacher, D & P	Lambert, L & K	Ramirez, G & L	Venables, L
Bernard, L & J	Corseault, P & J	Goodson, F & M	Landry, P & L	Rao, P & C	Vernon, W & K
Bonnett, G & L	Deris, L & B	Guillory, R & T	Martin, B & K	Robinson, S	Vogt, F
Boos, M & B	Devezin, T	Gust, L	McGee, L & S	Rose, J & B	Voisille, R & K
Bordes, P & K	Dier, J & J	Hamilton, M & L	McInerney, J & D	Round, C & J	Wagner, E & J
Brandon, R & J	Donaldson, J	Harper, C & C	Melancon, F	Ryan, P & D	Wallace, W & L
Brandt, R & L	Donaldson, L	Harrison, J	Meltz, R	Salidino, G & M	Wilbourn, J & C
Braun, J & L	Dupuy, G & A	Hodge, C	Mills, J & P	Sanders, C & G	Wyatt, C & D
Bravo, D & I	Evans, J & G	Holbrook, J & D	Moyle, J	Sheffield, D & T	
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