



## Burden Center Gustav Cleanup Plan

By C. Patrick Hegwood

Hurricane Gustav inflicted major damage to Burden Center. From aerial images that were taken a week after the storm hit Baton Rouge, we have determined that there are more than 1,000 trees down mostly in the 200 acres of forest plus Windrush

Windrush expansion to the piney woods also sustained considerable damage. Many tall pine trees were blown over and/or broken off. This is the area of Windrush where we planted most of the Vi and Hank Stone camellias.

cated in-house crew directed by Burden Center Arborist, Glen Wilson. AgCenter Chancellor Bill Richardson provided Burden a

**“...more than 1,000 trees down...”**

hurricane debris cleanup budget t



Gardens. The dots in the image above represent downed trees.

This is an image of a root ball of a large red oak that was blown over in Windrush Gardens. Not only did we lose this beautiful oak, but it took other trees including crape myrtles down with it when it fell and also crushed surrounding landscape plants.



Thankfully the camellias sustained minimal damage. We are working a two-phase debris cleanup plan. Phase one consists of debris removal from all maintained areas of Burden, including Windrush Gardens and the trails in the woods. This work is

being accomplished with a dedi-

omake this crew possible, and to purchase and/or lease equipment that is required to handle this much debris. All debris is being stockpiled on site and will be processed into organic mulch after the cleanup operation is completed. Phase two addresses debris removal from the Burden woods. This will be accomplished with a salvage timber sale. A commercial logging contractor will purchase and remove the usable logs, which will be processed into lumber. This operation should start sometime in early December 2008. A committee of key people is discussing and debating best management practices for the Burden Woods. A forest management plan will be implemented after the harvesting is finished.

# From the BHS Chair

By Ginnie Bolin

Three years ago the E.B.R. Master Gardener Association, after one year of research and planning, formulated their version of having a resource center, a place to teach and demonstrate good gardening practices to the public. After meetings with Dr. Pat Hegwood, Director of Burden Center, Dr. David Boethel, Vice-Chancellor of Research, Dr. Paul Coreil, Vice-Chancellor of Ag-Extension, and Dr. Paul Murrill, President of the Burden Foundation, the Master Gardeners realized that their vision could be fulfilled through the future building plans of Ag Extension and Burden Center.

While the Master Gardeners were exploring how best to work with Burden, Dr. Hegwood had been working with Dr. Neil Odenwald on a design for the development of an Urban Horticulture Center (which would include 44 acres from the Essen entrance to the Conference Center). Dr. Jeff Kuehny had also expressed interest in searching for a way to help develop a master plan for the entire 440 acres at Burden. At Dr. Hegwood's suggestion, Dr. Kuehny and the Master Gardener's Feasibility Committee met and decided that everyone should work together with Dr. Hegwood to reach our goals. Dr. Hegwood then arranged a meeting with Dr. Boethel, Dr. Murrill, John Monroe, Dr. Pam Hodson, Sharman Charles, and Rob Trawick and a group of Master Gardeners. It was agreed that it was an opportune time to form a friends' group for Burden, similar to the very successful Friends of the Rural Life Mu-

seum. The new friends group would be open to individuals from the community with an interest in horticulture or an appreciation for the value of Burden Center to the community and interested Master Gardeners. The name selected was the Burden Horticulture Society (BHS).

At the first BHS board meeting in August of 2007, officers were elected and bylaws were approved. BHS incorporated as a 501 (c)5 non profit association, and affiliated with the LSU Foundation where all contributions will be deposited in accounts for BHS.

The goal of BHS is to act in an advisory capacity to the Chancellor of the AgCenter, Dr. Bill Richardson, by assisting with the planning and implementing fund raising activities for the development of an Urban Horticulture

Center; assisting in developing programs and activities to support and encourage public participation in the activities of the Urban Horticulture Center; and supporting research and educational programs, procedures, volunteer activities, and development plans as initiated by Burden Center.

BHS had two very successful fund raisers, the annual appeal and Wine and Roses Dinner. Educational events included special events and monthly horticulture lectures (Reflections in the Garden) and we will be continuing these activities in 2009 (see calendar). Currently we are assisting with the development of the Master Plan and the opening of Trees and Trails.

## 2009 Burden Horticulture Society

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## Les Amis de Jardin

By Barbara Quirk

Les Amis de Jardin (friends of the garden) is the volunteer arm of the Burden Horticulture Society and is an exciting opportunity to assist the Burden Center staff in many of their endeavors, but especially those with horticulture aspects. Membership is open to the public and presently has 25 members. This membership automatically qualifies you for membership in BHS. Members are requested to attend an annual formal training program and pay

dues of \$20. Les Amis meets every Wednesday to assist the Burden Center staff in various educational

gardening activities. Some of these opportunities include pruning and staking of roses in the rose garden, assisting in planting and maintaining the landscape beds at Burden Center and in Windrush Gardens. Our future plans are membership development, more active participation and serve as docents for Trees and Trails. For more information contact Barbara Quirk (baquirk@yahoo.com).

Comradery and wonderful educational opportunities are available to members of Les Amis.



Ginnie Bolan helping with the gardens.

### Don't miss the 2009 "Reflection in the Garden" Lunch Series



Noon to 1:00 PM in the Ione Burden Conference Center the first Monday of each month

[Special guest speakers!]  
[Bring a brown bag lunch, etc]

Jan 5, 2009	From Shade to Sun: Retrofitting Your Gardens After Gustav	Dan Gill
Feb 2, 2009	Fantastic Low Maintenance Roses	BRRS members
Mar 2, 2009	Spectacular New Warm-season Annuals for 2009	Allen Ownings
Apr 6, 2009	Growing Tomatoes Your Neighbor Will Envy	Pat Hegwood
May 4, 2009	Eating Healthy from the Garden	Judy Myhand
June 1, 2009	Backyard Fruit for Food and Fun	Charlie Johnson
July 6, 2009	Crape Myrtles—Golden Oldies and New Varieties that Rock	Allen Ownings
Aug 3, 2009	Spice Up Your World with Gingers	Jeff Kuehny
Sept 14, 2009	How to Brighten Your Landscape for Fall and Winter	Bob Mirabello
Oct 5, 2009	Those Sultry Gardens of the Deep South	Neil Odenwald
Nov 2, 2009	Birds Bees Shrubs and Trees	TBA
Dec 7, 2009	Holiday Decorating from Garden to Home	TBA

## Wine and Roses—BHS Annual Fund Raiser

By Maia Butler

The Burden Horticulture Society (BHS) hosted its annual fund raiser, Wine and Roses. On a clear, crisp October evening, approximately 80 guests enjoyed wine, champagne and hors d'oeuvres overlooking the glowing roses of the All-American Rose Garden. Guests were serenaded by strains of music from the gifted pianist Kenny Kleinpeter. Guests then ascended the stairs of the Orangerie where they were the first to view the conceptual design by Portico Group for future enhancements to this architectural treasure (Page 5). The Ione Burden Conference Center never looked as gorgeous as it did that evening. Dozens of roses cascaded from centerpieces on each table which were arranged by Betty Stolzing, Ann



A small description of what happened here.....

McIlhenny, and Leslie Moree Kerin. A sumptuous four course dinner was prepared by the chefs of Whole Foods and was served by the students from the EBR 4-H Club. While dessert was being served,

items of interest were auctioned by Robert Burns. Burden produce, a Sandra Roccaforte painting, a Jim Zietz photograph, poinsettias, and, of course, roses from the garden were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Sponsors of this event included Whole Foods, Kleinpeter Farms Dairy and the East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners. Together these sponsors providing an estimated \$10,000 in-kind contribution for this special fund raiser.

Approximately \$10,000 was raised at this event and dedicated by the Burden Horticulture Society Board to establish a foundation account for the designed orangerie enhancements. The orangerie was designed by Baton Rouge architect A. Hays Town as a memorial to his longtime friend Steele Burden. Mr. Burden was a self-trained landscape architect who designed hundreds of gardens for private homes in Louisiana including his won Windrush



Design by Portico Group for future enhancements to the Orangerie

## Wine and Roses—BHS Annual Fund Raiser (continued)

By Maia Butler



Board Members of Burden Horticulture Society: (front top left) Mr. ?, Ginnie Bolan (I don't know....but we need a caption for introduction!)

Gardens, and planted many of the huge, graceful oaks trees on LSU campus. Burden died in 1995 at the age of 95.

Malcolm Tucker, a manager and longtime employee and friend

of Burden's, made it his personal mission to see that the orangerie was built. He worked with donors, and consulted with contractors, artisans and plant growers. The orangerie was designed after the grand scale of classic 18th-century orangeries in France and England which served as an elegant greenhouse or con-

servatory to protect citrus trees from bitter winter in cold climates. The orangerie was strategically placed as an anchor in the landscape located directly across from the All-American Rose Garden de-

signed by Mr. Burden.

The orangerie and its small conference rooms are available for rental by the public for various functions. Future planned enhancement swill provide indoor and outdoor space for small receptions surrounded by the beauty of Hays Town architecture and the gardens and woods of Steele Burden. For more information on contributing to this project, call the Burden Center at (225) 763-3990.

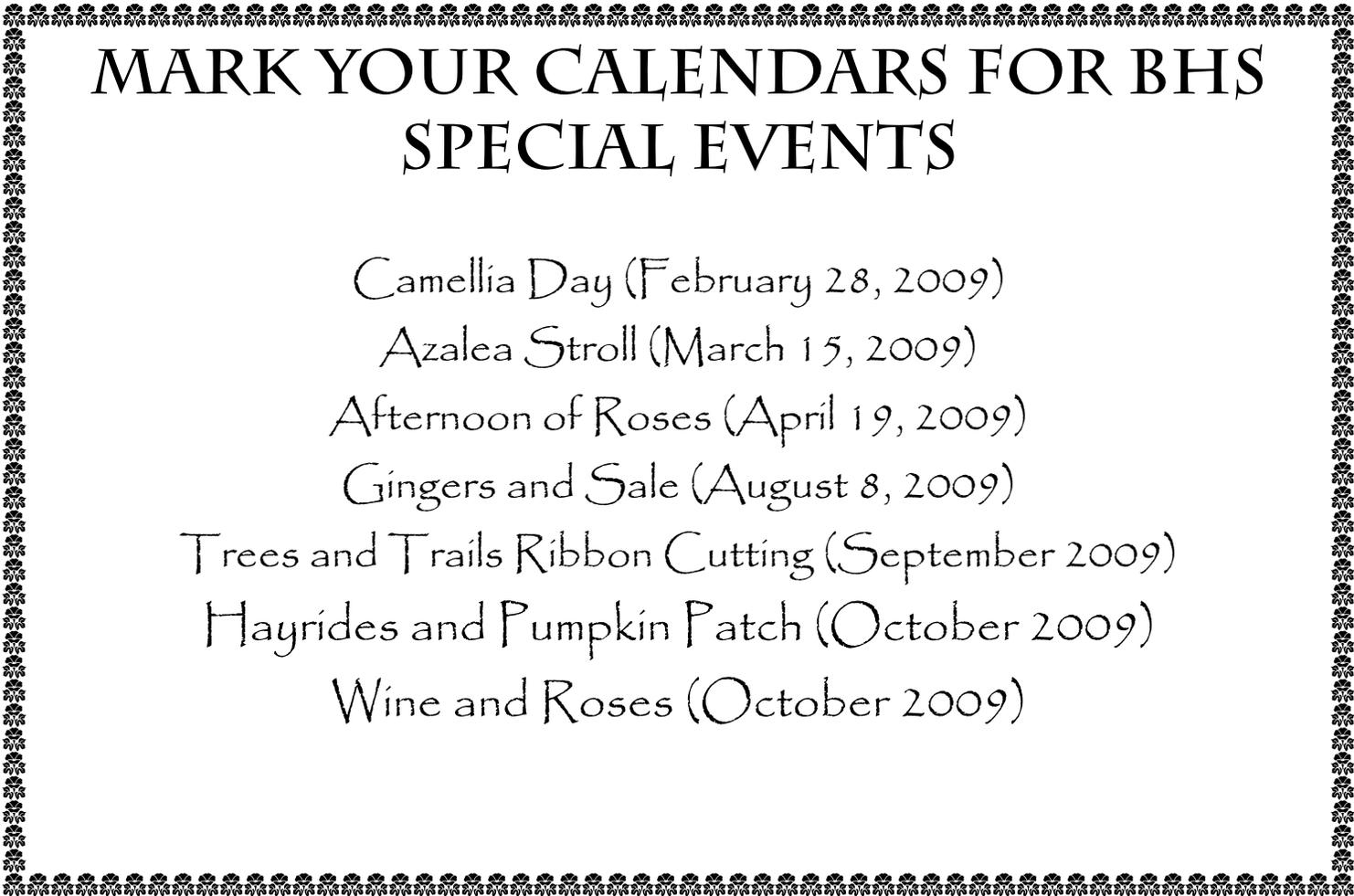
Watch for the October 2009 Wine and Roses date in the next newsletter!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR BHS  
SPECIAL EVENTS

Camellia Day (February 28, 2009)

Azalea Stroll (March 15, 2009)

Afternoon of Roses (April 19, 2009)

Gingers and Sale (August 8, 2009)

Trees and Trails Ribbon Cutting (September 2009)

Hayrides and Pumpkin Patch (October 2009)

Wine and Roses (October 2009)