

LOUISIANA-GULF COAST CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BAMBOO SOCIETY

EVERY ISLAND/JEFFERSON ISLAND WEEKEND – FEBRUARY 24-26, 2012

2012 marks the 14th year that LGCC and ABS members have come to Avery Island to help clear and clean E. A. McIlhenny's plantings of timber bamboos. Coordinator for the weekend is Andy Ringle, who can be reached by phone at (337) 380-2943 (cell) or by e-mail at andrew.ringle@gmail.com.

As in years past, the weekend is limited to LGCC members and to Avery Island Family members and their guests. While there is no registration fee for the weekend, we do ask that you pre-register, making firm reservations for any meals you plan to eat and paying for these by a check enclosed with your registration form. This is especially important in that seating for the Friday and Saturday evening dinners is limited.

Our weekend will begin 6:00 p.m. Friday evening, February 24th, at the [Comfort Suites](#), 2714 Hwy 14, New Iberia (phone (337) 367-0855), with drinks and registration followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. There we will reintroduce ourselves and catch up on each others doings, conduct a brief LGCC business meeting, and organize our teams for the next day's work.

Saturday morning, the 25th, we will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the [Jungle Gardens](#) parking lot on Avery Island for the centerpiece of the weekend: clearing and cleaning selected bamboo groves on the Island. Because of heavy construction currently underway on Prospect Hill, we will, alas, be unable to work in the Fiddler's Green moso grove this year. Instead, in addition to our ongoing clearing of the Bird City moso and henon grove in Jungle Gardens, we will for the first time be working in E. A. McIlhenny's study plots located at the foot of Prospect Hill behind the Tabasco Country Store. As in previous years, each person working will receive a free pole to take home as well as the opportunity to buy additional poles at very reasonable prices. In the afternoon, we'll have opportunity to relax and enjoy the groves we've cleaned. Then, between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m., we will gather at [Rip Van Winkle Gardens](#) on Jefferson Island, where Michael Richard will host us for dinner at the Café Jefferson.

Sunday morning, February 26th, we will reassemble at Rip Van Winkle Gardens on Jefferson Island where, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Michael Richard and other ABS members will give presentations on bamboo culture and applications. If you have bamboo artwork or crafts to show off, or skills to share, this is the time and place! Lunch at Café Jefferson will close out the morning and the formal activities of the weekend.

EQUIPMENT: For Saturday's work party, wear sturdy shoes and clothes, and bring gloves. February temperatures can be unpredictable, so dress accordingly. If you have a chain saw and are skilled in using it, please contact Andy Ringle. Other useful tools include pruning saws, loppers, hand shears, and general heavy-duty gardening tools. There may be an opportunity to dig a few designated plants. We will have liability waver forms for all to sign. You will need to be alert at all times to the proximity of chain saws, power equipment, and falling culms, and to observe caution in using any sharp tools. Please bring, and use, all recommended safety equipment including safety glasses, gloves and hearing protection, particularly when working near the chain saws. And don't forget mosquito spray, sun screen and any other items and necessities to be comfortable.

VEHICLE ACCESS: Because traffic is restricted on Avery Island and parking at the bamboo groves is limited, we will be carpooling as much as possible and must limit the number of pulled trailers to FIVE. However, individual trailer spaces can be reserved (first come, first served) by calling Andy Ringle at (337) 380-2943. Cars with rooftop carriers and trucks with racks are not subject to this limitation.

Please refer to www.lgcc-abs.org or www.bamboocraft.net for any last-minute updates regarding the weekend.

REGISTRATION FORM
LGCC-ABS AVERY ISLAND / JEFFERSON ISLAND WEEKEND 2012

ACCOMMODATIONS

We have secured a block of rooms for Friday and Saturday, Feb 24 and 25, at the **Comfort Suites of New Iberia, 2817 Highway 14, New Iberia, LA 70560** (behind Ruby Tuesday's Restaurant), with whom you should make room reservations and payment arrangements directly. Please call **(337) 367-0855**, speak to any Customer Service Rep (24/7), and mention that you are with the *American Bamboo Society*: our group rate is \$85.99 per night plus tax, 30-item hot/cold breakfast included. You will be free to cancel your room reservation any time up to 4:00 PM the day before your scheduled arrival; *however, in order to secure the group rate you will need to book your room reservation no later than February 21, 2012.*

MEAL RESERVATIONS

To facilitate the planning of meals arranged for the weekend, we require that you please register and pay for these meals in advance to ensure reserved seating for the Friday and Saturday evening dinners.

Names for badges: _____

Address, phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Friday Night Buffet – Comfort Suites/New Iberia:	_____ person(s) @ \$20.00 =\$ _____
Saturday Bag Lunch & Drink – Avery Island:	_____ person(s) [Donated/Paid For]
Saturday Evening Dinner – Café Jefferson/Jefferson Island:	_____ person(s) @ \$30.00 =\$ _____
Sunday Lunch – Café Jefferson/Jefferson Island:	_____ person(s) @ \$13.00 =\$ _____

(If Vegetarian, please so indicate: _____ person(s)
and name _____) TOTAL = \$ _____

Remember all events for the weekend are free (meals are extra & optional), and you may choose only to attend selected events.

Please mail completed registration form, together with meals check payable to LGCC, to Elizabeth Edwards, 400 Fairview St., Abbeville, LA 70510-3602 (phone (337) 898-1469). If necessary, given the limited time this year for responding, you may e-mail your pre-registration to abbevillebamboo@att.net, with check to follow either by mail or by delivery in person; however, the deadline for receiving all registrations, whether by snail-mail or e-mail, will be Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

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MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM

This application is for a:

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Gift Membership (we will notify the recipient)
- Check this box if you DO NOT want to be included in the ABS Annual Membership listing
- Digital (Conserve resources and download the Publications from the internet)

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Company _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home Tel _____

Work Tel _____

Fax _____

Other _____

E-mail _____

WWW _____

- Annual:** \$40 Digital, \$50 Print - Includes a 1-year Primary Chapter membership
- 3-year:** \$110 Digital, \$140 Print - Includes a 3-year Primary Chapter for U. S. members; additional Chapters: \$40 each per 3-year period
- Lifetime:** \$600 Digital, \$800 Print - Includes ABS membership only
- Supporting:** \$60 Digital, \$70 Print - Includes a 1-year Primary Chapter membership
- Patron:** \$120 Digital, \$130 Print (tax deductible) -Includes a 1-year Chapter membership
- International:** \$40 Digital, \$55 Print (outside U.S.; no Chapter membership included)
- Additional Chapters:** \$15 per year for each Chapter (Please check Chapter listing at right)

TOTAL \$ _____

Send this completed form, together with your membership check made payable to LGCC, to:

Elizabeth Edwards
LGCC Secretary-Treasurer
400 Fairview Street
Abbeville, LA 70510-3602

Each year's membership includes:

- A subscription to the newsletter of your primary chapter (and those of any additional chapters you join)
- 6 issues of BAMBOO: The Magazine of the American Bamboo Society
- An annual edition of the ABS Journal: Bamboo Science and Culture
- The ABS Species Source List
- The Annual ABS Membership Directory

Choose your Primary Chapter membership, and any Additional Chapter memberships

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LOUISIANA-GULF COAST CHAPTER / AMERICAN BAMBOO SOCIETY
AVERY ISLAND MOSO GROVE CLEANUP
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Welcome, and many thanks for coming! Your volunteered time and efforts over the past several years have made a critical difference in the condition of the groves you will be visiting today, and we are profoundly grateful for your help. The following procedures will, we hope, make for a highly productive and enjoyable day for all of us.

1. SAFETY FIRST, LAST, AND ABOVE ALL! The tools we will be working with require careful, focused attention. Make use of all suggested protective equipment, including safety glasses, work gloves, and earplugs. *Know at all times who is working near you and where they are, and make certain they are out of range of any blade you may be using and of any falling culm.* A first aid kit and water cooler will be available at a designated location adjacent to each grove.
2. Please hand in your signed and witnessed Waiver of Liability and any unpaid membership dues at Jungle Gardens on Saturday morning.
3. Please follow the directions of your team leader and the designated coordinators both when working in the groves and when bringing material out of the grove into the clearings.
4. Lunches will be delivered in time for our half-hour lunch break at 12:00 noon. After lunch, we will continue working until 2:00 PM or our work is done, whichever comes first.
5. Each worker will have the opportunity to pick out a free moso pole from among those harvested. If you need to leave before 2:00 PM please let us know ahead of time so that we may arrange to set your free pole aside. The remaining poles will go on sale at 2:00 PM. If we finish our work earlier this time may be moved up, but in any case we will give you 15 minutes' warning before starting the sale.
6. Please have your vehicles packed and ready to leave by 4:00 PM. Place all your trash in the designated blue containers.
7. As to Calls of Nature, the groves welcome your nitrates! For those who find sitting necessary, however, there are restrooms available—the coordinator at your grove site will direct you.