~ PLANTFEST! TEASER 2013 ~

presents:

Dan Gill

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN CONSUMER HORTICULTURE
WITH
THE LSU AgCENTER

...on a few of his favorite picks from our PlantFest! 2013 plant litter

ON THE AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
REGISTRATION: 12:30 AM ~ PROGRAM: 1:00 – 4:00 PM
(WITH POST-PROGRAM “WALK-ABOUT” TO FOLLOW)

BEVERLY BROWN COATES AUDITORIUM
HILLTOP ARBORETUM ~ 11855 HIGHLAND ROAD

~ MEMBERS: $10.00 – NON-MEMBERS: $15.00 ~

Where there’s a “Gill”, there’s a way! For all who want to “know it and grow it”, Dan Gill is the gardener’s go-to guru. He is spokesperson for the LSU AgCenter’s statewide educational effort in home horticulture, “Get It Growing” tapping radio, Internet, TV and newsprint to shout the word out. Gardeners throughout Louisiana read and relish his columns in local newspapers, watch his gardening segments on local TV, listen to him on local radio, and access content on the Internet. He is author of Month-by-Month Gardening in Louisiana and co-author of the Louisiana Gardener’s Guide, Month-by-Month Gardening in Texas and Texas Gardener’s Resource. His “Only in Louisiana” column appears monthly in the Louisiana Gardener Magazine, and his articles have also appeared nationally in Fine Gardening Magazine.

Dan will wax eloquent on the 20 – 25 plants he deems the pick of our redoubtable PlantFest! 2013 plant roster AND he will do it indoors in the new Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium ... complete with the benefit of air conditioning and a 5-star audio visual system.

To put the “tease” in your annual PlantFest “pre-quel”, only one of each of the plants presented will be eligible for purchase. We will host a drawing to determine who gets to purchase what. The rules of engagement are as follows:

• only Teaser registrants may participate
• they may put their name in up to six plant hats
• and they must be present to win their opportunity to purchase

If this isn’t enough to set your horticultural barometer rising, the 60 minute post-program “walk-about” with Dan Gill through the field of plant dreams ought to do it. Scheduled one week prior to the “main event”, this year’s Teaser will find the PlantFest arena already set up with plants in their final nesting place and their infomercial signs installed.

What better occasion to start your plant list and check it twice, determining which plants will be naughty or nice for your landscape AND guess-timating just how many wagons and co-conspirators you will need to achieve your gardening mission.

~ QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER FOR THE TEASER ~
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PlantFest! proper is set for Saturday and Sunday, OCTOBER 5th and 6th, at the Arboretum.
FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Greetings! Another summer has come and almost gone, although you wouldn’t know it by looking at the thermometer.

Last year when I was preparing my column for the 2012 summer newsletter, I wrote that “summer is typically a time when the pace slows a little at Hilltop.” HA! If anything, the pace has quickened at Hilltop this summer, as the construction crew has been hard at work on our new Imogene Newsom Brown Education Facility and Burt and Sue Turner Family Courtyard. Lincoln Builders is projecting August 9th as the completion date, after which we will conduct a walk through and prepare a punch list. That means that by the time you are reading this newsletter, the construction should truly be nearing completion. We have ordered the furnishings and the audio/video equipment, which we hope to have installed by mid-September. The facility will be the first LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certified building at LSU.

Completion of the new facility and courtyard will be a significant milestone in the history of Hilltop, and we will have a grand opening ceremony on October 17, 2013 from 6-8pm (Save the Date). The entire Friends of Hilltop membership is invited, and separate invitations will be mailed for this event.

In addition to the new construction, LSU Facility Services has been busy at Hilltop lending us a hand with some much-needed maintenance, including repairing the roof on the Margaret Holmes Brown Pavilion, rehabilitating the bathrooms, re-painting the kitchen, offices and gift shop, and repairing and maintaining the air conditioning system. We are also working with LSU to develop a new WordPress website. A big “thank you” to LSU for all of their assistance!

Looking ahead to fall, PlantFest! will be the first weekend of October (5 & 6). PlantFest! features a huge selection of native plants for sale and is one of our major fundraising activities; we hope to see you there! The PlantFest! Teaser will be on September 28th. Additional information regarding both PlantFest! and the Teaser can be found in this newsletter.

Planning is well underway for the fall garden tour, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, in College Town and LeHarve, and our spring garden tours – “A Walk in Walden,” “A Pastiche of Garden Styles,” and “An Afternoon in St. Francisville” – were once again a great success. Thanks to Paula Dilemuth and the garden tour committee – Devera Goss, Mary Tharp, Vallan Corbett, and Terry Rehn – for their hard work putting this year’s tours together.

Hope to see you at the grand opening!

John Marrill

Carole Guillory ... the “cat’s” meow!!!

... and, for that matter ... the gardener’s meow, as well as the bird’s and the photographer’s. To fondly and fittingly celebrate her memory, this year’s PlantFest! t-shirt will feature a rendering by Doug Bourgeois. Hilltop’s artist in residence, of her favorite plant: the Giant Ligularia (Ligularia tussilaginina ‘Gigantea’).

Both devoted Hilltop members, Carole and husband Mark made Hilltop a part of their healing regimen when she was recovering from her first battle with the breast cancer that ultimately took her life this past November.

Hilltop and Hodge Podge are both the better for her having chosen them as one of her “causes célèbres”. She was an ardent advocate for any need that had the good fortune to peak her interest and a dedicated ally to those who championed it. Her hallmark feistiness was coupled with a genuinely caring nature and a delightful sense of sass. Maybe we can find some small consolation in the certain knowledge that Heaven is a far, far better place now that Carole is in the house.
During the first two weeks in June there were more than just bees buzzing at Hilltop! The trails and pavilion were abuzz with activity from the HILLTOP SUMMER SPROUTS campers. This year 16 campers attended the annual summer program. Activities included nature hikes, arts and crafts, story time, and seed planting. The children learned about plant and pond life, as well as animals, insects and other creatures in nature.

This year's camp was directed by Cindy (Lou Who) Peterson. Cindy was assisted by camp counselor Cassandra (Miss C) Fullmer, as well as camp helpers Luke (Pickle) Dille, Evan (Monkey) Dille, Madison (Maddie) Daniels, Dylan (Tiger) Peterson, and Michael (Griffin) DiCarlo.

The campers had a wonderful experience as they explored the Hilltop trails, planted seeds, and even received messages from the fairies in the Fairy Tree. The two week hands-on experience culminated in a family day picnic event on the last day of camp.

You can bet we’re already making great plans for the 2014 Summer Sprout Camp (June 2-13, 2014) for children ages 4-7 years old. SAVE THE DATE and call us early to register your special sprout!
FALL WALKING TOUR

THROUGH FRIENDLY GARDENS OF COLLEGE TOWN AND LEHARVE

Hilltop will feature four gardens and the newly renovated BREC park in College Town on Sunday, October 27th from 1-5pm, the little known Highland Road Cemetery which is accessed through the College Town Park, and two gardens with common ground areas in LeHarve which are accessed also through the Park. College Town dates from 1923 when it provided building lots for professors and staff at the newly relocated LSU Campus from downtown. So plan to come, park your car, and enjoy a stroll through these gardens on the Sunday following the LSU/Furman game at Tiger Stadium!

Also, leave time in your afternoon to visit the garden of Marion Drummond in Broadmoor featuring her select favorites gifted and collected from her fellow plantmen and -women. And, as always, drop by Hilltop Arboretum where there will be ladies-in-waiting to assist you with the purchase of the Hodge Podge Collection of plants.

Detail garden information and tickets are available through our website www.lsu.edu/hilltop

FALL “THANKSGIVING” CAMP

NOVEMBER 25-26, 2013
9 am-1 pm

Register the young gardener (ages 7-10) in your family early for this fun two day gardening camp. Expect lots of hands-on projects in garden design and field trips to explore the world of insects. The children will earn two Junior Master Gardener Chapter Pins and a certificate. For more information call 225-767-6916, or register online at www.lsu.edu/hilltop. Healthy snacks will be provided throughout the day.

Parents will provide a brown bag lunch and drink. Program Fee for 2 days: $50 members, $85 Non-Members (includes $35 annual membership). Online Registration (www.lsu.edu/hilltop) or call 767-6916 or email hilltop@tigers.lsu.edu

Clean House and Support Hilltop!

Yes, you can! Did you know that 50% of the proceeds from the sale of items donated to Here Today Gone Tomorrow can be directed to Friends of Hilltop?

All you have to do is bring your resale items to Here Today Gone Tomorrow at 10240 Burbank Drive and mention that you would like the proceeds to be directed to Hilltop at account number 10110. When your donated items are sold, Hilltop will receive half the proceeds!
PlantFest! 2013
~30th Edition~

“A walk on the GREEN Side”

Saturday, OCT 5 – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm & Sunday, OCT 6 – 12 noon – 4 pm
11855 Highland Road

The 30th anniversary of our annual fall plant sale celebrates three decades of masterfully collecting people and plants and bringing them together in the unique natural space that is Emory Smith’s Hilltop. In addition to supporting our ongoing efforts to develop the site and the educational programs and projects of the Arboretum, there is no event in our impressive program roster that better shouts what Hilltop is all about.

The horticultural promenade will be led by the delightfully eclectic cadre of volunteers who oversee Hilltop’s on-site nursery and are affectionately known as “Hodge Podge”. Their combined understanding and appreciation of Hilltop, all plants in general ... and native plants in particular ... is laced with a generous dollop of funk, a pinch of pluck, and a flair for the unique. All this and more is folded with finesse into the impressive diversity of plant materials featured at the sale.

Brace yourself for a botanical “all you can greet” plant feast ... trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, ferns, fruits, gingkies, camellias, incredible edibles, ornamental grasses, and more that run the gamut from native and traditional to eclectic and electric newcomers. The singular Hodge Podge Collection features prized passalongs and choice plants grown from cuttings donated by Friends and fans and coddled throughout the year in anticipation of the fall sale. To spice up the mix, additional plants are imported from 15 diverse nurseries located in Alabama, Texas, Florida, and South Carolina as well as Louisiana. Well over 5,000 plants will be assembled representing 600 different species ... some making their debut at Hilltop this year. To ensure that your heart and your garden cart are up for the two-day plant shopping frenzy, we will post a listing of the plant materials being offered at the sale on the Hilltop web site (www.lsu.edu/hilltop) one week prior.

With smiles to go before they’re done, landscape architects, contractors and designers; arborists; horticultural specialists; growers; plantmen and women; Master Gardeners ... all will be on hand to help you sidestep anything that might clog your gardens arteries. Display vignettes that make “scents”, bedazzle with color, or speak to those who want to go native or attract butterflies will help you get growing and suggest just the right dosage for your space.

To put even more “fun” in the “Fest”, the Hilltop Gift Shop will be joined by specialty plant and craft vendors to meet all the needs of gardeners and their gardens ... books, garden tools, ironwork, woodcraft and just about anything you might need for the birds.

Hilltop accepts cash, checks, Visa and MasterCard. To help staunch the pinch on your pocketbook, we offer both a tax and a membership incentive. For the two days of the sale we avail ourselves of and pass along to you the special fundraiser exemption from city and state tax offered qualifying non-profits. This will apply to plant purchases only. Current Friends of Hilltop members get an additional 10% discount on Hilltop plants purchased during the two days of the sale.
Hilltop Garden Trip
FALL IN THE FELICIANAS

I had been thinking about putting together a trip to the Felicianas for quite some time. Not only is it beautiful any time of the year but I always am impressed with the hospitality we receive when visiting smaller communities. After meeting Rod Drehr, author of “The Little Way of Ruthie Leming”, the idea was sealed. Although he was raised in West Felician, he turned his back on St. Francisville and moved away from his roots to live a more cosmopolitan lifestyle in large cities far away. But when his sister became ill and he made trips home to visit her, he began to see his hometown in a different light. During her illness and upon her death, there was an outpouring of support from the community. Not because of who she might be but because that’s just what they do. They are connected; they are there for each other. There are no racial lines, no religious lines, and no social lines. After soul-searching he and his wife moved their careers and their family back to the town of St. Francisville.

Although Rod’s family had roots there, I have another story just as compelling about two of our Hilltop friends that were essentially strangers to the area who experienced a tragedy that most would not survive but were uplifted by the community. We will share that one on our trip but you will be amazed at this incredible first hand story.

Monday, November 11th, 2013
Depart from Hilltop at 7:30 AM
$120 (all inclusive)
$145 (non-members)

So in planning the tour, I wanted to find places that most people had not been before and would not be able to get into on their own. With plenty of help, I stumbled on some treasures to appeal to every taste. I found a gardener’s garden managed by a lady that can “put a stick in the ground and make it grow” much like Margie Jenkins. Another visit to a delightful man (aka “a character”) who has at least 169 camellias, lives in one of the first A. Hays Town homes built in 1945 and is full of museum quality antiques and has an outdoor man cave. A visit to the mystifying East Jackson mental hospital, a catered lunch at the private home of the MacDairms, known as Milldale, a visit to a garden that beats description other than being an oasis in the middle of nowhere (sits on 3 acres with “hardly a spot to plant anything else” a pond, a stream, a 2 seater outhouse with windows, and wonderful yard art), an easy walking tour of a historic block in Jackson with visits to Roseneath, Millbank, Old Centenary Inn. and quaint little shops. A stop in St. Francisville at Grandmother’s Buttons and a book signing by Rod Drehr who lives nearby. And finally our end-of-the-road wine and cheese party at the beautiful home of Cammie and David Norwood. Their home and property are amazing with incredible stories and the drive to their house is one of the most picturesque I have ever been on.

As most of you know, these trips fill up quickly so don’t hesitate to call Paula Dillenmuth at 767-6916 or email hilltop@tigers.lsu.edu to make your reservation.

Hilltop is there for your entertainment or meetings

Looking for the perfect spot to have a small meeting, corporate party, family gathering, or wedding? Hilltop is just the place. It’s in a beautiful setting surrounded by trees on the edge of a lake, and ceiling fans create a cool breeze. For smaller groups, the enclosed library down the walkway is ideal for meetings. For larger groups, the Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium is situated on the edge of the pond with connecting board walks to the open air Margaret Holmes Brown Pavilion. Our rental policy at www.lsu.edu/hilltop has recently been updated to include the new facilities at Hilltop. Please call 767-6916 or email hilltop@tigers.lsu.edu for availability and questions about rates.

We’d be happy to help you entertain!

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What Our Friends Are Doing

Burden Horticulture Society
For additional information:
psver200@bellsouth.net
(225) 927-8459

REFLECTIONS IN THE GARDEN
Mondays — noon-1pm
• Oct 7 ~ Preserve the Herbal Harvest
• Nov 4 ~ Outdoor Kitchens
• Dec 2 ~ A Natural Christmas

Sept. 28-29, 8:30am-5pm
CORNMAZE AT HARVEST DAYS
Oct. 5, 12, 19, 4:7pm
CORNMAZE SATURDAY
Oct. 16, 6pm
Wine and Roses Dinner

EBR Recycling Office
For additional information:
www.begov.com/recycle
(225) 389-5194

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION EVENT
Sat. Nov 2, 9 am-1 pm
Memorial Stadium

COMPOST BIN/RAIN BARREL SALE & MULCH GIVEAWAY
Sat., Dec. 7, 9 am-2 pm
Memorial Stadium

LSU NEWS!

ROBERT REICH SCHOOL AWARDS

Max Conrad, Professor of Landscape Architecture at LSU, has been selected as a recipient of the American Society of Landscape Architects Jot D. Carpenter Teaching Medal, recognizing his sustained and significant contribution to landscape architecture educators. Conrad will receive the medal during the president’s dinner on Monday, November 18, 2013, as part of the ASLA annual meeting in Boston.

The 2013 Rome Prize in Landscape Architecture was awarded to Director and Associate Professor Bradley Cantrell for his proposal “Synthetic and Responsive Ecologies.” The winners are invited to Rome to pursue their work in an atmosphere conducive to intellectual and artistic freedom, interdisciplinary exchange, and innovation. Cantrell will spend six months in Rome in the spring of 2014.
HILLTOP Thanks One & All!
February 16 to July 31, 2013

New and Renewing Members
Live Oak $1,000
Catherine Coates

Cypress $500-$999
Colette and Andy Dean, Mary Ann Sternberg

Magnolia $250-$499
Diane and Charles Bradley, Jane Honeycutt, Cindy Moran, Teri Rome

Dogwood $100-$249
Patricia Alford, Kim Bevil, Travis and James Coleman, Joan and Gere Covert, Sharon and Jack Feld, Roberta Guillory, Randy Hareison and Richard Gilbert, Cindy and John Hartgerink, Renee and Paul Major, Gayle Manda, Mary Lynn and Chuck McMains, Carol and Pete Newton, Robekah and Neil Oenendal, Ann and Michael Ruth, Charlene and Jack Stovall, Pam and Gerry Sulzer, Julie Vianta

Azalea $50-$99
Pat and Rodney Adams, Sarah Bergeron, Margaret Campane, Brenda and Dave Davis, Pat Drackett, Lynn Farmer, LaRae Jolly, Katherine and Michael Kabel, Arlene and Neil Keifer, Jeff Kuchel, Loice Lacy, Danielle and Chris Mensman, Judy and Butch Nolan, Huntington Odum, Laura Oubre, Lula Summers, Anne and Bert Wilkins, Christina Zeringue

Violet $35-$49
Paulette Ainsworth, Linda and Brian Babin, Farrah and Derek Benedetto, Jolie and Gene Berry, Haley Blakeman, Andrea Blanchard, Madeline and David Breidenbach, Douglas Brown, James Scott Dartez, Andre' De La Barre, Dana de la Brumette, Kathleen and Glenn DeMousselle, Locee Ann and Roger Donier, Fannie Easterly, Anne and Charles Farris, Kim and Bennett Ford, Diane Gebelein, Toni and Gary Goss, Melissa and Steven Grisson, Kit and Mark Grote, Diane and Bobby Hebert, Angela Hedrick, Deborah Hedrick, Anna Kathryn and Brian Kronenberger, Brenda and Philip Legendre, David Leslelle, Diane Losavio, Ashley Matherne, Martha McCrory, Becky Milligan, Donna Montgomery, Carol Mosley, Connie and David Norwood, Mary Parent, Shelby and John Robert, Lalaia Schemavair, Judy and Rich Starrett, Toni and Don Turnley, Catherine Van Hook, Margaret Vick, Tasha and Brady Whittington

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