A Fall Festival of Arts + Garden Events in New Orleans • October – November 2009
Arts + Gardens + New Orleans

A New Fall Festival Showcasing the City’s Cultural and Natural Treasures

New Orleans, traditionally known for its live music and deep bowls of gumbo, is evolving into a city that respects its past, but is transforming itself into a contemporary, cosmopolitan city with a full and diverse menu of cultural, gardening, architectural, design and culinary offerings. Over the next two months, the city’s leading arts and gardens cultivators will be showcasing programs and events to establish New Orleans as one of the nation’s top cultural and garden destinations.

Arts + Gardens + New Orleans, sponsored by the Botanical Garden of New Orleans at City Park and the Contemporary Visual Arts Association of New Orleans (CVAANO), is a two month tour de force of the best arts and garden destinations and events in the city. This fall festival includes the launch of the “Heart of the Gardens” campaign and a new gardens based tour of the city including Longue Vue House and Gardens and the mellow Bayou St. John, Esplanade Ridge and Treme neighborhoods. Special exhibitions are being presented at area museums and art centers. Self-guided tours will bring visitors and residents to see unheralded public art works, gardens and markets throughout our vibrant, though still recovering, neighborhoods.

The Botanical Garden and CVAANO want visitors and residents to share the pleasures of the city’s growing arts attractions and year round semi-tropical gardens, landscape and environment. Fall brings sasquash and camellias, followed soon by winter blooming Japanese magnolias and azaleas, then spring gardenias, and magnolia grandiflora, and summer blooming hibiscus, oleander, crepe myrtle and fruit trees. Live oak trees provide a year round green canopy.

The huge arts block party, Art for Art Sake, also kicks off the fall season on the first Saturday of October. The St. Claude Arts District opens on the second Saturday of October, October 10th, with close to two dozen, mostly artist-run, galleries.

The Botanical Garden, Longue Vue and Gray Line New Orleans Tours kick off the Heart of the Gardens tours and events with a Bon Voyage brunch and preview tours on October 11th at 11:00 am in the Botanical Garden.

Special exhibitions include paintings of Louisiana landscapes, new architecture, earthworks and work of emerging artists at the New Orleans Museum of Art, Contemporary Arts Center, Louisiana ArtWorks, Ogden Museum, The New Orleans African American Museum, the Porch, L9 Center for the Arts and the McKenna Museum. The Fall Garden Show at the Botanical Garden on October 16 and 17th includes community and artist designed scarecrows, many for sale. A special sculpture exhibit in City Park for the Voo Doo Festival will leave behind some special sculptures in the Botanical Garden.

Literally hundreds of new creative young people are joining returning cultural producers to create an explosion of artistic talent in New Orleans. Planning and environmentally oriented professionals are focused on green building, landscaping, urban gardening and markets. As new initiatives continue to expand, New Orleans is becoming a national focal point, and model for 21st century urban centers of cultural and sustainable development. So hop on a bike, pack your friends in a car, catch a bus or private tour, and explore the exciting new and old sights, smells, sounds, tastes and joie de vivre of a city with a place in everyone’s heart.
Botanical Garden Invites The World to Enjoy The Gardens of New Orleans
Launches “Heart of the Gardens” campaign and new tour on October 11th, at 11:00 am, in the Botanical Garden in City Park

The Botanical Garden of New Orleans at City Park made a discovery not too long ago when it asked people how they felt about the garden: the answer came back that people loved it, but did not visit it regularly. Many months of garden lectures, Sunday concerts, and evening music events later, more people than ever are enjoying the garden. They are coming, not just for horticultural secrets, but also for basking in the Sunday afternoon sun while Charmaine Neville, Rumba Buena, Julio y Cesar, Sunpie Barnes or Paul Sanchez play on the Robert B. Haspel Garden Stage, or sipping mint juleps and mojitos while jazz and classical acts play in the Pavilion of the Two Sisters on Thursday nights.

All of this while the park was turning browned-out gardens green again, with the help of volunteers and national foundations. Astonished visitors were so impressed with the transformation in the Botanical Garden, as well as around the city, they encouraged garden managers to share the secret of New Orleans’ gardens with the world.

“We realized that the Botanical Garden is indeed the ‘Heart of the Gardens of New Orleans’, and started planning a campaign and tours that would use the Botanical Garden as a gateway for tours of the city’s gardens, green spaces, and neighborhoods,” said Paul Soniat, Executive Director of the garden.

“This will give potential visitors to New Orleans, already familiar with our food and music, another reason to come back,” said Soniat.

Longue Vue House and Gardens came on board immediately, joining a new tour that also includes the scenic Bayou St. John area, with its historic houses and gardens such as the Pitot House and Spanish Customs House, and the Esplanade Ridge/Treme area. New Orleans City Park also committed support, as major new park features are being readied to greet new visitors. Gray Line Tours provided expert guidance, and decided to develop the tour as their first new one since the devastation tour created after Katrina.

“We think the gardens tour can be a major new tour, and a great way to move forward from the devastation tour as New Orleans rebuilds,” said Greg Hoffman, Vice President of Gray Line Tours of New Orleans.

Friends of City Park and the board members of the Botanical Garden, and Longue Vue House and Gardens, and New Orleans City Park have all pitched in to make the launch on October 11th an exciting event with a great brunch, refreshments, Champagne toast, and preview tours. Patrons are paying from $50 per seat to help defray the costs of the launch and Champagne.

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Envisioning the Opportunities

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Sincere thanks to the City of New Orleans’ Parks and Parkways for its on-going partnership with the community and arts organizations in placing artwork in the public venue. Its commitment to the city’s green spaces assures that artwork is installed within a perfect setting.
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES
19 works of art commissioned by the Arts Council of New Orleans and the Joan Mitchell Foundation to support the unique work of local artists. The project provided the opportunity for them to rebuild their artistic careers and contribute to the city’s recovery.

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
1. 813 Howard Avenue DISPLACED Franco Alessandrini
2. 423 Carondelet St ALL ABOARD Lou Blackwell
3. Miss. River Heritage Park SCRAP HOUSE Sally Heller

LOWER GARDEN DISTRICT
4. Camp St. at Melonpeme St. RISING LANDSCAPE Barry Bailey
5. Children’s Resource Center N.O. MUSEUM OF ART Children’s Museum
6. Washington Square Park Royal St. & Frenchmen St. HUMS Marcus Brown
7. Decatur St. & Dauphine St. LAYRINHTH Christopher Scott Brumfield

HOW TO WATER AREA
6. 3636 St. Charles Ave. City Park Lelang Ave.
7. 1201 Mazant at Marais St. 2400 St. Claude Ave. 3014 Daumier Street 800 Carondelet 2601 Orleans Ave. 112 S. Rampart St.
8. Erika Larkin & Mitchell Gaudet Watermark Elsian Fields - 12 locations from River to the Lake
9. 1700 Lafreniere St. HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN Paul Deo

Sculpture for New Orleans
An on-going exhibition placing monumental sculptures throughout the city from Downtown and the Garden District to City Park and New Orleans Museum of Art.

CBD – Arts District
1. Ogden Museum ME, KNIFE, DIAMOND AND FLOWER James Surls
2. Louisiana Children’s Museum GARRETT HORSE Karen Garrett
3. Lafayette Square EYEBENCHES IV Courtesy of Louise Bourgeois
4. Lafayette Square BUNNY Tara Conley
5. Lafayette Square FLOWERS FOR THERESA Aria Da Capo
6. Paydreas Corridor ZACH’S TOWER John Henry
7. Diamond Street STREET William Canning
8. Convention Center Blvd DIAMOND Giro Naito
9. Hotel Le Cirque PLUME Gary Humphreys
10. Hotel Le Cirque UNTITLED George Tabolowsky
11. Hotel Le Cirque FRAY John Clement
12. Hotel Le Cirque UNTITLED Barbara Carris
13. N.O. Museum of Art FOUR AND SIX ESCAPE Alexander Calder
14. N.O. Museum of Art OZARK BOULDERS Bob Tannen
15. Xavier University FEEL NO EVIL Tom Bills
16. Xavier University SNAKE LADY Deborah Masters
17. Xavier University PHOTOJOE Dan Bergman
18. Xavier University PEOPLE VANE Herb Rosenberg
19. Xavier University COPPER FLAME Peter Lundberg
20. Xavier University GIRAFFE Ester Grillo
21. Xavier University SWAY Adam Garey

UPTOWN
22. Tulane University STARRYING AT THE OCEAN George Tabolowsky
23. Tulane University DASEIN COLUMN Steve Durow
24. Tulane University FULL WEIGHT Jeremy Jernigan
25. Tulane University STARWAY TO THE STARS Mark Di Suvero
26. Tulane University FRECKLE John Clement
27. Tulane University TIMBER Gene Kass
28. Audubon Park TRAVELERS Deborah Masters
29. Audubon Park CURRENT Beat Kriemler

PERCENT FOR ART COLLECTION
For more than 20 years, the Arts Council of New Orleans has worked with city administrations and the community to place artwork in public venues to create the sense of place that is New Orleans.

ALGIERS
1. Vernet and Opelousas Sts. IRON HOUSE Carol Lambert & Eljah Sproles
2. Brechtel Park WOODLAND PHOENIX Madeleine Faust
3. Kansas St. & Memorial Pk. Dr. PARK ARCH Steven Kline
4. NOFD, Engine #20 425 Gravier Ave. FIRESTATION BANNER Douglas MacCash
5. N.O. Kiwanis Park CONFETTI PARK Steven Kline
6. Behrmann Park 2529 Gen. Meyer Ave. SYNCHRONICITY Thomas Mann

CENTRAL BUSINESS & ARTS DISTRICT
7. N.O. Public Library LOUVRE GRANT WATERMARK Sheryl Montgomery & Steven Kline
8. NOFD, Engine #2 843 St. Girod St. FIRESTATION BANNER Douglas MacCash
9. Diamond St. & Convention Center Blvd. RIVER STONES Terry Weldon
10. Union Passenger Terminal Loyola and Howard Avenues CURRENT WATERMARK Jeremy Jernigan & Steven Kline

UPTOWN
11. City Park Carousel Garden DU POISSON Gary Etienne
12. City Park Carousel Garden TOUR DU POISSON Patricia Huling
13. DeSais Circle Gentilly, St. Bernard & DeSaix SPIRIT HOUSE John T. Scott and Martin Payton
14. Pontchartrain Park 600 blk. Press Drive RISING DISC Terry Weldon
15. Elsian Fields Ave. UNO Entrance ALUMINUM ATTITUDES Arthur J. Silverman

MID-CITY
16. Jeff. Davis Pkwy/Canal St. SERPENT MOUND Steven Kline
17. Creola BoldenCenter 3600 Palm St. GERT TOWN MURAL Albert Cooper & Warrior Richardson
18. Pontchartrain Park 600 blk. Press Drive RISING DISC Terry Weldon
19. Elsian Fields Ave. UNO Entrance ALUMINUM ATTITUDES Arthur J. Silverman

FRANKLIN & LAKEFRONT AREA
1. Lafayette Square HAMMER AND FORGE Hyram Powers
2. Lafayette Square BENJAMIN FRANKLIN Hyram Powers
3. Lafayette Square JOHN DONOHO SPIRIT HOUSE Atilio Picelli
4. 600 Loyola Ave. CANCER SURVIVOR PARK Victor Salomones

FRENCH QUARTER/ Treme Area
5. Decatur St. & St. Louis St. BIENVILLE Angela Gregory
6. Woldenberg Park AQUATIC PARADE Ida Kohlmeyer
7. Woldenberg Park RIVERSONG John T. Scott
8. Decatur St. & St. Philip Jean d’ Arc Emmanuel Fremiet
9. Armstrong Park South Rampart St. LEONIS ARMSTRONG Elizabeth Callett
10. Armstrong Park South Rampart St. SIDNEY BECHET

NEW ORLEANS EAST
11. Alcee Fortier and Chef Mentur Highway CROSSINGS David Tureau
12. Joe Brown Park 5601 Royal Ave. FAUNA TIME PIECE Brian Borello

UPTOWN
13. Kingsley House Courtyard 1600 Constance Street N.O. CULTURAL GUMBO Larry Daniel Nevil
14. Audubon Zoo PASSIVE TRANSPORT II Elizabeth Shannon

HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
New Orleans has more than 75 public sculptures honoring a noted person or an historic event. Placed in parks and pathways, the artwork acts as placemakers and wayfinders for residents and visitors. Many of these decades-old pieces need conservation. Monumental Task Committee, Inc. is spearheading this preservation effort.

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT – ARTS DISTRICT
1. Lafayette Square GATE TO THE NORTH COURT Erzy Schwartz & George Dureau
2. City Park Carousel Garden TOUR DU POISSON Patricia Huling
3. DeSais Circle Gentilly, St. Bernard & DeSaix SPIRIT HOUSE John T. Scott and Martin Payton
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The essence of New Orleans is in its arts, its culture, its rich heritage and lush environment. The arts bring life to our community, and in New Orleans, the arts are all around us. We are reminded of who we are and what makes our city unique.

Public art reflects the local environment, cultural values, and the artistic vitality of the community in which it exists. Public art enhances the quality of life for citizens by encouraging a heightened sense of place, enhancing a community’s character and enriching the quality of the built environment.

The Arts Council of New Orleans is a private, non-profit organization designated as the City’s official arts agency. Now in its 34th year, the Arts Council works in partnership with the City of New Orleans, community groups, local, state and national governmental agencies, and other nonprofit arts organizations and businesses to meet the arts and cultural needs of the greater New Orleans region through diverse initiatives and services.
Calendar of Events and Programs

Now – November 15, Contemporary Arts Center: Innovative new housing designs being built in the 9th Ward by the Make it Right Foundation, and rain garden. www.carcno.org


October 10, second Saturdays, on St. Claude Avenue: 20+ new galleries open the fall season with an art walk, affordable art works, great young crowds. www.scadnola.com

Now – November, Longue Vue House and Garden: food and wine tastings, childrens programs such as “Little Masters at Longue Vue”, and lectures. www.longuevue.com


October 10, second Saturdays, Sankofa Marketplace: Lower 9th Ward: Crafts, artists’ demonstrations, music, fresh produce, wild caught Louisiana shrimp and rebuilding agencies. www.sankofamarketplace.org

October 10 & 11, Gentilly Fest: Live music, food from local restaurants, fine arts and crafts, children’s activities, services. www.gentillyfest.org

October 11, “HEART OF THE GARDENS” Bon Voyage Launch: The New Orleans Botanical Garden launches a campaign to celebrate the city’s unique gardens, with a Bon Voyage Brunch and Tours of the Botanical Garden, City Park, the Bayou St. John, Esplanade Ridge and Treme neighborhoods, and Longue Vue House and Gardens with Gray Line Tours. www.neworleanscitypark.com

October 14 & Wednesdays: Harrison Avenue Market: A family event with 75+ food and crafts vendors, across from Starbucks, 5:00 pm.

October 17 & 18, Fall Garden Show at the New Orleans Botanical Garden in City Park, featuring Funky and Fabulous Scarecrows made by artists, school children, and community groups, many for sale. Special harvest culinary treats. www.neworleanscitypark.com

October 17 – February 28 Exhibition of William Woodward’s Louisiana landscapes at New Orleans Museum of Art: Paintings from the NOMA and Historic New Orleans collections that recall our natural heritage. www.noma.org

October 17 & November 21 Third Saturdays, Baywater Art Market: Highly juried, original works of art at affordable prices.

October 17 & 18: Crescent City Blues and BBQ Festival in Lafayette Square with crafts bazaar: Presented by the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation. www.jazzandheritage.org

October 24, Louisiana ArtWorks: ArtStar Party with Open Studios, 8–11pm. www.louisianaartworks.org

October 30-November 1, Voodoo Festival in City Park, The weekend of Halloween features multi-stage live music and a unique public art sculpture show presented by KK Projects/Life is Art. www.thevoodoexperience.com and www.kkprojects.org

October 28–29 Last Saturdays, Arts Market of New Orleans: Presented by the Arts Council of New Orleans: Palmer Park, 10:00am to 4:00pm with handmade, affordable art by over 100 artists, live music and more. www.arts councilofneworleans.org

All of October, Oktoberfest: Regional harvest feasts with new boutique beers. With over a thousand restaurants, many opened since Katrina, and more per head than any other city in America, New Orleans is the perfect food and party destination. www.nolafunguide.com

November 1, All Saints Day: New Orleanians visit cemeteries with arms full of flowers to honor their ancestors and our cultural heritage. www.saveourcemeteries.org

November 7 – November 31: Southern Landscapes from the Permanent Collection at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art. Work from 1890 to present exhibits the diversity, and vitality of landscape painting, including Elmore Morgan Jr., Lulu King Saxon, Julian Onderdonk, Clarence Millet, and others. www.ogdenmuseum.org

November 17, Inaugural Grand Opening of Gentilly Market: Live music, food from local restaurants, many opened since Katrina, and more per head than any other city in America. Tastings, childrens programs such as “Little Masters at Longue Vue”, and lectures. www.gentillyfest.org

November 14, Opening party at the Botanical Garden for the exhibition of holiday sculptures curtailed by KK Projects/Life is Art: Contemporary art spin on holiday spirit and color. www.neworleanscitypark.com and www.kkprojects.org

November 14, Education Series: New Orleans Botanical Garden Trial and Display Gardens: New varieties of annual plants and in-house trials, also including a display of many Salvias from the Herb Society of America. Tour of new varieties of petunias for 2010 release. www.neworleanscitypark.com

November 28, Celebration in the Oaks: The annual holiday lighting exhibit and festival returns with old favorites and new attractions. www.neworleanscitypark.com

For more events and sites see: www.findartnola.com
We Grow Our City First with Gardens

After Katrina, returning New Orleanians counted their neighbors by lights in homes at night, and new plantings in front of homes during the day. Many can recount the apocalyptic feel of a city browned out by flood waters. Newly blooming shrubs, trees and flowers in front of homes gave people a lift in their spirits, even in the most devastated neighborhoods. Neighbors also joined hands to plant public spaces, gardens and neutral grounds.

The Neighborhoods Partnership Network and Preservation Resource Center are compiling a list of gardens, small and large, in every neighborhood of the city to celebrate this optimistic commitment to the city’s future.

Please send your suggestions, with addresses, names of property owners and photos if possible to trumpet@npnnola.com, or mkimball@prcno.org.

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