



Each year during Arbor Day at Burden, families plant trees and grow memories. Every January the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden celebrates Louisiana's Arbor Day, which observes the importance and brilliance of our woodlands and promotes the conservation and enjoyment of the state's native forests.

Guests are invited to plant a tree in the Burden Woods and, with GPS coordinates, watch it grow for generations. Children can safely scale a Louisiana live oak, meet Smokey Bear and enjoy a scavenger hunt through the Trees & Trails system of paths, which wind through an array of native habitats.



Brush With Burden



Louisiana's natural beauty has inspired artists for centuries. Brush with Burden, a juried art show at LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden, attracts painters and photographers from across the country gifted with the ability to depict the region's flora and fauna in imaginative ways.

Founded in 2010, this juried art show exhibited works from many noted Louisiana artists before expanding the invitation to the rest of the country. Alongside the exhibit and reception, the Brush with Burden seminar offers artists an opportunity to learn from an admired artist.

The exhibit also showcases the airy Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie and the charming Ione E. Burden Visitor Information and Conference Center at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens, two works of architectural art themselves.





Some of Baton Rouge's best chefs and mixologists create special cuisine and cocktails each year for Gourmet in the Garden. Guests eat, drink and bask in the scents and sights of the Rose Garden and admire the artistry of the A. Hays Town-designed Orangerie, a perfect setting to enjoy the soft light of a spring evening.

Focusing on locally grown ingredients, the chefs work to create seasonal fare specifically for the event. The evening's top award brings out the chefs and mixologists' competitive nature and creative juices as they attempt to win the overall Gourmet in the Garden award and the People's Choice and Jury awards. Gourmet in the Garden benefits educational programs at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens and the Louisiana Culinary Institute Foundation.





Garden Fest is a celebration of green thumbs, rich topsoil and bright red tomatoes. The festival centers around the bounty harvested from the Louisiana garden — refreshing cucumbers, plump yellow squash, hot peppers and all the fresh produce that flavors the summer.

The day begins with fluffy omelets cooked to order by the Louisiana Egg Commission and the perfect breakfast cocktail, the bloody mary, prepared by Mason's Grill. Gardeners can tour the trial gardens to view new varieties and taste assorted fruits and vegetables or attend educational sessions. Foodies can sample local creations from inventive entrepreneurs working with the LSU AgCenter Food Incubator. Kids can glide down water slides, see farm equipment up close in the Touch a Tractor exhibit and climb aboard hayrides.





An evening of drinks, dinner and conversation under the stars, Wine & Roses spotlights the floral splendor of the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden. Guests mingle, sip on cocktails and sample hors d'oeuvres on the lawn of the Steele Burden Memorial Orangerie while listening to a jazz trio. The crisp fall air fills with the perfume of thousands of roses as lanterns illuminate the garden paths, creating an elegant, ethereal ambience. As night falls, guests savor a gourmet dinner and fine wines while surrounded by blooming flowers.

Hosted each October by the Friends of the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden, this fundraiser remains one of the most sought-after affairs in town.



Corn Maze at Burden

Each fall thousands of families delight in the harvest season at Corn Maze at Burden. Here the corn grows tall, trees overflow with fruit and hay bales dot the fields. Open every Saturday in October, kids can wander through the Corn Maze, see homespun scarecrows and experience all kinds of farm-inspired fun. They can hop on a hayride, zoom down a zip line, meet friendly animals in a petting zoo or climb a mountain of hay. Tasty festival food, face painting and pumpkin decorating complement the fall carnival atmosphere.

The month of festivities ends with Night Maze, a less-spooky, Halloween-themed evening that features a walk through the maze, glow-in-the-dark games, live music and a bonfire complete with marshmallows for roasting.



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