

Special Recognition for Two ASA Louisiana Chapter Members

Another First for Miss Margie Jenkins

Louisiana's agriculture hall of fame has its first female member.

Margie Jenkins, an expert on cultivating landscaping plants, is among the 2018 inductees into the Louisiana Agriculture Hall of Distinction. The 96-year-old Jenkins has been prominent in Louisiana's landscape and nursery business for six decades. In addition to plant varieties, she's also knowledgeable about timber harvesting and dairy cattle and sheep ranching.

The hall honors people who have made significant contributions to the state's agriculture community. Jenkins joins Pierre "Pete" Lanaux, a sugarcane farmer for more than 70 years, among this year's inductees.

Induction ceremonies were held March 22, 2018, in Baton Rouge, presented by Louisiana Radio Network, the LSU AgCenter, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

▼ Margie Jenkins (center), Jenkins Farm and Nursery, Amite, LA, was inducted to the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction at their annual awards banquet held in Baton Rouge March 22, 2018. Margie is joined by Dr. Mike Strain (right), Commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and his wife Susan (left).



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▲ Dr. Allen Owings, with brother Don and sister-in-law Donna Owings with dedicatory sign for the new garden named in his honor.

LSU AgCenter Garden Named for Allen Owings

April 26, 2018 was a big day for Chapter President Allen Owings—His friends at the LSU AgCenter and his many friends in other horticulture organizations threw him a BIG retirement party at the Hammond Research Station to celebrate his 25 years of People and Plants! Absolutely beautiful weather, with a large number of family, friends, and co-workers meant everyone had a great time. And, they honored Allen by dedicating the Dr. Allen Owings Sun Garden at the Hammond Station. This 5-acre sun garden will be used for evaluation of warm season and cool season bedding plants, along with herbaceous perennials, roses, ornamental grasses, and "newer" companion shrubs and small trees.



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