



**Saturday, March 13**

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Downtown Riverbank in  
Historic Natchitoches**

**\$3 Admission**

**352-2746 or 866-941-MAIN**

### 2010 Speaker Series

**10 a.m.** Connie Shepherd, licensed landscape horticulture contractor, will speak about low maintenance gardening for shady and sunny locations. The discussion will focus on how proper choice of plant materials will decrease the amount of time, water and pesticides needed for gardens. Shepherd has a bachelor's degree in horticulture from LSU. She was the horticulture volunteer supervisor at the Audubon Zoo and the horticulture county agent for Jefferson Parish. She is a member of the Central Louisiana Herb Society, American Horticulture Society and Louisiana Nursery Landscape Association.

**11 a.m.** Steve Zaorski is a landscape designer and contractor from the Alexandria area. Zaorski will speak about landscape lighting, specifically how lighting can provide a romantic mood for entertaining with family and friends. Zaorski has worked in the landscaping industry for 28 years and has a degree in design and art. He has done work in Louisiana, Texas and London. Zaorski specializes in custom landscaping, lighting, fountains and waterfalls, Koi ponds, garden art, sculptures, decks, arbors, rock work and flagstone patios

**12 p.m.** Janice Hutton, Interpretive Ranger for Hodges Gardens State Park will discuss central Louisiana native plants, the importance of choosing native plants and how these plants can be incorporated into existing landscapes. Hutton is a Baton Rouge native but has lived on Toledo Bend Lake for 25 years. She has owned a grounds maintenance business and managed a retail nursery. Hutton has been an interpretive ranger at Hodges Gardens for three years.

**1 p.m.** Jan Starks, Natchitoches Parish Master Gardener, will speak about and demonstrate herb gardening basics and daily uses for herbs. Starks has been growing herbs for approximately 30 years and now enjoys herb gardening with her grandchildren. She is a former member of the Ark-La-Tex Herb Society and has been a speaker at several gardening festivals.

The speakers series will take place inside the festival area under a tent and admission includes access to the speakers series.

### Looking for Vendors?

**The Garden Path Stone Center  
Jay Mac Tropicals - Blooming Bromeliads  
Maitland Greenhouse - Assorted Ferns  
Natural Springs Garden Center & Nursery  
Weeks Tractor from Natchitoches  
Anderson Produce & Plant Farm**

**Get your sago palms, herbs, plant stands,  
hanging baskets, lawn equipment,  
wrought iron accessories...  
AND MUCH MORE!!!**

### Children's Activities

- Natchitoches Parish Library Bookmobile
- Jupiter Jump & Rock Wall
- Arts & Crafts
- Spring Portraits by DesOrmeaux Designs

### Food Vendors

- Mighty Max Hotdogs
- Stick Pig BBQ
- Half Shell Seafood
- Little Jimmy's Italian Ice
- On Cloud Wine

### Les Amies Butterfly Release

Les Amies Service Organization will host its 7th annual Ann Williams Brittain Butterfly Release on Saturday, March 13, at 3:30 p.m. on the downtown riverbank. Sponsorship for a mass release butterfly is \$5 and individual sponsorships are also available at \$30 per butterfly. All money raised from this event will be donated to the American Cancer Society through Relay for Life.



*Enjoy live jazz music from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*  
**Dave Duplissey & Uptown Jazz**