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Terrific Tim's Louisiana Trip by Tim Mitchell



Carl Smith, the "host with the most" talking to Mike at Living Colours during Crawfish Boil

After spending a day harassing the Bill Moore & Co. offices, and a weekend on a Florida beach, I flew into Alexandria and headed south to connect with Gabriel & Judith of **Paradise Landscapes** in Lafayette. Accompanying them was their beautiful young daughter Isabelle. We dined at Prejean's Restaurant (known for their award-winning Cajun cuisine), where I heard all about the terrific spring they'd experienced as we enjoyed the menu, ambience and great company.

The following day was spent at **Gott Nursery & Landscape** in New Iberia, viewing and reviewing their most recent purchase of named Plumeria and Thailand material. I then received the complete tour AND another terrific dinner, this time prepared by Mike and Yao Richard at their home on the property of their nursery, **Live Oak Gardens**.

This meal was a little less Creole and a lot more Thai. The evening was spent reminiscing about the time we spent in Thailand last November (I'll be

visiting again in early September by the way), as well as discussing additional new and exciting varieties coming out of Thailand in general, and OUR farm in particular. Following the late drive north, the following morning came way too soon but found me in the 'Nursery Capital' of Louisiana, Forest Hill. I was moving slightly slower that morning, but after filling up on 'Community Coffee' at **Robinson's Nursery** with Harold & Maxine, things started to click. The next three days were spent kicking around everything from new varieties to that evening's crawfish boil. This feast was jointly put on by Billy & Beth of **Eco Nursery** and the gracious host, assistant cook and 'picker-upper of empty beer cans', Carl Smith of **Smith Co. Nursery**.

I was thrilled to finally see Cynthia from **G&C Nursery**, and her hubby Greg. I'd missed the always smiling Cynthia with her new 'pixie' hair style during my last two trips due to her globe-trotting jaunts to India. Greg, as always, had his



Evergreen Daylily 'Stella Bella' at Eco Nursery

finger on the pulse of the nursery business, while the others supplied me with cold adult beverages to quench my parched throat. Said parchedness reached its peak while making my way down the dusty drive to their newly renovated home. (Either business is MUCH better than Greg is indicating, or Cynthia is bringing in the big bucks!)

Time was not on my side. The next couple of days I was sweating, not from the heat, but from worrying that I wouldn't be able to see everyone I had intended to on this visit. As I rushed by **Eco Nursery** for the 12th time (within the local speed limit of course), I was greeted with a nice patch of our **NEW EVERGREEN Daylily 'Stella Bella'** in full bloom. Seeing how well these performed during the mid-teen winter months was enough to keep me running, even without that much needed 5th cup of coffee! Hustling down Hwy 165, I pulled into **McNary Nursery** and was greeted by Thang's smiling niece, Linda. *(remainder of article on pg. 2)*

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Terrific Tim's Louisiana trip (cont'd)

Following introductions, I set out to track down the ever busy Thang & her husband Chome. Thang urged me to hop into her "pimped out" golf cart and took me through their property. Highlighting this excursion were the amount of Thailand material, and the various selections of Australian 'Celebrated Plant' varieties (of which, McNary Nursery is the largest licensed grower in Louisiana). This visit also allowed me to remind/BEG Thang to put together *another* Curcuma arrangement for this year's Texas Trade show in Dallas on August 19th-21st. I'll be in attendance, as well as the 'spell checker' of this article, Veronica Hoover. I figured now was a good time to remind everyone! See the final paragraph of this article for another reminder.

As my frenzied trip of the Bayou was nearing it's final hours, I began to fret over who I may have missed. Francisco Vargas of **Vargas Nursery** was nice enough to invite me to lunch, allowing us some time to relax and discuss how the spring has treated him and his brother

Michael. This also gave us a chance to talk about the plant material I'm now bringing in from the Pacific Northwest, including Eucomis, assorted Iris, Salvia and many more selections, all of which is *field grown* material. (See *featured plants*)

My last day in the south was spent with Gerritt Monk (who coaxed me into hauling home two jars of homemade jam), along with Stanley Young & Larry from **Forest Hill Nursery**. This stop has always proved interesting, if not entertaining. Business was booming and everyone was moving a mile a minute. My cue to leave!

I managed to finally connect with Mike and Anita from **Living Colors Nursery**, after numerous unsuccessful attempts to nail Mike down, as he *jetted around* doing whatever Mike does while he's *jetting around* town. I then bumped into Debbie Head (AKA 'Plant Goddess') from **Poole Brothers** as I prepared to head towards the airport and home. By way of an illegal U-turn, I pulled off one last

quick visit catching Shannon from **Robert Strange Nursery**. She had spotted me heading to my flight while chatting with her future daughter in-law on the front porch. My survival instincts told me I did NOT want to unwittingly slip into her bad graces! I'd much rather get a traffic ticket.

As always, this was another great visit to Louisiana, despite running much too short. I regret not being able to see everyone. Next time, I promise to go after these customers/friends first. Maybe between now and then, I'll be able to shed some of the weight gained during this trip. (Thanks again for the jam, Gerritt!)

Don't forget to visit us at this year's Texas Trade show in Dallas on August 19th-21st. We're in booth # 2904. With Veronica, my designated coffee runner sharing the booth, I won't even ask you to bring me a Grande Starbucks with 2 Equals and creamer. We're looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible!