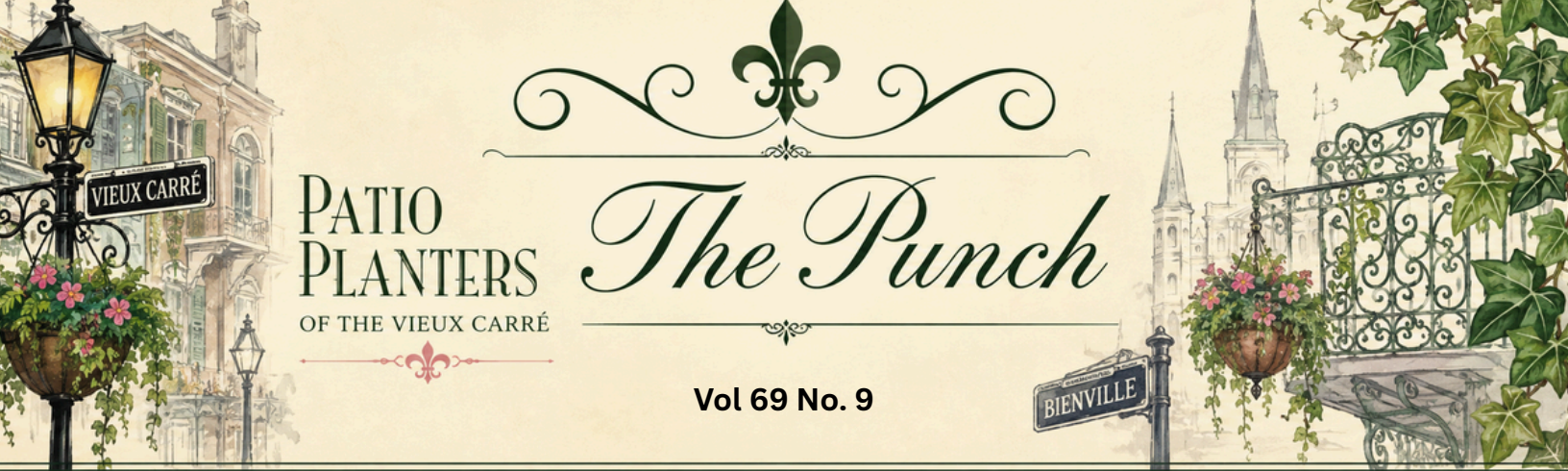




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6:30 PM

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Guest Speaker –
NEW ORLEANS
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Info from Lee Rouse's Presentation on “ Moonlight Garden

Moonlight Garden



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or **White Crape Myrtle**
(*Lagerstroemia indica*
white varieties)



**White Flowering
Tobacco**
(*Nicotiana alata*
or *sylvestris*)



Moonlight Garden



Creating a Moon Garden: Night-Blooming Plants for Your Evening Patio

July 21, 2026

A number of years ago, I was working with a client who was a night nurse. She worked only nights and slept during the day. She told me she wanted to enjoy her patio garden on the nights she was off and in the early morning hours when she got home. However, she didn't want to spend money on flowers such as daylilies or hibiscus that open during the day and have no show at night.

Little did she know, there are many plant species that open at night instead of during the day. This is called moon gardening. It's the idea of planting flowers that open at night rather than in the daytime. Now, if you're not a night owl, don't fret, you can still add a few to your garden without missing out. Most of these species begin to open at dusk and can be enjoyed until the following morning.

One of my favorite night-blooming plants is the Moonflower, also known as the tropical white morning glory. This night bloomer is a fast-growing climbing vine that can reach up to 15 feet tall if properly supported. However, if planted in a pot with a 4-5 foot trellis, it can be kept under control very easily. The flowers pop open in a matter of minutes as the sun begins to set. Highly fragrant, they make a great addition near a patio set or seating area.

The Night-Blooming Cereus is another great addition to your moon garden. While it doesn't bloom as often as the Moonflower, the large, extraterrestrial-like flowers are well worth the tradeoff. This jungle cactus is very easy to propagate, and once established in a pot, it can be shared with friends and neighbors. The flowers start to open around 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. and continue until around midnight, then wilt, close, and die off by the first rays of sunlight the following morning.

Night-blooming Jasmine and butterfly gingers are wonderful as structural plants, though they can get rather large. Both provide an intoxicating fragrance in the evening as temperatures begin to cool. One thing I always look forward to when our ginger starts to bloom is finding the hummingbird moths nectaring on the flowers in the early evening.

Here are some additional options for plant options that make an impact after sunset:

1. Moonflower (*Ipomoea alba*)

- Large, pure white, trumpet-shaped flowers that open dramatically at dusk.
- Intensely sweet fragrance at night to attract moths.
- Fast-growing annual vine; climbs trellises or fences quickly in full sun to part shade.
- Tolerates Louisiana heat and humidity well; plant in spring after last frost.

2. Angel's Trumpet (*Brugmansia* spp., white varieties)

- Huge, pendulous white trumpet flowers (can be 6-12+ inches long) that bloom heavily in evening/night.
- Strong, intoxicating nocturnal fragrance.
- Tender perennial/shrub that grows vigorously in zone 9; likes rich, moist soil and full sun to part shade (afternoon shade helps in intense heat).
- Can reach 8-15+ ft; overwinters outdoors in south LA but protect from rare freezes. Note: All parts toxic.

3. Four O'Clock (*Mirabilis jalapa*, white)

- White (or mixed) flowers open in late afternoon/evening and stay open into morning.
- Mild sweet scent; attracts hummingbirds and moths.
- Easy, tough perennial in mild climates; drought-tolerant once established but handles humidity.
- Bushy 2-3 ft plants; self-seeds readily.

4. White Gaura (*Gaura lindheimeri* 'Whirling Butterflies' or similar white cultivars)

- Delicate white flowers on tall, airy spikes that flutter like moths in the breeze, glowing at night.
- Long blooming season from spring to frost.
- Drought-tolerant native-ish perennial; thrives in full sun, well-drained soil, and heat/humidity.
- 2-3 ft tall; great for borders or mass planting.

5. White Crinum Lily (*Crinum* spp., e.g., 'White Queen' or milk-and-wine types with white)

- Large, fragrant white lily-like blooms in clusters, often evening-scented.
- Bold, strappy foliage; very tough and long-lived in south LA.
- Loves moist, rich soil and full sun to part shade; excellent for humid, occasionally wet areas.
- Bulbous perennial that multiplies over time.

6. Silver/White Foliage Plants like Dusty Miller (*Jacobaea maritima*) or Artemisia (e.g., 'Powis Castle')

- Silvery-white, felted or lacy foliage that shines brightly under moonlight.
- Provides contrast and "glow" even when not in bloom.
- Low-growing annual or perennial; heat and drought tolerant once established.
- Full sun; pairs beautifully with white flowers; good for edging or containers.

7. White Butterfly Bush (*Buddleja davidii* white cultivars) or White Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica* white varieties)

- White flower panicles that attract pollinators; blooms summer into fall.
- Fragrant in evening; crape myrtle bark and form add winter interest.
- Shrubs/small trees well-adapted to south LA heat, humidity, and sun.
- Prune for shape; very reliable in the region.

8. White Flowering Tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca* or *glauca*)

- Tall spikes of tubular white flowers with strong evening/night fragrance.
- Blooms prolifically in warm weather.
- Grows as annual in full sun to part shade; likes moist soil.
- 3-5 ft tall; great vertical element.

QUICK TIPS FOR SOUTH LOUISIANA MOON GARDENS:

- Focus on full sun to part shade spots with good drainage (raised beds help with humidity-related issues).
- Amend soil with organic matter for fertility; mulch to retain moisture and suppress weeds.
- Many of these are heat/humidity champions but watch for slugs/snails in moist conditions and occasional fungal issues.
- Combine white flowers with silver leaves and pale variegation for maximum moonlight effect.

Whether you're a night-shift worker looking to unwind or simply someone who loves sitting outside after dark, a moon garden lets you create a beautiful, fragrant space that comes alive when the sun goes down. It's an easy and rewarding way to extend the enjoyment of your garden well into the evening hours. Start small with just a few of these plants and watch your nighttime patio transform.

Dave Bowen- President 1976

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR PATIO PLANTERS

50 years ago...



In 1976, I had the honor and privilege of serving as President of *Patio Planters*. Barb and I had been members for only about four years or so, and had pitched in wherever we could help. The previous year we had been elected to the Board, and we were re-elected for 1976. At the first meeting of the new Board, I was elected President and Barb, Secretary. Well, I was horrified! I didn't want to be President. I wasn't intimately familiar with the intricacies of the operations or the structure. At that time, the President conducted meetings standing alone. Daisye Todd, Treasurer, was my mentor, constantly encouraging, and briefing me on Roberts' Rules of Order and the Constitution and By-Laws.

Also at that time, the club met at the Presbytere, except for nice-weather months, when, as mandated, we met on member's patios. There was a refreshment committee of three or four people who made cookies and other goodies and brought them to the meetings. There were door prizes of plants contributed by the members. The dress was more formal than now (the "now" I think is for the better) with men wearing coats and ties and the women wearing dresses.

1976 was the 30th year for *Patio Planters* (who can trust a garden club over 30?) and the birthday party was held on the Baus' beautiful grounds. The picnic went back to the Knoblock's Mary Plantation, an incomparable location.

1976 also was our country's Bicentennial. *Patio Planters* already was maintaining the Pharmacy Museum courtyard on Chartres Street and on New Year's Eve, we installed a bronze plaque proclaiming this to be "... a perpetual patio." This was televised thanks to Bart Carby and was the very last Bicentennial observance in New Orleans. *Patio Planters* ...

Two changes were instituted with member approval which exist to this day: the meeting time was changed from 8 pm to 7:30 pm to benefit the older members (of which now I am one) and the Pot Luck Supper was begun.

All of these years with *Patio Planters* have been wonderful years for Barb and me.

Dave Bowen

Past President



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THINK:

- NEON COLORS
- LEG WARMERS
- MEMBERS ONLY JACKETS
- SHOULDER PADS
- ACID-WASH JEANS
- FINGERLESS GLOVES
- BIG HAIR
- AVIATOR SUNGLASSES

80's POP CULTURE

- ★ MIAMI VICE
- ★ DYNASTY
- ★ MTV
- ★ PAC-MAN
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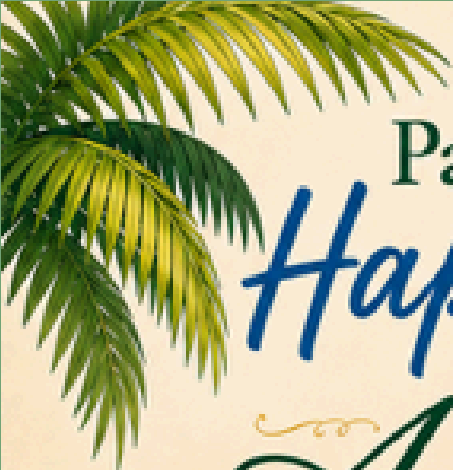
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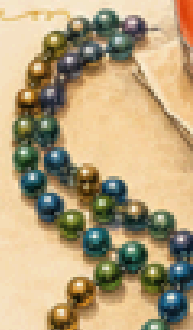


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John Henry Bogie- President 1978-1979

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR PATIO PLANTERS

50 years ago...



Dear Lea:

Please remember me to the past presidents and the members who are gathered together on June Second for a grand Fiftieth Birthday Party!

I am glad that I have been a member some forty odd years and recall activities in my earlier years.

It seems only yesterday that I was responsible for the programming on the celebration of twenty-five years. With the assistance of Linda Laurent, who kept the scrapbooks, we were able to use color slides and narrations to give the history of this great group. Many happy memories come to mind, and I will be with you, in spirit, although I am away in New England for the summer.

Happy celebration and know each will have many memories to share, to enjoy, and to treasure!

Best wishes,
John Henry Bogie

May twenty-fifth
Nineteen Hundred Ninety-six



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Patio Planters

Presidents of Patio Planters, past and present, posed for a portrait recently at the French Quarter organization's 52nd birthday party. Nearly 200 French Quarter residents and regulars gathered at the home of Doug and Carol Greve to celebrate the birthday of the club that sponsors the annual Christmas caroling in Jackson Square. From left are Barbara Richmond, Betty Ellis, Tom Maher, Connie Clark, Janice Foulks (current president), C.J. Blanda, Mary Morrison, Bill Garrett, Ruth Freed, Lee Siegel and Stewart Gahn.

Patio Planters is fortunate to always having great leadership.

Thanks Tom Anton for sending this picture from 1998 Birthday party