Bayou Lafourche Displays Varied Bouquet for Easter

Flowers Abound Along La. Stream

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DONALDSONVILLE, La. — Although it is the lily that symbolizes Easter in the flower kingdom, on Bayou Lafourche many other blooms have raised their heads to await the Day of Christ's resurrection, and it is hard to find a lily among them.

Starting from Donaldsonville on La. hwy. 308 to Thibodaux and returning by La. Hwy. No. 1, anyone with an eye for flowers would see that this Bayou country says "Happy Easter" in its own way.

About five miles out of Donaldsonville on La. hwy. 308 is Belle Alliance, the plantation home of Mrs. C. Stewart Churchill, and the gardens are a riot of lovely color with azaleas blooming under massive oaks. A little farther down, the yard of the Fred Kern residence presents a lovely picture of moss-draped oak and azaleas.

All along the highway can be found white and purple iris, verbena in many shades, phlox and bridal wreath. Wild flowers in many hues border the highway, with patches of buttercups in view.

The wisteria, azalea and bridal wreath form a pretty Easter setting for the residences of the Robichaux family near Labadieville. Along the way can be seen trees purple with inter-twined wisteria.

In Labadieville, azalea bushes are blooming along a fence in the yard of the Edward Clause home. Farther on are borders and beds of vari-colored petunias. The entrance to one driveway is bordered with red verbena and the boat landing to the bayou in the rear has a similar border.

The Elmo Broussard residence, set back from the road, boasts rows of azaleas and bridal wreath bordering its drive-way. A similar setting is found in the Ruber Lagarde yard nearby as the highway moves on toward Thibodaux.

The stately colonial home of Dr. James Peltier with its beautiful grounds greets the season with azaleas and bridal wreath. Farther down the bayou, historic Rienzi plantation's grounds are rich in promise of the blooms to come.

Across the bayou, Nicholls State College, on La. hwy. 1, boasts a circle of azaleas outside the Administration Building, and the Guidroz and Peltier yards and others display their springtime splendor.

Leaving Thibodaux, in the St. John area, the lovely grounds of the Donald Peltier home are ablaze with azaleas, and farther up the Edward Douglas White home, now a museum, features wisteria in a purple profusion along the front fence.

White dogwood and red bud trees are noted in many yards, and at "Sunshine", the bayou home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Porteous Jr., New Orleans, there are azalea, wisteria, petunias, verbena and iris.

Cherokee roses bloom in tangled bushes at the side of the road, and azaleas blossom on the Assumption Parish courthouse lawn in Napoleonville. At Glenwood, once the site of a plantation home that burned, an azalea bush marks where the house stood.

A border of white iris divides the front of the L. L. Lawes yard from the highway, and farther along azaleas are seen among pine trees in the Edward Rodrigue yard in Paincourtville. Purple iris and phlox are in the Dugas yard.

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