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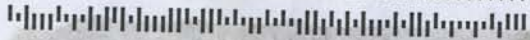
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Easy Living on the Bayou

by Renee Pellissier

WHILE OTHERS IN BEAU CHÊNE subdivision savor golf course views, Lugene and Chuck Naparalla take delight in their private oasis on Bayou Tete Lours. Appreciating the natural beauty along the waterway, the Naparallas designed their backyard to maximize the scenic views from several vantage points. Stepping onto their back deck, visitors are greeted by a wonderful collection of potted and hanging plants and vines. Topiaries along the pool deck feature climbing Mandevilla and other brilliantly colored flowers. As you go down the walkway to the gazebo, guests enjoy a view of the bayou as it meanders around a bend farther upstream and continues across the backyard. The property gently slopes toward the bayou, where the cultivated grass merges into marshy areas. Here the Naparallas planted Louisiana cypress trees to replace the indigenous trees lost during Katrina. As with most local tributaries, the level of the water changes as often as it rains, leaving wetland vegetation growing in the undomesticated water banks. >>

