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This wonderful eBook represents the results of Oak Alley Foundation's 2012 photo contest. This year, 335 photographs were submitted from amateur and professional photographers from across the globe, and we are amazed and thrilled by the submissions you, our visitors, have shared with us.

This year's contest was eye opening for us, for several reasons. First, we are absolutely amazed at how many of you participated and at the exceptional quality of the photography. Second, we are excited to see our beloved Oak Alley through your eyes. Your perspectives of the plantation that we don't see on a regular basis are always a treat, and we thank you so much for that wonderful gift.

Congratulations to all of our winners, honorable mentions and to all who participated in the 2012 photo contest. We certainly hope you can visit with us again in 2013 and share your photographs once again!

Thank you for supporting Oak Alley Foundation through your visitation, your photo entries, and your donations. All of the proceeds from our efforts are applied toward keeping our historic grounds and stately Big House open to the public.

Zeb Mayhew, Jr.
Executive Director
Oak Alley Foundation

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Congratulations to our Winners!

A panel of 7 judges reviewed 335 photographs and rated the images by quality, composition and unique perspective. The judges are pleased to announce the following winners:

Amateurs:

1st Place: Marie Griffin-Chabert of Lockport, Louisiana

2nd Place: Julie Hardt of Star Tannery, Virginia

Honorable mentions:

Robert M Barker of Rochdale Lancashire, United Kingdom

Andrew Lee Edwards of Eagle, Colorado

Mandi Lee Kleinhammer of Des Plaines, Illinois

John Pavlish of Issaquah, Washington

Professionals:

1st Place: Cheryl Snow of Chalmette, Louisiana

2nd Place: Jack Hourguettes, Jr. of Florence, Mississippi

Honorable mentions:

Trudie Crutchfield of Beaumont, Texas

Scott Mohrman of New Orleans, Louisiana

Mark S St. Germain of Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Sharon Coker of Brandon, Mississippi

Cheryl Snow – Oak Alley Beauty In Full Bloom



I'm a professional photographer who loves to make time stand still. I've been a photographer for many years. It's definitely my passion and my escape from the world. I also love history and I'm fascinated with the history of Plantation homes. My photos express the my love for color and bloom...

This photo was taken looking out down the Alley from the shelter of the mansion's overhangs, immediately after a hard July downpour. The bright red of the period dress caught my eye.
– Nick Walker





My sister and I took a mini vacation to NOLA in March 2012. We visited Oak Alley and fell in love. It was so beautiful we didn't want to leave! After we had our amazing tour of the house, I took this beautiful picture of the upstairs balcony.

-- Jamie Cole



Dreaming Oak -- Andrew Lee Edwards

I currently live in Colorado where I have been studying photography and landscapes. On this trip, I had the privilege of staying in cottage 4 where I had lucid dreams about Oak Alley the night before. I have never had a lucid dream before, where you are able to control the dream. In this dream I was able to fly around the land and above the oaks. I can't wait to show everyone the photos from this trip!



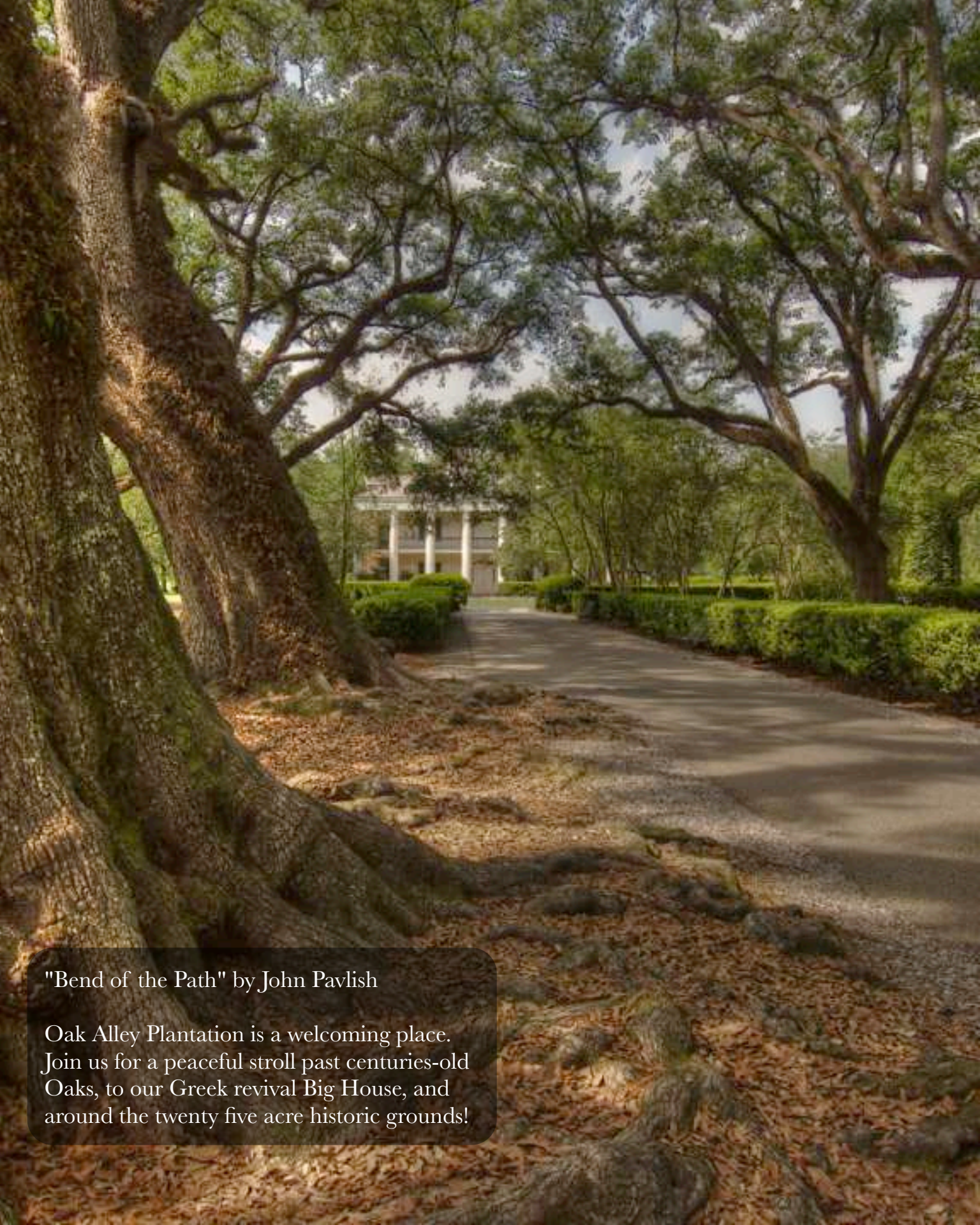
Foggy Oaks...

One day in March, and eerie fog rolled into the plantation, and lingered until almost 10 o'clock in the morning.

Fog is not unusual here, but with our heat and humidity, most of the time fog drifts away by 8 or so in the morning.

This particular day, it lingered around too long, and we couldn't resist getting a few snapshots!

-- Staff photography



"Bend of the Path" by John Pavlish

Oak Alley Plantation is a welcoming place. Join us for a peaceful stroll past centuries-old Oaks, to our Greek revival Big House, and around the twenty five acre historic grounds!



Mandi Lee Kleinhammer

Jamie Carrere



Barbara Snyder -- Spirit of Oak Alley





"No Birds in Paradise" - This flower reminded me of a 'Birds of Paradise' flower. I thought it was beautiful and it grows along the path to the antique car garage. -- Heather Nicole Summers



I just love the beauty of the lily,
and the blurred backdrop of the
trees and the buildings.

-- Kylie Gallagher, Pflugerville, TX



Jacquelin Callaway







Tim Harper

Stefan Waelchli





This little gent was part of a wedding ceremony, and was anxiously killing time waiting for his time to shine! (Right)

Below, Executive Chef Antonio Reymundo preparing for a lovely outdoor ceremony and reception!

-- Staff photography





My husband and I had the pleasure of visiting Oak Alley on a recent trip to New Orleans. It was my first time ever in New Orleans, his second, but both of us experienced Oak Alley for the first time. I was in awe of its majesty. I was fascinated by the trees and their roots and kept taking pictures of them. I've seen a lot of photos taken of the popular lined alley from the river side but I tried to capture another view.

-- Debbie Clark



JEFFREY S.
WEISS

This was my first visit to this part of the country. I was taken by the history and the majesty of the region – even in the most simple things - like breakfast in bed frozen in time.





"A peek at Oak Alley from the garden!"

We visited Oak Alley Plantation in 2000 for the first time on a family vacation for New Years. The plantation home has always left a long lasting impression on me as the most beautifully restored home I've ever seen and have always wanted to make a second trip. The opportunity came on July 24, 2012, as we drove from Lafayette, LA to Ocean Springs, MS to follow our son who is marching with 'Spirit of Atlanta' Drum and Bugle Corps. We quickly took a side trip to show my Mom the beauty of Oak Alley and our visit was even better than the first! The greenery and flowers surrounding Oak Alley really stood out and thus I found myself looking at the grounds and how they framed Oak Alley so beautifully. While sipping on a mint julep, it was indeed a picture perfect day at my favorite plantation home in all the world!!

-- Margie A. Crawford



My girlfriend and I took our first vacation together in Baton Rouge, for the Nationals Bowling Tournament in May. We toured around the Baton Rouge area and visited the Oak Alley Plantation and loved it. I took this picture with my cell phone using the Sepia setting. Looking toward the front of the Mansion, with the magnificent Oak trees, I think it turned out wonderful!

-- Aaron Miller



Celebrating the Trees!

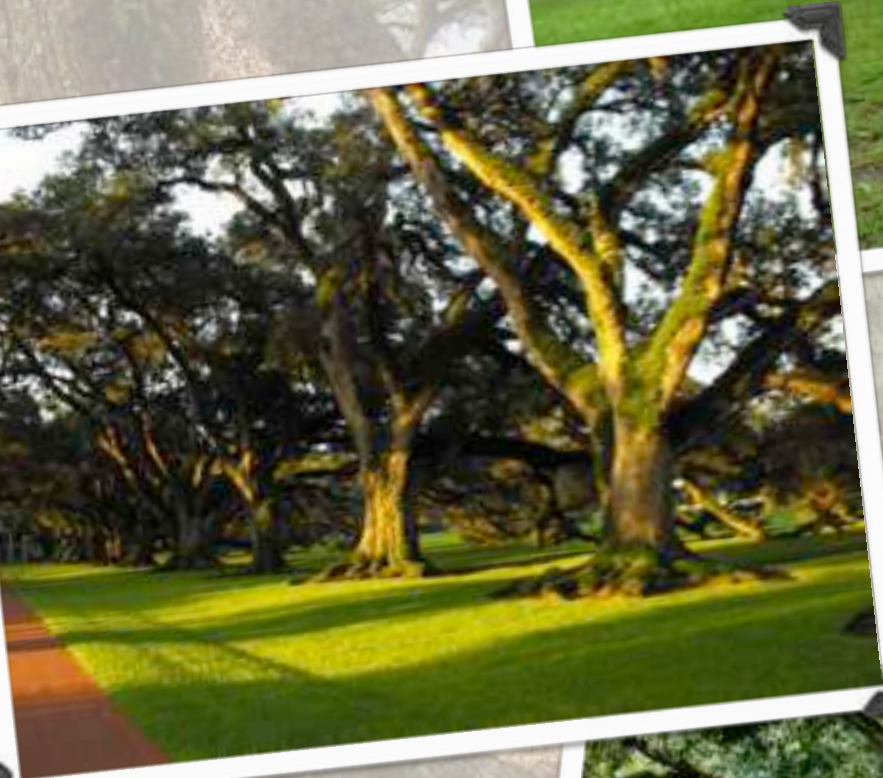
We live in Colorado, but are originally from Louisiana (Lake Charles). However, my wife grew up along River Road in St. Rose, loves plantations and visited Oak Alley as a little girl with her parents. After a trip to New Orleans, my wife insisted we take the detour over to Vacherie to see the plantation... it was a little out of our way, but after arriving I was AMAZED by the beauty of the plantation and the grounds. I'd never seen anything like that before. Even though it was raining at the end of our visit (which is when we took this wonderful photo) I am so glad we took the time to visit Oak Alley and also glad we were able to share the experience with our kids.

“The picture was taken after we had toured the plantation and were sipping mint juleps waiting for the storm to pass in May of 2012”

– Scott Hirsch



Janet Allen



Debi Sparks



Bridgette Brouillette





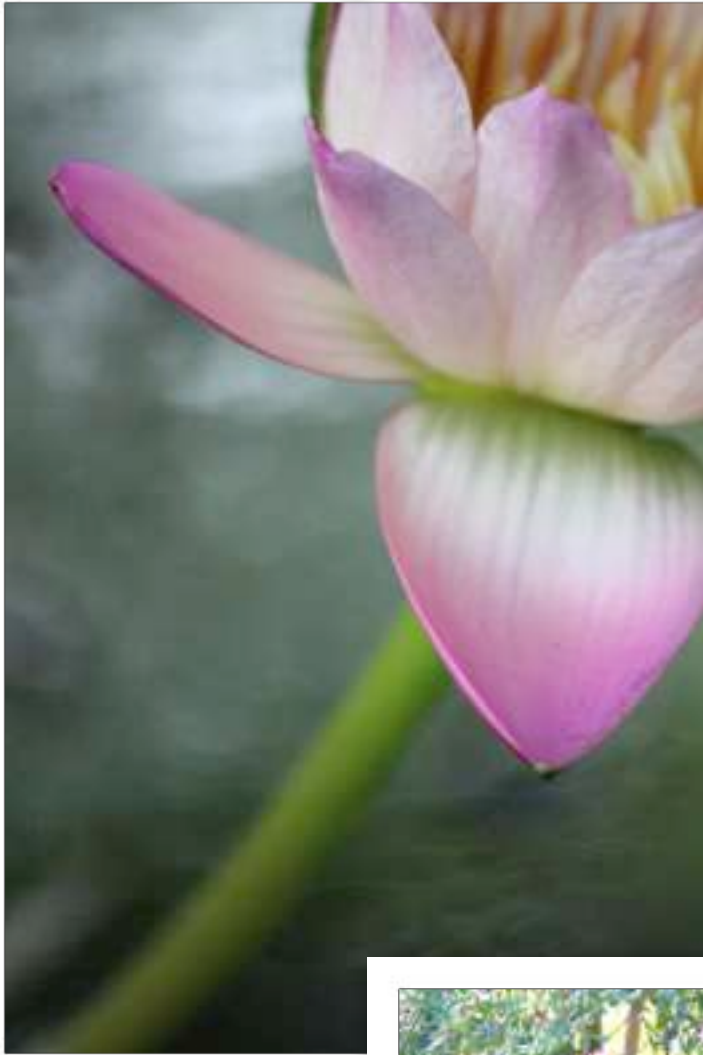
Bridgette Brouillette



Ronda Reason



Erin Heltz



Angela Thibodeaux



Connie Becnel





Trudie Crutchfield



This plant was something that I have never seen before. When I took the picture, I thought how beautiful it is in its own respects. It looks happy and peaceful and that is how I felt!

-- April Tucker



Bottlebrush Plant,
Straight On!

--Tracey Gabel



Timothy Burkhardt – The Question

I surprised my girlfriend Kelli with a diamond ring when traveling back to my hometown of New Orleans. She had no idea! We drove out to Oak Alley and my plan was to find someone to take our picture out front... I was getting increasingly nervous as I couldn't find anyone- then I saw a gentleman walking our way (his name was Scott from Houston).

I ran up to Scott and asked if he would take our picture; I then whispered that I planned to propose after the first one and asked if he could keep snapping photos.

Kelli said yes! And, Scott got some great pics. This is one of my favorites.

Thanks Scott,
whoever you are!



Weddings are always special at Oak Alley Plantation, and bridal portraits are always taken in abundance!



Here, we had an opportunity to capture photos of our guests at some 2012 weddings.

-- Staff photography





In love with Deep South architecture, my trip to the River Road was a dream come true.
– Amanda Baird



My husband & I live across the river in Reserve and we visit Oak Alley whenever we get a chance. From breakfast to tours or just to walk the grounds and take pictures. I took this picture one weekend while my husband I were visiting.

– Shannon Jolibox



"Calmness"

I was charmed with the tranquility of this place and his beauty. You feel the peace that is difficult to find in the life of current stress. I have visited Baton Rouge and New Orleans with a few friends. Oak Alley is the best recollection that I take to myself to Spain. -- MARIA LUISA GASCH NEBOT

Anita Neuman & Buttermilk Pie!!

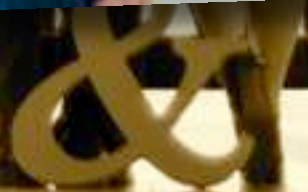


Mark St. Germain





Photos by
Sam Spahr



Best Place for Best Friends?

Texas visitor Allison A Kullenberg:

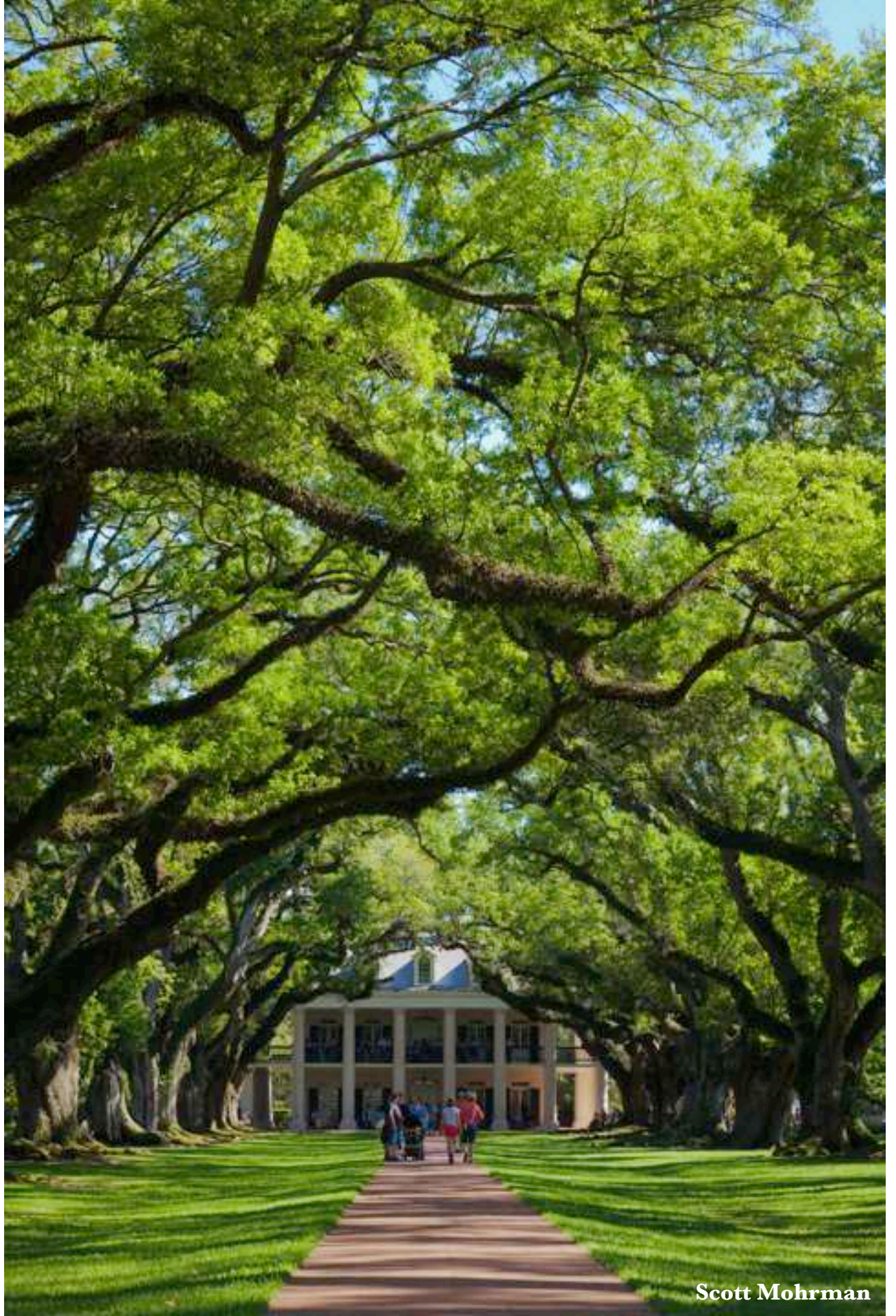
"This is my daughter Kiersten and her best friend Mycah. I love this photo because it shows that in the 21st century the color of one's skin does not matter. Both girls have Louisiana roots and found each other here in Frisco, Texas."







Photos by
Joyann Maddox,
Luling, Louisiana



Scott Mohrman

Heather Karassek



Marie Griffin-Chabert





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**In February my
boyfriend and I stayed
in one of the cottages
for one night. When we
got there it was raining
and I didn't get to take
many good photos.
The next morning I
went for a walk just
before sunrise and for
a brief moment, as the
sun was coming, up
the clouds broke and
the sun fell on this
beautiful oak!
-- Bridgette**



MICHAEL GRIFFEY



ROBERT S STARK



DANIELLE ORDOYNE

Jennifer
Addonizio





Just enjoyed the beauty of Oak Alley from a different angle. -- Amanda Gail Fields





Jeanne Guimond



Shannon Joliboux

PETALS!

Danielle Benoit



Kids Love Oak Alley, Too!

Christie Pepper







Resurrection Ferns

I've been taking photographs for about three years now and have recently just started being paid by a small jewelry company in Minneapolis called Teresa Goodall, Inc for catalog photos. While I may do this for money, my real passion is photography of nature, which makes Oak Alley Plantation a perfect place for me to photograph. The oaks here are like nothing I've ever seen before and the first thing that struck me besides the size of these trees were the ferns growing all over them. That's why I took this wide angle shot of the ferns both up close and from afar so that you get a good feel of the famous Oak Alley.

– Brad D. Haney



Louisiana's Trevor Arthur submitted this nice shot of his sister sitting amongst the resurrection fern, under the alley of oaks....



Stunning shot by Aaron Miller, Iowa

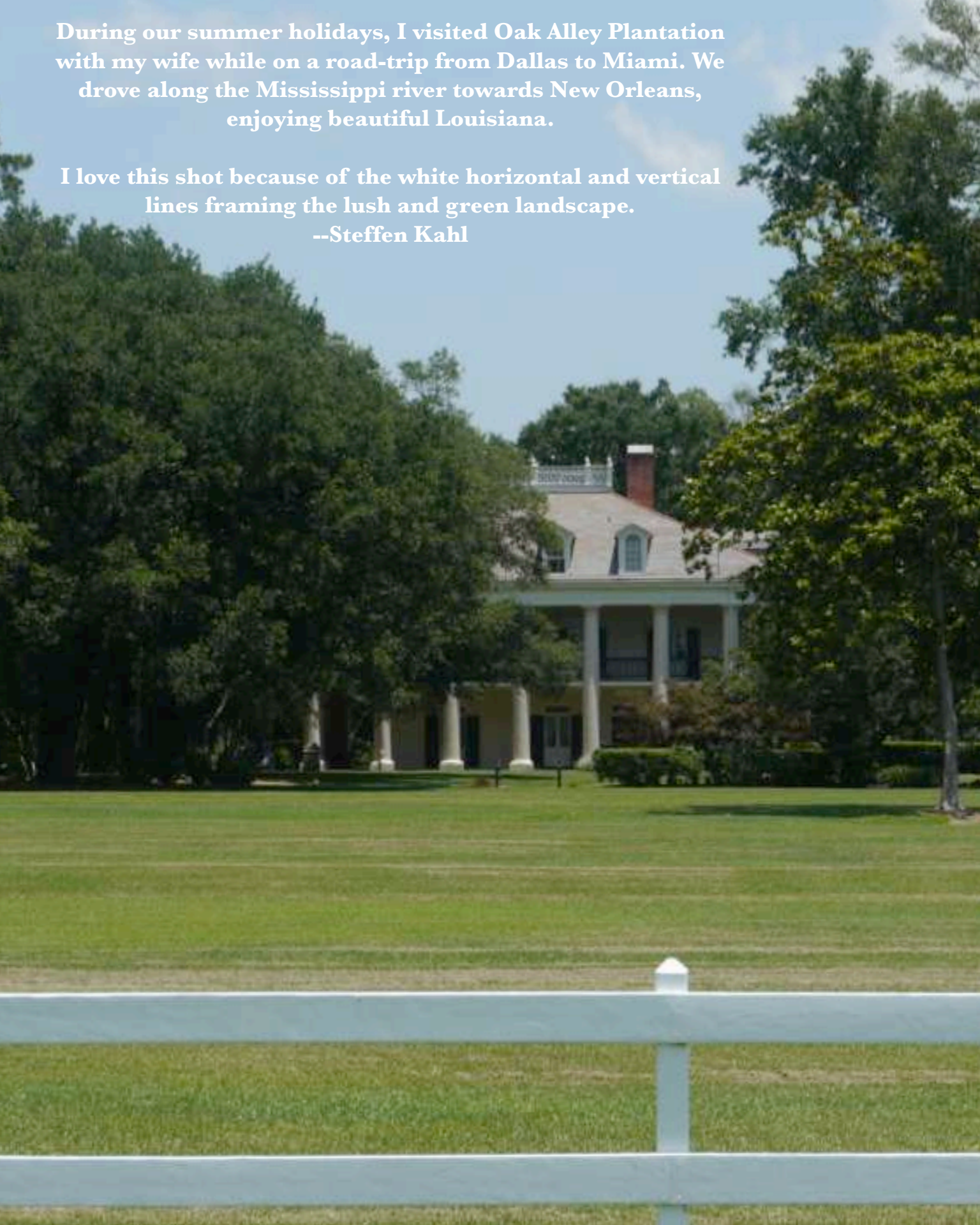


Michael
Griffey

During our summer holidays, I visited Oak Alley Plantation with my wife while on a road-trip from Dallas to Miami. We drove along the Mississippi river towards New Orleans, enjoying beautiful Louisiana.

I love this shot because of the white horizontal and vertical lines framing the lush and green landscape.

--Steffen Kahl





"Charming Escape"

I liked this room, and I just wanted to take a picture of it. I think this a quaint room that is beautifully furnished within Oak Alley.

-- Heather Nicole Summers



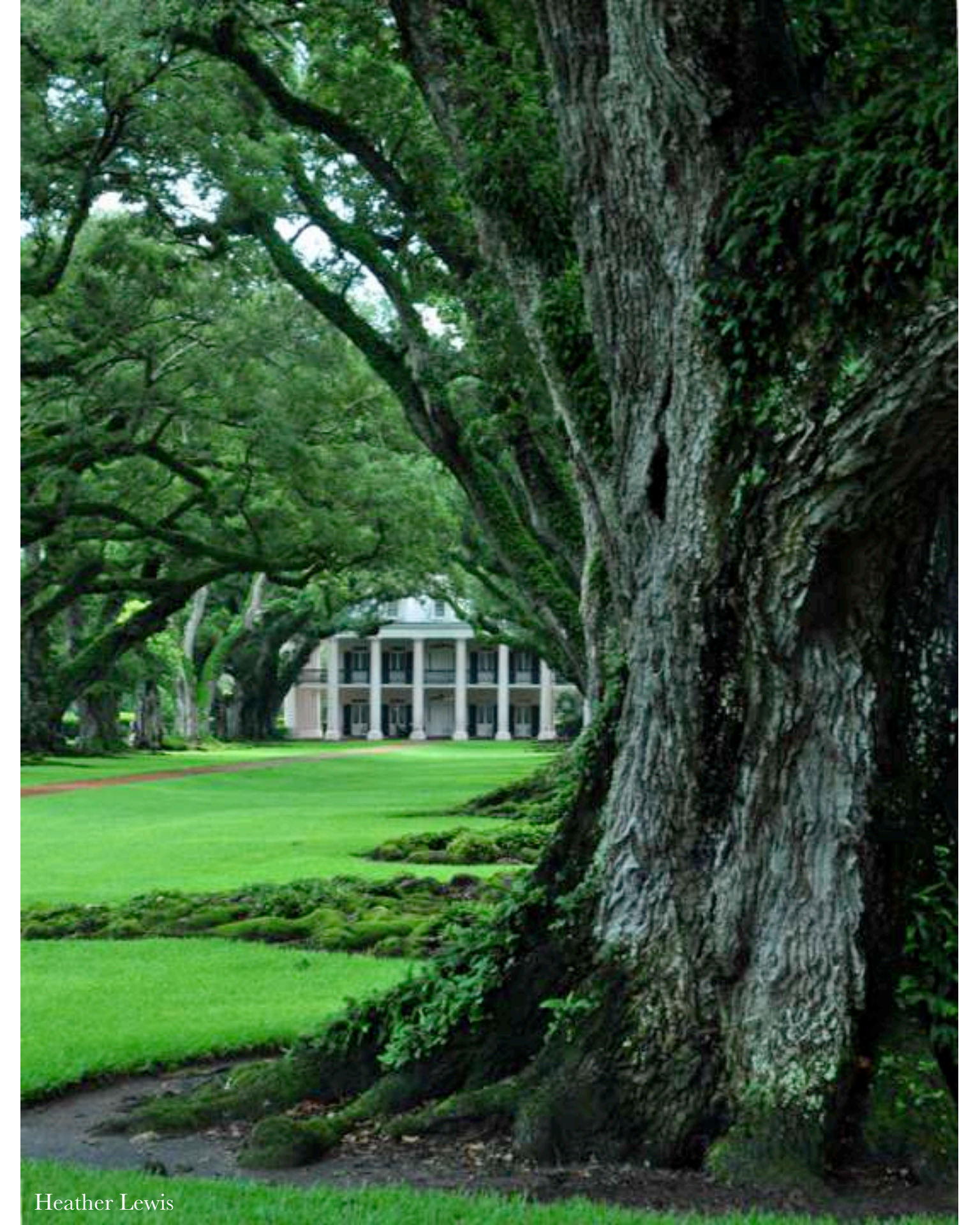
-- Staff

Aimee Lorraine Noel submitted these two stunning shots!





Michelle Downs



Heather Lewis

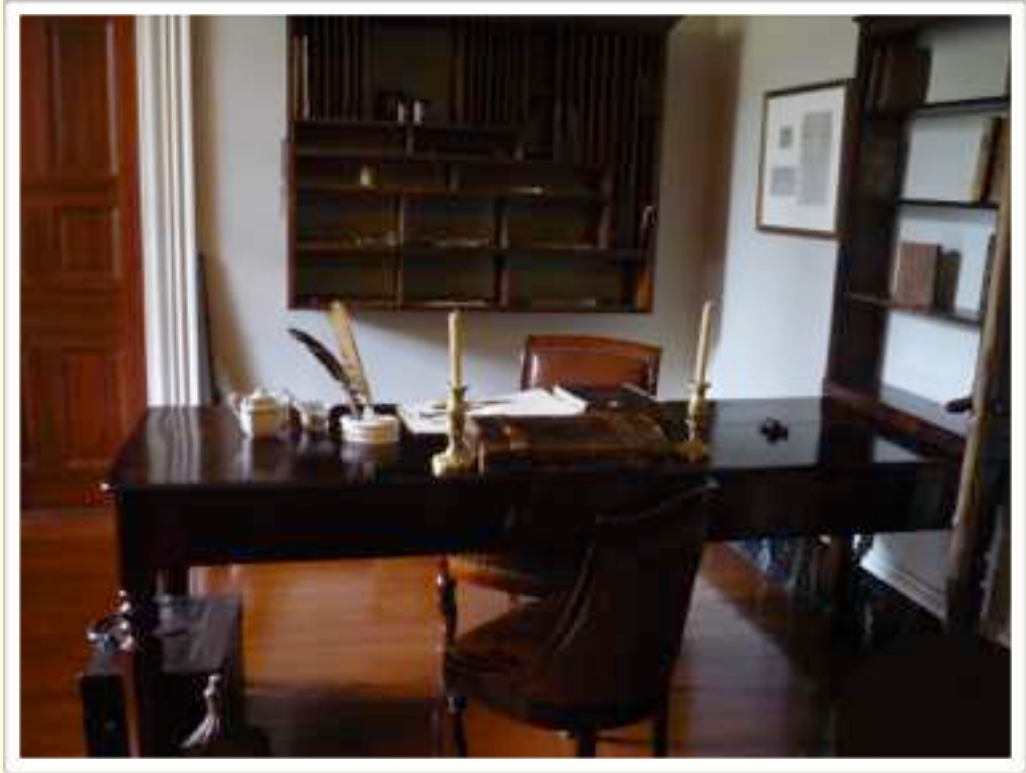


Edna Weber

Tim Harper



INTERIOR VISIONS



Heather Nicole Summers

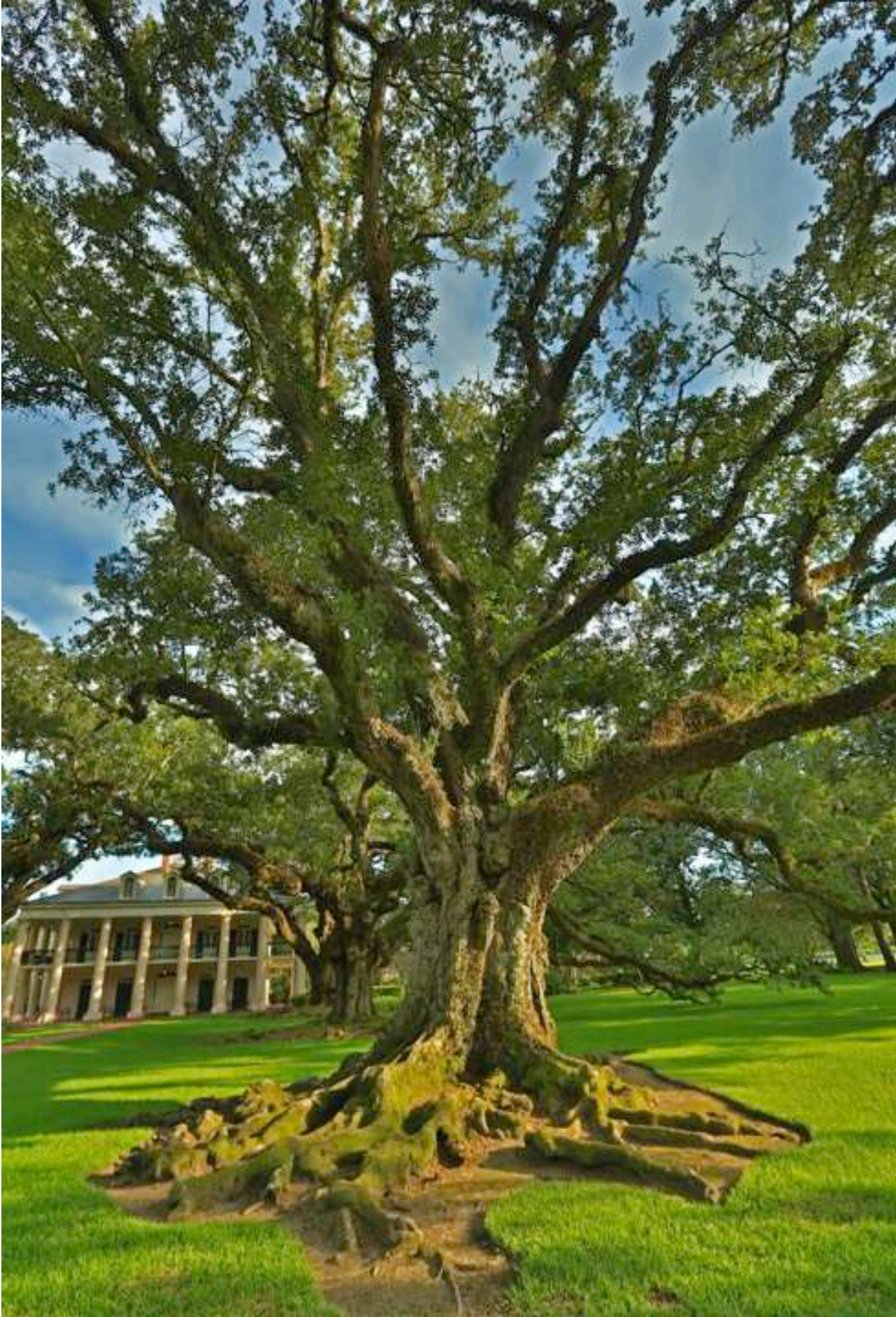
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"A nap, 1800's style"
-- Mikel Pak



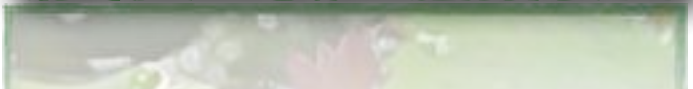
J.R. Moran



I am a tour guide at Oak Alley's Big House. This photo was taken at 6:45 one morning while the dew was still covering the grass. All of the posts and railings were covered in dew that showed the spiderwebs that are invisible during the day. Being able to catch a glimpse into this beauty was special and a privilege. It's not a part most people stop to look at while on our grounds. The photo below is completely unedited. -- S.L. Shackelford



Photos by
J.R. Moran





Jennifer Addonizio



SHAY POSEY

'MR FERN MOSSBACK'

--Robert Stark





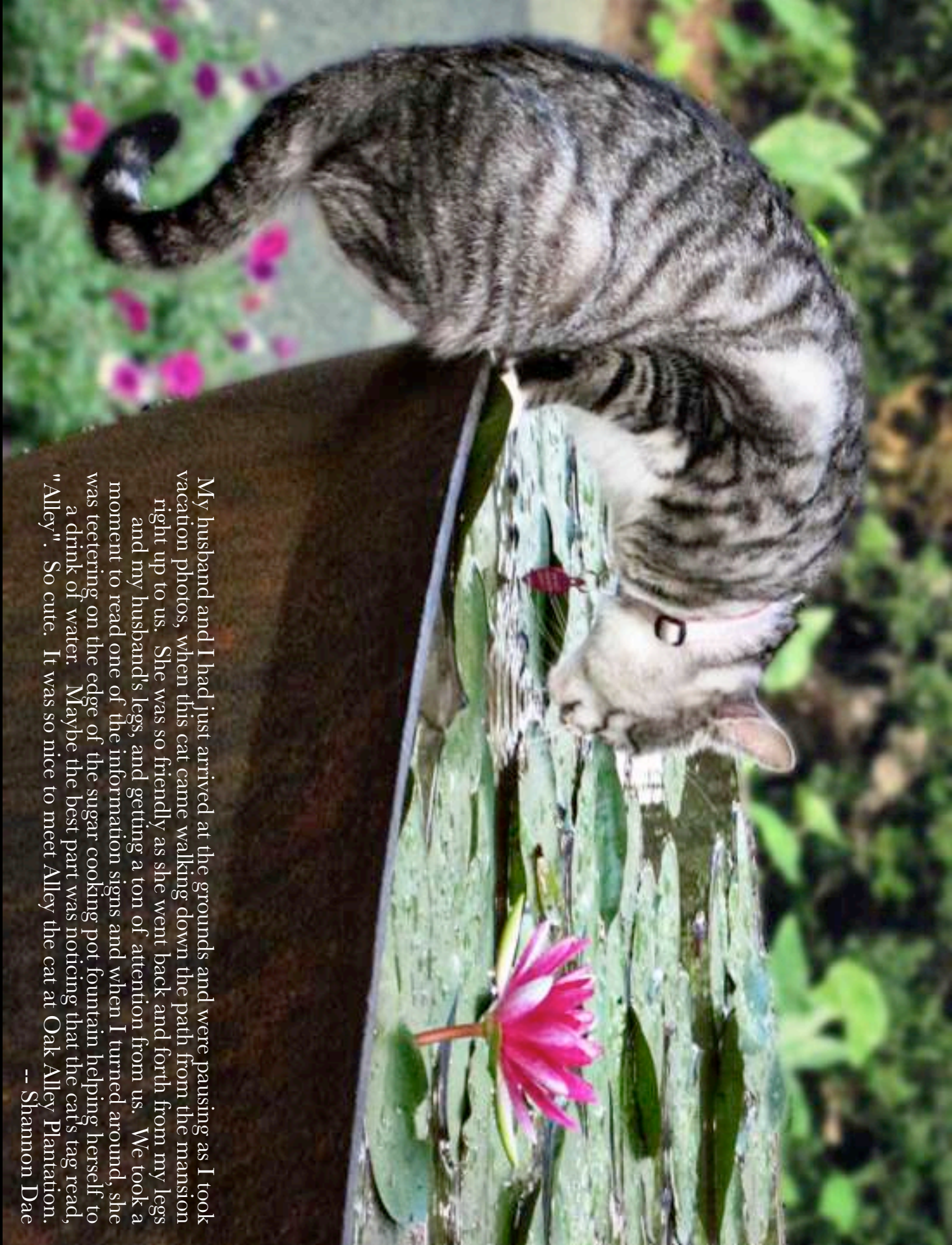


Robert Stark

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My husband and I had just arrived at the grounds and were pausing as I took vacation photos, when this cat came walking down the path from the mansion right up to us. She was so friendly as she went back and forth from my legs and my husband's legs, and getting a ton of attention from us. We took a moment to read one of the information signs and when I turned around, she was teetering on the edge of the sugar cooking pot fountain helping herself to a drink of water. Maybe the best part was noticing that the cats tag read, "Alley". So cute. It was so nice to meet Alley the cat at Oak Alley Plantation.

-- Shannon Dae



Ross Doherty -- North Vancouver ,B.C. Canada



"Oak Alley Roots " -- The last two days of our amazing holiday to the Bahamas and then to New Orleans was capped by a visit to three plantations on the Mississippi. We actually stayed overnight at Oak Valley Plantation. I took this photo in the early morning before we drove to New Orleans airport for our return flights to Manchester, UK. The light was low and captured the house, the oaks, the exposed roots and and the path. There is an early morning misty feel to the photo. I would have liked to use a tripod to improve sharpness but on holiday you do what you can!! -- Robert M Barker



Mark St. Germain - Da Who Dat Plantation!



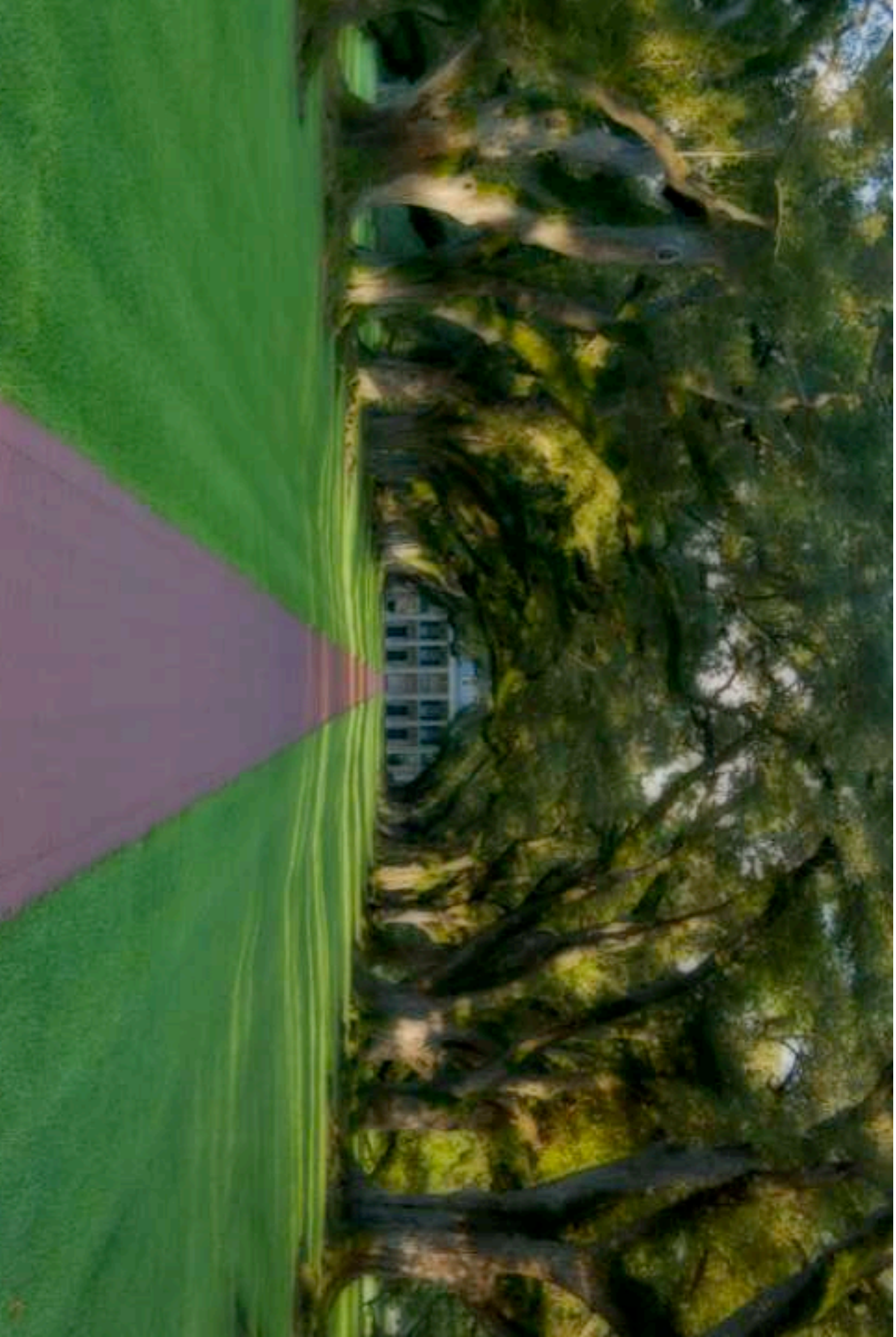


I'm Stefan from Switzerland and visited Oak Alley on May 3, 2012. Thanks for a great Southern experience and greetings from Switzerland -- Stefan Waelchli



Ted Moore -- Clay Jars

This was one of my favorite photos taken the day my family and I visited Oak Alley. After we finished our tour, I was making my way to the front of the house when I passed by a cabinet full of these clay jars. This is the shot I got.



Robert Neil Porter - Soft Light of Early Evening



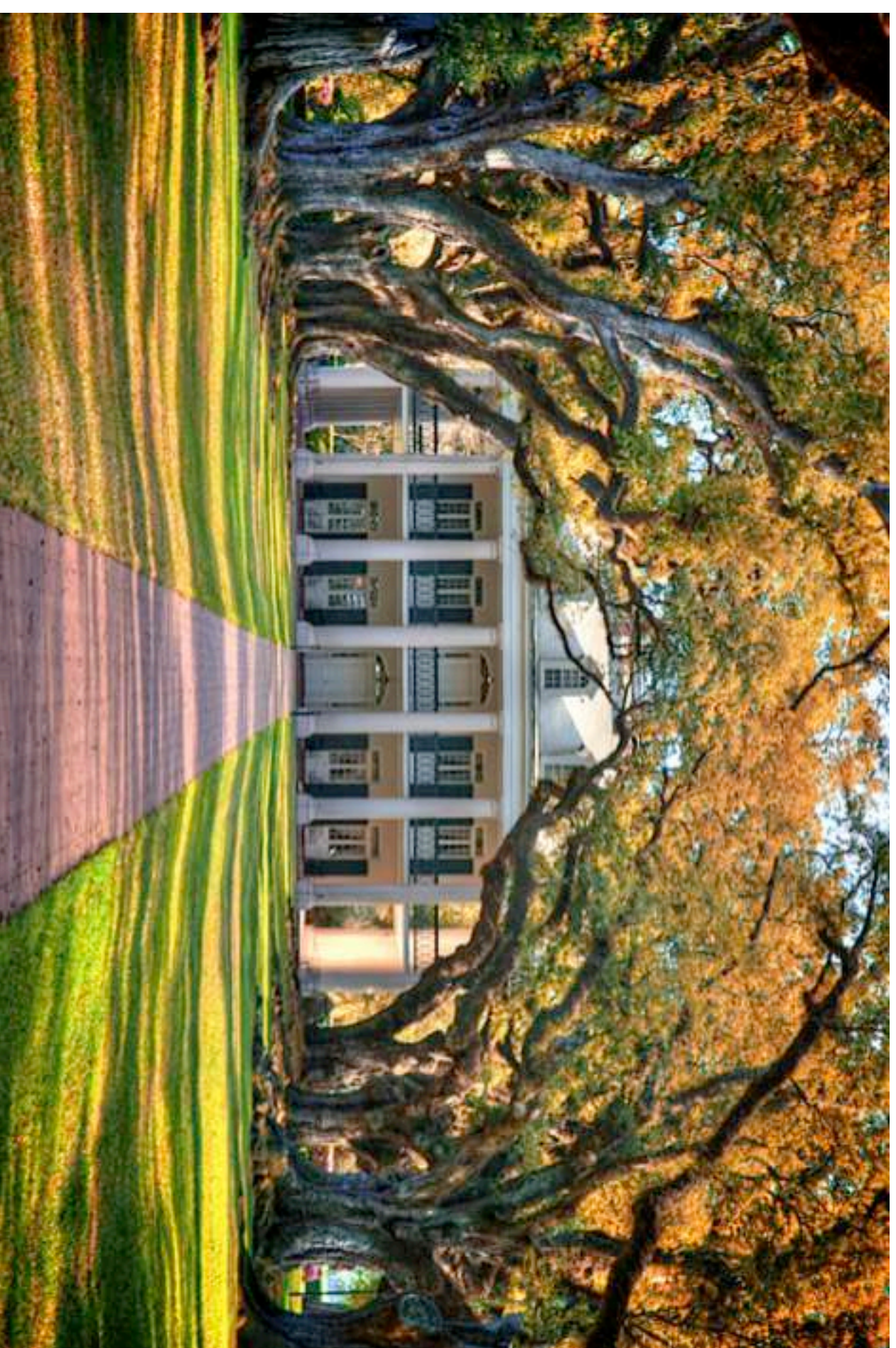
Slave Quarters
A Colonial Heritage Preservation Project



This illustration is an artistic representation of the original slave quarters. The original slave quarters were removed from the plantation in the early 20th century. The quarters will be used as a primary component to educate our guests in the area of the plantation, and to, as accurately as possible, depict the lives and conditions of the slaves who were housed in the quarters during the early years of the plantation. The quarters will be used to educate our guests in the area of the plantation, and to, as accurately as possible, depict the lives and conditions of the slaves who were housed in the quarters during the early years of the plantation. The quarters will be used to educate our guests in the area of the plantation, and to, as accurately as possible, depict the lives and conditions of the slaves who were housed in the quarters during the early years of the plantation.

Connie B. Bourque





I was down in Louisiana for a business trip and escaped the hustle and bustle of New Orleans for a quick trip to Oak Alley. I was able to enjoy the beauty of the plantation lit by an amazing sunset. I captured this quick shot looking back as the plantation was closing for the day and the grounds were nearly empty. The color was adjusted in post processing but it seems to capture the golden light more as I remember it than as was recorded by the photographs. -- Kyle McKinney



Jack Hourguettes, Jr. - "Reflections at Night"



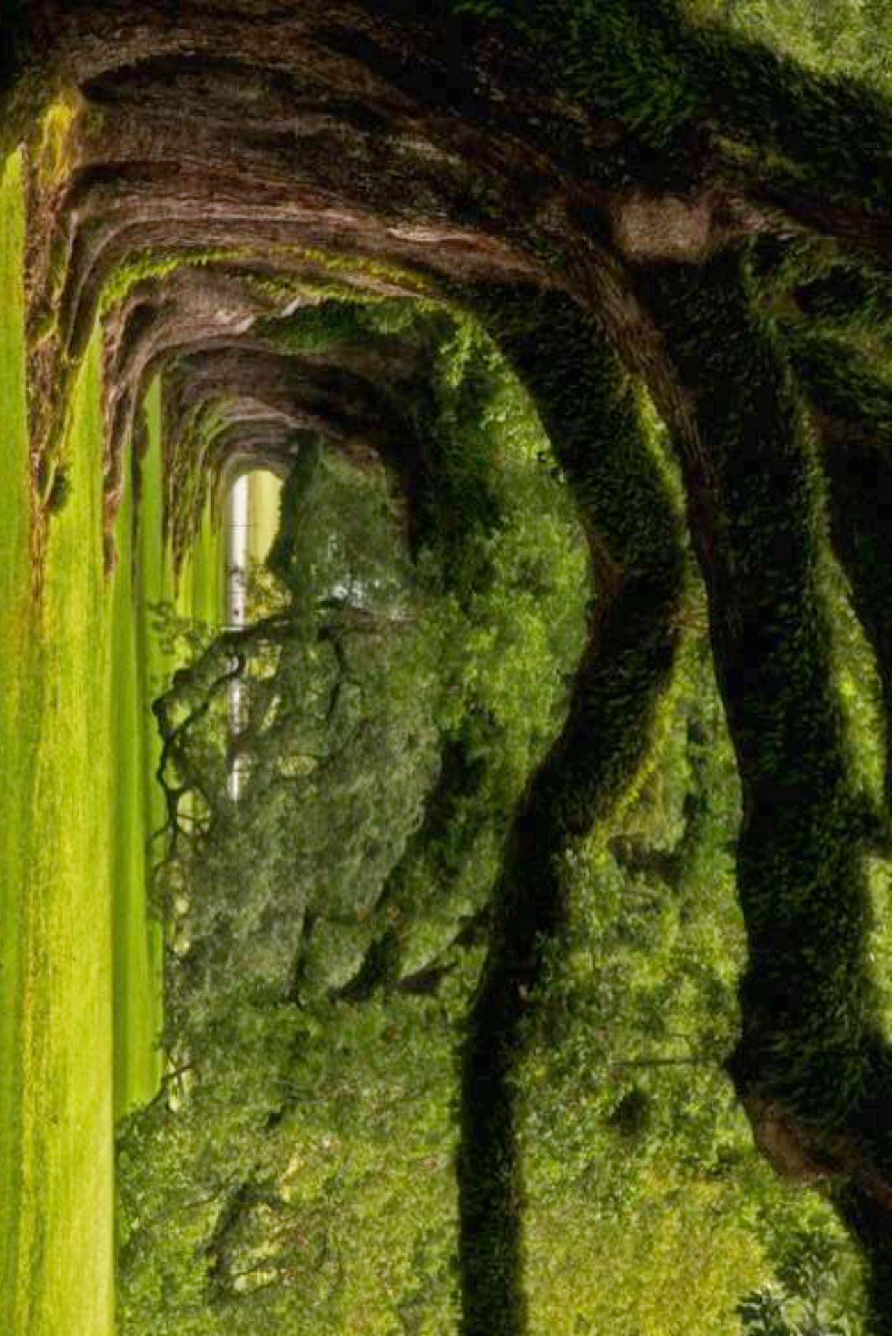
Lela Kieler



Anne Armbruster



I am a 30 year old photographer based in the Jackson, Ms. area. I have dreams that my photography will take me around the world one day, photographing the most amazing places. This photo was taken on my first trip to Oak Alley Plantation in July of 2012. i've had a love for water lilies for a long time. And seeing as my young daughter's name is Lily, I was fascinated with the large sugar kettles filled with lily pads. This one just happened to come out as my favorite of all the ones I took. -- Sharon Coker, Brandon, Mississippi



Amy Hudechek



Diana Seal





Marco Opitz





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