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ON MY MIND...

Last weekend I was a guest at my niece Adrienne's wedding, and went to the reception at the [Houmas House Plantation and Gardens](#), upriver from New Orleans. In a word: WOW.

It's been a long time since I visited any plantations; the last one, I think was Oak Alley. I must tell you, that Houmas House is absolutely gorgeous, and so worth a trip. It was great place for a wedding, but what really astounded me was the beauty and the diversity of the gardens surrounding the plantation house (that's in a category all by itself). Pictures of this place online don't even begin to do it justice.

So often we forget about the interesting--and beautiful places there are in Louisiana--just very short drive from where we live. With gas prices killing us, it's not a bad idea to stay closer to home in our leisure time, and soak up some of the culture that's close by.

We love you for supporting Louisiana music and culture!
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