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| |  | | --- | | June, 2018  Volume 1, Number 1 “Inaugural Edition” | | President’s “Pluckings”  Greetings tea lovers!  And, welcome to the first issue of the US League of Tea Grower’s quarterly newsletter. You are invited to take a look at its interesting and various offerings. As you know, the League promotes, grows, and processes tea. We provide the opportunity for hands-on education in growing tea from seed to cup. WE LOVE TEA!  If you like what you see, then share us with others and recruit someone to join our USLTG! |     **A Tea Recipe**  **“Cold Brew”**  **1 tsp your favorite loose leaf tea (Yummy!).**  **8 oz. of filtered water.**  **Place water and tea in a container. Cover it with a lid (or plastic wrap). Place it in refrigerator over-night. The next morning strain and enjoy drinking your cold brew tea!** | From Seed to Cup Newsletter of the US League of Tea Growers “It’s Always Tea Time!”  -Lewis Carroll, *Alice in Wonderland-*    USLTG visits Transcend Nursery near Independence, Louisiana. (Photo courtesy of Nursery Owner Buddy Lee)    League members enjoy processing Mississippi grown tea. (Photos courtesy of League President Mark Adams)  The League had a great time at its recent Spring Meeting near Brookhaven, Mississippi. Many thanks go to Jason McDonald and Tim Gipson for their teaching, tea plucking, and processing at their Great Mississippi Tea Company.  The three-day event, April 13th to 16th, hosted several tea-field plucking times, trainings for processing green and black teas, the League’s annual business meeting, opportunity to meet new members, hearing tea experts talks, continuous discussions about tea, much laugher, drinking tea, and enjoying one another. The League also toured Transcend Nursery and Fleur De Lis Tea Company both in Louisiana. |

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