



Yard Said 'Welcome Sight'

PHOTO BY JACK ELLIOTT

The February Yard of the Month recognized by the Garden Club of Carolina Shores is a "welcome sight," according to club spokesman Mary Elliott. The yard of Bob and Chick Weingarten at No. 5 Buoy Court features beds of yews, pansies, flowering cabbage and redtips, with two decorative lambs grazing on the beautiful green lawn.

Australian Pine Suited To Tropics

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Dear Plant Doctor: While on a trip to Key West (Fla.), I saw some Australian pine trees. The needles are soft, like a succulent plant. These trees are lovely and I want to grow one. I brought back some of the little pine cones.

I noticed the soil in which the trees grew is sandy and full of limestone. The trees also grew on banks, close to salt water, although some grew in the middle of islands, as well.

Do you think I might be able to grow one of these trees? Thanks for your help.

Answer: Whew! That's a tough one. I had to do some research on Australian Pine. This is what I found:

Australian pine is the genus *Casuarina*. The genus contains about 30 species of large evergreen trees which often go by common names such as Horsetail tree, Southsea Ironwood and Mile tree. I am not sure which species you picked up,

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but all species are native to northern Australia and the Pacific tropics.

They have been widely planted in southern Florida and California as ornamental shade trees. In tropical areas the tree is noted for its ability to grow near the sea coast.

According to the most recent edition of *Plant Propagation* by Hartmann, Kester and Davies, the Australian pine is easily propagated by seed. Seed require no pretreatment and can be directly sown into the soil in early spring.

This is a tropical plant and thus I would not recommend it for outside planting this far north.

Dear Plant Doctor: I have some dwarf yaupon holly that is losing its



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leaves and looks like it is dying. It is planted on the west side of the house right next to several aucuba plants. The aucuba plants are doing very well and are not afflicted by this problem. What can I do to save my dwarf yaupons?

Answer: I would have to see the yaupon plants to be absolutely sure, but I suspect your problem is shade. Yaupon holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) does best in full or partial sun. Aucuba (*Aucuba sp.*), on the other hand, does best in a shady protected environment. If you do not have at least four hours of direct sunlight on your yaupons, then shade is the likely culprit.

When plants receive inadequate light, they are weakened and subject to diseases or insects that would otherwise not be a problem. Try pruning and limbing-up surrounding trees or moving the yaupons to a sunnier site.

Good luck.
(Send your gardening questions to *The Plant Doctor*, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.)

Can-Am Fest Begins March 9

South Carolina's Grand Strand gives Canadians and Americans the perfect excuse to retreat from win-

ter's bitter cold and snow to enjoy the warm sand, sun and fun of the annual Canadian-American Festival March 9-17.

A 30th Can-Am Anniversary Celebration and Sister City Ceremony is slated for Monday, March 11, in the Myrtle Beach High School Auditorium. A musical and patriotic program will feature the Burlington Teen Tour Band and the Community Choral Society. During the program, Myrtle Beach and Burlington, Ontario, will officially become sister cities.

Also as part of this year's event, Brookgreen Gardens of Murrells Inlet will offer a "Preview of Spring" weekend and special "Canadian Connection" tours throughout the festival.

Brookgreen will mark the beginning of the spring blooming season March 9 and 10 with a special \$2 admission. Blooming plants and flowers typical of early March include daffodils, camellias, pansies, daphne, redbud, Huger's Trillium,

yellow jessamine, summer snowflake, moss pink and banksia roses.

"Canadian Connection" tours, which highlight artists in the Brookgreen collection with sculpture in Canada, will be held throughout the festival.

Other activities offered this year will include a hollering contest sponsored by The Carolina Opry and Y103-FM. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to the first- and second-place winners.

The contest is scheduled Thursday, March 14, at 2 p.m. at The Carolina Opry in Surfside Beach. Divisions are planned for people 15 years and under, 16 to 35 years and 36 to 100 years. Males and females will compete in different categories, and there will be a separate category for groups of four or more people.

Judges will listen for the loudest, funniest and most unique hollers in each division. There is no entry fee, and admission to the contest is free.

For more information on any of the Canadian-American Days activities, call the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce toll free at 1-800-356-3016.

CLUB BRIEFS

Causey Nominated President

Gwen Causey of Supply has been nominated for president of the North Carolina Society of U.S. Daughters of 1812.

The nomination was announced at the Feb. 9 meeting of the Snap Dragon Chapter of U.S. Daughters of 1812 in Swansboro.

Also at the meeting, Theodocia Musselwhite of Shallotte presented the new slate of officers that was elected. There were no local women elected.

Members also brought personal comfort items for Veterans Administration hospital patients, books for

the American Merchant Marine libraries on ships and food labels for mountain schools to redeem.

Flag Presented

The Holden Beach VFW Post 8866 Ladies Auxiliary presented an American flag to Mary Dawson's first-grade class at Union Primary School Feb. 12.

Auxiliary President Bertie Callan and several other members made the presentation.

The students then pledged allegiance to the flag, which will hang in their classroom.



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Five Generations Together

Five generations of the Bryant family of Supply gathered recently for this photograph. Pictured clockwise from lower left are Sherin Bryant; her mother, Cassandra Bryant; her great-grandmother, Irene Bryant; her grandmother, Edna Gore and her great-great-grandmother, Lillie Mae Bryant.

Mars Hill Choir To Perform

The 52-voice Mars Hill College Choir and Chamber Singers will present a concert of choral music at Southport Baptist Church Monday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. as a part of its 1991 spring tour.

Musical highlights will include selections from the *Gloria* by Vivaldi, the *Requiem* by Mozart and several compositions by 20th century American choral composers. These include compositions by Randall Thompson and Aaron Copland as well as several American

folk hymns and spirituals.

The Chamber Singers, a group made up of selected choir members, performs a choral repertoire of the 16th to 20th century suited to smaller ensembles.

The concert is open to the public.

The choir's spring tour includes performances at Duke University Chapel for the North Carolina Choral Directors Association Inter-collegiate Festival, several churches and high schools.

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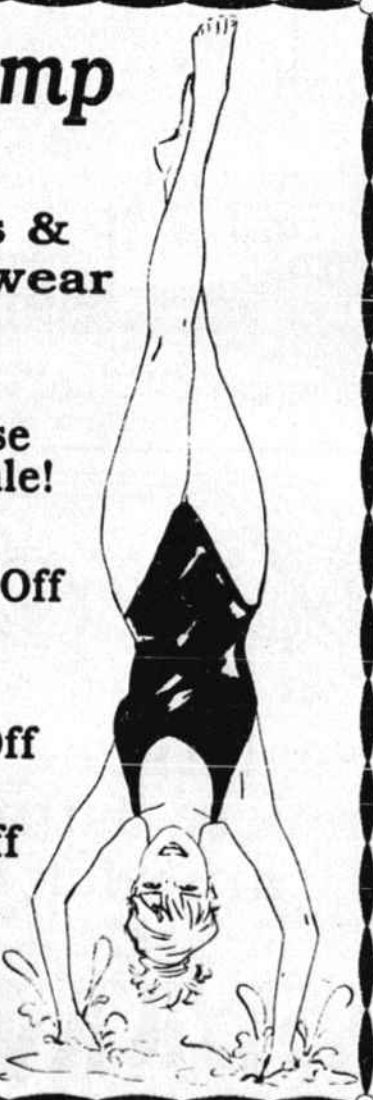
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