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### Design Is Excellent

Overall excellence of design caught the eye of the Carolina Shores Garden Club in bestowing Yard of the Month honors for June on the yard of Dean and Laura Spatholt, 2 Mashie Court, The Acreage. Existing trees, well-planned landscape garden areas featuring red hibiscus and complementary shrubs.

## Ferry Tourguides Answer Questions

Four college students will serve as tourguides this summer aboard the Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry, offering information on local points of interest as well as general information about the state.

This year's guides will be Tommy Whittington and Amy Matthews of UNC-Wilmington; Shannon Maultsby of Peace College; and Lisa Faulk of Cape Fear Community College.

From June through August the students will provide passengers information and free brochures on what to see and do in the vicinity, as

well as information on restaurants and motel accommodations, said Brenda Marshburn, assistant manager at Brunswick Town State Historic Site.

The guide program is administered by the Department of Cultural Resources, as are Brunswick Town and Fort Fisher.

Ferry rides, one-way, are 50 cents for pedestrians, cars, \$3, bicycles, \$1, and vehicles longer than 20 feet, \$6. Passengers may board at docks outside Southport and near Fort Fisher at Kure Beach in New Hanover County.

### Summer Ferry Schedule

Leaves Southport	Leaves Fort Fisher
8:00 AM	8:50 AM
8:50 AM	9:40 AM
9:40 AM	10:30 AM
10:30 AM	11:20 AM
11:20 AM	12:10 PM
12:10 PM	1:00 PM
1:00 PM	1:50 PM
1:50 PM	2:40 PM
2:40 PM	3:30 PM
3:30 PM	4:20 PM
4:20 PM	5:10 PM
5:10 PM	6:00 PM
6:00 PM	6:50 PM



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VOLUNTEERS from the South Brunswick Interchurch Council and Brunswick Adult Day Care Center board of directors are renovating a former house/business on Al Street into an adult day care center. Atop the ladders are David Carmichael and Ewell Evans. On the ground (from left) are Sky Bramley, R.C. Eaton, Don Pringle and Art Stoveken.

## Center Preparing For First Clients

A small crew of men, all volunteers, are busy painting, hanging sheet-rock, cleaning out gutters and sprucing up the future Shallotte center for Brunswick Adult Day Care Inc.

Located at 106 Al Street, the brick structure was once a residence and later a lighting center for Shallotte Electric. Its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Milliken Sr., are leasing the building to the non-profit organization and are assisting with the renovation work.

Once it opens—possibly in early July, but the date depends on scheduling of a state inspector—the center will serve up to eight persons each day initially, drawing from a larger pool of registered clients.

Pointing to the heated, insulated double garage, though, volunteer R.C. Eaton said last week that the center will have plenty of room to expand and serve additional clients in the future.

Eaton had tackled the job of tearing out the doorway to the bathroom and widening it to accommodate a wheelchair.

For safety reasons wood paneling in the house is being covered with fire-resistant sheetrock and the fireplace covered up or enclosed.

In general, however, volunteer Don Pringle said the house is in good shape and not in need of elaborate reworking before it is put into use.

While sprucing up both the interior and exterior, board members are also putting together a "wish list" of furniture and other items the center will need before it opens, and recruiting clients.

Desired items range from a microwave and refrigerator to recliners,

sofas, tables and chairs for activity areas, bookcase and books, puzzles and the like, and rockers and other furniture for a glassed sunroom that will be transformed into a screened porch.

"And we'd like a pool table to go in the garage," said Pringle.

Curtains and other, more decorative touches will also be needed for the interior.

As for clients, the Shallotte Center will serve the same group of individuals served by its counterpart in Southport: adults age 60 or older who are mobile or semi-mobile.

Pringle said the center's services are expected to be increasingly in demand as Brunswick County's population continues its rapid growth, especially in the senior sector.

The center offers its clients physical and mental stimulation and fellowship through planned activities

that include community service, such as making tray favors for local hospitals or tags for "Angel Trees" at Christmas.

Clients can avail themselves of the center's services daily or on an irregular basis.

For clients' families, the center can provide an occasional respite or break from the daily care routine, providing time for caregivers to handle other business, or even an opportunity for a family member to take daytime work.

In many cases where home care is no longer feasible, use of the center can avoid or delay admission of an elderly family member to a nursing home.

Cost is \$20 per day, Pringle said. For information on how to refer a client or to donate services or materials for the center interested persons may call Jean Marshall, 919-457-0400, or Percy Bray, 579-3447.

# Nematodes Not Always The Bad Guys

There are good nematodes and bad nematodes.

"Bad" nematodes feed on plants. "Good" nematodes feed on insects and may help gardeners reduce traditional insecticide use.

Insect control for cultivated plants is in the midst of a revolution. Traditional chemical insecticides are still being developed, but biological insecticides are taking on a new credibility. Numerous small companies are evaluating novel approaches to controlling common gardening pests.

Last week I had the pleasure of assisting Rick Brandenburg, Ph.D., an extension entomologist at N.C. State University, in establishing mole cricket control demonstration plots.

The tawny mole cricket is a major pest of turf in the southern coastal plains of North Carolina. This native South American insect is unusually destructive to most species of turf grass.

Traditional insecticides often do not provide the level of control necessary to prevent the loss of the grass stand. I have witnessed home lawns and acres of turf on golf courses that have been nearly destroyed by late autumn or early spring mole cricket activity.

The mole cricket has the ability to move in the ground. Not only can the mole cricket move from one place to another, adult mole crickets have been known to burrow up to four feet deep in the soil. Birds,

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moles, mice and other animals will feed on mole crickets but evidently the mole cricket is able to tolerate or evade most of its enemies.

Brandenburg is evaluating in demonstration turf plots the effectiveness of a biological control for mole crickets. In its native land mole cricket populations are partially kept in check by a parasitic nematode.

A company by the name of Biosys picked up on this fact and is now culturing and marketing insect specific parasite nematodes. These nematodes only attack mole crickets or closely allied insect pests.

The nematodes can be sprayed onto the soil with conventional spray equipment. They are attracted to the carbon dioxide gas insects exhale. Once the nematodes penetrate the insect, a natural bacterium is released by the nematode that quickly kills the insect. Insects infected with the nematode will usually die in 24 to 36 hours. The nematodes cannot survive in the soil without an insect

host so nematodes do not have the residual activity of other biological control measures such as milky spore disease.

Randy Martin, Ph.D., an entomologist working for Biosys, is excited about the potential and future of biological control measures for insects. New Methods have been developed for culturing nematodes that allow them to be grown on a special nutrient media in large tanks.

The technology to grow the insect parasitic nematodes is perhaps the single most important obstacle in the way of large scale biological control.

For home gardeners an insect parasitic nematode product called BioSafe that claims to control grubs and immature larval insects is now commercially available.

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

## Class Of '71 Makes 20th Reunion Plans

The Southport-Brunswick High School Class of 1971 will hold its 20th-year class reunion July 26-28.

Class members who have not received information are asked to contact one of the following persons: Richard Faulk, Regina W. Alexander, Nat Parker, Ethel Zachariadis, Debra J. Swain and Betty J. Cowans, said Mrs. Alexander, who can be reached after business hours at 919-457-6040.

## Society Raises \$4,200

The Brunswick County Unit of the American Cancer Society raised \$4,200 with its jail-a-thon last Thursday at the National Guard Armory in Shallotte.

Officers "arrested" approximately 15 people, who were given a telephone and asked to get pledges for the cancer society as bail money.

Herbie Ward, chairman of the annual fund drive, had hoped to raise \$5,000 in pledges and contributions to support the American Cancer Society's programs in research, education, patient services and rehabilitation.

"Even though we didn't reach the goal, we're pleased with the turnout and the results," Ward said.

Ward said members of the South Brunswick Isles Civitan Club volunteered as judges and jailers. Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp. also provided free phone service for the "prisoners."



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SHALLOTTE POLICEMAN Keith Croom slaps handcuffs on Brunswick Beacon staff writer Doug Rutter before taking him to jail last Thursday during the American Cancer Society Jail-A-Thon.



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