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Arnold Yard Selected

The Holden Beach Beautification Committee has selected the yard of John and Betty Arnold of 109 Strawflower Street as yard of the month for May. This is Holden Beach's first yard of the month for 1993.

Try These Spring Gardening Tips

■ Prune spring flowering shrubs. Azaleas, weigela, forsythia, and many other spring blooming woody plants are best pruned after flowering. Use well-rotted manures, compost or a slow-release balanced fertilizer to encourage vigorous new growth after the completion of pruning. Compost all prunings.

■ Thin out vegetable seedlings. Normal development cannot occur if small plants are too close in the row. Thinning is absolutely a must for leaf lettuce, beets, radishes, carrots, spinach, and turnips.

You must have a Depredation Permit to trap moles in your lawn or garden. Call Bobby Maddrey (1-919-638-3552) at the N.C. Wildlife Commission or your local wildlife officer to obtain proper permitting. Past recommendations that moles can be eliminated from turf or garden areas by application of insecticides to reduce grub populations have not been supported with wide success.

■ Fertilize based upon the species of grass in your lawn. Zoysia, bermuda and St. Augustine grasses require more fertilization and maintenance than centipede, bahia or carpet grasses.

A good maintenance fertilization program for zoysia, bermuda and St. Augustine grasses will use a slow-release nitrogen fertilizer that has an nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium (NPK) ratio of 3-1-2. Do not apply more than one pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. For example, this would mean that you should apply 6.6 pounds of 15-5-10 or equivalent per 1,000 square feet every four to six weeks during the growing season for maximum growth. Some homeowners find this is too much grass cutting and opt for reduced fertilization.

Centipede, carpet and bahia grasses require much less fertilization. In general, the application of 10 pounds of 5-5-15, 5-0-15 or 6-6-18 per 1,000 feet during May or June will provide these grasses with all the nutrients required for the entire season. If desirable, bahia grass can be fertilized with higher rates of fertilizer with excellent results. However, higher rates of fertilization on

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centipede grass lawns is likely to cause long term damage.

Remember to keep fertilizer and lawn chemicals on the lawn where they are biologically fixed and utilized. With over 1.6 million acres of home lawns in North Carolina, a little fertilizer on the driveway or street translates into a potential pollution problem from stormwater runoff that flows into creeks and rivers. Call your local N.C. Cooperative Extension office to receive a copy of *Carolina Lawns*, AG-69, which details the Best Management Practices for home lawns.

■ The best weed control is to remove perennial weeds from the lawn or garden by digging, hoeing or using a spudding tool, and keep them removed with regular cultivation. However, quite a few excellent pre-emergent herbicides are available for gardens and lawn. After weeds have been removed, the appropriate pre-emergent herbicide can be used to prevent further weed encroachment. Check with your county extension office for specific pre-emergent herbicide recommendations.

■ Choosing the best vegetables to plant is sometimes a difficult task. The 1992 "Suggested Commercial Vegetable Varieties Information Leaflet" lists those varieties tested by N.C. State and found to be suitable for commercial planting. Many of the varieties recommended are suitable for home vegetable gardening. To reduce pesticide use, plant vegetable or ornamental varieties with genetic resistance to disease and insect problems. Most garden and farm centers will have these recommendations posted, if not contact your county extension agent for specific recommendations.

■ Get your irrigation system serviced. If "Murphy's Law" holds true, the wet winter we had this year will be followed by a dry summer.

■ Compost yard waste, grass clippings and kitchen scraps. Our soils need all the organic matter they can get, and compost is an excellent source of that organic matter.

■ Grasscycle. Leave grass clipping on the yard or compost them.

■ Remember to treat ornamental trees or shrubs with the appropriate fungicides if diseases were a problem last season. For example, dogwood spot anthracnose can be prevented or reduced if new foliage is treated with a fungicide (i.e., mancozeb 80 WP) early in the season. Nearly all fungicides work by protecting or preventing infection of the newly emerged leaves or fruit. If new plant parts are not treated then they are unprotected from fungal invasion.

Send your gardening questions or comments to *The Plant Doctor*, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.

Waterway Art Group Plans Show And Sale

The Waterway Art Association will hold a "painters only" show and sale Monday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at corner lot on N.C. 179 at Bonaparte's Landing between Sunset Beach and Calabash.

Thomas "Rusty" Hughes of Southport will award the prizes in the juried art show. Entries cannot exceed 50 inches in either direction, said Shirley Campbell. Oils must be framed, while prints and watercolors must be matted but may be framed or unframed and protected by plastic. No crafts will be accepted.

Entries should be brought to Seaside United Methodist Church, N.C. 904, Sunday, May 30, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

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More Schools Announce Third Honor Rolls

Schools across Brunswick County continue to announce academic achievements earned during the third nine-week grading period of the school year.

Supply Elementary

Fourth and fifth grade students at Supply Elementary School attained the A honor roll with a grade point average of all A's, a 4.0, for the nine weeks, and the B honor roll with a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.9. Students in kindergarten through third grade do not receive letter grades.

A Honor Roll

Fifth Grade: Frederick Beabe, Ken Bradley, Jessica Doshier, Haley Galloway, Kasey Galloway, Kasey Hewett, Tara King, Sarah Parker, Amy Robinson and Maggie Weisser.

Fourth Grade: Kelli Abernethy, Lindsey Daley, Sara Ellis, Tripp Holden, Joshua Horn, William Milligan, Brandon Orrock, Caleb Robinson and Jennifer Warren.

B Honor Roll

Fifth Grade: Roberta Adkins, Edward Anderson, Brandy Benz, Lyman Blanchard, Amanda Caison, Jennifer Clemmons, Constance Coleman, Patsy Davis, Crystal Driver, Bo Ellis, Brooke Evans, Justin Fulford, Lindsey Fury, Carolea Gaines, Jamie Galloway, Linda Galloway, Christopher Green, Leslie Grissett, Lisa Hardin, Ashley Harrell, Cecilla Hewett, Craig Hewett, Christopher Hewett, Crystal Hewett, Brandon Howard, Nichol Jankow-

ski, Andrew Johnson, Jennifer Kennedy, Stephanie Knight, Sheila Kuigre, Christopher Lee, Tiffany Maggard, Gary Manning, Charles Marce, Tangela McKenzie, Christie Noble, Maury Reaves, Jessica Rhodes, Ashley Sawyer, Likendrea Scott, Laura Shough, Natalia Stevenson, Elizabeth Sturgill, Kristina Turner, Jennifer Ward, Allison Washington, Tanya Westenbrook, Jana Whitby, Floyd Williams and Brian Windham.

Fourth Grade: James T. Arrowood, Nicole Baker, Gus Benino, Francis Bingham, Bonnie Bonovitch, Dorene Brill, Jason Bryant, Nicholas Carpenter, Rebecca Chevalier, Dale Clemmons, Katie Clemmons, Jennifer Cozzolino, Olivia Cross, Matthew Cruce, Joseph Dyke, Arial Fullwood, Jessica Futch, Paula Galloway, Amber Ganey, Jeremy Garner, Ronald Gideon, Sean Goforth, Mellisa Goins, Anthony Graham, Abdul Green, David Hair, Melissa Hale, Carlis Hankins, Renata Hankins, Curtis Harris, Michelle Hatcher, Eric Hayes, Paula Hayes, Nicole Hewett, Freddie Hewett, Jeremy Hewett, Lori Hewett, Victor Hewett, Victoria Hewett, Jessica Hiatt, Tonya Holden, Amanda Inman, Denriqua Johnson, Felecia King, Melissa Lombardi, Jeffrey Long, Miquel Melendres, Amber Miller, Marsha Murrow, Shantavia Odom, Crystal Pate, Contessa Rhodes, Alicia Russo, Dana Sellers, Joshua Sellers, Victoria Shadid, Crysti Smith, Larry

Strole, Tamika Tatro, Danielle Terwilliger, Cereta Varnam, Lonnie Varnam, Fallon Walker, Crystal Whitesides and Jerry Winters.

Crary School

The Crary School, a private school in Shallotte, has announced its honor roll for the third nine-week grading period.

To be recognized, students must be in at least the fourth grade and have earned a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale. To celebrate their achievement, honor roll students were treated to lunch and dessert at area businesses.

On the honor roll are Dow Williamson, 4.0; Kristina Pantaleo and David Candela, 3.8; Taylor Sheeley, 3.6; Rose Candela, Deke Williamson and Angel Schettini, 3.5.

WBHS Junior Class Plans Car Wash

West Brunswick High School's junior class will hold its second car wash Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Advance Auto Parts store on South Main Street, Shallotte.

Cost is \$3 per vehicle, and proceeds will go toward a senior class trip to the Bahamas.

President Dan Martin said the class is planning a four-day trip next year during spring break or after graduation.

Annual Meeting Set For May 13

The Brunswick County Literacy Council will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, May 13, at 7 p.m. in the teaching auditorium of Brunswick Community College in Supply.

After a review of the past year's activities and the election of new officers, Dr. John Morgan will give a talk on the effects of illiteracy on productivity. Dr. Morgan is assistant professor of economics at UNC-Wilmington and a Laubach tutor. The meeting is open to the public.



BOWENS BELLAMY

R&R Foundation Crowns Wee, Little Miss Archonette

Omesha BOWENS was crowned Little Miss Archonette Princess and Whitney Latisha BELLAMY was crowned Wee Miss Archonette Princess in an April 3 pageant sponsored by the R & R Educational and Recreational Foundation.

Omesha is the daughter of Lynn BOWENS and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malon BOWENS of Ash. Whitney is the daughter of Willis Earl and Myrtle Bellamy of Pine Crest community.

Other winners in the Little Miss Archonette competition were Lakisha Gause, first runner-up, and Carolea Gaines, second runner-up. In the Wee Miss Archonette event, first runner-up was Bethany Marlow and second runner-up, Datra Gause.

The pageant was held at Shallotte Middle School.

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