



VOLUNTEERS WITH The Brunswick Hospital attending a May 11 luncheon were (seated, from left) Bill Geller, Ann Batten, Alice Dariano, Noni Lowry, Carole Galovich, Alberta McCranie, Cleo McCranie, Harriet Olson; and (standing) Earl Tamar, chief executive officer; Mary Herbst, Lois Graifer, Peggy Spencer, Ruth Tudela, Lorraine Drouin, Dorothy Harris, Myrtle Hanke, Carolyn Moskowitz, Alex Moskowitz, Don Lowry, Jon Sanborn, administrative assistant; Mary Elliott, Eleanor Dawalt and Daphne Yarbrough, director of marketing and volunteer coordinator. Not pictured are Mitzi Bernatzky, Dorothy Hoffman, Rose Lechene, Catherine Norman and Mary Elliott.

Brunswick Hospital Recognizes Volunteer Services At Luncheon

Volunteers at The Brunswick Hospital were recognized at a May 11 at Tavern on the Tee at Sea Trail Plantation for their 5,635 hours of service during the past year.

They provided services equivalent to three full-time positions, said Daphne Yarbrough, director of marketing and volunteer coordinator. The volunteers helped in many operations areas including the information desk, materials management, patient advocacy, landscaping, maintenance, patient transport, food preparation and clerical assistance.

Profits from the hospital auxiliary's gift shop sales and semi-annual bake sales have allowed the group to support Lower Cape Fear Hospice, the Brunswick County Volunteer and Information Center and

five area rescue squads, as well as purchasing items for several hospital departments. These include a computer system update for the pharmacy, a walker with wheels for physical therapy, a clock for the laboratory, new mattresses for guest cots and a VCR/TV for the medical/surgical unit, and a wheelchair and Diatek thermometer for the labor and delivery/postpartum unit.

More information about the volunteer program is available from Yarbrough, 754-8121, Ext. 244.

You May Need A Pesticide License

Dear Plant Doctor: I recently was told by a clerk at the garden store that I had to have a license to buy certain insecticides. I do not understand the licensing requirement; please explain in simple English without all that government gibberish.

All I want to do is kill the bugs eating up my garden. Your help will be appreciated.

Answer: North Carolina has some of the most prudent pesticide licensing laws in the United States. A license is required by private (farmers or home gardeners) and commercial applicators to purchase and use any pesticide classified by the EPA as a restricted use pesticide. Records and a paper trail must be kept for anyone using restricted use pesticides. The appropriate pesticide license can be obtained following an educational program and test administered by the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

If you apply any pesticide to land other than property you own or lease, then a commercial Pesticide License is required by federal and state law! A commercial pesticide license is required if you are required to spray any pesticides for your job or you are applying pesticides for pay.

Please call your N.C. Cooperative Extension office for additional information concerning pesticide use or licensing.

Dear Plant Doctor: My marigolds and petunias are growing tall and leggy with only one or two blooms at the top of the plant. I have kept the old blooms clipped off and removed the sucker leaves from the bottom of the plant. What should I do to get full bushy plants?

Also, is water processed through a water conditioner better or worse

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for my plants than water straight from the well?

Thanks for your help.

Answer: Inadequate light or water, the inappropriate cultivar, poor soil fertility, disease, herbicides or high plant density can cause legginess in vegetable and flowering plants. Full sun, water, and a balanced diet of plant nutrients are the best guarantee for healthy full blooming marigolds and petunias. I am sending you a brand-new publication titled "Selection and Use of Stress-Tolerant Bedding Plants for the Landscape," by Doug Bailey, Ph.D. This publication will help you determine and solve the problem with your plants.

Your question regarding water cannot be answered without knowing more about the chemistry of the water from your well or water conditioner. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture in cooperation with N.C. Cooperative Extension offers a water testing analysis for irrigation water. This test will determine the suitability of well water or conditioned water for irrigating plants.

Taking a proper water sample is critical. Contact your local N.C. Cooperative Extension Service for forms, information regarding sampling technique, and other pertinent information. A complete water analysis for irrigation purposes costs

only \$4.

Dear Plant Doctor: I have some pussy willows taking root in water. There are new leaves popping out all over the stem.

Where and how should I plant these cuttings outside? Any tips you could give me would be appreciated.

Answer: Transplant rooted pussy willow cuttings into a sterile potting soil mix and use a small plastic or clay pot with adequate bottom drainage. Keep the newly transplanted plant in a partially shaded, protected environment until shoot

growth continues and root growth fills up a large portion of the soil volume in the pot. Gradually harden-off young plants by moving outside to a partially shaded area. Transplant to a sunny, wet site where the soil has been properly cultivated and amended with fertilizer, then step back! The native pussy willow (*Salix discolor*) is a fast growing, hardy shrub native to wet places in the eastern United States.

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

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Battleship Will Sponsor Memorial Day Service

The USS North Carolina will hold traditional Memorial Day services Monday, May 31, at 5:45 p.m. on the battleship's deck.

Although the ship serves as an official memorial to nearly 10,000 North Carolinians who died during World War II, its annual Memorial Day observance honors the men and women of all U.S. military services who have given their lives for their country.

Major General Clyde L. Vermilyea, deputy commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic in Norfolk, Va., will be guest speaker. Wilmington Mayor Don Betz and New Hanover County Commissioners Chairman Robert G. Greer have accepted invitations to participate.

A color guard representing all U.S. military services also will take part in the ceremony. Patriotic music

will be performed by vocalist De-Lawrence Taylor.

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