

Authentic Planting

By Jennifer Caldwell

Salem students can't help but notice the charms of Old Salem that brings so many visitors and tourists to the area each year. Not the least of Old Salem's charms are found outside: and the man who is responsible for the lovely gardens and authentic planting is Peter Hatch.

Peter Hatch has been the horticulturist for Old Salem, Inc. since June 1974. He took the job in hopes of restoring many gardens to the form and purpose that they had over two hundred years ago, when Salem was the Moravian settlement of Wachovia.

Peter came to Winston-Salem from the Horticulture department of Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines, where he was enrolled in the Landscape Gardening Program. Prior to his studies at Sandhills he had been a student at the University of North Carolina where he received a B.A. in English Education.

Peter made the jump from English to Horticulture because he "wanted to learn a trade". A year and a season after he began his job, Peter comments that "This is the best kind of job you can have." Gardening is "the noblest and simplest of occupations". Since Peter's job involves detailed research, he feels the combination of study and physical work is "the best kind of job you can have."

His research basically covers the kinds of plants and herbs that were used in gardens in Salem when the first settlers lived in houses like the Miksch or Vogler homes. Peter likes to watch how plants have evolved since the time the gardens were originally here, and to imagine how various species of plants would look before they were hybridized.

Peter's favorite plants are those that were planted in Salem two centuries ago. The majority of the planting was for necessity: for food or for medicinal use. Hollyhocks, coxcomb, and old breeds of roses were the few "pleasure" plants. Otherwise one would see rows of fruit trees — varieties from quince to cherry; from apricot to apple; and from peach to pear. Native plants, herbs and vegetables composed the bulk of the "family gardens" that appear in the Salem restorations. Peter's responsibility is to create authentic gardens using these plants. He says the current Salem gardens are "just a beginning" and tells of his winter plans as evidence of this.

"I do a lot of my work in the winter," Peter said, remarking this is what he liked about the South. He has time to work in the greenhouse that he constructed a year ago to propagate

Archways

By Kim Nelson

The Archways, Salem's choral group, held auditions for new members on Monday, Sept. 15. The new members are Leslie Morgan, Meagan Messner, Dee Stout, Jayne Craig, and Carol Robinson.

The group entertained on Founder's Day and plans to perform also at the Christmas tree lighting, Valentine's Day, and in the spring. Other concerts are given throughout the year for outside organizations which contact the group.



Peter Hatch works in his greenhouse.

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various types of plants. With his staff, Peter is in the process of developing a wildflower garden in the back of Brother's House. Native wildflowers will be dug from the woods and transplanted to reproduce the effect of the Wachovia wilderness.

The Horticulturist and his staff will also be terracing along Salt Street and planting along the boundaries of Old Salem "to attempt to isolate it a little bit". Peter plans on planting approximately 150 trees this winter, naturally using those that grew in Salem at the time the restorations have centered upon.

Peter describes a typical yard in Old Salem using a blueprint that graphs the position of various trees and flowers in an Old Salem yard. Fences ran around each house, enclosing a dirt yard in

the front that was used for such romantic purposes as clothes-drying or wood-chopping. Behind the house was the "family garden" which was mostly vegetable, with a few fruit trees. The gardens were square-shaped and were strung throughout with grass walkways. Native tracks of hickory and oak ran around Wachovia and more exotic trees such as catalpas, weeping willows and lindens would soon be introduced.

Peter shows his enthusiasm for historical landscaping throughout the excellent work he has done in Old Salem, and feels that this type garden will be seen more and more as the idea is spread via Bicentennial channels or word of mouth. Perhaps most of the converts will be won as they view the combinations of functionality and charm in the Salem gardens.

High School Seniors Differ In Attitudes

By Sarah Fox

What is important in the lives of high school students today? I administered an interest inventory to one of my senior English classes at Reynolds Senior High School last week and found some of the answers surprising.

Of twenty-five seniors seventeen work after school every day, their favorite movies range from "The Exorcist" to "The Apple Dumpling Gang." If they had three wishes they would ask for wealth, more football games, and a no-hassle future (wouldn't we all). They don't seem to be avid readers but they are extremists when it comes to school spirit! Not many students from Reynolds would be caught dead on a Friday night anywhere but in the bleachers screaming their heads off. Their friends (and cheering companions) are vital to their existence but

parents seem to be a passing fad. From a quick glance at the many parking lots and surrounding streets it would be a good guess that many Reynolds students own their own cars. The number of news readers is surprisingly high and interest is intense in such cases as Patty Hearst, presidential assassinations, hurricanes, and (of course) sports.

They list the priorities in their lives most often as follows in this order: Sports, Friends, Money, School, Church, Dating, and Family. Television is not a big part of their lives but favorite programs include "Batman", "Happy Days", "When Things Were Rotten" and horror films of all description.

Now try to compare your high school attitudes to these and see where you fit in. It seems so long ago!

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SPOTLIGHT

By Catherine Delbridge

One of the roles of women since the dawning of time has been that of the archetypal earth mother. In case you've never met this type, you must go to third floor Biting and meet Jane Elliott, Biting's house president. Jane exudes earth motherliness. She wears green, brown, and orange earth color clothes. She is concerned about and interested in others. You can take all of your problems to Jane.

Picture an earth mother as an auto mechanic. As incongruous as it may seem, Jane bought a used, abused, rusty Toyota and proceeded to take the body completely apart. She then sanded the parts, patched the holes and filled in the panels with fiberglass. After her trip to the junkyard, her little car was resplendent with chrome strips wrenched from car corpses. She spray painted the exterior. The car was already a cerulean blue which was impossible to match, so now her car looks a lot like a hippy van decorated with spacy paintings of clouds floating across the sides.

This summer, Jane worked as a maid for an exotic, eccentric Cocoa Beach, Florida resident. This widow owns a large house complete with a sunken living room and a large backyard bordered on three sides by a lovely canal. Her other possessions include a velvet two-piece suit and a boyfriend imported from New York. Jane's job included such chores as mowing the backyard with an electric lawn-mower, wall-papering the bathroom, antiquing the headboard of the exotic's bed, painting the interior of the whole house, refinishing cabinets, altering the exotic's clothes (most of which are made from chiffon) and listening to arguments between the exotic and her gentleman friend. Jane thrived on the work as well as the odd food which the eccentric, who is a health food freak, is fond of growing and eating. These delicacies included alfalfa sprouts, carrot juice, watercress sandwiches, and soy burgers.

Jane will be able to tell fascinating tales about her summer job to her students. She will be teaching eleventh and twelfth grade English classes at Reynolds this semester. Her first assignment is to teach MacBeth. Jane's interest in teaching is also evident in her January plans. She wants to work with the yearbook and newspaper staff of a high school and to observe high school independent study programs.

Being an earth mother is fun. One of Jane's favorite pasttimes is to tell bedtime stories to the people in her dorm. She is interested in the concepts involved in children's literature and has written a play for children. She hopes to take a conference course next semester in which she will be able to write children's stories.

Jane is often heard mumbling a mixture of nursery rhymes and lines from MacBeth under her breath. If you hear her doing this, stop Jane and talk to her. It will be an experience that you will never forget.