

## Profile on Nona Short

By Dina Di Maio

Have you ever wanted to return to one of your favorite places and recapture that moment for others to enjoy? Nona Short did. In a recent photography exhibit at Artspace, Short and two other photographers, David Simonton and Chuck Robertson, revisited places that they loved. For Simonton, it was northern New Jersey; for Robertson, his father-in-law's farm; and for Short, her home state of Tennessee.

"These photos show places we visited several times—places that were important to us and what we were doing there," Short says.

Part of Short's work is a series of photos of small, country churches. She says they are not the typical "rubber stamp" churches made of bricks. According to Short, they have "line, shape, and relationship to form, and they are aesthetically pleasing."

Short, who teaches photography and Latin at Meredith, has been taking pictures since around 1965, when she bought her first camera at a junk shop for two dollars. She learned how to use it herself.

Since then, her work has been in over 125 shows, including solo shows. When the Gaddy-Hamrick art gallery first opened, Short had a 161-photo exhibit there. While she enjoys displaying her work, she admits it is expensive. She says, "The Gaddy-Hamrick show cost about three months salary." She notes that framing and matting pictures is costly; for two pictures it costs about \$125.

Because photography is an art, Short says that it does not have to be "pretty." Photographers, she feels, do not look for "subjects of particular value but for tones, textures, composition—like a drawing."

Short has won numerous awards for her photography. Recently, she was a judge for Spectator's 14th Annual Amateur Photography Contest. Short is currently entering the 15th Annual NC Photographer's Exhibit that will be at Meredith and the art competition at the NC State Fair.



Sweet Beulah Church, near Belhaven, NC. Photo by Nona Short.

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Betsy Stewart

Do you like statistics? Here is one that might interest you: one out of nine women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

Although 80 percent of all breast cancers occur in women over the age of 50, women of all ages should know how to do a breast self-examination, and they should conduct an examination regularly.

While breast cancer cannot be prevented, it can be detected at an early, treatable stage.

Women over the age of 40 should supplement their monthly self-examination with an annual mammogram and a visit to their doctor, according to the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO).

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month, a time during which NABCO hopes to educate all American women of both the risks they face and the preventive measures they can take. NABCO estimates that 182,000 new cases of female breast cancer will be diagnosed in 1995, and 46,000 women will die from the disease.

Don't wait to learn how to do something that may save your life. The next time you see your doctor, ask to be shown how to do a breast self-examination, and, if you're over the age of 40, schedule a mammogram.

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