

## Warmer Winter Days Great For Some Gardening Chores

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Warm winter days bring on the urge to work outside. There are numerous activities to occupy your time, but remember, we are still in the midst of winter. Neither our plants nor our bodies can handle the activities typically associated with spring and summer.



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Prune summer flowering shrubs and small to intermediate trees now. Remember the physical act of pruning stimulates dormant buds just beneath the cut. This can result in heavy growth, concentrated in the top of the plant if you use the shearing technique extensively. Try to balance your efforts by thinning some branches from inside the plant.

Apple and pear trees can be pruned now. Pruning annually allows us to keep the growth of these trees in check. Harvesting and pest control is much easier when the tree growth is limited to eight or 10 feet. The use of clean, sharp tools helps reduce injury and the spread of disease.

Peach trees should be pruned in

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late February or early March. It is possible to prune peaches once the buds begin to open. remember, pruning stimulates growth and some early maturing varieties may flower earlier if pruned too soon.

Grape vines respond to annual prunings with a heavier fruit set. Ideally, trellised vines will have three to four main stems or cordons. On each of these, trim the runners back to a spur with three to four buds. This will be sufficient for this year's growth.

Pecan trees will respond to annual applications of fertilizer. Apply one pound of 10-10-10 per inch of trunk diameter now for best results. Apply the material evenly beneath the tree extending to and beyond the drip line. If there is a thick stand of turf beneath the tree, use a pipe to punch holes and apply the material below the surface.

Do not fertilize warm season grasses such as Centipede, Bermuda, Zoysia or St. Augustine until two weeks after it has started to green up. Homeowners who over-seeded Centipede with ryegrass should make their final fertilizer application to the ryegrass now. This will allow sufficient time for the ryegrass to utilize the fertilizer before the Centipede begins to come out of dormancy.



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**BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION'S Community Fund Drive had raised more than \$20,000 through January, including a \$300 contribution from Dr. Michael Wilkerson (left) and Dr. Marcus Rey Williams (center) of Brunswick Internal Medicine Associates of Shallotte. Their gift, accepted by BCC Foundation Vice President Sheila McLamb (right) was designated for purchase of equipment for BCC's practical nursing and nursing assistant programs. Contributions or pledges to be honored before June 30 are still being accepted from individuals and businesses. For more information, contact BCC Foundation Executive Director Vicki Spencer at the college.**

## Gift To Provide New Scholarship

A scholarship endowment honoring the late Karl S. Vickers Jr. of Southport and Winston-Salem has been established through the Brunswick Community College Foundation.

Dorothy J. Vickers of Southport made the \$5,000 donation in memory of her late husband, said BCC Foundation Executive Director Vicki Spencer. The endowment will generate funds to provide tuition, fees and some other school-related expenses of one student for an entire year.

"Education was very important to Karl," said Mrs. Vickers. "He was vitally concerned about young people and he loved his home in Brunswick County."

Recipients of the Karl S. Vickers Memorial Scholarship must be enrolled as full-time students and must maintain an established grade point average at BCC. Prior recipients who meet these requirements will then be given priority over new applicants if they wish to continue their education at BCC.

Bruce Caldwell, president of the BCC Foundation, said such donations as that of Mrs. Vickers help BCC students who might not otherwise have the means to continue their education.

## Brunswick Council Offers 'Grassroots' Arts Grants

The Brunswick Arts Council is seeking applications from local groups for grassroots grants to provide financial support for non-profit cultural arts projects and programs.

According to President Stephana Tewey, when distributing Grassroots Arts Program funds, the council looks for organization strength and program merit.

Organization strength refers to the applicant group's ability to carry out the project and develop other funding for it. Program merit considers such factors as community support for the project, cooperation among existing arts and community organizations, responsive to community needs, involvement of racial and ethnic minorities and other traditionally underserved audiences, and involvement of professional artists.

Applications are available at Blue Dolphin Gallery on Long Beach Road or from any area arts council board member. These include Joseph Carter, Brown's Landing; Edna Magers, Shallotte; Marvin Musselwhite, Supply; Joseph Butler, Shallotte; Diana Mintz, Bolivia; and Judy Collins, Boiling Spring Lakes.

The deadline for returning completed applications is May 30.

## N.C. Brass Quartet Offers Prelude To Symphony Visit

The North Carolina Brass Quartet will entertain local North Carolina Symphony Society volunteers and Brunswick Community College faculty, staff and students in a concert Sunday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. in the ALS building at the college.

The concert is funded by a state community service grant provided through BCC. It is being held in conjunction with the kick-off for the North Carolina Symphony's visits to the county, which will be held March 21 and May 16 at Hatch Auditorium on the grounds of the N.C. Baptist Assembly, Caswell Beach.

Volunteers with the Brunswick

County Chapter of the Symphony Society will collect their symphony concert ticket sales kits at 2 p.m., said spokesman Polly Fish.

The North Carolina Brass Quartet performs intimate brass music from the Renaissance to the modern era, featuring such diverse composers as Giovanni Gabrieli and Scott Joplin. Founded in 1978, the quartet performs regularly on the recital circuit as well as in clinics, master classes and concerts in school music programs statewide. The musicians, who perform with the North Carolina Symphony, are Dwight Robinette, trombone; Terry Mizesko, bass trombone; and Timothy Stewart and Don Eagle, trumpet.

## Sign Up By Feb. 3 For Azalea Parade

There's still time to enter the N.C. Azalea Festival Parade. Application should be made no later than Saturday, Feb. 3. This year's parade will be held April 7.

Anyone who wants to enter a float should contact co-chairman

Evan Watts at 350-0012; marching units such as bands and military units should contact co-chairman Gary Sloan at 799-3170.

Other participants, including pageant queens, should contact chairman Ben Spradley, 791-6884.

## BCC 'How To' Seminar Aimed At Special Events Planners

A seminar for those who organize, plan and conduct festivals and other special events will be sponsored by Brunswick Community College on Saturday, Feb. 17.

The day-long event is being held in cooperation with the Southport-Oak Island and South Brunswick Islands chambers of commerce. It will give individuals an opportunity to confer with James G. Walls of Knoxville, Tenn., a national special events consultant, as well as with other festival and special events organizers.

Participants will learn about organization and administration, fund raising, recruiting and motivating volunteers, and strategic planning of events. Also discussed will be festival programming, marketing and communications.

Walls has a proven track record as a festival executive and industry consultant and has been an officer and director of the International Festivals Association.

The seminar is funded through a North Carolina Department of Community Colleges community services block grant.

However, a \$5 registration fee will cover snacks and lunch.

Interested individuals may register at the door of the teaching auditorium in BCC's ALS building immediately before the seminar begins at 9:30 a.m.

The session will continue until 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Dean of Continuing Education Jesse Clemmons at 754-6922, 457-6329, or 343-0203.

## DAR Salutes Constitution

Chapter member Bobbi Sellers presented an historical program at the Jan. 27 meeting of the William Gause Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The meeting was held at Joe's Barbecue, Shallotte.

Mrs. Sellers' presentation—the first in a series—was entitled "Ratifying the Federal Constitution in North Carolina and celebrated the Constitution's bicentennial."

Other members present were Gwen Causey, Paula Devine, Marie Harrison, Kathleen Fidler, Emma

Rex Hobbs, Esther Bullock, Theodora Musselwhite and Amarette Pierce.

In other business, Ms. Causey announced that a meeting of the Children of the Revolution will be held March 16 in Statesville. The children's group is sponsored by the William Gause Chapter and the Gov. Ben Smith Society.

Also, the DAR's 90th annual state conference will be held at Pinehurst Hotel, Pinehurst, March 5 through 7. Local delegates include Ms. Devine, Ms. Musselwhite and Ms. Fidler.

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