



### Second Time Around

Clyde and Rachel Gore recently received the April Yard of the Month award from the Sunset Sands Garden Club for the second time—but for a different yard. The Gores have already established a new landscape after moving only a year ago from Magnolia Drive to 174 Live Oak West. With bright flowers blooming and a crisp green lawn, "It looks very spring," said committee member Marie Summerlin (left above), shown with Rachel Gore and committee chairman Mildred Bernard.

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## Choose Pest Control With Thought

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**Dear Plant Doctor:** My yard is full of holes the size of a golf ball with tunnels connecting the holes. I thought it was a snake and poured bleach in the hole. I love birds and want something that will not hurt them. Will you please tell me something to get rid of what-ever-it-is?

**Answer:** Sounds like you have a bag case of either moles or voles. Moles are small mammals that feed primarily on insects, like grubs. Voles are small mammals that feed primarily on vegetable matter, like the plants in your flower bed.



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Control of either of these animals is difficult. The safest method of controlling voles is through close mowing and the use of mouse traps. The placement of a mouse trap on the above ground runs is the only method of control available to the homeowner.

For vole control, poison baits are illegal and potentially harmful to the environment.

You have several options to control moles in your lawn. The traditional method is to treat with insecticides to kill the insects in your lawn therefore eliminating the food source attracting the moles.

However, an environmentally safer solution is to use a mole trap. Mole traps are very effective when

### THE PLANT DOCTOR

for the average gardener. C. Ritchie Bell, Ph.D., a retired U.N.C. professor of botany, has authored or co-authored a number of excellent easy to read books describing native North Carolina plants.

The "standard" for most southeast U.S. plant identification is the *Manual of the Vascular Flora of the Carolinas*, by A.E. Radford, H.E. Ahles and C.R. Bell. This should be available in most libraries.

The N.C. Department of Agriculture publishes a booklet entitled *Certified Nurseries and Plant Collectors of North Carolina*. Your county extension agent most likely has a copy, as well as would any certified plant nursery. Also, you may be able to obtain a copy by writing to the Plant Industry Division, N.C.D.A., P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. This publication lists all North Carolina certified nurseries and the general categories of plant materials which they produce.

Another excellent reference is *The Reference Manual of Woody Plant Propagation* by M.A. Dirr and C.W. Heuser. This publication contains excellent up-to-date references for the inquiring mind.

The North Carolina State University *Arboretum Newsletter* is probably the most up-to-date periodical detailing the information you are requesting. This newsletter is sent to all members of the Friends of NC-SU Arboretum. J.C. Raulston, Ph.D., does a superb job of putting this newsletter together. For more information, write NCSU Arboretum, NCSU, Dept. of Horticultural Science, Box 7609, Raleigh, N.C. 27695-7609.

used properly. A mole trap should be placed directly over a fresh tunnel that has been caved in. Place the trap early in the morning. Traps may have to be moved every two or three days to new tunnels.

Several folks have told me that they have used some household chemical such as bleach or gasoline to control some kind of outdoor pest. This is a dangerous practice. Many of the household chemicals will cause severe environmental problems. Never use a chemical except for its intended use.

You mentioned that you are a bird lover. Many species of birds feed on the grubs in your lawn. The moles, voles, snakes, grubs and birds form a complex natural web of checks and balances. Choose your pest control with thought. And, if pesticides are used, follow label instructions.

**Dear Plant Doctor:** I would like to know if there are any publications in the library, extension office or bookstores that would contain details about plants native to the southeastern region of North Carolina.

Also, I cannot find any nurseries that carry these native plants, such as Jack-in-the-pulpit. Is there any nursery or mail order company that would keep me from going out in the woods for these plants?

**Answer:** Yes, yes and yes. Multitudes of good publications have been released about the unusual flora of southeast North Carolina. However, many are far too technical

## Births Are Announced

### McKinney

Michael and Sheila McKinney of Shallotte have announced the birth

of a son, Michael Julian McKinney. Michael was born March 23 at 12:46 a.m. at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington.

He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Faye and Edison Tripp of Shallotte and Kellen and Delores Holden of Supply.

### Evans

Barry and Anita Evans of Shallotte have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, Taylor Nicole.

Arriving at 2:18 p.m. March 25 at Cape Fear Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, she weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Mack and Sarah Evans of Supply. Maternal grandparents are Frank and Carolyn Gales of Shallotte.

### Inman

Phil and Debbie Inman of Shallotte Point are the parents of a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Inman.

She arrived at 3:15 p.m. March 19 at The Brunswick Hospital, weighing in at 7 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carol G. Wood of Holden Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Inman Jr. of Shallotte Point.

Great-grandparents are Margie Robinson of Shallotte Point and Effie Hegge of Gause Landing.

### Madison

The Rev. and Mrs. John T. Madison Jr. of Fair Bluff have announced the arrival of their daughter, Ragan Joyce, on March 25.

She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces. Grandparents are Evelyn Madison and John Madison, both of Shallotte, and Clarence and Sara Ragan of Fuquay-Varina.

### Give Old Furniture Exciting New Look

An April 16-18 workshop on "fanciful" furniture painting will give participants a chance to create a new look for old furniture.

Brunswick Community College Visiting Artist Emily Weinstein will lead the workshop, scheduled from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the art room of the Vocational Arts Building at BCC's main campus north of Supply on U.S. 17.

Those attending are asked to bring a small- to medium-sized piece of furniture, already primed and ready to paint.

Weinstein will demonstrate faux finishes and work with participants.

Interested persons are asked to contact her at her studio, at 842-3304, to register.

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SISTERS Laura Brust, Alison Brust and Jennifer Brust have weddings planned.

## Sisters Set Wedding Dates

Three daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Brust of Ocean Isle Beach are planning weddings in upcoming months.

They are Jennifer A. Brust, 29, of Arlington, Va.; Laura Marie Brust, 26, of New Milford, Conn.; and Alison Ann Brust, 24, of Greensboro.

Jennifer and her fiance, Colin W. Uckert, are both attorneys in Arlington. They will be married May 11 at St. Rita's Church in Alexandria, Va.

Laura will marry Nader Nassim Sobhan of Wapingerfalls, N.Y., on July 5 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Southport. She is a technical writer and he is a computer programmer.

On Sept. 7, also at Sacred Heart, Alison will wed Paul Melo Leite, of Greensboro. Alison is a freelance graphic designer and her fiance manages a printing business. She will be the last of the Brusts' seven daughters to marry.

Invitations are being sent.

## Birthdays And Anniversaries

### Thursday, April 11

Sandra Fox, Shannon Stone, Stephanie Batson, Glen A. Phelps, James Easton Powell.

### Friday, April 12

Wendy Sue Day, Martha Clingenpeel, Jeff Gales, Michelle Bland, Tommy Hickman, Gail McLamb, Gay Atkins, Wendy Smith, Odessa Stanley, Chris Bryan, Maria Todd; Mr. and Mrs. Greg White, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Russ, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Causey, Charlie and Marie Holden.

### Saturday, April 13

Meleody Benton, Patrick Bolton, Margaret Southerland, Emily Andresky, Frank Couvillon, Shelby Rudd, Grace S. Young, Thomi Arnold, Emma Lou Edwards, Stuart Cooke, Adam Edwards; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cheers.

### Sunday, April 14

Katie Beth Jones, Andy Ludlum, Felicia Ann Gray, Luther C. Batten, Acie Robinson, LaDane Bullington, Allen Todd, Tommy Smith, Jeremie

Elliott, Janet Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Freshour, Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur Robbins.

### Monday, April 15

Timberley Adams, Teddy Hickman, Clyde Stanley, Becki Frink, Tammy Stanley, Joan Owens, Connie Schutte, Leslie Inman, Sheila Stanley, Will Bradsher, Pierrette Thompkins, Sue Watkins, Lyn M. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry O'Neal, Mike and Pamela Nash.

### Tuesday, April 16

Shirley Callahan, Jamie Hartsell, Jonathan Burcham, Christine Marie Pahl, Shirley Frazier, Dedie Otto, Stan Skinner, Curtis Todd; Allan and Elizabeth Dameron, Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Benton, Donald Wayne and Wendy Sue Day.

### Wednesday, April 17

Lonnie Sprinkle, Judy Holden, Daisy Russ Thompkins, Martha Hewett, Sally Skipper, Julie Batson, Debra McCall, Sue Barefoot, Kathleen Batson, Gerri Cox; Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Cavado, Billy and Emma Lea Caison.

## Pageants Taking Applications

The 1991 N.C. 4th of July Festival is seeking contestants for two upcoming pageants.

Contestants for the Queen's Pageant, scheduled June 8, must be 17 to 22 years of age and a resident of Brunswick County. The 1991 queen will receive a "substantial" scholarship, said spokesman Peggy Douglas-Ledgett, and will represent the area throughout the state of North Carolina.

The Little Miss and Tiny Miss Pageant will be held June 15. Contestants for Little Miss must

be 6 to 8 years of age and a county resident. Contestants for Tiny Miss must be 3 to 5 years of age and a county resident. Winners must be present at all 4th of July Festival activities the week of July 1-4.

Applications for both pageants are available from any branch of United Carolina Bank. Also, interested persons may call Mrs. Douglas-Ledgett at (919) 457-9414 regarding the queen's pageant or Linda Brinson or Angie Wilson-Taylor at (919) 457-6771 about the younger girls' pageant.

## N.C. Miss & Master Brunswick County Beauty Pageant

April 20, 2:00 PM  
Shallotte Middle School  
Registration 12:30 to 1:30

Open to all ages—3 mos. to 21 years (single), Married—18 and up. Boys 0-10 years.

For details, call Margie Pridgen (803)464-9097 or Betty (919)654-5055.

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