



Erickson Yard Selected

Carolina Shores Garden Club has chosen the yard of Carl and Jerry Erickson of 22 Bayberry Court as yard of the month for April. The circular yard features two deer statues surrounded by azaleas, scarlet hawthorns, toraluse cedar, red bud trees, red dogwood, windmill palms, roses and an unusual banana tree.

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Trees Difficult To Treat For Insects

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THE PLANT DOCTOR

Dear Plant Doctor: I have a sycamore tree and it produces large, beautiful, green leaves. However, as the summer wears on, it becomes infested with small, white caterpillars that eat the leaves and turn them brown. By August, the tree looks horrible and completely infested.

Some nurseries in the area claim the cause may be the soil which aids the attraction and that the problem is common for these trees. I've tried fertilizers, lime and also attempted to use a caterpillar spray, which was not successful.

The tree is situated in an open area with lots of sun light. Could you please advise the cause and what corrective measures can be done to eliminate this problem or to reduce the infestation?

Answer: I checked with several reference sources and could not find a small, white caterpillar insect pest that attacked only sycamores. The sycamore lacebug will cause the

symptoms you described but the insect is very small and does not look anything like a caterpillar.

Trees are similar to people when it comes to susceptibility to insect, disease and nutritional problems. Trees grown from seed are all genetically different. Therefore, it is not uncommon to have trees growing side-by-side with one tree that is very susceptible to one particular disease or insect problem while the other tree is completely resistant.

I know of no soil or nutritional problem that would cause you to have an insect problem.

Unfortunately, trees are very difficult to treat for insect problems. Except in very unusual cases, treating trees with insecticides is almost always impractical. Large tree size, excessive insecticide drift and high application costs make correcting a severe tree insect infestation very difficult.

A healthy well-cared for tree will be able to tolerate occasional insect or disease problems. However, chronic infestations will eventually weaken or kill the tree.

Please send me some leaf samples and some of those caterpillars this summer. I would like to see

what is eating on your tree.

Dear Plant Doctor: I have just moved to the area and would like your opinion on a lawn practice. One of my neighbors insists that I should burn off my centipede grass lawn before it greens up this spring. Another neighbor says that burning off the grass will do more harm than good. What is your opinion?

Answer: Do not burn. Burning is a dangerous practice. Ask any fireman about the accidental fires that have been set off from burning lawns or yard trash.

Centipede grass has an above ground stem called a stolon. If you burn off your centipede grass lawn, then you take a real risk of injuring the stolon and damaging your lawn. Burning will do nothing to control the thach.

Some folks claim that a burned-off lawn will green-up more rapidly than one not burned. I expect that may be true to some extent, but early green-up does nothing for the healthy cultivation of beautiful turf-grass.

Keep your centipede grass lawn beautiful using recommended cultural practices and stay away from burning.

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



WILLIAMS

Panel Will Chose Teacher Of Year Friday

Brunswick County's Teacher of the Year will be selected Friday from a field of 10 educators nominated for the honor.

Freeman Gause, special programs director for the Brunswick County Schools, said these faculty members have been named as their school's Teacher of the Year in the annual competition:

West Brunswick High—Beth Pupp, Spanish;
Shallotte Middle—Shelia Smith, seventh grade language arts;
Union Primary—Ollie Hickman, first grade;

Bolivia Elementary—Ronda Caster, first grade;
Leland Middle—Gloria Beatty, sixth grade;

Lincoln Primary—Jean Case, third grade;

North Brunswick High—Norman Melton, marketing;

South Brunswick High—Jo Ann Cain, math;

South Brunswick Middle—Catherine Brooks, eighth grade math; and

Southport Elementary—Sandra Kaufhold, fourth grade.

Waccamaw School does not participate in the Teacher of the Year program.

A panel of judges will interview the nominees and review their applications Friday. The nominees will also attend a luncheon in their honor.

Stan Sneed, principal of Wrightsboro Elementary School in New Hanover County is chairman of the selection committee. Also serving are Torie Williamson of Shallotte Middle School, the current

Teacher of the Year, Anthony Awecky of Boiling Spring Lakes, who was appointed by the Brunswick County Board of Education; Jessie Francis, a retired educator from Southport; and Elisa Herndon of Supply, a senior at West Brunswick High School.

Among the information included in each nomination form are the teacher's use of innovative ideas and approaches in their work roles, professional achievements and activities, educational background and career development, personal phi-

losophy of teaching, and plans for professional improvement, community school and civic involvement. Each nominee must also write a brief essay on why he or she should be named Teacher of the Year.

The educator chosen as the county's Teacher of the Year will advance to the Region II competition in October. He or she also receives a cash gift. Recipients in recent years have received \$1,000.

The purpose of the program is to encourage and to recognize excellence in teaching.

Symphony To Present An 'All Gershwin Evening'

The North Carolina Symphony will present an *All Gershwin Evening* in Hatch Auditorium at Caswell Beach Friday, May 3, at 8 p.m.

The concert will feature a full orchestra, which will play *Overture to Strike Up the Band* and *An American in Paris*.

Norman Krieger, guest pianist, will join the orchestra for the *Concerto in F Major* and *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Krieger was a gold medal winner at the Palm Beach Invitational Piano Competition and has performed with symphonies across the world. The Los Angeles native has also recorded his Gershwin piano solos.

Concert tickets are available at the door or can be purchased in advance at the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce of-

fine in Shallotte and the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce in Southport. Price is \$10 for general admission and \$8 for senior citizens and students.

For people traveling from Boiling Spring Lakes, Calabash and Shallotte areas, buses will be provided by the Brunswick County Board of Education for \$1 per person.

Buses will leave the Fox Squirrel Country Club at Boiling Spring Lakes at 7 p.m., Security Savings and Loan in Calabash at 6 p.m., United Carolina Bank at Ocean Isle Beach at 6:30 p.m. and Shallotte Chamber of Commerce office at 6:45 p.m. and Supply Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

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