



Fountain Draws The Eye

A sailfish fountain anchors a small goldfish pond and a patriotic bed of red, white and blue flowers at the home of Jim and Martha Wilkerson, 13 Bayberry Lane, Sea Trails. Their nicely landscaped home site won June Yard of the Month honors from Sunset Sand Garden Club. The front bed was a team effort of the two gardeners and features petunias, nandina, candytuft and miniature white gardenias. The Wilkersons moved here from Charlotte six years ago.

STAFF PHOTO BY SUSAN USHER

Reader Seeks Guide To Bog Gardening

Dear Plant Doctor: Could you please direct me to a publication which could tell me how to grow carnivorous plants like the pitcher plant and Venus fly trap? I figure on creating some form of "bog" garden but don't know where I can find a layman's publication for propagating these plants.

Also, do you know of any plants that would attract fireflies? How about plants that would discourage mosquitoes? Thank you.

Answer: The Cape Fear region is unique. Venus fly traps and Pitcher plants grow abundantly in the marshy savannas of the region. The climate and soils in this area are unlike those anywhere on earth (as any gardener in the area will testify). The only publication I can find that may be of help to you is called *Collecting, processing and germinating seeds of wildland plants*, by J.A.C. Young, 1986, Timber Press. I do not know of any publications that directly deal with plants that would attract fireflies or discourage mosquitoes.

On a recent visit to the New Hanover County Arboretum in Wilmington, I found an enthusiastic group of master gardeners building a bog garden.

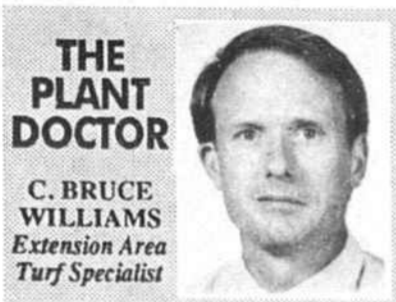
I recommend you visit the New Hanover County Cooperative Extension Arboretum and schedule an appointment with Ernie Williams, director of the Arboretum, and the master gardeners constructing this bog garden. Call 919-350-0010 for more information.

Dear Plant Doctor: I am completing my retirement home in Long Beach, N. C., and while the contractor has done a good job of saving trees I would like to start "re-vegetating" the yard this fall with "no care" shrubs and lawn.

I feel growing a lawn on sand would be an exercise in futility and contrary to the local conditions. What can you suggest?

Answer: "No care" landscapes generally look like the name implies. I think what you are asking for is a "minimum care" landscape. If you are near the ocean I recommend you read an N.C. State University publication called *Vegetative Dune Stabilization in North Carolina*. The grasses recommended in this publication are generally bunch-type grasses and are not routinely mowed or considered to be lawn grasses.

Plants growing near the seashore are subject to terrific salt exposure and drought stress. Without irrigation, an acceptable quality lawn is nearly impossible to maintain near the beach. I know of no lawn grasses that fall under the category of



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"no care".

You may want to consider using many of the native shrubs and trees in your landscape. Plants like the Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) and the Red Cedar (*Juniperus spp.*) are native plants that make outstanding landscape plants for a "minimum care" landscape.

Several other landscape plants that demonstrate tolerance of coastal conditions include the Thorny elaeagnus (*Elaeagnus pungens*), Pyracantha (*Pyracantha spp.*), the Indian Hawthorn (*Raphiolepis spp.*), Japan-

ese Black Pine (*Pinus thunbergiana*), Japanese Pittosporum (*Pittosporum spp.*) and Oleander (*Nerium oleander*).

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

Reception Planned For Bennett, Jones

A reception dinner honoring two women who have married within the past month will be held Sunday, June 23, at 6 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church in Whiteville.

The dinner is being held in honor of the former Frances G. Jones, a Brunswick County native who recently married Leslie Isler, and the former Arthalia S. Bennett, who recently wed John A. Spaulding.

Ernest Shipman and Lisa Pierce are hosting the dinner for both couples. The church is located at 239 W. Columbus Street in Whiteville.



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Pilot Club Grants Scholarship

The South Brunswick Islands Pilot Club recently presented a \$300 check to Brunswick Community College President W. Michael Reaves for the BCC Foundation. The scholarship will be presented in the fall to a BCC curriculum program student with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The scholarship monies will be used for tuition and books for a student who is not receiving any other financial aid.

Milligan, Ransom Exchange Vows At Holy Light Church

Michelle Leigh Milligan and William David Ransom were married Saturday, June 15, at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Light Church in Ash.

The Rev. Mark Brown performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie L. Milligan Sr. of Ash. A graduate of West Brunswick High School and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, she is employed by the Brunswick County Schools.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Ransom of Whiteville. He graduated from Pembroke State University and is employed by Whiteville Emergency Medical Services.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a traditional gown of white satin. The scalloped bateau neckline and bodice were adorned with beads. The basque waist led to a plunging V back with a bow and a semi-cathedral train lined with bows. The gown also featured shirred pouf sleeves. The fingertip veil was attached to a tiara of Alencon lace and seed pearl appliques pouf in back was adorned with pearls.

She carried a cascade of pink sweetheart roses and freesia, with touches of alstermeria, babies' breath and tree fern and white and rose satin streamers.

Mary Z. Dawson served as the bride's maid of honor. Also attending the bride were Vanessa G. Hewitt, Angie Ward, Anna K. Hill and Julie Walters. They wore tea-length



MRS. WILLIAM DAVID RANSOM
...Michelle Leigh Milligan

gowns of rose taffeta with a sweetheart neckline featuring a diamond-shape keyhole back, pleated tulip sleeves and a basque bodice.

The groom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Donnie L. Milligan II, brother of the bride; Darian L. Ransom, brother of the groom; and Sammy Bailey and Robin Gurganious, friends of the bride and groom.

Christopher Gore, cousin of the bride, served as ring bearer. Tina

Coleman, friend of the bride and groom, served as flower girl.

Debra Cumbec, aunt of the bride, presided at the guest register.

Music was provided by Albert Hughes, vocalist, and Linda Street, pianist.

Following the ceremony a reception was given at the Waccamaw Community Center in Ash.

The couple will reside in Whiteville following a honeymoon trip to the mountains.

Summer Reading Club Begins

Outer space is calling all readers—at least those from preschool to 14 years of age.

Summer Reading Club begins this week at all three branches of the Brunswick County Public Library and continues through July 26, said Felecia Hardy of the West Brunswick Branch in Shallotte.

Along with encouraging youngsters to read and recognizing the reading they complete over summer vacation, Summer Reading Club also offers several special programs.

On June 24, at 2 p.m., youngsters of all ages can attend a star show, looking at the night sky for constellations and learning about the stars.

On July 8, also at 2 p.m., judges will be on the look out for the "most unique space costume ever seen".

Costumes must be created, not purchased, and must be worn by the contestants. Ribbons will be awarded in several categories.

On July 22, at 2 p.m., children can make their own star show, and are to bring an empty salt or oatmeal box and a flashlight for that purpose.

Finally, at 3 p.m. July 31, a celebration and awards mark the end of a Summer Reading Club.

Children interested in participating in Summer Reading Club can pick up packets at any library branch. Each participant needs to have their name and address written on their reading record, where they will log all books completed.

Preschoolers and children who are not reading on their own participate in a Read To Me program. A

parent's signature is needed, along with the child's name, age, address and school grade if applicable.

All books recorded on the reading records must be checked out from the county library, either the main library at Southport, the Leland or West Brunswick (Shallotte) branches or the bookmobile.

Children must read books at the appropriate level. For instance, a 10-year-old child who reads well will not be allowed to have easy readers recorded on his or her reading record.

Reading records must be turned in no later than 6 p.m. July 26, for youngsters to receive credit.

Certificates and a variety of incentives will be awarded at the close of the program.

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