

## Few Plants Grow Well In Full Shade

Plants compete for every ray of sunlight.

On several occasions during the past few weeks, I have been asked to recommend plants that do well in full shade.

True shade-loving plants are scavenging the light missed or reflected by other plants and may have exacting environmental or cultural requirements.

Full shade is generally defined by horticulturists as an area that does not receive direct sun. Few plants are adapted to the wide-range environmental conditions that often accompany full shade.

For example, full shade provided by a deciduous tree will produce completely different plant growing conditions than those under the eaves of a house. Soil composition, wind, humidity and other factors can play an important part in the survival of a plant in full shade conditions.

Shade-loving annuals can be used in shade gardens, planters and hanging baskets, Impatiens or Busy Lizzie (*Impatiens wallerana*) is perhaps the most widely grown shade-loving annual in southeastern North Carolina. Proper watering and a slow-release form of fertilizer are key to growing vigorous impatiens.

Caladium (*Caladium hortulanum*), wax begonia (*Begonia semperflorens-cultorum*), and Browallia (*Browallia speciosa*) are well adapted to heavy shade in container or outside planting.

Browallia produces a beautiful blue flower and can be used in hanging baskets or beds. For maximum visual effect, group plants in masses. Use "cool" flowers like blues, whites and pastels on porches and decks. On hot summer days, the psychological effect of cooler colored flowers is dramatic. A deck surrounded with red flowered plants just is not as inviting as one surrounded by white or blue flowered plants. "Hotter" colors like the pinks and reds are best utilized to highlight entrances and to create strong focal points in the landscape.

Shade-loving perennials include Bugleweed (*Ajuga reptans*), hosta

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(*Hosta spp.*), Lily-of-the-Valley (*Convallaria majalis*), Japanese Spurge (*Pachysandra terminalis*), English ivy (*Hedera helix*), Woodruff (*Galium odoratum*), Ostrich fern (*Matteuccia pennsylvanica*), wintercreeper (*Euonymus spp.*), and Sweet Violet (*Viola odorata*). Expert gardeners may want to try Small Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*), but be warned, this plant is finicky and must have full shade and cool moist soil.

Most shrubs are described as shade tolerant and not shade loving. Few shrub species are actually shade loving. Oregon grapeholly (*Mahonia aquifolium*) prefers shade and

hot, dry conditions which make this plant an ideal woody shrub for the coastal Carolinas. Japanese Pieris (*Pieris japonica*) is a small evergreen that is spring flowering and shade tolerant. Pieris must have a moist well-drained acid soil for success.

For shady, wet sites the native evergreen *Leucothoe axillaris* is king in the coastal Carolinas. Beautiful dark green foliage and tolerance to numerous pest and disease problems make this shade-loving plant an excellent choice for a low maintenance planting.

Two excellent publications available free of charge from the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service that will assist you in choosing shade tolerant species are *Shrubs 1-4 Feet for NC Landscapes*, Leaflet 634; and *Vines for NC Landscapes*, Leaflet 635. You can obtain these publications from your county N.C. Cooperative Extension office or by sending me a SASE.

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



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### Toastmasters Installs Officers

Coast Toasters Toastmasters Club in Shallotte begins a new year this week under officers installed last Thursday by Area Gov. David Dorsett of Southport. From the left are Roy Hunter, sergeant-at-arms; Frances Warner, secretary-treasurer; Don Eggert, vice president-education; Susan Eggert, president; Doug Stanaland, vice president-membership; and Jimmy Marshall, vice president-public relations. The club meets Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce building and welcomes visitors. Toastmasters International is the largest communications and leadership development organization in the world.

## Turner Heads County VIC Board

New officers were elected by the board of the Brunswick County Volunteer and Information Center (VIC) at its annual meeting in June.

Bill Turner was elected chairman. Serving with him will be Michael Rhodes, vice chairman; Susan Gibble, treasurer; and Anne Marie Bellamy, secretary.

Two new directors were elected as well, Elaine Wright and Brenda Grissett. Additional current directors include Sylvia Ludlum, Percy Woodard, Vernon Parker, Bill Wil-

lets, Brenda Register, the Rev. P.D. Midgett, Mark Lewis and Elizabeth Madison.

Entertainment for the annual meeting was provided by The Missionaires, a gospel quartet from Brunswick Islands Baptist Church, and VIC staff members Pete Barnette, director; Angie Fisher, executive assistant; and Mamie Frazier, Verda Holder and Marcia Whiting, senior aides.

VIC offers eight human services programs, providing emergency

food and clothing, Christmas baskets and Tree-of-Hope gifts, information and referral, volunteer recruitment and placement and emergency shelter, distribution of Federal Emergency Management Agency funds relating to loss or prospective loss of shelter and/or energy; and the recently acquired USDA commodities distribution program.

VIC's office is located just north of the intersection of U.S. 17 and N.C. 211 adjacent to Supply Baptist Church. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



### Wins Vacation

Barbara Chirton of Southport accepts her grand prize won at the conclusion of a fund-raising project by county beauty salons for Hope Harbor Home Inc., the local shelter for abused women and their children. Presenting the weekend trip for two to Charleston, S.C., are Eike Grabowski (left) and Elsa Jardine.

## Variety Of Senior Events Set In July

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation has planned a variety of activities for area senior citizens in July.

Seniors interested in learning the card game bridge can take lessons starting next week at the Town Creek Community Building.

Classes will be held every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. starting July 9. The cost for 10 weeks is \$30 per person.

Lessons and open bridge play started June 20 at the Southport Community Building and will continue every Saturday through August.

The senior movie for July is *Late For Dinner*, a family film that will be shown at six locations around the

county.

Locations, dates and times are as follows: Long Beach Recreation Center, July 27, 7 p.m.; Southport Community Building, July 28, noon, and July 31, 7 p.m.; Town Creek Community Building, July 29, 1 p.m.; Shallotte Senior Citizen Center, July 29, 6:30 p.m.; Leland Community Park, July 31, noon.

Area seniors can close out the month in style with a Senior Fun Day on Thursday, July 30, at Town Creek Township Park.

The event starts at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 2 p.m. Participants will play shuffleboard, croquet and horseshoes. A hot dog cookout is planned for lunch.

For more information on these activities, call the parks and recreation office at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

### Home Economist To Answer Food Canning Questions

Mary Russ, home economics extension agent with the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension Service, is scheduled to make two appearances to discuss safe techniques for food conservation and to answer questions.

On Tuesday, July 7, she will be at Indigo Farms and Garden Center, Hickman's Crossroads. On July 9, she will be at Holden Brothers Produce, U.S. 17 S., Shallotte. Both appearances will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Mrs. Russ also will be available to check pressure canner gauges for accuracy. Those wishing to participate should bring their pressure canner lids.

For more information, contact Mrs. Russ at the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension Center, 253-4425.

### CEDAR GROVE AREA NEWS

## The Golden Girls Are Still Meeting

BY BARBARA T. HEWETT

A group of ladies in the Cedar Grove Community have become known as the "Golden Girls."

Some years ago little D'Enrique Johnson, now a student at Union Primary School and the daughter of Ralph and Evelyn Johnson, named the group. She was being babysat at the time by her grandmother, Magdeline Johnson, who is part of a group of women in the neighborhood who meet in local homes to conduct weekly missions.

She enjoyed the mission meetings so much the day it came to her home that she said, "I am going to name you the Golden Girls."

Women who have hosted Groups I and II in recent weeks include Berneatha Gore, Queenie Vereen, Etta Hewett, Claudia Fullwood, Barbara Hewett, Ada Fullwood and Lena, Azalee and Rebecca Johnson.

They're planning, along with others, their annual Bible institute July 6-10. Elizabeth Young of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church will teach the young adults and seniors.

Be sure to listen to WVCB Radio Station (1410 AM) in Shallotte for the Cedar Grove Area News Thursdays at 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. On Sunday evenings is-

ten for the *Moments of Inspiration* gospel music ministry.

### Hope Harbor Topic For Leland Women

Information about Hope Harbor Home, the county's shelter for abused women and their children, will be presented at a meeting for Leland area women today (Thursday).

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Leland Baptist Church on Village Road, said Edith Tillman of the Brunswick County Council on the Status of Women, which is sponsoring the meeting.

"This will be vital information for the women of Leland," said Mrs. Tillman.

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## Meet Artist Terry Moore

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**Thursday, July 2, 11 am-3 pm & 6-9 pm**  
to autograph prints of his famous "Southern Waterways" map series.

His collection includes: "The Grand Strand," "Georgetown," "The Cape Fear," "Charleston," "Savannah," "Jacksonville, Florida," "The Florida Keys," "Tampa Bay," "Ft. Myers," "New Orleans," and his newest "Brunswick Coast" print.

So whether you're giving or collecting, these colorful waterway prints are a must!

## Calabash Nautical Gifts

At the traffic light, Hwy. 179 in Calabash, 579-2611