

Perquimans Gardening



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Photo class offered

New camera owners will have an opportunity to learn the basics of camera handling and dark room procedures by enrolling in two extension courses which will be offered locally this month by the Continuing Education Division at College of the Albemarle.

Val Short will teach Dark Room Procedures and Beginning Photography starting on September 7 and 9, respectively, at the Perquimans County High School Vocational Building. Class time for each course will be from 7-10 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

Short says the dark room course will teach basic developing, printing and enlarging of black and white

film. Students will learn to process their own film, using the high school facilities.

The photography course, primarily for owners of 35mm single lens reflex cameras, will cover a variety of topics and camera techniques, she said.

These will include controlling exposure through the use of shutter speed and lens settings, depth of field control, composition, flash photography and pictures by existing light.

The tuition fee for each of the 14-week courses will be \$15. Registration will take place during the first two class meetings.

Cook's corner



EDNA WOLVERTON

Prepare a quick and delicious apple crisp for your Labor Day weekend festivities. The original recipe calls for peaches and either fruit is tasty. The dish is equally good served warm with ice cream or cold without the garnish.

APPLE CRISP

5 cups (approx. 3 lbs.) apples or peaches
1 T. lemon juice
¼ c. sugar

TOPPING

¾ c. granola

2 T. brown sugar
2 T. all purpose flour
½ t. allspice
½ t. salt
¼ c. butter

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Toss first three ingredients and spoon into an 8 inch square pan. Combine dry ingredients for topping. Cut in butter with pastry blender. Sprinkle topping evenly over fruit. Bake 50 minutes until brown and bubbly. Serves 6.

Full moon on the 3rd.
Large pots of flowers that looked quite appropriate on your patio are going to be entirely too big to bring inside — but you loved them, didn't you? For me, it's that fantastic salmon colored geranium and begonia. Take cuttings now, before frost. Dip ends in rooting hormone and plant in part sand, part potting soil. Try about 5 stems together for a really bushy plant this winter.

Sow snapdragons, calendulas, poppies.
Check mulch around evergreens. The roots must be protected against a dry, hot fall.

World's Easiest Houseplant

Cacti and succulants are fun to grow in the winter for a busy gardener, as the amount of care involved decreases in direct proportion to PTA meetings, football Saturdays, and Christmas shopping.

Let's try these:

•Pincusion, or mammellarias, are globular or cylindrical, and spiny, or course. Little bell-shaped flowers form in a circle at the top of the plant. Sometimes and pincusion will form red berries simultaneously. They are sold under such names as Powder Puff, Birdnest, and Snowball. Old Lady, another one, has long gray hairs, while Powder Puff has silky white hair.

•Tom Thumb varieties bear flowers at the base of the plant.

•Bishop Cap is mostly spineless and produces a profusion of yellow flowers over a long blooming period.

•Old Man is a Mexican cactus that produces a matted beard at an early age. You can easily start these from seeds.

•Cereus is a tree-like cactus that is good for a greenhouse or solar window. It has long branches with needle-like spines and produces funnel-shaped flowers which can be as long as six inches.

•Hylocereus is the night-blooming variety that is a climber. Large white flowers will appear in the early evening and remain open until they drop off the next morning.

Succulants often mimic cacti. Totem pole is spineless, resembling a

column of jade.

Living Rocks are a succulent curiosity. These are dull gray to brown and resemble, ta-ta! rocks!

Some succulent spurges are quite popular as houseplants. I have always been fascinated with euphorbias. They grow in fantastic forms with branches resembling tubes. When cut or bruised, euphorbias exude a milky white substance that will irritate the skin if not washed off immediately.

Stapiliads of the Milkweed Family (succulants one and all) has an interesting member called the Carrion Flower. It emits an odor detectable as decaying meat. But wait — it's worth the try. Its flowers can grow to one foot wide and come in mottled colors one could only describe as lurid.

Hoya, or Wax Plant, is a true Milkweed. Hoya carnosii is a popular twiner with ten-foot stems well suited to trellising or hanging baskets. The delicate waxy-pink flowers are lovely to behold in spring and summer months.

Any how about Hens and Chickens, or Echeverias? The clusters of leafy rosettes are instantly identifiable, aren't they? Echeverias can range in size from a fifty-cent piece, to a dinner plate. Their popular name is understandable. As the main plant becomes surrounded at the base by plantlets, it resembles a brood of little green chickies under a big green hen.

Other members of the cacti-succulent families frequently discussed are Sedums, Kalanchoids and Crussula (Jade Plant). These are so varied that they demand separate discussions.

After you've purchased Star, Golden Barrell, Old Man, Bishop's Cap, and Ball cacti, bring them home to a south window. Fall and winter are dormant periods. (This is what I mean about easy care).

Allow soil to dry out and water about once a month until spring. Do not fertilize until growth begins, then use a liquid houseplant fertilizer occasionally from April to October

Youth attends Meredith

Ginger Stallings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Stallings of Belvidere and a 1982 graduate of Perquimans County High School, is attending Meredith College.

Stallings attended the annual President's Reception honoring freshmen on Friday, August 20, as well as many other opening activities offered at the college.

School lunch menus

Breakfast K-12
Lunch K-4
MONDAY, SEPT. 6
No school. Holiday.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 7
Cereal or danish, fruit or juice, milk.
Chuckwagon, French fries, fresh fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8
Muffin or cereal, fruit or juice, milk.
Spaghetti, green beans, applesauce, milk.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 9
Peanut butter/jelly sandwich or cereal, fruit or juice, milk.
Cheeseburger, potato wedges, fruit cup, milk.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 10
Cereal or honey bun, fruit or juice, milk.

Ham biscuit, baked apples, green peas, milk.
Lunch 5-12
MONDAY, SEPT. 6
No school. Holiday.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 7
Chuckwagon, hot ham and cheese, French fries, fresh fruit, tossed salad, milk.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8
Spaghetti, smoked sausage, green beans, applesauce, whipped potatoes, milk.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 9
Cheeseburger, potato wedges, manager's choice vegetable, fruit cup, milk.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 10
Ham biscuit, lasagna, baked apples, green peas, mixed greens, toast, milk.

Union School news

Amid the usual hustle and bustle of making homeroom assignments, issuing books, collecting fees and assigning lockers, the faculty, staff and students of Union School are off to a good beginning for the 1982-83 year.

Gary Stubbins, principal, is pleased with the smooth running of the first days of classes.

With the visitation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' accreditation team soon approaching, Union personnel have been deeply involved in the reorganization of curriculum, the remodeling of the building and in planning for a new group of students for the coming year.

Arriving with brand new pencils, notebooks filled with paper and smiles for all, the students have made great efforts to follow the guidelines and rules set down for the year.

Adjustments have been made for new teachers and classes; friendships have been renewed; and plans for an active school term academically, athletically and socially are in the making.

Welcomed to our community and the Union faculty were Pam Price, eighth grade math teacher; Wanda Barnes, speech therapist and Billy Taylor, physical education instructor.

Wildlife

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Bogs and marshes are another home for seaside animals, says Ranger Rick. Look for parchment worms, fiddler crabs and moon snails in these wet regions protected from the open sea.

Parchment worms build U-shaped tunnels in shallow water. Light brown tips, or chimneys, of the tunnel protrude about an inch out of the sand at each end.

Usually homebodies, parchment worms feed on minute food particles that pass through their tubes, according to Ranger Rick. If a passing crab or fish bites off its head when it ventures out of its home, it's no problem; a parchment worm simply grows another.

Fiddler crabs live in burrows high

on the beach until low tide, says Ranger Rick, when they march down to wet sand to feed. Each male uses a large foreclaw, its "fiddle," to attract mates and ward off rivals. When the tide turns, fiddler crabs scamper back to their homes, sealing off the front entrances with mud so they won't be flooded.

Moon snails also spend much of their time under the sand. Using a digging foot similar to the razor clam's, explains the magazine, they create small lumps of sand or mud as they move along the shore.

To capture a moon snail, dig down at the edge of one of the moving lumps and lift up. You probably won't see his digging foot, however. When he senses danger, he retracts it quickly.

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