

# Hurley Park Newsletter



## Staring: It's Part of the Job

By Daphne Beck

It may look like we're not doing anything, but actually we are. It depends on what we have in our hands. I'll pose several situations.

We have a shovel in hand and are watching water bubble out of the ground. That means the irrigation (affectionately known as irrigation) is broken. We're standing here looking because wherever we put the dirt we dig out is usually where the leak will be. So it's sometimes best to go with your fifth choice for dirt placement.

We have a shovel and there is a pink flag sticking out of the ground. Jane (our landscape architect) had on her special root/rock finding shoes the day she placed that flag for the plant that goes there. You feel reverberations all the way to your hip when you jump on the shovel. We're looking for a new location for the plant.



We have pruners in our hands and are staring at a tree limb. We're doing the "if we cut this limb off will we miss it" routine. Sometimes we say "oops, yes we will". I saw gardeners at Kew Gardens staring at plants in the same situation, so it is an international thing.

We are staring into a trashcan and are rather pale of face. The opossum has made the trashcan his bed and breakfast and hasn't checked out yet. We go get a lid for the trashcan and run him to the woods.

For me personally, I sometimes just stop and stare. It's either because I forgot what I was doing or I saw, heard or felt something. I felt and saw the Cooper's hawk dive bomb my head, which probably made me stop and wonder if I had Mickey Mouse ears on. Or I hear the Kingfisher laughing at me, and again I wonder about the mouse ears. And I noticed that I was standing in the middle of Annandale Avenue listening to a wren. How does that little bird get all that volume?

And of course I just have to stare at the plants. At this time of year, the winterberry hollies require a long look. I can start staring at the hollies from the large gazebo (which are 700 feet from the gazebo). The apricot trees require both staring and sniffing. So just remember if we seem to be idle, we sometimes just have to stop and admire the park.

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## Six Gardens Adopted in Elizabeth Holmes Hurley Park

As many of you may have noticed, no newsletters sprung forth from the Hurley Park office in recent history. Needless to say, generous donors have been steadily giving to the Park, even without a newsletter. A total of 6 gardens have been adopted since the last newsletter, five of which were taken in November and December of 1999. Each garden is described below.

Ina May Bakhaus Patterson's Garden is given in her memory by Mary Lillian Smith, Ann Bakhaus Russell, Nelson Schwab, III, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Patterson, and John T. Bakhaus. This garden is located on the south side corner of Annandale Avenue and North Craige Street and has 3 beautiful Amur Maples and a variety of other shrubs and perennials.

In November, 1999 the Rowan Museum, Inc. honored Lib and Ed Taylor with the garden located on the south side of the intersection of Lake Drive and Hobson Road. The garden will be redesigned with an English flavor with many perennials, evergreens and bulbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murphy adopted the west bed of the Hobson Road North Entrance Garden in honor of Marion E. Goodman Murphy and in memory of Eleanor C. Murphy. The garden will be home to perennials and shrubs that are attractive to birds and butterflies.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rendleman adopted the Mountain Garden in memory of Margaret Rendleman Sasher. The Mountain Garden is midway between Haden's Gazebo and the Bullard Holly Collection and is home to plants common to the NC Mountains.

The garden on the corner of West Henderson and North Craige Streets is given in memory of James Hurley Laughridge by his wife, Patsy F. Laughridge and children and the following friends: Mr. and Mrs. Enoch A. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Sherman, Clyde H. Harriss, Jr., Vicki H. and Charles F. Butler, Miss Mabel Barnhardt, Dr. Nelson D. Large, Mrs. M. E. Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. Tomme T. Gamewell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hudson, Rebecca B. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carter, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bert Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Edward B. McKenzie, Braxton L. Young, Elizabeth V. Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon P. Hurley, Mrs. and Mrs. J. P. Helms, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Kizziah, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Luther. The garden welcomes visitors with forsythia, beautiful evergreen hollies and perennials.

The perennial garden across from the Bullard Holly Collection was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fuller and Elaine Teresa Fuller in honor of Elaine Weldon Fuller and in memory of Edwin Rudolph Fuller. This garden has four seasons of interest beginning with a variety of bulbs in the spring and perennials in summer and fall. Winter is made more interesting with the different textures of the plants.

## Memorials and Gifts

### Memorials

**Mr. and Mrs. Gordon P. Hurley** - George Raynor, Jr.

**Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris** - James Edward Epperson

**Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Helms** - Walter Byron Barber

**Dr. and Mrs. John E. Wear, Sr.** - Ralph L. Roberts

**Martha Lou and Lillian Gascoigne** - Mildred Webster Tankard

**Elinor B. Reynolds** - Anne Hobson Murdoch, Mary Keith Perry

**Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Steele** - Mildred Webster Tankard

**Mrs. Fred J. Stanback, Sr.** - Sara Heider Frazier

**Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Stanback, Jr.** - Margaret Woodson Kyger, Blanche Stuart Lampert, Harold David Isenberg, Donald Ray Stiller, John Albert Campbell, Jr., Elias Alexander Saleeby, Bert Weil Oestreicher, Sara Heider Frazier, Dr. C. Gregg Singer, Rev. Dr. Frank K. Efid, Dr. Roy Augusta Agner, Jr., Sally Ann Graham Large, Anne Hobson Murdoch

**Mr. and Mrs. John Lipe and Family**- Lt. Col. John Alfred Hibbert, Jane Oglesby Whitaker

**Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Thompson, Jr.** - Mildred Webster Tankard  
**Bernice L. Lerner** - Donald Ray Stiller, Blanche Stuart Lampert  
**Mr. and Mrs. James H. Laughridge** - Katharine VanBenthuyzen Weisiger  
**Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Harris, Jr.** - Donald Ray Stiller  
**Mr. Richard A. Bradshaw** - Margaret Jordan McCanless  
**Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hurley** - Margaret Woodson Kyger, Blanche Stuart Lampert, A. William Virtue, Robert Lee Saunders, Edwin Rudolph Fuller, George S. Raynor, Jr.  
**Dr. and Mrs. Alan F. Scott** - Edna Pinkston  
**Mr. and Mrs. Joel S. Hubbard** - Blanche Stuart Lampert, Virginia Allen May, Edwin Rudolph Fuller, Robert Lee Saunders, Ree Velt Goodman  
**Mr. and Mrs. Garland W. Spain** - Blanche Stuart Lampert, Bert Weil Oestreicher, Edwin Rudolph Fuller  
**The David Swaim Family** - Whisky and Sinclair Currin and Mildred Webster Tankard  
**Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Kizziah, Jr.** - Anne Hobson Murdoch, Allie Elizabeth Primm Bringle, Edward William Hunt, Sr., Helen Walton Dunn  
**Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Waggoner** - Blanche Stuart Lampert, Lois Peeler Robinson, Benford Spencer Kress, Donald Ray Stiller  
**Mr. and Mrs. William C. Kluttz, Jr.** - Thaddeus Edward Williams, Jr., Mildred and Edward Tankard, Eleanor Wooten  
**Louise E. Raver** - Sara Heider Frazier, Rachel Hubbard Arey  
**Betsy R. Ridenhour** - Edwin Sumner Hobson, Rachel Hubbard Arey  
**Preston R. Ridenhour** - Rachel Hubbard Arey  
**Mrs. James C. Cox** - James Francis Cuthrell  
**Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leazer** - Eva Cates  
**Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shaw** - Robert Faires Stone  
**Rowan Regional Medical Center Radiology Department** - Eleanor Wooten  
Honoraria  
**Mr. and Mrs. Reid G. Leonard** - Elizabeth Stanback's Birthday  
**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Borland** - Eleanor H. Bradshaw's Birthday  
**Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Stanback, Jr.** - Mary Hanford's Birthday  
**Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Eldridge** - Gerry and Jim Hurley  
**Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hurley** - Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Barringer  
**Mr. and Mrs. William C. Kluttz, Jr.** - Mary Ellen and Ran Turner, Anna Mills and Bill Wagoner, Margaret and George Kluttz, Liz and Dick Goodman, Chris and Jim Whitton, Margaret and Tom Borland, Kate Mills and Arnold Snider  
**Margo MacIntyre and George Morris**-the marriage of Kate Taylor and Van Hill  
Special Gifts  
**Boyden High School Class of 1948** - In memory of deceased members - Baldcypress Tree  
**Central Carolina Insurance Agency** - In memory of Jack Schiff, Cincinnati Insurance Co. - Loblolly Pine Tree  
**Rowan Regional Medical Center 4 East Staff** - In memory of Dr. Roy Augusta Agner - Loblolly Pine Tree  
**Mr. and Mrs. John A. Campbell, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Jeroen VanWagenberg** - In memory of Mildred Webster Tankard - Loblolly Pine Tree  
**Mr. George B. Steiner** - In memory of Sara Dannon Steiner - "Red Sunset" Red Maple Tree  
**Nickel-Dime Poker Club and Their Wives** - In memory of Bill Eaton - Loblolly Pine Tree  
**Jim Foltz** - In memory of Donald Ray Stiller - Loblolly Pine Tree  
**Anna Holmes Hurley** - In honor of Gerry and Jim Hurley - 2 Shumard Oak Trees  
**Carolyn and Perry Hood, Linda and Bill Safrit, Juanita and Leon Williams** - In honor of Carolyn, Gordon, Buck and Jeff Hurley - Loblolly Pine Tree  
**Anna Holmes Hurley** - Pin Oak Tree  
**Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Steele** - Animal Watering Stone



**Other Gifts**

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Copeland  
Jan B. Boone  
Mary Lynn Porter  
Judy K. Cochran  
Jean B. Spry  
Lou F. Gallimore  
Kathy D. Chaffin  
Deborah S. Miller  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Post  
Deirdre Parker Smith  
Janis Hudson Smith  
Continental Features  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Fisher  
Elizabeth V. Rankin  
Steve Johnson



**April 9, 2000 is the date for the Annual Hurley Park Spring Celebration. This year's event will feature carriage rides, music, refreshments, the Rowan Artists and more. The fun begins at 2:00 and wraps up at 4:00. The best thing of all is that it is free. Come enjoy a spring afternoon in the Park.**

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