

# Hurley Park Newsletter

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**By Margo MacIntyre, Curator**

## NEWS FROM THE GARDENS

The silence from the presses of the Hurley Park Newsletter (nearly 2 years' worth) is no indication of silence or inactivity in the Park itself. Quite the contrary, although the endless watering of the summer of '98 is not exactly exciting, it is time-consuming, and there are more gardens than ever to water, weed and attend.

Many readers may not know that the plantings in the Park began in 1987 and have continued at a steady pace since then. When I arrived on the scene in that same autumn the paths, pond, gazebos, Mayor's Row of Northern Red Oaks, and the Main Entrance Garden were the predominant features. It was pretty barren, but it was not long before several gardens were installed and the green and color that is now Hurley Park sprung forth. We have learned about soil preparation, irrigation and wise plant selection by experience. It is with this wisdom and experience that we have designed and installed the newest gardens.

In May, a stone sitting wall was installed in Priscilla's Fragrance Garden by Joe Leazer Stoneworks. The purpose of this wall is to correct drainage and soil problems. Some of



the garden has been reinstalled, but there is more to do. In the fall the most wonderful and fragrant plants will be added. We kept all of the "good stuff", and continue to research what will be best for the future of this popular and prominent garden. In the rose category we are looking for low-maintenance, high-fragrance plants. Perennials must be hardy and lovely. Shrubs need to know their limits and hold the garden together. The gardenias and sweet pepperbush seem to pull their weight and the special native azaleas add color and fragrance. We will try to keep winter-bloomers in mind as well, as many winter-bloomers are the most fragrant of all.

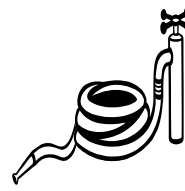
## HOLLY COLLECTION DEDICATED

The Earl F. Bullard Holly Collection was dedicated on Sunday, April 13 in a ceremony with family and friends of the former CEO of Rowan Memorial Hospital. Mr. Bullard loved hollies and loved the Park. His family thought the holly collection would be a great memorial to their father and husband.

The holly collection contains hollies that are familiar and unfamiliar. There are hollies that are evergreen and deciduous hollies, some that have red berries, and a few with yellow berries. This garden has truly come into its own. It was among the first planted in the park and provides a transition between the park and the medical center. The large American

## LILLIAN HEITMAN GARDEN ON DRAWING BOARD

The next new and exciting garden to be installed is the Lillian Heitman Garden. The Park's Landscape Architect, Jane Ritchie, drew the design and a fall/winter installation is in the works. This azalea garden will be located above the Gascoigne Fern Glade. It will be the home for many dark pink and white azaleas. Among these will be rhododendrons and native azaleas, which will add a backdrop and color during late spring and summer.



## TWO HUNDRED FEET OF TROUBLE

By Daphne Beck

June and July days were all the same- load up the water hoses and go to the Park. After spending so much time with these hoses I began to wonder if anyone else has noticed that water hoses seem to have minds of their own. Our hoses, when not in use, get to lie on a carpeted floor, neatly rolled after each use, in an air-conditioned office. One day I was picking them up to take out to the Park and those hoses started wrapping around my feet (and backside) before I could even get them out the office door.

The fun really begins when you get to the Park to actually use them. You undo them, hook one end to your water source and start to unroll them (start being the key word). That hose gets into every knot possible or if it's not knots, it's kinks and twists. Of course that's just one hose-you have to add three more to that number to reach things. This leaves you open to knotting, kinking, twisting and catching, yes catching, on rocks, trees, garden edges and small twigs. Once you get them to the location needing water, it's okay until you have to

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**Bruce W. Rochelle**

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**John P. Curtis** - In honor of Ernest and Candy Curtis on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - "Forest Pansy" Redbud Tree

**Mrs. Madison Earl Bullard** - In memory of Madison Earl Bullard, Byron L. and Anna B. Bullard and Carson L. and Grace B. Garrell - Holly Collection

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**Bone and Beulah Hillard, Harold and Vickie Watson, Bill and Ceile Hillard, Janet and John Shuping** - In memory of Mica Lea Hillard - Baldcypress Tree

**Rowan Medical Society Alliance** – In honor of Rowan County Doctors on Doctor's Day 1998-

Loblolly Pine

**City of Salisbury Public Services Department Managers and Staff and Hurley Park Staff** - In memory of Randy Paul Faggart- "Autumn Brilliance" Serviceberry Tree

**Salisbury High School Class of '77** – In memory of Ervin Eugene "Tripp" Lampert, III – "Red Sunset" Red Maple Tree

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**Sandy Jones** - In memory of Master Zorrian Cassidy Jones - Red Chokeberry Tree

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In memory of Delores Fry- Loblolly Pine Tree

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**GARDENING LECTURE AND PLANT GIVEAWAY SEPTEMBER 14**

Do you want to know more about the ins and outs of growing native ornamental trees and shrubs from an expert who researches this very subject? Dick Bir is the director of the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station in Fletcher, NC. The Research Station is associated with the NC Cooperative Extension Service of NC State University. He has done extensive work with trees that can handle the heat and drought of summer in NC and the cool wet winters. He looks for beauty and stamina. The lecture will be at the Rowan

