



CASWELL HORTICULTURE CLUB JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to new member, **Gladys Fowler Graves!** Gladys has retired back to her home county after a career in education. Gladys loves gardening and is enjoying landscaping her new home. Gladys' information is already in the directory.

The new directory is available at the Agriculture Building, Extension Office, for you to pick up if you do not have it already!

The May meeting at the home and gardens of Lyman and Carolyn Johnson was amazing. Lyman has hundreds of rose bushes, all well maintained and in full bloom. It was beautiful! Fragrant roses were planted close to the house and took up practically all of the front lawn. In addition, we drove down a hill filled with rose bushes on the approach to their house. All were hybrid teas or floribundas with a sprinkling of Knock-Out roses. While Lyman is no longer maintaining rose beds for others, there is someone in Roxboro that he recommends, should you desire the beauty of hybrid tea roses without all the labor! Carolyn maintains a lovely shade garden.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **June 16th with Laura Smith Singleton and Jan Smith, 2943 Hodges Dairy Road, Yanceyville at 11:00 a.m.** Located approximately 3 miles on Hodges Dairy Road from either end of Hwy 158 there is a sign at end of the driveway for **Heirloom Gardens**. Their website, www.ncheirloomgardens.com features some photos from their event business/farm. The Smiths will also offer some plants for sale after the tour/lunch. They don't normally sell from the farm, so this would be a special offering of mostly herbs and perennials for the CHC.

I will have to miss this meeting as I have a conflict. Laura has agreed to prepare a boxed lunch for the club, if we meet the minimum of \$25.00, with details listed below. I will be happy to set this up, so as soon as possible, let me know if you want to have lunch. We will need to ***prepay at least a week before coming, so get me a check by June 9th with your preference. Note that the time is 11:00 a.m.***

Boxed Lunches

-Club: Oven roasted turkey breast and baked ham topped with bacon, cheddar and provolone cheese on fresh baked white or wheat bread.\$8.00

-Pimento Cheese Sandwich: Homemade plain or chipotle pimento cheese on white or wheat bread. \$7.00

-Chicken Salad Sandwich: Roasted chicken tossed with mayo, celery, and spices on fresh baked white or wheat bread (w/ lettuce and tomato).\$8.00

(each lunch will contain one entree, chips or pasta salad, fruit cup and choice of brownie or sugar cookie)

June – heat, humidity and bugs. Plants and people alike suffer the discomforts of summer. Azaleas and rhododendrons get lacebugs. If your azalea or rhododendron leaves start getting a grayed mottled appearance, look on the underside for lacebug nymphs and their excrement (dark spots). Horticultural oil sprayed on the leaves, both topside and underside can control lacebugs. Other than being unattractive, my infestations recur and don't seem to adversely affect the plant. I have come to believe it is something I'm willing to accept rather than try to control. However, if you have your plants in the wrong place (too much sun) the stresses from the sun and lacebugs may combine to cause the loss of leaves. Remember that full sun in the south is 6 hours of sun and that shade from the west facing sun is desirable, and that azaleas and rhododendrons like shade!



Lyman Johnson had developed a system for combating voles. He builds a round cage using hardware cloth about 8" tall and approximately the size of the root ball and plants his roses in the cage. He says that voles will not go deeper than 6". He does not cover the top with mulch and has some of the sides of the cage cylinder exposed. Voles do not like to go over the cage without the benefit of cover, according to Lyman. It is worth a shot!