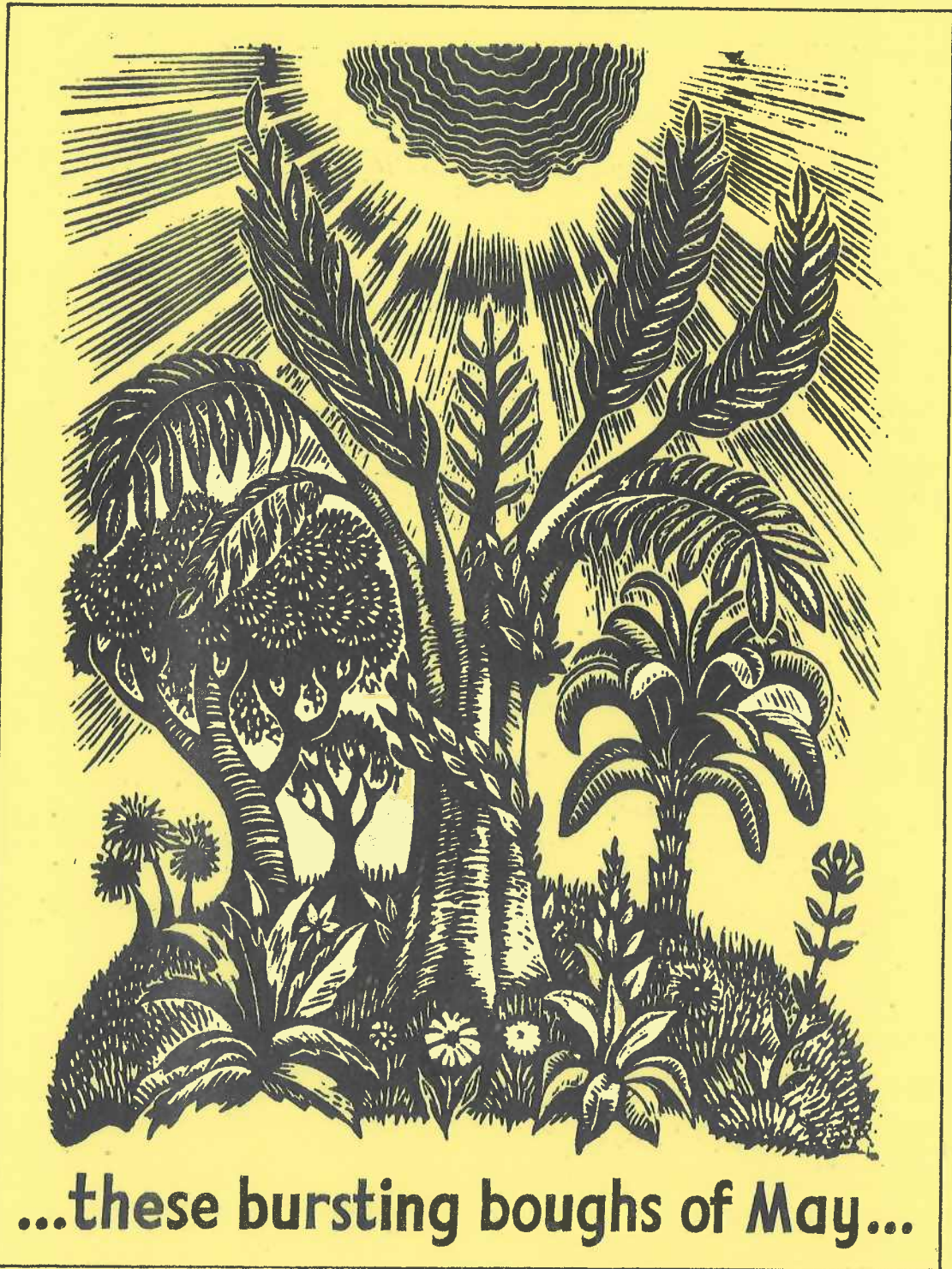


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THA President Russ Wylie Leaving

The Truro Homes Association's two-term president, Russ Wylie, will be leaving that position early in May and moving to Texas, he has announced. His departure from Truro comes several months before his second consecutive year as president of the association was due to end in September.

Russ, of 8804 Burbank Road, has accepted a position in the real estate division of Mitchell Energy and Development Corporation in Houston. His responsibilities will be for the public relations aspects of Woodlands, a large planned community on the northern outskirts of Houston. For a number of years Russ has been with the National Mapping Program of the U.S. Geological Survey.

General Membership Meeting to Be May 20

The spring 1982 general membership meeting of the Truro Homes Association has been scheduled for Thursday, May 20, THA President Russ Wylie announced last month. The meeting is planned to precede the opening of the Truro pool for the 1982 season on Saturday, May 29, at 11 a.m.

On the agenda for the May 20 general meeting, set for 8 p.m. at the TCC clubhouse, are reports from the association's committees and activities, with emphasis on their plans for the summer ahead. Also up for consideration at the meeting is a proposal for the formation of a new Nominating Committee to pick board candidates for the September 1982 election, and a presentation on a proposed change to the THA by-laws concerning the non-payment of TCC user fees (Truro Trails, April 1982).

This spring meeting is one of three regular general membership meetings held each year. The other two are scheduled in January (for adoption of the year's budget) and in September (for board elections).

Russ was appointed to the THA's Board of Directors in April 1980 to complete the remainder of the term of John Tuite, former association president who also moved from Truro in mid-year. In September 1980, Russ was elected to a full three-year term on the board and was named THA president. He was reelected president at the board meeting in October 1981.

The Wylies--Russ, wife Marilyn and sons Matt and Michael--have been Truro residents for about 10 years. Although Russ will leave for his new position in Houston about May 10, the rest of the family will remain in Truro until after Matt has graduated from W.T. Woodson High School in June.

A new THA president to replace

THE COVER

Although a little late this year, the trees are finally in full leaf in Truro. In recognition of that, we offer this adaptation of an engraving by Fritz Eichenberg entitled "The Sixth Day." Our accompanying quotation is from Robert Bridges' poem, "Nightingales."

Russ will be chosen by the Board of Directors at its next meeting, according to Russ. The THA by-laws specify that the board name one of its members as president. Current board members, in addition to Russ, are Vice President Suzanne Rehder, Steve Alterman, Catherine Bergstrom and Jim LaMorte. The by-laws also provide that vacancies on the board be filled by appointment by the board.

FROM THE BOARD

By Judi LaMorte

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 1982

The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association met at the home of Russ Wylie on April 14, 1982. Those present were Russ Wylie, Suzanne Rehder, Jim LaMorte, Catherine Bergstrom, Steve Alterman, Judi LaMorte, Bill Meynardie, Jim Baker (JACO Corporation) and Gail Safeer and Dick Yates (Neighborhood Watch).

The meeting was called to order by President Russ Wylie. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the April issue of Truro Trails.

Dick Yates and Gail Safeer reported on the present participation in and status of the Neighborhood Watch program. A discussion ensued regarding new activities and the strengthening of the program in Truro. Steve Alterman moved that the Neighborhood Watch become a standing committee of the THA. The motion was seconded and carried. Russ Wylie then moved that Gail Safeer and Dick Yates be appointed co-chairmen of the new committee. This motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Steve Alterman moved that the board approve the expenditure of \$525 for 2,000 bumper stickers to be affixed to cars of Truro residents for recognition purposes. The symbol on the sticker and the method of distribution would be determined by the Neighborhood Watch Committee. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The board then addressed the petition submitted by residents living in the immediate vicinity of the TCC clubhouse, objecting to the present high intensity lighting at the clubhouse. These lights, which are the sodium vapor type, were installed for security and energy efficiency. Russ Wylie moved that the lighting be changed to satisfy the immediate neighbors without compromising security. The motion was seconded and carried. The board asked Jim Baker to study the matter and report on what changes could be made.

Jim Baker reported on the preparations underway for the opening of the pool for the coming season. Suggestions on the storage and removal of trash generated at the clubhouse were discussed. Several proposals are under consideration and a decision will be made at a future board meeting.

Russ Wylie reported that the IRS will conduct an audit of the THA records soon. The board authorized Russ and Jerry Stranahan to oversee the audit, drawing as necessary on any other community resources.

The board denied a request from the Social Committee to have a Ladies Pool Day on Saturday, June 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The denial was due to the heavy use of the pool on weekends by working Truroites and students.

**OFFICIAL
THA
NOTICE**

The next board meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on May 12 at the home of Steve Alterman. The meeting was adjourned.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Alice Patterson

Truro Community Garage Sale

Here it is--the event we've all been waiting for: the community garage sale! The date: May 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In case of rain the date will be May 22. So start cleaning out your closets and dusting off old treasures, for the bargain hunters will soon be on their way. All you have to do is tack up a sign in front of your house and wait. If you have any questions, contact me, the chairman for this event, at 425-5978--or Jan Curtis at 978-8974.

Symposium on Plantings

To do its part in the annual effort to keep Truro beautiful, the Social Committee is sponsoring a symposium on the care of our trees, shrubs and plants. Carol Snitzer of Snitzer Landscaping will conduct the symposium, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 9, at 2 p.m. in the TCC clubhouse. Carol will offer tips on enhancing the appearance of our homes. (See page 9 for some of her ideas.) Feel free to bring along any shrubs, plants, cuttings, etc., about which you have questions or problems.

Social Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be at 8 p.m. on May 12 at 8906 Footstep Court. Come join us in this community fun planning.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Donna Reistetter

Thanks to Area and Block Captains

Truro is a great community of concerned, caring people. I got a very warm, heartened feeling last month as I saw so many neighbors helping in the parkland clean-up and out fixing up their own yards for spring.

But the best thing I've witnessed recently was the enthusiastic cooperation of our area and block captains in passing out the urgent Neighborhood Watch appeal for information. When time was so important, the flyers were in everyone's hands in less than 24 hours. That's great. Hopefully, someone saw something that helped the police.

Thank you, area and block captains, for your service to our community. It is appreciated.

PARK COMMITTEE

By Wally Bridgman

Annual Park Clean-Up

On behalf of the entire Park Committee, I would like to extend my appreciation to all of you who participated in the annual park clean-up on April 17. Six truck loads of mulch were spread, 17 gallons of stain were used on bridges and playgrounds, and a good time was had by all who participated. We especially thank the ladies of the Social Committee who distributed beer and soft drinks to our hard working laborers.

Keeping the Park Attractive

As a reminder to those who use the parkland, it is not authorized

to cut down trees or dig holes in the parkland without prior approval of the Park Committee. As the weather continues to get better and more and more people use the parkland, it will take a little more effort to keep it clean. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact me at 323-8571. We promise few and very short meetings. We are also interested in any ideas you have to improve the parkland.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

By Jim LaMorte

Pool and Tennis Court Repairs

The ad-hoc Engineering Committee formed last year to study and correct the pool deck heaving and tennis court drainage problems can now report that these problems appear to have been resolved with the installation of drainage systems approved by the board last fall.

Measurements and observations by committee members during 10°F weather in February and again during 75°F weather in April showed that there was approximately 1/16" heaving of the pool deck in relation to the baby pool and no measurable heaving in relation to the main pool this past winter.

At tennis courts #3 and #4, it was observed that the usual seepage of water through the court surface and around the net posts had stopped, and that drainage through the new subsurface system is almost continuous. All courts are playable, but experts may prefer to avoid court #3 until it is resurfaced.

The community has Jim Baker, our pool manager, to thank for bringing these problems to our attention before costly pool deck repair was necessary. Bob Gardner has done an

outstanding job in obtaining engineering assistance and in managing the construction contracts. Bob Longest, who did the construction adjacent to the pool, did a superb job and exceeded the specifications within the contract price.

The Clearing House

By Catherine Bergstrom

There was no Clearing House coffee in April since the month seemed to offer plenty of other opportunities for meeting neighbors and friends--the park clean-up and the community party, for instance.

It looks as if May holds a special opportunity, too; the Tennis Committee is having a fashion show on May 14 (see page 8). We don't need two ladies events in one week, so instead of a Clearing House coffee I hope to see you at the fashion show.

There is also a group of ladies who go walking every so often. No ordinary walks, though; last week's was a 7½-mile walk ending at Mount Vernon. In case you're admiring the dedication of these ladies, note that Cedar Knolls restaurant is handily located along the way.

IRS IS REVIEWING THA'S TAX STATUS

An Internal Revenue Service representative was scheduled to begin a review of the Truro Homes Association's tax exempt status on April 26. He was expected to spend the bulk of his visit with THA President Russ Wylie and Treasurer Jerry Stranahan.

The THA is a non-profit Virginia corporation and has not in the past been subject to federal taxes.

**COMMUNITY CENTER MAINTENANCE
AND POOL OPERATIONS**.....

By Jim and Connie Baker

The following provides some insight into the complexities, managerial responsibilities and costs of maintaining the Community Center and operating the pool.

Philosophy

We believe the Community Center, its building, pool, grounds, parking areas and basketball court should be maintained in a manner that will enhance the facility's value and consequently community property values.

We believe that money should be spent now on preventive maintenance to avoid spending more later to correct damage caused by neglect.

Pool Operations

Again this year we have taken on the contract to provide pool personnel through the JACO Corporation which we formed for that purpose.

Most of the young people with us last year will be returning. We are fortunate to have such capable individuals serving at the pool.

Carolyn Ale is returning as primary manager. A lot of the credit for the fine performance of the young people serving at the pool belongs to Carolyn. She provides outstanding supervision.

In addition to her other duties, Carolyn will be organizing and handling the administrative details of the children's morning swim lessons. Individual and adult instruction will also be available later in the day or evening.

Mike Hurd is returning as swim team coach, manager and swimming instructor.

Mary Bartiloni is returning as assistant swim team coach, manager and swimming instructor. Karen Bergstrom is also returning. She is a certified water safety instructor and will be giving swimming lessons. She plans to offer a course in advanced life saving in early July. This is a rigorous 30-hour course open to swimmers 15 years of age or older. If there is sufficient interest, she can provide a basic rescue and water safety course for the younger children.

Laura Vahouny is returning as diving coach and instructor. She is an award-winning diver and has had three years of experience as an instructor-coach.

Pool

A major rehabilitation of the pool was completed two years ago. That included a new filtering system, caulking of the deck and, in the main pool, new white-coat, new tile and new or repaired skimmers. These improvements have greatly upgraded the quality of the pool. Funds for the rehabilitation of the baby pool have not yet been budgeted. The winter freezes have caused substantial deck heaving, which has ripped apart most of the deck caulking. This is a continuing problem which is unique to Truro and, we believe, is part of the same water problem that has been plaguing the tennis courts. Additionally, the guard stands and diving towers have been scraped and repainted. During May we will clean the pools, recaulk the deck, and do other needed chores.

Building

All of the inside light globes have been replaced. The kitchen,

upstairs foyer and bathroom have been painted. The electric water heater has been replaced with a gas unit.

Grounds

Carol and John Snitzer of Snitzer Landscaping have planted a number of new shrubs, and have reset the railroad ties in the south parking lot and installed 16 new ones. In addition, the Snitzers have done considerable spraying, plant and tree feeding, pruning, transplanting and wrapping of damaged trees. During the past years Carol has helped direct the efforts of our grounds maintenance crew. We feel the Snitzers have done a wonderful job of providing and maintaining the beautiful plantings at the Community Center over the past seven years.

Thanks are again due Bob Longest for his usual fine job of lawn mower and edger maintenance, and for a great deal of helpful advice and counsel.

Water Fountain

On April 16 we connected the stored external parts to the tennis court water fountain. That night it was vandalized, requiring repairs the next day.

Basketball Court

One backboard and rim has been replaced.

Conclusion

Maintaining your Community Center and operating your pool has required knowledge, management skill and attention. We have maintained and improved the Community Center so as to enhance its value and consequently your property value. We have performed pre-

ventive maintenance in order to save the Community Center from deterioration and the resulting expensive repairs later on.

We have done all this because we have enjoyed doing it. Thank you all for your many kind words of appreciation. You have made our efforts a distinct pleasure.

This year we will be managing the pool only. We have given up management of the Community Center building, checks of the facilities, grounds, tennis courts, Truro entrance island, parking lots, gates, basketball court, walks, janitorial service, trash removal, and vandalism prevention and repair. Our thanks again for your support.

JEFF GOVES/G.H. CONSTRUCTION CO. AWARDED TCC MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The THA Board of Directors has entered into a contract with Jeff Goves and the G.H. Construction Company, 8613 Pappas Way, for maintenance of the Truro Community Center, the board announced recently. This contract replaces the voluntary management services provided for the past several years by Jim and Connie Baker.

Salient features of the contract are: 1) building inspection and maintenance by a construction contractor; 2) subcontracts with lawn care and trash removal companies; 3) snow removal for access to the clubhouse during heavy snow days; 4) maintenance of the parking lots and ancillary installations (fences, tennis gazebo, basketball court, etc.); 5) janitorial service; and 6) repair of damage from vandalism.

Jeff and his company are familiar to many Truro residents who have contracted with him for home improvements. He has also done

work at the Community Center previously.

Jeff will be working closely with Bob Gardner, chairman of the Community Center Committee, to identify specific improvements and repairs to be made this summer. Budgets and controls are in the contract for specific work items, the board reports, and Jeff has agreed to establish a separate bank account for accountability and audit at the end of the contract year.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED--Reliable female university students interested in house sitting for July-August. Call Jenny Fisher at 537-3922 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE--Queen-size sleeper sofa, very good condition, \$250 or best offer. Call 323-6604 after 5 p.m.

WANTED--Anyone with experience and a lawn mower to cut my lawn for the summer. Takes about ½-hour. Call 978-4871 after 4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE--Kenmore washer and dryer, approximately 2½ years old; Weingard TV antenna; 8 pairs of bedroom curtains; 4 pairs of living room drapes; garden tools; fireplace equipment. Call 323-9609 Monday through Friday after 5 p.m. or on weekends at your convenience.

FOR SALE--Drapes for Truro split, less than one year old, for front or middle upstairs bedroom, lower bedroom and family room only, some with double rods and valences. All machine washable except one. All windowsill length except large family room window. All neutral colors. Call for sizes, colors and prices. Available in near future. 978-5599 to 11 p.m. (Answering machine if unavailable.)

SPORTS AND RECREATION

TennisBy Susan Smith

The Tennis Committee met on April 6 to discuss the coming season. Our thanks to all who participated.

The junior sign-up was April 24. Lessons will begin May 17. Please tell the children to be at the tennis courts on May 6 at 4 p.m. for lesson assignments. If you miss this day, call either Susan Smith (boys) at 323-1170 or Maureen Sullivan (girls) at 978-3581.

Bob Westall has volunteered to run the July 4th Tennis Day. Watch for details in the June issue of Truro Trails. Marge Anderson and I will be assisting him.

Men's Tennis Practice

Each Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. during May there will be doubles practice at the Truro courts for men and eligible junior players who want to participate on either the Truro A or B team during the coming season. Whether or not you desire to play on one of the teams, we urge you to turn out Thursday, May 6, and meet your neighbors. Do not stay away because of the team designation. We can accommodate 16 players at a time and will rotate as necessary to insure that all attendees play. If you have any questions, call Moore Lindsay at 425-9696. And pass the word.

Truro Men's Singles Tournament

The annual men's singles tournament will be held on May 29, 30 and 31 at the Truro courts. A consolation bracket will be played. We encourage all levels of players to enter and enjoy playing. Watch the tennis court bulletin board for ad-

ditional information and sign-up sheets. Call Moore Lindsay at 425-9696 for additional information or to sign up.

Fashion Show/Member-Guest Day

All Truro ladies are invited for coffee and a fashion show to kick off the annual Member-Guest Tennis Day at the Truro clubhouse on May 14 at 10:30 a.m. The fashion show will be sponsored by the Tennis Barn and will include running and other exercise attire in addition to tennis togs.

After the fashion show, members and guests will take to the courts for a few hours of tennis. A potluck luncheon will follow. If you are interested in participating, sign up at the courts or call Judy Lackey (425-5017) or Beverly Scoggins (978-4696). The cost is \$5 per two persons. All TCC members are invited to join in the fun.

DivingBy Marilyn Jaszczak

Come one, come all! Registration will be held on June 13 for all those interested in learning to dive and enjoying the competition of a league sport. Team suits will be on sale at the time of registration.

Laura Vahouny will be our coach again this year. She will meet with those interested on Monday, June 14, at 4:30 p.m. at the pool. Practice will follow. The team will practice each afternoon during the last week of school, with morning practices thereafter.

A practice meet has been scheduled for June 22. Official meets begin on June 29 and continue each Tuesday through July 27.

Parents, we need you as well. We need officials, judges and help

with transportation. Special clinics for judges and officials will be held prior to the first meet. Volunteers should call me (425-5835) or Diane Perrine (323-0845) as soon as possible for details.

Swimming..By Janice Armstrong

The weather is warmer and Truro children's fancies are turning toward swimming. The Truro Swordfish need swimmers of every age, degree of experience and level of ability. The season will begin for all registered swimmers at a practice meet on June 19. The season will continue with five Saturday meets, four Monday night meets, a Relay Carnival and the Divisionals, and end with the All-Star meet on Saturday, August 7.

All interested swimmers should report to the pool at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1. Team representatives will be available to answer questions. Official registration will not be until Sunday, June 13--allowing you two weeks to practice, watch, ask questions and take lessons before making any payment. If you don't feel ready to join by June 13, you can join at any time during the season. A schedule and information sheet will be available June 1.

Swimming is a family activity. Some of our meets will require as many as 25 volunteers. For parents desiring to take an active part in the fun, there are two training clinics provided by the NVSL:

- For referees--Saturday, June 5, at 8 a.m. at Tuckahoe.
- For all other officials and table workers--Saturday, June 12, at 8 a.m. at Annandale.

If you have any questions or can volunteer your services, call me at 978-0429 before 9 p.m.

Tips on Pruning

MAKING THE MOST OF THE
PLANTINGS YOU NOW HAVE

By Carol Snitzer

In your spring rush to buy new annuals, spread mulch and get the tomato patch started, set aside a little time for proper care of the plantings that already grace your Truro home. Annual care is the single most important factor in having a beautifully landscaped home. The most carefully designed and planted garden becomes a liability when the white pines obstruct the sidewalks, junipers cover the windows and the forsythia turns into a giant mushroom.

Mulching, fertilizing and watering are important, but the most crucial factor now is proper pruning. Pruning enhances the natural form of the plant, maintains each part of the garden at an appropriate size and keeps plants vigorous by removing old and weak wood and insuring that adequate light and air reach all parts of the plant.

Local libraries, bookstores and garden centers offer a wealth of detailed information on the proper pruning of specific species. Here are some general guidelines:

- Conifers--hemlock, spruce, white pine, upright juniper, arborvitae--need to be shaped regularly to stay dense and small. Cutting back the tips of the branches will produce a compact and nicely shaped tree. Remove any stray or droopy branches back to the general line of the tree. Try to maintain a natural conical form; there are few square hemlocks in the woods.



- Most of the deciduous blooming shrubs--forsythia, viburnum, flowering almond, lilac, deutzia--need to be thinned at the crown. Each year cut a quarter to a third of the oldest canes (the big, fat, gnarled ones) off at the ground with a pruning saw. This encourages new growth from the base and a graceful, open shape. This also encourages next year's blooms along the entire length of the new stems rather than just at the top. The increased light and air circulation will prevent die-back at the base.

- Evergreen shrubs--azalea, rhododendron, yew, low growing juniper and Japanese holly--require different care. Resist the urge to get out the hedge shears and lop off the new growth. The green blobs that result are unnatural looking and the overstanding foliage at the surface of the bush causes die-back in the center. To prune these types of plants, grab the branch that is too long and follow it visually back into the plant. Cut it off at a side branch with your hand clippers. Work all around the plant and step back from time to time to assess your progress. Work for symmetry and a relaxed, natural form.

If you have specific questions, the sources cited earlier are most helpful. I'll try to answer written questions of general interest through Truro Trails.

Happy gardening!

